

# KNIGHT LETTER – July 2016

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Sacramento Council 953  
District 10

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Chancellor	Garrett Thomas
Warden	Michael Litwin
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Treasurer	John Watling
Advocate	Matt Lucien
Inside Guard	Greg Wolfe
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3-Year	Lewis Muñoz
2-Year	George Mills
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## HALL SETUP/CLEANUP

Terry Corcoran 224-7786

## HALL RENTAL

Steve Mills 599-8522

## HOME CORPORATION BOARD (Building Association to Which All Belong)

*GK Bryan McKrell	*DGK Adam Struck	* By Virtue of Council Office
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BUSINESS DIRECTORY**



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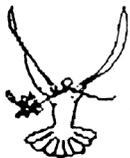
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## Calendar of Events

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<b>July</b>	4	Monday		Independence Day
	7	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	14	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	30	Saturday	7:00 pm	Tri Tip Dinner (Social Hour 6:00)
<b>August</b>	4	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	6	Saturday		Feast of the Transfiguration
	11	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	15	Monday		Feast of the Assumption

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights and Families:

I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for your trust and faith in me to navigate this historic Council for the upcoming Columbian year. I am truly honored to serve as the Grand Knight and I intend to work every day to further our message of Charity. If we place Charity at the forefront of our efforts, our mission as Knight's will take care of itself.

With this in mind I would humbly request that all of my Brother Knights who are not currently active consider coming out and attending one of our upcoming dinners. July 14<sup>th</sup> will feature one of our best menus, and Brother Matt Lucien has decided to cook one of his gourmet meals for the group. Our annual Tri-Tip dinner will be held at the end of the month and just by attending you will have contributed to our mission of Charity that we all find so worthwhile. If you are not able to attend, simply donating a raffle prize, helping to set up, or even doing something as simple as getting the word out to fellow Brother Knights will further our mission. Collectively, our Council can continue to raise and distribute thousands of dollars for worthwhile charities and all it takes is a small effort from the collective whole to do great things.

As we all continue to struggle with the many time commitments that we face on a daily basis, it is helpful to remember that the time we dedicate to the Knights has the simple purpose of giving to others. Our Council membership is well above 200 members, but only roughly 20% are truly active. If we could raise the number of active members in our Council by just 20 more members, another 10%, we could double our charitable output. Imagine a commitment as small as attending three of our monthly Council dinners in an entire year, volunteering to help out on one event, and attending two of our fundraisers. It does not sound like a lot of time or effort, but it will truly make a difference and reinforce the tremendous amount of good we produce for the community.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

I look forward to seeing, speaking, volunteering, and working with all of you for the next twelve months. If the Knights can be of any service to yourselves, your families, or your Parish, please reach out and ask.

Bryan McKrell  
Grand Knight, Council 953

## PGK/Old Timers Dinner & Installation of Officers



The council held its annual Past Grand Knights and Old Timers Dinner on Thursday, June 30. In addition to honoring those of our members who have achieved milestones of service in the Knights of Columbus, the council installed the new officers for the 2016-17 Columbian Year and thanked outgoing Grand Knight Lewis Muñoz. Additionally, Steve Mills and Dave Carboni were honored as Knights of the Year for 2015-16. Special thanks to all those who helped prepare the delicious dinner as well as to District Deputy Ricardo Saldaña for installing our new officers.





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Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage will likely cause a shortfall at the insured's death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. It will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.



Fraternally,

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### **Greek Night Postponed**

Greek Night, originally scheduled for July 9, has been postponed until Saturday, September 10. For more information, or to make reservations, please contact Terry Corcoran at 224-7786 or leave a message at the Hall, 736-0953.

## For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month  
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month  
Sick: Charlie Nulk



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, contact Michael Litwin at (916) 208-2426 or [pray@kofc953.org](mailto:pray@kofc953.org). A spiritual bouquet will be sent to them in our Council's name. Prayers are the best medicine for the sick. Mass cards are also sent to the families of deceased Brothers or deceased members of their immediate families. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The spiritual bouquets and Mass cards cannot be sent if we are not told of the need. So please let us know by contacting Michael at [pray@kofc953.org](mailto:pray@kofc953.org).



You may also make a prayer request by leaving a comment at the council web site under prayer requests <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer>

## Business Meeting Dinners

Below is the upcoming schedule with the names of the volunteer cooks and greeters:

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
July	Matt Lucien	TBA	TBA
August	TBA	TBA	TBA
September	TBA	TBA	TBA

Your meal at the business meeting is free in the month of your birthday. All members of Council 953 who have a birthday in the month of July get to eat for free at the July business meeting. Happy birthday!

## Council Web Site

Please take the time to visit our Council web site at <http://www.kofc953.org>. You can download current or past issues of the Knight Letter. All articles published by the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are now published on our website as well. In addition there is a calendar page listing all our council events, a photo gallery page and links to other websites of interest. Also if you go to the Prayer Request page at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer> you may post a prayer request by leaving a comment. Also the Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned their website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.

## Culture of Life Report

### *Knights of Columbus Urges Prayers for Healing*

Following a week of violence across the United States, the Knights of Columbus has called for a novena of prayer to heal the wounds and divisions afflicting this country.

Knights, their families and all people of good will are encouraged to join in the novena (nine days of prayer) that will run from July 14-22 by praying St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

"The violent episodes of the past week have shocked the conscience of our country," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Through this prayer, each of us has the opportunity to help transcend hatred and violence by personally committing to the concepts of love of neighbor, peace and forgiveness that are central to an authentic embrace of Christianity. It is our hope that, from coast to coast, those who pray this prayer will become true instruments of peace."

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore also urged people to join this prayer campaign: "During this Year of Mercy, let us pray for an end to violence and senseless killings," he said. "Through our prayers and good works, may we help build a society that is merciful, just and peaceful."

### **Change of Contact Information**

Please notify your council of any change in mailing address, telephone number or email address. Changes can be submitted by phone message at (916) 736-0953 or by email at [fs@kofc953.org](mailto:fs@kofc953.org).



# Knights of Columbus # 953

“BBQ Tri-tip Dinner”  
Saturday, July 30, 2016

- **Tri-tip**
- Antipasto Plate
- Salad
- Bread
- Green Beans
- Pasta Marinara
- Spumoni

Tickets are \$25 a person  
Hurry and make your reservations  
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this event.

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Dinner at 7:00 P.M.  
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