

Calendar of Events

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June	2	Thursday		Ascension Thursday
			7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	6	Monday		Golf-Dinner-Auction benefiting Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
	9	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)
			7:00 PM	General Council Meeting
	23	Thursday	6:30 PM	Past Grand Knights & Old Timers' Night & Induction of New Officers (Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM)
July	4	Monday		Independence Day
	7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	14	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)
			7:00 PM	General Council Meeting

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

To My Brother Knights & Their Families,

Our Columbian Year ends 06/30/11 and it has been a wonderful and blessed year. Your brotherhood has accomplished so much as a charitable Catholic fraternity.

As my last message as Grand Knight, I wish to share with you some highlights of our council over this last year that I felt were wonderful acts of Faith, Hope & Charity.

We have contributed to the special needs of the many individual parishes with our fund raising dinners & events as well as participation in Church festivals and activities.

The work and prayer we put forth on the Pro-Life issue to end the travesty of abortion has continued strong this last year, and we are blessed with the tireless effort and organizational skill of PKG Dominic Ielati. Year after year our brother has continued to work at many levels in helping us meet this most trying problem, and we are blessed to have such a worthy brother Knight in our council.

Every brother and his family are secure in the truth that he is part of a legacy created by Fr. McGiveny. On a world wide and national level it is hard to fathom the impact we have on everyday lives however this was evident this year when our brother Knight Ryan Remis was faced with a truly life changing event.

I am moved when I look back at the personal work and care our council puts forth to help our brothers in time of need. When I met with brother Ryan, I felt we could only hope to ease the pain he was experiencing, his son Jacob had been diagnosed with Cancer. Our council took immediate action to assure him that he and his family would not face this crisis alone. We proceeded to take every available course of action to secure emergency funds should the need arise, and brother John Sheldon lead a close-knit support group and held a remarkable emergency fund raising dinner at our council hall.

Our brotherhood steps up to help in times of need, you are worthy as a council, I will always be grateful to have been given the opportunity to be your Grand Knight.

Grand Knight's Message (continued)

Ryan's son Jacob has been very responsive to his medical treatment; we are blessed by God to be a part of his life. Fortunately Ryan has not needed any funds but we will remain ready to act should any situations arise, and with God's blessings our brother continues to face this challenge knowing we are in his life and ready to help.

The thought of being a Grand Knight was a little intimidating to me at first, but thanks to the faith, wisdom and willingness to help out from our past Grand Knights; William James, Richard Cutting, Alex Kachmar, Dominic Ielati, George Mills, Rudy Nagel, Al Picardo, Floyd Wells, Dale Edwards and Jesse Williams my every challenge was met with the confidence of knowing I could serve with such exemplary people.

I thank my Deputy Grand Knight Jim Conner for his friendship and readiness to help, and for all his fine work over the years.

This year, our assembly our councils Officers, Trustees and Program Directors worked hard and diligent at every level. Chancellor Fred Struck, Warden Steve Mills, Recorder Ricardo Saldana, Treasurer Dale Edwards, Advocate PGK Richard Cutting, Inside Guard Terry Corcoran, Outside Guard Robert Perez, Lecturer PGK Jesse Williams, Financial Secretary PGK George Mills. Trustees, PGK Bill James, PGK Rudy Nagel, PGK Dominic Ielati, District Deputy, Matt Lucien, Insurance Agent Hank Cornell.

I thank each and every one of you, our General Membership and your Families for the opportunity to have served as your Grand Knight, Columbian Year 2010/11. Let us all now extend a warm welcome to our new incoming Grand Knight and Officers for our new Columbian year 2011/12.

I pray God blesses every aspect of your lives
Vivat Jesus
Joseph Miceli
Grand Knight, Council 953

Officers Nominated By The Committee For 2011-2012 Columbian Year

The slate of officers that follows are nominated by the committee and will be voted on at the June Business Meeting.

