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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:



Two months to go in the Columbian Year, but there are still plenty of things to get done. We have members to initiate, dinners to enjoy, and a wonderful State Convention to attend. I plan on vigorously advocating for Brother John Sheldon's three resolutions and hopefully I can get a couple of them across the finish line and sent on to the Supreme Convention. Brother Tom Nulk is cooking our dinner this month and it is sure to be a good one. We have two F-100's that have been approved for new members and I plan on holding a first degree in June to bring these new brother Knight's in before the end of my year as Grand Knight. If you have been waiting to invite a son-in-law, grandson, fellow parishioner, colleague, or anyone else to check out the Knights, try this month or next. It is always a lot more interesting when a First Degree is crowded with new members watching the events unfold in front of them.

I read a very interesting editorial in the Wall Street Journal this week that talked about how poorly attendance, and the understanding of the Catholic faith had suffered over the last three decades. Only 22% of American Catholics attend weekly mass, and only 45% understood the Church's teaching that the consecrated bread and wine were truly the body and blood of Christ and not merely symbolic. The editorial went on to tell the story of a recent funeral the author had attended for his Uncle where it was clear, that most of the people present were not familiar enough with the mass to state the correct responses, recite the Profession of Faith, or even stand or kneel at the appropriate times. He blamed this mostly on the changes the Church made to the mass back in 2011.

When the Priest reminded the audience that Communion was only for Catholics who were properly disposed, the author expected very few people to come forward, but in fact almost everyone did. And to me, that is truly the beautiful thing about being Catholic, it never leaves you. I am very fortunate that I am comfortable, able, and self-motivated to attend Church every Sunday. It is part of my routine, it is part of my belief system, and it provides me strength, a sense of community, and a strong dose of Hope every week. If I am lucky I learn something, and at worst I see my friends, pray to God and enjoy singing. But for so many people within our Catholic community this is not the case. For more reasons than I could ever list here, many Catholics are not attending weekly mass, but you never stop being Catholic. My baptism, first communion, and wedding were all performed in the Catholic Church and sanctioned by the Catholic Church and that's not changing. 23% of Americans identify themselves as being Catholic, and it's very true that few of them are attending mass, but you never stop being Catholic. Being Catholic is truly wonderful and I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Knights. The last ten months have been great, and I look forward to the last two and so many more.

Thanks So Much,
Bryan McKrell
Grand Knight, Council 953

Calendar of Events

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

May	4	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	11	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	14	Sunday		Mothers Day
	18-20	Thurs-Sat		State Convention (San Diego)
	25	Thursday		Ascension of the Lord
June	1	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	4	Sunday		Pentecost
	8	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	18	Sunday		Fathers Day
	29	Thursday	6:00 pm	PGK/Old Timers' Dinner & Installation of Officers

Slate of Officers for 2017-18 Columbian Year

The nominations committee is putting together the proposed slate of officers for the 2017-18 Columbian Year. The nominees will be read at the May business meeting and voted on at the June business meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, provided the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Greek Night To Be Rescheduled

Greek Night, formerly scheduled for last month, will be rescheduled for a date TBD in the upcoming Columbian Year. Please direct any questions to Terry Corcoran.

Final Degree Exemplifications for Current Columbian Year

Council 953 will be hosting a First Degree Exemplification at some point during the month of June. This is the final opportunity for potential Knights to join our council before the end of the current Columbian Year. Additional information, including date and time, are still being determined.

District Deputy Charles Beltz and Marysville Council 1869 are hosting a Second and Third Degree Exemplification on Saturday, June 11 at St. Joseph Parish, 702 C Street, Marysville, CA 95901. This is the final Second and Third Degree being offered in the Northern California Chapter this Columbian Year.

Questions regarding the schedule of degrees may be directed to the Grand Knight or Membership Director.

Culture of Life Report

Brother Knights,

Thank you for participating with me in the 40 Days for Life activities. Each person that we turned away was a small victory for life. Each of your prayers, and your commitment to life, worked small miracles, and it was moving to see young women change their minds before our eyes.

I am happy to report, that we did have one big victory! The abortion clinic at 1442 Ethan Way is closing, and it is no longer accepting patients. After 42 years of taking the lives of babies, this practice is coming to an end and this facility will harm no more children.

We will meet the gaze of so many babies, whose lives would have been lost. How many of these children will now grow up to do God's work? Only God knows! But I know that your acts resulted in good work.

Let us all give thanks for the good work we have done together!

God Bless,
Hector Garcia
Culture of Life Director

Knights in Action



Brother Knights Alan "Big Al" Piccardo, Matt Lucien, Jack Ingram, Tom Nulk (not pictured) and friends volunteering at a CA Waterfowl Association fundraiser to help raise funds to help preserve California wetlands and waterfowl on April 28, 2017.



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Fraternally,

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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.

For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month

Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk, Marie Nagel (wife of PGK Rudy Nagel)



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>

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
May	Tom Nulk	Tri-tip & chicken	TBA
June	Adam Struck	Pulled pork	TBA
July	Terry Corcoran	Ribs & chicken	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 May get to eat for free at the May 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>.