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Sacramento Council 953
District 10

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us!"

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Terry Corcoran

HALL RENTAL

Steve Mills 599-8522

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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,



At the beginning of this Columbian Year, we set out to especially focus our attention on membership and charity this year. A quarter of the way through the year, I am proud of all our council is doing in both areas.

To date, we have welcomed eight new Brother Knights into our council, which is halfway toward our quota needed to make Star Council. Within the next few weeks, we will hold membership drives at two parishes: Holy Spirit on October 28-29 and St. Mary's on November 4-5. We are in need of several Brothers to help at these events as we inform our fellow Catholic brethren of what we are all about as Knights and all the good we do in our parishes and out in the community. If you can help, please speak with either myself or our Membership Director, George Mills.

Two weeks ago, we hosted our annual Mexican Night. Once again, Greg Wolfe did a phenomenal job putting together an enjoyable and ultimately successful evening in which we raised \$2,000 for Clara's House. Your generosity helps Sister Kathy and her staff continue to provide medical care to the poor and uninsured in our community. In that same spirit of charity, at this week's business meeting, we will again be passing around a sign-up sheet in an effort to put together a team of Brothers to help feed the homeless at Loaves and Fishes at least once per month. With the holiday season approaching, our charitable efforts are that much more essential.

On another note, let us keep in our prayers the victims of the massacre in Las Vegas and the recent natural disasters in Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida, and Mexico. It is in times like these, when it appears that the world is spiraling out of control amid violence, disaster, and political upheaval that it is important to turn to Christ for comfort and strength. As Knights, our faith and charity are examples to the world of how to live in God's love. Through our faith and charity, we can, as St. Ignatius of Loyola said, "Set the world on fire."

Thank you,
Adam Struck
Grand Knight, Council 953

Annual Memorial Mass

Council 953's annual Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, November 5 at St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Parish, 1620 Bell Street. The Divine Liturgy (Mass) will begin at 10:30 am, followed immediately by the traditional Byzantine Catholic memorial service in honor of our Brother Knights who fell asleep in the Lord during this past year: Eduardo L Maciel, Michael J Stomp and Alvin Miller. All Brother Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. Coffee and refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Calendar of Events

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

October		5	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
		9	Monday		Columbus Day
		12	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
				7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
		26	Saturday	7:15 pm	Oktoberfest (Social Hour 6:00)
		28 & 29	Saturday & Sunday		Recruitment Sunday (Holy Spirit Church) After all Masses
November		1	Wednesday		All Saints Day
		2	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
		4 & 5	Saturday & Sunday		Recruitment Sunday (St. Mary's) After all Masses
		5	Sunday	10:30 am	Memorial Mass (St. George)
		9	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
		9		7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
		15	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Exemplification of the 1 st Degree (St. Stephen)
		17	Friday	7:00 pm	Giant Shrimp Dinner (Social Hour 6:00)
		23	Thursday		Thanksgiving
		30	Thursday	7:00 pm	Awareness of Persecuted Christians Evening

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
October	Terry Corcoran	Ribs	TBD
November	TBD	TBD	TBD
December	Christmas Potluck	Christmas Potluck	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 October get to eat for free at the October Business Meeting. Happy birthday!

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.

Business Meeting Dinner Price Increase

Effective in September, the price of the regular business meeting dinners will rise from \$5.00 to \$7.00. The officers came to this decision after a careful consideration of the budget, which shows that the council is losing an increasing amount of money on our monthly dinners due to increased food costs. While our business meeting dinners are NOT intended to turn a profit, the officers agreed that we must minimize any losses that occur to the extent possible.

Culture of Life Report

Brothers,

We are now in the midst of 40 Days for Life, which began on September 27 and runs through November 5. This is an opportunity for us to join with others worldwide in prayer, fasting, and community outreach in an effort to end the horror that is abortion. Here in Sacramento, daily prayer is being held Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm on the sidewalk in front of the Family Planning Associates abortion clinic, located at 2322 Butano Drive. For additional information, you may visit <http://40daysforlife.com/sacramento>.

St. John Vianney parish and Blessed Sacrament Council 5322 are hosting “The Case for Life,” an event featuring Catholic Answers apologist Trent Horn. This is being held on Friday, October 27 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 10497 Coloma Road in Rancho Cordova. The doors open at 5pm, and the presentation begins at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door, with the proceeds benefitting the Sacramento Life Center and the St. John Vianney Respect Life Ministry. For additional information, and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.ranchoknights.com/trent>.

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>



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Retirement Balancing Act

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the only aspect you can control completely.

Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with peace of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: you!



God bless,
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Presents **"Oktoberfest"** Saturday, October 28, 2017

Featuring a DELICIOUS "All You Can Eat"
German Dinner!!

- Smoked & Bavarian Bratwursts
- Natural Chicken Brats
- Roast Pork
- German Potato Salad
- Sauerkraut
- 4 Bean Salad
- Artisan Bread from The Bread Store
- Cake

Tickets are \$22 a person,

Kids \$10.00

with assigned seating

Must be purchased in advance
as this event sells out

For tickets call:

Tom Nulk, 230-5110

Steve Mills, 599-8522



**Live music by
Markus Geissler**

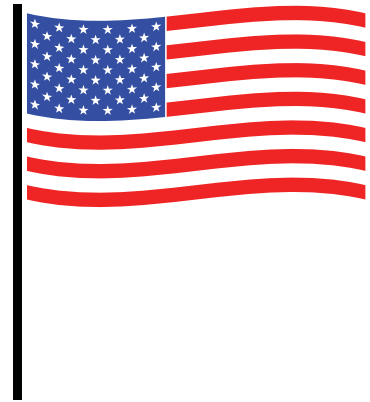
Great Raffle

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:15 P.M.

The Hall is located at
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“Giant Shrimp Dinner” Friday, November 17, 2017

- Wine on tables
- Anti Pasto
- Green Salad
- French Rolls with Butter
- Italian Green Beans
- Pasta Marinera
- Giant Shrimp
- Dipping sauces will be an Aioli and a Cocktail sauce
- Spumoni and Cookie for Dessert
- You are welcome to bring your own butter and warmer

A Giant Shrimp Dinner

Presented By

Al Piccardo and Dave Carboni

Tickets are \$45 a person

Hurry and make your reservations as we will have limited seating for this event. Please call:

Al Piccardo, 916-439-7664



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

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

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