Grand Knight, Ricardo Saldana
Deputy Grand Knight, Fred Struck
Chancellor, Robert Perez
Warden, John Sheldon
Recorder, Lewis Munoz
Treasurer, Dale Edwards
Advocate, Richard Cutting
Inside Guard, Andy Thielen
Outside Guard, Terry Corcoran
Lector, Jesse Williams
Trustees - 3 year, Joe Miceli, 2 year, Bill James, 1st year Rudy Nagel

Nominations may be accepted from the floor provided the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.
Dominic Ielati

Council 953's Scholarship Awards for 2011

Sacramento is blessed to have a wonderful new Catholic high school – Cristo Rey High School. Cristo Rey offers a great college and life preparatory program to its students, and most students who attend come from financially challenged families. Based on these two facts, our Council officers have decided that, for the foreseeable future, our scholarship awards will be focused on Cristo Rey H.S. graduating seniors.



This year, four students were select to receive \$500 awards to help them with their expenses in attending college. The students were selected based on their demonstrated leadership, community service and involvement in church activities. A high grade point average was not one of the criteria. We have chosen what we believe will be some of our best future citizens and strong members of the Catholic Church.

Our awardees this year are: Katilyn Endicott (pictured receiving her award), Isabella Freeman, Gustavo Moran and Angelina Valdez. Each of them plans to attend college in the Fall. Thanks go out to all of our Council 953 members for supporting our scholarship program through your annual dues.

Youth Director,
PGK Dale Edwards

BUSINESS MEETING DINNERS

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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>COOK</u>	<u>MENU</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
June	Dave Carboni & Terry Corcoran	Polish Dogs & Fixings	TBA
July	Andrew Thielen, Andy Smith & Mason Gunn	Barbecue Chicken	TBA
August	TBA	TBA	TBA

For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month
Sick: Jacob Remis son of Ryan Remis

If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, phone Rina Rainero at (916) 457-3895. 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 call and let us know. Write this number in your phone book: Rina Rainero at (916) 457-3895.



The Latest From Pro-Life

Chili Cook-Off set for Sat. Oct. 1

Mark your calendars for the annual cook-off and you will be able to enjoy some great chili. The event will take place at Newman Center and will be chaired this year by Brother Ricardo Saldaña along with several co-chairs. We, of course, are still in need of additional volunteers to work in the following areas:

- Publicity/Donations
- Competition (teams/judging)
- Entertainment/Music/Fun
- Set Up/Tear Down
- Chili Kit/Food/Beverages Sales
- Barbecue cooks/Food & Beverage Prep

If you are interested in helping us put the event together or want information on how to enter your chili in the cook-off, please call Brother Saldaña or email him at ricardo(at)drrealtygroup(dot)com.

IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER – assisting with the chili cook-off is a great way for you to get involved and get to know other Knights. Don't be shy! Contact the chair or the pro-life director to get involved with this great event.

Pray for our Elected Officials & Judges

It is worth reminding all Brother Knights and their families to pray for our Catholic elected officials and Catholic judges. They have difficult jobs. But like anything in life we must be true to what our Church teaches on faith and morals. It would be dishonest to say that our deeply held beliefs and convictions only apply to our private lives and not to our life in the workplace or any other public venue in which we participate. So this is a note to ask for your prayers for our Catholic elected officials and judges that they might receive wisdom from God to choose his higher law, even if it might not be politically convenient or even cause them to lose their office. We might recall it was St. Thomas More, as he neared the moment of his execution by order of King Henry VIII, said he was "the king's good servant, but God's first."

Visit the 953 Culture of Life blog

If you haven't checked out the blog, open your browser and head over to:

<http://kofc953sacramentoprolife.blogspot.com/>

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion" Speech to the National Prayer Breakfast, Washington, DC, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Feb. 3, 1994.

Dominic Ielati

Pro-Life Director

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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE "Your Shield For Life".



Knights Of Columbus Tops \$80 Billion Of Life Insurance In Force

The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone when total insurance in force exceeded \$80 billion. This amount has doubled in just over a decade, from \$40 billion in 2000.

