

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2016

Handicapables Lunch - Dec 10
YYS Christmas Party - Dec 10
Toy Give away - Dec 17
Homeless Breakfast—Dec 17
New Years Eve party - Dec 31

JANUARY 2017

Free Family Dinner - Jan 8
Membership Drive - Jan 8
One Life Walk - Jan 21
Family Mass Jan 22
Pro Life Breakfast - Jan 22
Charter Night - Jan 27

FEBRUARY

Super Bowl - Feb 5
Blood Drive - Feb 18
Casino Night - Feb 25
Membership Drive - Feb 26

MARCH

Ash Wednesday - Mar 1
Lenten Fish Fry starts - Mar 3
St Patrick's Day dinner - Mar 17

APRIL

Palm Sunday - Apr 9
Easter Sunday - Apr 16
Ride for Hope - Apr 22
Membership Drive - Apr 23
Family Mass - Apr 30
Pro Life Breakfast - Apr 30

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COUNCIL 5803 EVENTS

FAMILY EVENTS	CHAIRMAN	TEL	E-MAIL
Fish Fries—1st Friday .and Lenten	Jorge Curiel (Cecilia)	526-5188	familycuriel@sbcglobal.net
Columbus Day Dinner .	Lu / Tony Gammariello	522-9548	tgammy@yahoo.com
Thanksgiving Day Dinner	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Turkey Shoot	Tony Lemos (Loretta)	584-3803	elvisman7@sbcglobal.net
Kids Easter Party			This event has been cancelled
Monday Night Football	PGK Ron Huerth	526-4935	rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
Super Bowl Party	PGK John Linscott / Ron Huerth	526-4935	jlinscott1@att.net / rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
St Patrick's Day Dinner	PGK Ron Huerth	526-4935	rlhuerth@sbcglobal.net
Healthy Living Director	Frank Wilhelmi (Jo)	526-6194	wilhelmi@pacbell.net
Cinco de Mayo	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Kid's Christmas Party			This event has been cancelled

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Family Mass	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Golf Tournament	SK Jeff Sage	813-2599	sage1999@att.net
Installation of Officers	PGK Al McKinley (Jo)	527-2056	angelslover@roadrunner.com
PGK Testimonial Dinner	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Bishop Fishing Trip	PGK Bill Alexander (Lori)	527-4720	balxndr@roadrunner.com
Christmas Cards	PGK Norm Ouellette	551-3704	njouellette7@yahoo.com
K of C 5803 Toy Drive	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
International Dinner/Vocation Sunday	DD Cliff Wirtz (Paula)	208-8970	cawpaw@aol.com
Charter Night	Paul Burke (Lisa)	581 1175	paulrobertburke@gmail.com
Annual Men's Retreat	PGK Mike Palacios (Lois)	581-9506	jayntoots@sbcglobal.net
Chili Cook Off—June	PGK Rick Ostrich	501-8818	rickostrich@yahoo.com
Turnover Dinner	PGK Al McKinley (Jo)	527-2056	angelslover@roadrunner.com
Membership (modified03/10/16)	Tony Demarco (Suzette)	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Memorial Mass	SK Bob Smith	578-0434	truestorybob@hotmail.com
Bingo	DD Cliff Wirtz (Paula)	208-8970	cawpaw@aol.com
Family Dinners			This event has been cancelled
COMMUNITY EVENTS	CHAIRMAN	TEL	E-MAIL
Helping Hands	OPEN		
PADS	PGK Rick Ostrich (Betsy)	501-8818	rickostrich@yahoo.com
Homeless Dinner	Tony Loniero (Catherine)	527-2254	tloniero@sbcglobal.net
	Bob Joyce	526-2220	mgtnbob@aol.com
MRC Tootsie Roll Drive Oct 2011	John Antonacci	559-2944	john_thetilepro@yahoo.com
Christian Service Program	PGK Earl Todd (Angie)	818-312-0802	toddearl@rocketmail.com
Pro-Life Breakfast	Tony Lemos (Loretta)	584-3803	elvisman7@sbcglobal.net
	George Lemos (Sandy)	584-9816	lemos11@sbcglobal.net
Blood Drive	Paul Friedeborn (Adelina)	522-6080	paulf@rsrpd.us
Simi Valley Days	SK John MacKenzie	522-9818	ukmackenzie@yahoo.com
Various Food Drives (modified03/10/16)	Alberto Duarte Jr.	813-5452	AlbertoDuarte58@gmail.com
Scholarship	PGK Herman Conant (Jean)	581-2332	hcfoto38@yahoo.com
Free Throw Contest	George Gnesda /James Collis	522-5699	g.gnez@yahoo.com
Hanicapable Lunch	Tony Demarco	558-4328	tonyd.1@sbcglobal.net
Homeless Breakfast (new event 04/04/16)	PGK Rick Ostrich	501-8818	rickostrich@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY DRIVE

It's that time of year for the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive helping children of Christian service.

