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Calendar of Events

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

September	1	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	8	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	10	Saturday		2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification (Our Lady of Grace)
	24	Saturday	7:00 pm	Mexican Night (Social Hour 6:00)
	25	Sunday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	St. Mary's Festival
October	6	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	10	Monday		Columbus Day
	13	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	22	Saturday	7:00 pm	German Night (Social Hour 6:00)
	31	Monday		Halloween

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights and Families:

My heartfelt thanks goes out to our brother Knight, Al Piccardo, for his amazing Tri-Tip dinner fundraiser last month. By any measure it was truly a major success. Coming off of his hip replacement surgery, which required brother Al to lose nearly 100 lbs, I was somewhat concerned that the event might be sparsely attended. Quite to the contrary it was packed with nearly 140 guests. There were at least 12 Model A vintage Ford's parked out front which added a certain element of class and splendor to the event, and as Brother Greg Wolfe stated at the Officer's Meeting, "that quite possibly was the best food we have ever served at a Knight's Dinner." I could not agree more. To top it off, Dave Carboni introduced all of the guests to "Pesto Alfredo" sauce, and the evening proceeds nearly tripled our budgeted fundraising projections for the dinner. Well done Brother Al, you are a true shining star for the Council and I can't wait for the Giant Shrimp Feed.

Of course our next big Fundraiser is fast approaching with Mexican Night taking center stage on September 24th. This is a big event for our Council because it is our first donation to Clara's House, an organization that is close to our hearts as Brother Knights, but even closer to our mission as Catholic's looking to help those who our most vulnerable in our Society. If you are not able to attend the event on the 24th, try and donate a raffle item, tell your friends and family to try and attend, and say a prayer for Brother Greg as he pulls the entire event together and generates a big donation for a very worthy charity!

And it should also be noted that the Sacramento Bee, and probably a number of other news organizations, reported that the Knights of Columbus commissioned a portrait of Mother Theresa which will now hang at the Vatican after her canonization ceremony on Saturday. Saint Theresa is certainly someone to admire and learn from, and I look forward to invoking her name in some of our meetings this year in the hope that she will pray for our success and efforts as an organization dedicated to Charity. As our compass always points to charity, so

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

too must our first order of business always be dedicated to this cause. If you know a few fellow Catholics who are interested in being charitable, invite them to one of our monthly dinners. If nothing else, they will certainly enjoy the food, and the beer along with getting to hang out with all of us.

Most Sincerely,
Bryan McKrell
Grand Knight, Council 953

2016-17 Columbian Year Budget

The budget for the 2016-17 Columbian Year will be voted on at the September Business Meeting. Should anyone still need to review it beforehand, please contact Financial Secretary John Sheldon at fs@kofc953.org.

Second & Third Degree Exemplification

District Deputy Eric Watson and Our Lady of Grace Council 9469 are hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification on Saturday, September 10 2016 at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The schedule of events is as follows:

9:00 am	Registration for 2nd and 3rd Degree
9:50 am	2nd Degree registration closes
10:00 am	Exemplification of the 2nd Degree
11:00 am	Lunch (<i>Menu: Smoked pork ribs, coleslaw, corn, potato salad</i>)
11:45 am	3rd Degree registration closes
12:30 pm	Exemplification of the 3rd Degree

Cost: For both degrees is \$25 and includes lunch. Cost for 2nd Degree only is \$10 or 3rd Degree only is \$16. For sponsors and guests, lunch is \$14. Dress code will be strictly enforced. Candidates must be **properly dressed in collared sport shirt and slacks** for either exemplification. No blue jeans, shorts or T-Shirts are allowed. Cell phones and cameras will not be allowed in the Exemplification Chamber. For more information, please contact GK Bryan McKrell or Membership Director John Watling.

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.

Another Fantastic Tri-Tip Dinner!

Our team hit a home run on Saturday, August 27, 2016 with a wonderful group of workers and supportive friends that came to the dinner.

I want to thank our kitchen crew of David Carboni, Dick Claflin, and Steve Mills. Peter and Anthony Piccardo prepared the fabulous Tri Tip Bar B Q with samplers in the parking lot during the happy hour. The weather was mild and many of our friends mingled around the Bar B Q and viewed the Model A car show in the front parking lot.

Peggy Piccardo organized the Christo Rey High School servers. Our set up crew consisted of Larry Schneider, Jerry Cassidy, Lewis Munos, Grey Wolf, And Dr. Lee Brown. Dr Lee Brown, a member of St. Mary's parish donated all the items for the silent auction. I encourage everyone to support our generous East Sacramento donors.

PGK Al Piccardo

St. Mary's Parish Festival

Be sure to mark Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 on your calendar for the annual St. Mary's festival. The festival's traditional date was moved from mid August to accommodate the start of the school year, but is still the same festival you've enjoyed in years past. While there have been some changes, most of the events and food booths you've seen before will return and will include new ones such as a car show, a corn hole tournament, food trucks and video game truck. As usual, there will be a festival raffle with great prizes; if you are a St. Mary's parishioner, you can pick up raffle book following the weekend masses at the church or if you're not a parishioner or would like to purchase additional tickets, please contact Mary Willet at mary@sacramentohomes.net. So, be sure to come and enjoy the festival on its new date and, hopefully, lower temperatures as well.

E-Waste and Scrap Metal Donations

The Hall Board is no longer accepting donations of e-waste and scrap metal. *Please do not bring any more of these items to the hall.* If you are unsure of how to properly dispose of them, feel free to contact Terry Corcoran at 224-7786, and he will be happy to answer your questions.

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The Pitfalls of Replacing Coverage

You know the old saying, “The grass seems greener on the other side of the fence,” but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the “greener” grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less green in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old adage, “Read the fine print.”

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it’s unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.



Fraternally,

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For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: Bob Hocking
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month
Sick: 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>

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
September	Terry Corcoran & Dave Carboni	Ribs & chicken	TBA
October	TBA	TBA	TBA
November	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 September get to eat for free at the September 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. The Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned its website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.



Knights of Columbus Council 953's
Mexican Night Dinner

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Featuring an authentic Mexican dinner and fiesta



Menu

Carnitas
Rice & Beans
Hot Tortillas
Chips and Salsa
Guacamole



Raffle prizes for adults and Piñata for the kids!

Prices are \$20 for Adults -- \$10 for Children 12 and under*

Sodas, Mexican Beers, and Margaritas sold at the bar!

Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
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Please Make Reservations in Advance

By Contacting Greg Wolfe

(916) 457-7329 or

gwolfejf@gmail.com

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Dinner at 7:15 P.M.

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