



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



March 2024 Bulletin

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Council Calendar

Tuesday
March 12th, 2024

The next council meeting!

Officer Meeting at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:15 pm
Membership Meeting at 7:00

St. Patrick's Day!

Sunday
March 17th, 2024

Palm Sunday
March 24th, 2024

Holy Week
Holy Thursday
March 28th, 2024

Good Friday
March 29th, 2024

Easter Vigil Saturday Evening
March 30th, 2024

Easter Sunday!
March 31st, 2024

Grand Knight's Report

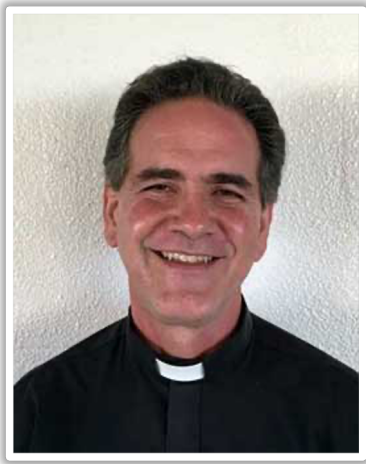
Brothers, I do hope you are finding this year's Lenten Journey worthwhile. I find the older I get, the journey seems to be more important than last year. My prayer list gets larger year over year so the need for prayers continues to grow. Lent forces us to take time to reflect on our own life and the lives of others. Jesus gave his earthly life for us in such a brutal way, humbling himself for all of mankind. That truly was the gift that keeps on giving. How do we repay that gift, how do we repay the gift of eternal life, for ourselves and our loved ones. I pray, thanking God for everything in my life, both for the good or bad.

We are all blessed to have an order of men willing to work to support our church and our council. Brother Dave Whitman is asking for support for the Easter masses. When you arrive at mass on Easter please ask if you can be of assistance. And wear your badge -- it goes with everything.

At last month's meeting we went over the crab feed; we made over 20 thousand dollars! This could not have been possible without our members stepping up.

We voted another new member to our ranks, Robert Ramirez sponsored by Ramón Lopez. We are only two members shy of our quota of 9 new members for this year. I know we can do it, not just for ourselves but for any man in our parish that will benefit from being a member of our order.

GK Bruce



From the Chaplain's Desk:

BEING SILENT WITH ST. JOSEPH

Greetings my brother Knights,

I trust that your Lenten journey is progressing well, practicing the three main activities of this season, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May our merciful and gentle God inspire us to give ever more attention to these as we make our way to the celebration of the Easter Triduum at the end of this month.

The last weekend of February I was privileged to lead a Silent Retreat for about 80 women. The theme of the retreat was "Being Silent with St. Joseph". I would like to share with all of you some of the insights shared with these women in hopes that it will help you to live an even deeper Lenten experience and in preparation for his novena (March 10-18) and feast (March 19).

I began by giving three ways that we can seek to be silent. The first is what we commonly understand as silence: the absence of noise around us. The second is possibly the most necessary silence, particularly if we hope to be living a peaceful and fruitful life, and that is silence inside of me. Quieting down my thought, emotions, ideas, plans, concerns, etc. can lead to a more centered and calm heart and mind. The third type of silence might not even seem to us to be silence at all. This is seeking to limit our activities and actions, which can bring chaos and confusing into our lives. Instead, we seek to follow the example of Mary, sister to Martha, who chose the "one thing necessary" to do: be at the feet of Jesus and listen to him. If we are able to do this consistently and with perseverance, then all of our other activities will be guided and limited by Jesus himself, seeking to do the Father's will, like him.

After going over these three types of silence, we then considered how St. Joseph might aid us in striving to achieve each type in our daily lives.

For the first type, we have this affirmation from St. John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Redemptoris Custos*: "It is...a silence that reveals in a special way the inner portrait of the man. The Gospels speak exclusively of what Joseph 'did.' Still, they allow us to discover in his 'actions' - **shrouded in silence** as they are - **an aura of deep contemplation**. Joseph was in daily contact with the mystery 'hidden from ages past,' and which 'dwelt under his roof.'" Joseph was able to create an "aura" of silence by making daily contact with Jesus, the "mystery hidden from ages past". In other words, it was quiet in the house of Nazareth so that Joseph could hear God speak through his Son Jesus.

The second type is illustrated by this following quote from the same document: "It was from this **interior life** that very singular commands and consolations came, bringing him also the logic and strength that belong to simple and clear souls, and giving him the power of making great decisions-such as the decision **to put his liberty immediately at the disposition of the divine designs**." From his ability to "quiet" his own desires and plans, his own aspirations and expectations, Joseph was able to be completely disposed to the will of God, even when it went against what he had previously decided.

Finally, for the third type of silence, we can take from the citation above these beautiful words: "**the logic and strength that belong to simple and clear souls**". This applies to Joseph precisely because he had such simplicity and clarity. We know this since he was able to hear God even in his sleep! And, when God's will was certain, he was able to respond immediately because his mind and heart was not cluttered with so many contrary thoughts, desires and intuitions. He sought only to know and serve God...everything else was placed after this. "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God"!