The date is Saturday December 17th.

Time: 8 am

Where: St Rose of Lima bingo hall

Help: with set up, helping with getting refreshments stage setup for Santa Claus and clean up, getting ready for bingo that night. Carrying the toys bags to the parents car

On Friday, 16th December we are going to need help with bringing toys from the Knights hall to St Rose. We need help sorting and filling bags for the children. The more people we have the faster we can get done.

If you need more information please contact me at 805-558-4328

Tony DeMarco, Grand Knight

Annual Handicapables Luncheon

On Saturday December 10th. our Knights of Columbus Council # 5803 of Simi Valley will be putting on it's Annual Handicapables Luncheon at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall.

The Mass will begin at 11:30 A.M. with the luncheon beginning at 1pm.

If anyone wishes to help, please call Rick Ostrich at 805-501-8818

*Knights
of
Columbus*



*Come celebrate
with your brother
Knights and
their Ladies as
we ring in the
New Year!*

DECEMBER 31
8 PM

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THE KNIGHT'S HALL
ON PATRICIA AVE.

MUSIC FOR DANCING

*Please bring your
favorite snack,
appetizer, or dessert*

to share

NO-HOST BAR

Admission:

\$5.00 PER PERSON

CHAMPAGNE TOASTS

RSVP TO JERRY & NITA
GRAMMANITA5@YAHOO.COM

OR 522-1641 by 12/29

Wardens Corner

Last Month was a busy time for the Hall. We completed the Garage Clean Up. We had the Columbus Day Dinner, and the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (Honoring Veterans) and Turkey Shoot. Thanks to all the cooks and many helpers to make these events successful.

I am still working on finding contractors to bid on upgrading the Hall roof (Grill Area) and enclosing the back laundry area. I am working on getting the Hall parking lot re-painted. I hope to have these projects accomplished in the next 60 days.

We still need help with cleaning up the Hall after our normal council events. We need Knights to help wash and dry cooking items. We need Knights to wipe down tables and sweep up food from the floor. Please contact me if you can help out.

We are still in need of toys for older boys and girls age 12 to 16. Please bring them by the Hall when you can. We hope to make this another successful toy give away.

God Bless and Good Health

Anthony Rodriguez, Worthy Warden

BINGO WORKERS

We are in need of more pull tab workers and we still need a call back person. Training is free and it is not a hard job. For pull tabs you basically sell lottery tickets to the players. If you are new to the council please call me so I can get you on the Bingo Schedule. If you can't work a specific weekend in January or have a shift preference please email me at bingo@kc5803.org. I produce the schedule around the 2nd Wednesday of the month before. So get me any special requests for January by December 14th.

I have also begun to post the bingo worker schedule online at www.kc5803.org, you will need a password to access it. This is the same password as for the roster. Call me if you need the password.

I now begun send a Flocknote to all members with the schedule when it is done, I still mail paper copies out. If you only want an email and no paper copy, please let me know via email at bingo@kc5803.org.

PGK Rick Ostrich, 805-501-8818

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brothers,

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As the Columbian year is nearly half over, keep wearing those badges at mass and keep a form 100 handy at all times! Our District is at 61% of our membership quota. We are at only 31% of insurance. Avail yourself to this outstanding benefit of being a Knight. When your Field Agent gives you a call, please let him stop by and fill you in on all the Knights can offer your family.

On behalf of my family, I wish you all a Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones and may He comfort any of you in physical or mental distress.

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INSURANCE REPORT

Scrooge Didn't Believe

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. I hope to hear from you.

Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you,

Willie Romero FICF

Blood Drive

Please find the time to roll up your sleeves on Saturday February 18 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM to donate a pint or 2 of blood for the Knights of Columbus blood drive at the St Rose of Lima parish hall.

United Blood Services is our local blood bank and is always in need of blood for emergency surgeries in hospitals, and donates to the national grid when needed.