The organization was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, with one of its primary aims to enable members to protect their families with life insurance. Today, the K of C has more than 1.8 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Philippines, and Poland.

The Knights of Columbus has more than \$17 billion in assets and ranks in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. It is one of only 5 insurers in North America to receive the highest possible rating for financial security from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. BEST (A++).

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who assumed the role of CEO in 2000, cites the record sales growth as resulting from the organization's philosophy of sustainable investment and ethical business practices.

"Despite the difficult economic conditions in the United States, the K of C has maintained its strength, and has improved its standing relative to the insurance industry as a whole", Anderson said. "There is no other rated insurer than the Knights of Columbus, and we have every confidence in our continued success because we have a fundamentally solid business model which continues to serve us well."

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records despite the weak economy by providing nearly 69 million hours of charitable service and more than \$151 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the K of C has donated more than \$1.36 billion to charity, and provided nearly 640 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my office at (916) 691-4571 or e-mail me at hank.cornell@kofc.org.

By Knights ... For Knights

Hank Cornell, FIC

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The 50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing at the April meeting in the amount of \$11.00, was won by Dominic Ielati. The name of Christopher Kanelos was drawn for the attendance drawing. He was not present and didn't win \$50.00 cash.

1st Degree Team

Our council's 1st degree team is in need of members who would be willing to perform the parts of "Grand Knight" and "Financial Secretary". Typically, this would require about an hour of your time every 2-4 months or so. Due to a recent decision of the Supreme Council, these parts no longer need to be memorized, but may be read. This is a great opportunity to participate in the initiation of new members into the Knights. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at (916) 456-4345 or fs@kofc953.org.

George Mills

Congratulations to Our Newest Members

Congratulations to Charles Mudd, Mike Murphy and Jared McAdam who became members of the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, May 26th during the 1st degree exemplification.

Special Programming And Viewing Of The Eparcial 50th Anniversary Icon

A celebration of the Icon will be held Friday night, June 24th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Icon will be in the procession into the Cathedral led by Bishop Jaime Soto followed by clergy and the faithful. We will then serve the Moleben to honor Mary, the Mother of God, in thanksgiving for her protection of the people and eparchy. The Icon will be present in the Cathedral for the entire weekend.

Fr. Ted Wroblicky has requested Knights to honor the Icon by our presence on Saturday and Sunday. Fr. Ted will need 1 hour shift volunteers in the Cathedral Saturday evening, June 25th between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and again Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Fr. Ted can be reached at 486-0632 or email twroblicky@aol.com



Feast of Holy Pentecost

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

PGK & Old Timers Dinner & Installation of Officers

On Thursday, June 23, 2011, the council will be holding a combined installation of our officers for the upcoming Columbian year and our annual PGK and Old Timers Dinner. This is the event where we honor our outgoing Grand Knight, Joe Miceli, welcome our incoming GK, Ricardo Saldana and install our new officers. We also honor our Past Grand Knights and those of our long time members who have achieved milestones of service in the Knights of Columbus.

6:00 PM No host social hour.

6:30 PM Installation of officers.

7:00 PM Dinner followed by awarding of service certificates.

Dinner will be prepared by our Master Chef, Dave Carboni and will consist of:

- Ravioli,
- Baked Chicken,
- Italian Salad
- Spumoni Ice Cream with either Biscotti or Italian Cookies.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please call the hall at 916-736-0953 for reservations.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

May Family of the Month

We are very pleased and honored to announce that at the June 2, 2011, 953 Council's Officers and Directors meeting the family of Br. David Carboni, was elected as the Family of the Month for the May of 2011.

Br. Dave with the support of his wife Bonnie, have done great jobs at the Council's Fundraisers for Charities. Also if not working at these fundraisers they, always attend them.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 953 wishing the Br. David Carboni family, MANY – MANY HAPPY YEARS!

Alex Kachmar,
Council 953 Family Director



GK Joe Miceli presenting Family of the Month Certificate to Br. Dave Carboni