May St. Joseph help us to become men of silence and so, like him, be able to know God in each and every moment, to know God's will and to carry it out promptly and completely.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



A Word from Our Worthy Fraternal Insurance Agent *Dave Moeller*

Brother Knights-

I have had a few conversations in the past with brother Knights asking what happens with the proceeds from our Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products and wondering why other insurance companies might be insinuating our products are somehow not comparable. Those discussions made me realize that it might be worthwhile to mention why our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered those Catholic men together in the basement of St. Mary's back in 1882. Many of those men were recent immigrants working hazardous jobs and were dying young leaving their families destitute. Blessed Father McGivney even experienced this firsthand when he had to leave the seminary to go home and assist his family when his own father died. Through the grace of God and financial assistance from the bishop, he eventually went back to the seminary and the rest, as they say, is our amazing history.

One of the primary reasons Blessed Father McGivney gathered those Catholic men was to help provide financial security for them and their families. Through insurance, these new Knights and their families could have that financial protection AND the additional proceeds could be used to provide funding for Catholic based works of charity locally and beyond.

Over 142 years later, with over \$1 billion of life insurance in-force and over \$184 million going to Catholic charities and causes around the world last year alone, I would think our founder is looking down and smiling. Although some of the insurance proceeds are provided back to our insured brothers and the families in the form of dividends (although not guaranteed) each year, the Knights use the additional proceeds from your insurance coverage to support Catholic based causes true to Blessed Father McGivney's vision: supporting vocations, Catholic schools, churches and hospitals, and financial aid to victims of disasters around the world are a few of the great causes. At the California Knights Convention a few years ago, a video was shown of the wheelchairs that are provided to those who could not otherwise afford them. Seeing a poor Catholic man in a third world country who had no option but to drag himself around without legs his whole life being placed into a wheelchair for the first time and seeing the sheer joy and tears of gratitude he displayed was heartwarming beyond words. Your proceeds and investing with your faith are indeed making miracles happen. Can other financial companies you might work with say the same?

God Bless,
Dave Moeller, FICF, MBA
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Our Knight's Mass Dates

**SJM Parish Masses said for the
Knights of Columbus and our
families:**

January 28th, 5:00 PM
February 11th, 11:30 AM
March 24th, 8:00 AM
April 13th, 5:00 PM
May 12th, 9:45 AM
June 30th, 5:00 PM
July 21st, 11:30 AM
August 11th, 8:00 AM
September 7th, 5:00 PM
October 13th, 9:45 AM
November 17th, 5:00 PM
December 22nd, 8:00 AM

In Memoriam

**Remember our deceased brothers
in your prayers:**

Rick Oules
Howard Stoltz
Marcel Conti
Robert Scott
Ted Rosica
John Dineen
James Greenwell
Elmo Novaresi
Ken Broz
George Deane
Scott Spell
Glenn Allen
Tim Mabie
Dick Ciccarelli
Jack Conti
Joe Cavanagh
Rudy Leon
Paul Kistler
Tim Darcey
Dick Langowski
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Remember Your Service Hours!

Granite Bay – Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, (ajc4771@gmail.com) for reporting volunteer hours. Use this guide for determining & quantifying your volunteer time:

Number of visits to the sick or bereaved
Number of blood donations
Number of Habitat for Humanity projects
Hours of service to church
Hours of service to community
Hours of service to youth activities
Hours of service to Culture of Life
Hours of service to Food for Families
Hours of service to Veterans Affairs
Hours of service to Intellectual Disabilities
Hours of service to Special Olympics
Hours of service to Brother Knights
Hours of service!

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Council 13518's Leadership Team

Roseville – Openings are available for all brothers who wish to share their talents with the council.

Grand Knight: Bruce Amundson
Deputy Grand Knight: Cory Johnson
Council Chaplain: Father Brian Crawford
Financial Secretary: Ramon Lopez
Chancellor: Paul Coble
Recorder: Allen Cummings
Treasurer: Jeff Lorek
Advocate: Tim Anderson
Warden: Bob Bennyworth
Inside Guard: Steve Malberg
Outside Guard: Ryan Hickey
Board of Trustees: Pat Geary, Dan Nollette, Dave Whitman
Lecturer: *vacant*
Membership Director: CJ Johnson
Program Director: Cory Johnson
Faith Director: Dave Cadden
Community Director: *vacant*
Family Director: *vacant*
Life Director: Dave Whitman
Ladies Auxiliary Liaison: Mike Ciccarelli
Webmaster: Dan Nollette
Bulletin Editor: Dan Nollette

Our council's standing committee leads:

Seafood Pasta Lead: Mike Ciccarelli
Scholarship Lead: John Bohnett
Scouts Lead: Jon Kantola
Bloodsource Lead: Tony Jelinek
Hospitality (Bar) Lead: Pat Dunn
Coats for Kids Lead: Jeff Lorek
Keep Christ in Christmas Lead: Bruce Amundson
Wheelchair Mission Lead: Jeff Lorek
Widows in Need Lead: Joe Buckwalter
Habitat for Humanity Lead: Allen Cummings
Food for Families Lead: *vacant*
Christmas Baskets Lead: Joe Buckwalter
Chili Knights Lead: John Bohnett & Cory Johnson
Mother's Day Roses Lead: Tim Anderson
SVDP Support Lead: *vacant*