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Sacramento Council 953
District 10

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us!”

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HALL RENTAL

Steve Mills

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PGK Floyd Wells
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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

First, let me thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to serve as your Grand Knight. It is a true honor and a responsibility that I don't take lightly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our immediate Past Grand Knight, Bryan McKrell, for his leadership and service during the past year. I hope to live up to his example, as he has set the bar high.

As I prepared to write my first message of the new Columbian Year, I came upon the following quote from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson: "Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and 'missionary discipleship' to which Pope Francis has called us."

We speak a lot about charity, but sometimes I think we forget that this word has many different meanings. One aspect of charity is the giving of money to charitable causes, which is something our council does quite well. Each year, our fundraising efforts enable us to donate thousands of dollars to scholarships for Cristo Rey High School students, our seminarians, the Sacramento Life Center, Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, Get on the Bus, and many others. I am exceptionally proud of all that we do to assist these worthy charities. At the same time, I believe we can do even more than we are now.

Which brings me to another definition of charity: the giving of our time and our talents. In other words, simple acts that provide help to our parishes, our community, or even our fellow Brothers in need. For example, you may have seen news reports this week indicating that the homeless population in Sacramento has risen by more than 30 percent. Wouldn't it be great if we could get a group of Knights together to serve meals at Loaves and Fishes once a month? Opportunities like this are all around us: the elderly Brother who needs help taking care of his yard, the parish school that needs painting, or (God forbid) our neighbors who are suffering after a natural disaster.

A perfect opportunity for us to be of service to one of our parishes is coming up on Sunday, August 20: the St. Mary's Festival Zippy Bun Booth. We are in need of both a chair and Brothers to work in two-hour shifts that day. Please let me know how you can be of service. In addition, I am exploring how we can be of help to the Middle Eastern Food Festival at St. George Parish, which is being resurrected in September after 20-plus years.

All of these examples I mentioned are opportunities for us not only to fulfill our mission of charity but also to recruit additional members to our order. Imagine the impact on prospective Knights when they see us out in the community performing acts of charity while wearing our Knights of Columbus shirts. They'll surely want to be a part of our council!

My Brothers, God has given us so many gifts. This year, let us make it our council's goal to renew our commitment to charitable service by sharing these gifts with those in need.

Thank You,

Adam Struck
Grand Knight, Council 953

Calendar of Events

Get updated event information 24 hours a day at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/calendar>

July	4	Tuesday		Independence Day
	6	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	13	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
August	3	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	6	Sunday		Feast of the Transfiguration
	10	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	12	Saturday	7:00 pm	Tri-Tip Dinner (Social Hour 6:00)
	15	Tuesday		Feast of the Assumption
	20	Sunday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	St. Mary's Parish Festival

St. Mary's Parish Festival

St. Mary's Parish will be holding its 86th annual festival on Sunday, August, 20, 2017 and as usual, the festival's Zippy Bun Booth will be set up and run by members of the council. (For newer members not familiar with a zippy bun sandwich, it's nothing more than a pile of roast beef between two bun halves dripping with au jus and is one of the most popular food items at the festival.) We are in need of both a chair and Brothers to work in two-hour shifts that day, as well assisting in setting up on Saturday morning and the take down after the festival closes at 7pm. If you can help please contact Adam Struck at 916-914-5041.

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
July	Terry Corcoran	Ribs & chicken	TBD
August	TBD	TBD	TBD
September	TBD	TBD	TBD

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 June Business Meeting. Happy birthday!



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Teach your children well

Raising children is probably the hardest job you’ll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that’s often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you’ll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you’ll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You’ll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You’ll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they’re provided for even if you’re not around. You’ll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you’ve had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate “needs” (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don’t do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let’s meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family’s future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.



Fraternally,

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PGK/Old Timers Dinner & Installation of Officers



The council held its annual Past Grand Knights and Old Timers Dinner on Thursday, June 29. 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 2017-18 Columbian Year and thanked outgoing Grand Knight Bryan McKrell. Special thanks to Matt Herman all those who helped prepare the delicious dinner as well as to District Deputy Ricardo Saldaña for installing our new officers.



For Whom We Pray

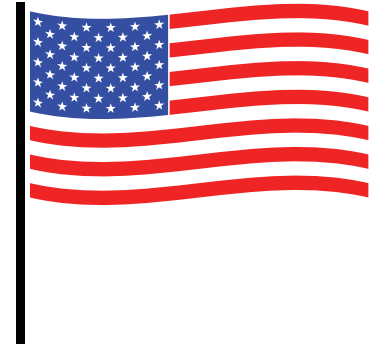
Memorial Mass: None this month
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month
Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, contact Michael Litwin at (916) 208-2426 or 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.



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



Knights of Columbus # 953

“BBQ Tri-tip Dinner”

Saturday, August 12, 2017

- **Tri-tip**
- Antipasto Plate
- Salad
- Bread
- Italian Style Green Beans
- Pasta Pesto
- Spumoni & Cookie

Dinner wine on table

Tickets are \$22 a person
Hurry and make your reservations
as we will have limited seating for
this event.

**For reservations please call:
Al Piccardo, 381-4747**



Social Hour 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Located at Knights of Columbus
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Knights of Columbus Council 953's
Mexican Night Dinner
Saturday, September 23, 2017

Featuring an authentic Mexican dinner and fiesta



Menu

Carnitas
Rice & Beans
Hot Tortillas
Chips and Salsa
Guacamole



Raffle prizes for adults and Piñata for the kids!

Prices are \$20 for Adults -- \$10 for Children 12 and under*

Sodas, Mexican Beers, and Margaritas sold at the bar!

Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
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Please Make Reservations in Advance

By Contacting Greg Wolfe

(916) 457-7329 or

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Pay at the Door

A fund-raiser to benefit Clara's House

**Children three and under – Free*