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|           |    |          |                     |  |
|-----------|----|----------|---------------------|--|
| September | 1  | Thursday | 7:00 PM             | Officers and Directors Meeting                     |
|           | 8  | Thursday | 6:00 PM             | Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)                     |
|           |    |          | 7:00 PM             | General Council Meeting                            |
|           | 11 |          |                     | St Mary's Sunday Social (after all morning masses) |
|           | 14 |          |                     | Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross               |
| October   | 1  | Saturday | 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM | Chili Cook-Off (Newman Center)                     |
|           | 5  | Thursday | 7:00 PM             | Officers and Directors Meeting                     |
|           | 10 | Monday   |                     | Columbus Day                                       |
|           | 13 | Thursday | 6:00 PM             | Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)                     |
|           |    |          | 7:00 PM             | General Council Meeting                            |
|           | 29 | Saturday | 6:00 PM             | Oktoberfest  |

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

To My Brother Knights & Their Families,

Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. These are the principles of the Knights of Columbus. These are the actions we are called to perform on a daily basis. In this month's message, I would like to focus on the first principle. Charity is defined as generosity & helpfulness especially towards the needy or suffering. This, by definition, is exhibited through the actions of our council on a regular basis. Whether we are having a dinner to help a brother knight and his family, purchasing equipment & repairing stained glass windows for a parish that was vandalized, having a fund raiser for catholic organizations or volunteering at a parish or K of C function. Our actions are the definition of Charity.

A special thank you to all who helped at our last few parish functions. Our presence was definitely noticed and our help was greatly appreciated. For example, at the St. Mary's festival alone, our brother Knights were chairing or volunteering at the following: the Zippy bun booth, the plant booth, the bar at Geovanni Hall, the kitchen, the plush booth & I apologize if I forgot anything. In addition to this we helped with the setup & tear down of the event. This does not include the many Knights and their families who attended the event. Many hours of our brothers contributed to the success of this festival, and the Knights of Columbus exemplified the definition of charity yet again.

Council 953 is responsible for many parish's, and we would like our presence to be felt at yours. Please let us know how we can help serve your catholic community. Our next charitable event will be the "Chili 4 Life" cook-off on October 1st at the Newman center. Come see our Charity in action and take part of this great principle.

"St. John Vianney, Pray for Us."

Ricardo Saldana

Grand Knight, Council 953

**Council Hosting St. Mary's Second Sunday Social In September**

Our council will be hosting the after mass social after all morning masses on Sept. 11. We are encouraging Brother Knights, especially those who are St. Mary's parishioners, to participate in this event. If you can help us out after one or more of the masses, please contact PGK Dominic Ielati for the times and details. Thanks!

### July Knight of the Month

Brothers, we are very pleased and honored to announce that Brother John Sheldon, was elected as the Knight of the Month for the month of July 2011..

John Sheldon came into our council and jumped in feet first. He has attended almost every officers meeting even though he wasn't an officer at the time. He chaired the Remis dinner, which was something he held close to his heart. He recognized a family in need and took it upon himself to find help for them utilizing our fellow brothers. He invited the Knights of this council into his parish family feast day and as a result we have 9 potential new Knights. He's also one of the co-chairs for this years chili cook off. My Brothers, council 953 is proud to award the knight of the month to Brother John Sheldon.



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 953 wishing Brother John Sheldon, MANY-MANY HAPPY YEARS!

### July Family of the Month

Brothers, we are very pleased and honored to announce that the family of Brother. Dominic Ielati, was elected as the Family of the Month for the month of July 2011.

Dominic's family is a model example of our Catholic faith in a modern society. His wife is a member of the church choir; she's a frequent volunteer for all Church events, and is one of the wedding coordinators for her parish. She volunteers religiously for St. Mary's Elementary School where their daughter currently attends. She also serves as one of the lead coordinators for the second Sunday social and served with her husband as a past Pastoral Council. He's the current parish Webmaster, current lector and a past synod representative for the Sacramento Diocese representing St. Mary's Parish. He conceived and solely chaired the chili-cook off for past 6 years and is a current co-chair this year. He's a great husband, a loving father, an advocate for the unborn, and proud to say our Pro-life director.



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 953 wishing the Dominic Ielati family, MANY-MANY HAPPY YEARS!

### 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

## The Latest From Pro-Life

I know you're ready to cook and taste CHILI on October 1st

Our annual Amateur Chili Cook-Off is coming right up on the lawn at the Newman Center. We need teams to commit to cook chili. You can cook on-site or off-site – there was a great selection of chili last year – more than ever. Why not enter your chili into this great event? Please visit our chili cook-off web page or contact the event chair, GK Ricardo Saldana for more info.

For those of you who can't find grandma's secret chili recipe, we are still in need of help in these ways:

Promote, Promote, Promote – We need for all Knights to promote the cook-off to friends and family. When you are talking to them about the cook-off, encourage them to form a team – it's fun AND tasty AND all for a good cause. And while you're at it, feel free to distribute the flyer that is in this Knightletter to family & friends too.

Help at the event – We can still use some assistance in the several areas on the day of the event. If you can help that day, please contact GK Ricardo Saldana.

Prize Donations – We will need several of you to visit local businesses to obtain gift certificates that we will use as prizes for the winning chili teams.

For more info on the event, please visit: [chili.kofc953.org](http://chili.kofc953.org)

Hope to see you on the field of chili on Oct. 1st.

40 Days For Life – vigil begins September 28th

On September 28th we will begin a period of prayer & fast that will change history. The fall vigil will be at the Women's Health Specialists abortion business at 1750 Wright Street off Alta Arden Expy.

Good news! Since the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil was begun in 2007, a total of 14 abortion clinics have closed across America. This could not have happened without your prayer, fasts & witness to life.