Homeless Breakfast

We continue to server breakfast once a month at the Samaritan Center to those less fortunate The next breakfast is scheduled for December 17 at 6am. We are done and back at the KC hall at 8:30am.

If you wish to help please call Rick Ostrich at 805-501-8818

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4TH DEGREE CORNER-ASSEMBLY 2557

Upcoming events:

1. Nov 5 - 4th Degree Exemplification
2. Nov 11– Veterans Day
3. Jan 8 - 4th Degree Family Mass
4. Feb 25 - Casino Night
5. TBD - 4th Degree Family Night
6. TBD - Annual Karen Roberts Ladies Lunch
7. TBD - Disabled Veterans Lunch



Casino Night

Save the date, Casino Night will take place on Feb 25th. It is our only fund raiser of the year and **YOU** can help make it a successful event. We need all hands on deck. There are many volunteer opportunities, find out how you can help by contacting the event chairman, PFN Mike Palacios at 805-581-9506

Meetings

The 4th Degree meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Come on down and find out what's going on in the Assembly. If you can't stay for the entire meeting then you can pray the Rosary with us starting at 7:00 pm. Family and friends are invited to the Rosary.

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BISHOP FISHING TRIP

If you want to enjoy the trip next year, call the number below and make a reservation for next year for the weekend of September 28- October 1, 2017. They have trailers, RV sites, or tent sites. Be sure to mention that you will be part of the Simi Valley Knights of Columbus.

The annual Men's KCO (K of C Outdoor Club) fishing trip to the Bishop Creek area of the Eastern Sierra's is held on the 1st weekend of October.

Join me and 30-50 of your Brother Knights, friends, and families for a great weekend. In addition to the South Fork of Bishop Creek that runs through the campground, there are the South Lake, North Lake, Lake Sabrina and Intake-2 fishing areas nearby.

The event is held at the Creekside RV Park with campsites, RV sites, and trailers available for rent. **You must make your own reservation for sites.** They hold a few sites for us but they are first come-first serve. Contact the office at Creekside for a reservation of your desired site. Be sure to tell them that you will be part of our group. They may be reached at 760-873-4483.

Activities include a fishing derby with many prizes (adults and kids, depending on attendance), a BBQ Tri-Tip Dinner on Saturday Night, and card games when there are enough interested players. If we have enough interest and help we may have a Sunday morning breakfast.

Beautiful mountain (elevation 8300 ft at the campgrounds) scenery, good fishing (trout up to 5 lbs) and good people. You shouldn't pass it up. Ask anybody that has ever gone, they will tell you what a great weekend it is.

This event is open to Council and Assembly members, their families, and friends. We generally have only male guests (let your wives and daughters have a "ladies night out" with other fishing trip widows).

Lets hope that the weather, the Edison Company, and assorted others allow for more water into South Lake, Lake Sabrina, and the creeks. Like all of California, the Eastern Sierras need water/rain/snow. Let us pray that our drought ends before we have more serious water shortages and possible rationing.

Special Note: The pond within the Creekside Campgrounds continues to be under control of the California Department of Fish and Game. They stock the pond on their schedule. All normal Fish and Game laws apply.

Some of us made reservations for next year's trip as we checked out. The annual Men's KCO (K of C Outdoor Club) fishing trip to the Eastern Sierra's is held annually on the 1st weekend of October. For more information, please contact me at a Council or Assembly Event or call me.

SK Bill Alexander PGK
KCO Club Event Chairman
805-527-4720

OneLifeLA: Jan 21, 2017

OneLifeLA is a walk and community event in downtown Los Angeles celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Bus transportation from St. Rose is being heavily subsidized by the Knights of Columbus. To reserve a place on the bus, call Joe Ferrall, 805-428-1894. For more information on the event, visit www.onelifeLA.org



CHOOSE LOVE : 01.21.17

You're Invited! Join Archbishop Gomez and tens of thousands in downtown Los Angeles for the third annual OneLife LA, an event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. On Saturday, January 21, 2017 beginning at 12:00 noon at La Placita/Olvera St., we will walk to Grand Park for a family-friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral will follow at 5pm. Book parish buses now! Get t-shirts, postcards, posters, buttons, and everything you need to promote OneLife LA in your parish and school at OneLifeLA.org.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are available at the St. Rose of Lima Church store.
Open after Sunday masses.