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## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:



Lent is one of the greatest time periods every year for a plethora of reasons. It allows us a few extra moments to consider our faith and recommit ourselves to the cause of being a good Catholic. Much like New Year's resolutions, I spend several days leading up to Ash Wednesday contemplating what would be a good fast, or sacrifice to put forth in a show of good faith. I find it somewhat funny that some people have a critical reaction if you mention that you are going to give up chocolate, or sweets or pizza, or alcohol, when the Church itself asks you to give up meat on Fridays. But Fish still counts and not on St. Patrick's Day, where the Bishop has cleared us to eat as much corned beef as we would like. If you eat chocolate every day, and you give it up for Lent, every time you reach for an M&M but realize you cannot eat it, I would bet you remember your faith in God. Is that not the point of this exercise?

Regardless of what you gave up, if you have not started yet there is still plenty of time. I vowed to give up my time, by praying a rosary once a day. I thought it would line up with our beliefs as a Knight, sound fairly religious in nature, and allow me to pray for something daily. I'll admit I already missed a day, but I also ate a Turkey sandwich on Ash Wednesday only realizing afterward that I blew it. Back to the Sin Bin! I will keep trying, and I encourage my Brother Knights to do the same. 20 days might not be 40, but it sure sounds better than zero.

I also want to take a moment to single out our wonderful Financial Secretary, Brother John Sheldon. Last weekend at Pasta For Life, John not only baked two dozen cookies for the raffle, but he single-handedly put together a "kids raffle" that was the highlight of the night. So many kids left our dinner happy and it was all because of Brother John's creativity and sincere effort. Being a Financial Secretary is a thankless job, but I honestly thank John every day, and I can't wait to hear about his upcoming pilgrimage to Spain.

And speaking of Pasta For Life, a big thank you to Deputy Grand Knight Adam Struck, his lovely wife, and brother Dave Carboni. Their collective efforts raised nearly \$2,000 dollars for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home and the Sacramento Life Center. And they did such a good job promoting the event that a real "Pro Choice" protester showed up and picketed our dinner. Now that is a job well done.

Most Sincerely,  
Bryan McKrell  
Grand Knight, Council 953

## 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).

## Calendar of Events

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

|              |    |           |          |  |
|--------------|----|-----------|----------|--|
| <b>March</b> | 1  | Wednesday |          | Ash Wednesday  |
|              | 2  | Thursday  | 7:00 pm  | Officers and Directors Meeting                       |
|              | 4  | Saturday  | 7:00 pm  | Pasta for Life (Social Hour 6:00)                    |
|              | 9  | Thursday  | 6:00 pm  | Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)                             |
|              |    |           | 7:00 pm  | General Business Meeting                             |
|              | 18 | Saturday  | 7:00 pm  | Irish Night (Social Hour 6:00)                       |
|              | 25 | Saturday  |          | Feast of the Annunciation                            |
|              |    |           | 10:30 am | Liturgy for the Day of the Unborn Child (St. George) |
| <b>April</b> | 6  | Thursday  | 6:00 pm  | Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)                             |
|              |    |           | 7:00 pm  | General Business Meeting                             |
|              | 9  | Sunday    |          | Palm Sunday  |
|              | 14 | Friday    |          | Good Friday  |
|              | 16 | Sunday    |          | Easter (Pascha)                                      |
|              | 22 | Saturday  | 7:00 pm  | Greek Night (Social Hour 6:00)                       |

### Shield the Vulnerable Training Canceled

The Diocese of Sacramento has canceled the Shield the Vulnerable Training that was scheduled to take place during the March Business Meeting. However, the LiveScan fingerprinting will still take place during dinner, and a regular Business Meeting will be held at 7:00pm as normal. The Shield the Vulnerable Training will be rescheduled for a later date.

### April Business Meeting Moved

Please note that the April Business Meeting which would otherwise take place on Thursday, April 13 has been moved due to it falling on Holy Thursday. Instead, the April Business Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 6**, which is the **first Thursday of the month**. Dinner will be served as usual prior to the meeting. A brief officers' meeting will take place beforehand.

### Day of the Unborn Child Approaching

The international Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child takes place on March 25. Knights of Columbus Council 953 invites all members of the community to join us for a pro-life Mass (Divine Liturgy) to be held in the Byzantine Rite at St. George Greek-Melkite Catholic Church, 1620 Bell Street, Sacramento, CA 95864. The Divine Liturgy begins at 10:30 am on Saturday March 25. A simple Lenten meal will be served following the Divine Liturgy.

## Another Successful Pasta for Life Dinner



This year's Pasta for Life dinner was another great success. We had about 120 folks packed into the main hall for a delicious meal, an exciting raffle, and great fellowship. We were very fortunate to have Marie Leatherby and several board members from the Sacramento Life Center join us, as well as Lenore Mullarkey and a few of the women being helped by the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. And best of all, we were able to raise around \$1,800 to be split between both charities!

I want to especially thank Hector Garcia, Greg Wolfe, and of course my wife Laura for all their help, both outwardly and behind the scenes, to make this event a reality. Also, special thanks to Dave Carboni and his family and Steve Mills for preparing such a great dinner, as well as to Terry Corcoran, who was our sole bartender for the evening. Thank you also to George Mills, Lewis Munoz, Tom Nulk, Bryan McKrell, and John Sheldon for all their help.

– Adam Struck, DGK

## Catholic Information Service

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### **Why the Knights of Columbus?**

When I meet with new Knights and their spouses for the first time, I always try to conduct a fraternal briefing so they have a brief understanding of how the Knights of Columbus started and what the legacy that our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney left for us.

I also try to show a sampling of the many good works that we as the Knights of Columbus perform locally, nationwide and throughout the world. I cite many of my examples from one of our publications, Did You Know? It’s important that we all understand the foundation of who and why we exist.

For example, did you know the Knights are the creators of a \$25 million Vicarious Christi Fund that is conveyed to the Holy Father to fund his many projects of good works? Did you know that we raised \$11 million to support persecuted Christians in the Middle East? Did you know that after the Supreme Knight toured the devastation left by the 2010 Haitian earthquake that we provided medical services by fitting youths with prosthetic devices who were crippled by the earthquake?

The Knights of Columbus also generated \$175,000,000 and provided 73,000,000 hours of volunteer hours to the Church and communities.

As for the insurance program, we paid in in excess of \$609,000,000 in benefits and \$275,000,000 in dividends to our insured members. We provide insurance to more than 2 million Knights and their family members.

My brothers, the insurance program has earned the distinction of as being one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies for its 3rd year in a row by the Ethisphere Institute. We also continue to earn the highest rating by A.M, Best who independently rates insurance companies. If you haven’t yet, protect your most valuable asset, you and your family.

So why the Knights of Columbus? Because we make miracles happen with the legacy that the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney left for us!

May God bless us and our families!



Fraternally,

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## For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month

Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk, Peggy Ingram (mother of Jack Ingram), PGK Alex Kachmar



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 |
|-------|-------|------|----------|
| March | TBA   | TBA  | TBA      |
| April | TBA   | TBA  | TBA      |
| May   | 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 March get to eat for free at the March Business Meeting. Happy birthday!

## Council Web Site

Please take the time to visit our Council web site at <http://www.kofc953.org>, where you can download current or past issues of the Knight Letter. 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. All articles published by the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are now published on our website as well. In addition, the Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned its website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.



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