This prayer vigil is an opportunity to unite for life. So, we are asking you to sign up to pray, fast, & witness at the September business meeting. Between now and the vigil, please fervently pray that God will use you & extend your boundaries to impact our country and to bless each of us with the courage to stand up for life. Your family members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the vigil as well. Please sign them up when you sign up for the vigil.

As we participate with so many others across our country, please remember that this is a spiritual battle – to win a spiritual battle we cannot put our faith in laws, politicians or judges – we must use spiritual weaponry – prayer, sacrifice & faithful witness. These are what are needed to bring an end to abortion in our country and the world.

Read our blog on the Culture of Life:

<http://kofc953sacramentoproflife.blogspot.com/>

“Through moral conscience God speaks to each of us, inviting us to defend human life at all times, and in this personal bond with the Creator lies the profound dignity of moral conscience and the reason for its inviolability...it is necessary that society as a whole must defend the conceived child's right to life and the true good of the woman who can never, in any circumstances, find fulfillment in the decision to abort.” Pope Benedict XVI, addressing members of the Pontifical Academy for Life on Feb. 26, 2011.

Dominic Ielati

Pro-Life Director

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Fraternal Year – Star Council

Now is the time to be looking ahead and taking stock of attaining your council's Coveted Star Council Award Goals. The June 30, 2012 deadline will come quickly enough. I will help you in any way I can to meet those goals for the 2011-2012 Fraternal year. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service. Let's continue our momentum for attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council: Recruitment, Insurance members and council activities.

With all of us working together, our fraternal leaders and our professional field force, we can help the Order to continue to grow and obtain the Coveted Start Council Award.

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](mailto:hank.cornell@kofc.org).

By Knights ... For Knights ...  
Hank Cornell, FIC  
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**For Whom We Pray**

- Memorial Mass: Umberto Torlone
- Spiritual Bouquets: Thomas Alderman
- Sick: PGK Howard E. Mifflin,  
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.



**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> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| September    | David Carboni, Terry Corcoran | Roast Beef   | TBA             |
| October      | Catered by Sal's Tacos        | Mexican Food | Fred Struck     |

**The 50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing at the August meeting in the amount of \$12.00, was won by Charlie Nulk. The name of Albert Lovotti was drawn for the attendance drawing. He was not present and didn't win \$50.00 cash.

**7th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st  
12:30pm to 4:00pm  
on the Newman Center lawn  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

As you know, this is our annual event where chili aficionados whip up their best chili and many others come to enjoy it.

Like any other fundraising event, assistance of different kinds is needed to make the event a success. We have the chance to make this a great fundraiser for the beneficiaries of the event (in this case, the Sacramento Life Center and Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home). But one thing is needed to make this possible...

I am asking you, Brother Knights, to be generous with your time, talents and treasure in assisting with this event and making it a true council effort.

First, and foremost, we encourage as many of you as possible to enter the contest.

Second, there are some of you who may want to participate but aren't able to attend. Please consider a monetary donation that will add to our prize pool, defray the cost of a team entry fee or other event costs, also any gift certificates to entertainment events, restaurants or venues.

Third, we have many different tasks that need to be accomplished prior to and the day of the event. Listed below are different ways that you can help out. Please see how you can help and then communicate that to one of our committee members right away.

**Cook-Off Wish List Items**

- Vinyl banner event sign for display on Carlson
- Drive/H St/J St.
- Directional signs for parking for cook-off
- A-frames for directional signs for cook-off
- Funds for event t-shirts

**Prior To The Cook-Off**

- Passing out flyers to businesses
- Soliciting donations from businesses
- Soliciting a local restaurant/business to enter the contest
- Publicity via social networking sites
- Spreading the word to family & friends

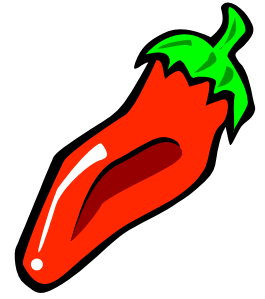
**Day Of Cook-Off**

- Lending a crock pot for keeping chili hot.
- Taking pictures or video
- Assist with barbecue cooking
- Selling Chili Tasting Kits
- Food and/or beverage sales
- Stage/sound system set up
- Set up/tear down
- Team registration/judging of chili

Your help and assistance are greatly appreciated. Be sure to check our council website for more information on the cook-off. You may also email questions to chili(at)kofc953(dot)org or please call me. Thank you!  
Ricardo Saldana.Grand Knight, Council 953

# AMATEUR CHILI COOK-OFF

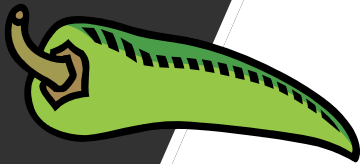
**Date: October 1, 2011**



**Time: 12:30–4pm**

Our cooks may be amateurs, but the chili is hot , tasty & sure to pack a punch!

Volleyball & outdoor games for entertainment, as well as BBQ, drinks and ice cream for those who cant handle the burn!



- Benefits Sacramento Life Center & Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home
- Pre purchase tasting kits for \$4.00 or \$5.00 at the door.
- Special drawing the day prior for a chance to be a Judge.
- Prizes will be awarded for best of show, people's choice & other categories as well.

**Located at the Lawn area of the Newman Center,  
5900 Newman Court, Sacramento, CA  
(across from the CSU Sacramento campus)**



Registration and more information can be found:

online at <http://www.chili4life.org/>,

e-mail [chili@kofc953.org](mailto:chili@kofc953.org) or

Phone message 916.736.0953



# Knights of Columbus # 953

Presents "Oktoberfest" Saturday, October 29, 2011

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Dinner at 7:15 P.M.

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