



# Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



*January 2024 Bulletin*

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## ***Council Calendar***

**Tuesday  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**The next council meeting!**

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

***Looking Ahead:***

**Seafood Pasta Dinner!**

**Saturday  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Granite Bay

**Christ the King  
Passionist Retreat!**

**Friday – Sunday**

***St Joseph Marello Men's Retreat:*  
February 16-18, 2024**

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center  
6520 Van Maren Lane  
Citrus Heights

## ***Grand Knight's Report***

Brothers! I hope you were able to attend our Christmas party hosted by DGK Cory Johnson and our Ladies Auxiliary President Jodi Buda. Unfortunately, I was traveling & not able to celebrate with you. As we did not have a meeting there are no meeting notes to distribute.

As you know we are selling tickets to our Crab Feed at each mass; if you can please volunteer to assist our effort to have the best Crab feed ever. One way to assist is just buy a ticket and attend with your friends and family.

We have to track our volunteer hours and report them to Supreme every year. These numbers are published each year. As I mentioned before the Knights of Columbus is not just another mens club. We are the largest Catholic Service organization! We support victims of natural disasters, victims of war and persecution. The right to life program funds mobile units that support mothers and provides much needed health advice. Our wheelchair program supplies wheelchairs to people who desperately need them. Our members visit the sick and provide support and assistance to our fellow parishioners. Our members supply much needed blood and plasma to our local blood bank. These are but a few of the charities that we support. Please report you service hours to our scribe Allen Cummings at [ajc4771@gmail.com](mailto:ajc4771@gmail.com)

These hours need to be reported by January 31, 2024. You did the work take credit for it!

Dues statements have been emailed out for the 2024 year. If you have not payed them yet, please bring a check into the January meeting and pay your dues on time.

Our dues are 41.35 per year. We also ask for a Penney a day from our members to support the many charities the Knight of Columbus supports. That \$3.65 does not sound like much so if you can give more, please do.

**GK Bruce**



*From the Chaplain's Desk:*

## ***FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS: ON THE PASTORAL MEANING OF BLESSINGS***

Greetings my brother Knights,

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all of you and a blessed and prosperous 2024 as well!

I am sure you have heard by now of a document issued by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans*. Unfortunately, most of what you have heard probably has not been a faithful portrayal of the document and its intent. In order to clarify some elements of the declaration which could cause confusion and consternation, I have decided to give a short summary of it, using extensive quotes from the document itself.

*The value of this document...is that it offers a specific and innovative contribution to the pastoral meaning of blessings, permitting a broadening and enrichment of the classical understanding of blessings, which is closely linked to a liturgical perspective.*

So, the document is not "doctrinal", that is, it is not attempting to explain or expand on a teaching of the church, such as marriage and sexual relations. The desire here is to allow for blessings of people who are in situations which are not consistent with what God wants for his people. The declaration states:

*It is precisely in this context that one can understand the possibility of blessing couples in irregular situations and same-sex couples without officially validating their status or changing in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage.*

The blessing is for the people who ask for the blessing. It is not for the situation in which they find themselves, except to help them out of a situation if it is contrary to God's will and the good of the person. If we were to require everyone to be in totally morally upright "status" before receiving blessing, there would be very few blessings given! The document speaks of liturgical blessings and recognizes that such official and formal blessings could not be given to people in irregular situations since the blessing is meant precisely to bless this situation or lifestyle. However, such formal blessings are not the only type of blessings that can be given. In fact,

*One must also avoid the risk of reducing the meaning of blessings to this point of view alone, for it would lead us to expect the same moral conditions for a simple blessing that are called for in the reception of the sacraments.*

This attitude toward informal or spontaneous blessings is meant to help us "not to 'lose pastoral charity, which should permeate all our decisions and attitudes' and to avoid being 'judges who only deny, reject, and exclude'". This is something very dear to Pope Francis and his pontificate: to be tender, kind and merciful is necessary if people are going to draw near to God. In this context, then, the declaration continues:

*The blessing expresses God's merciful embrace and the Church's motherhood, which invites the faithful to have the same feelings as God toward their brothers and sisters.*

Finally, the declaration states that, *a blessing may be imparted...upon those who—recognizing themselves to be destitute and in need of his help—do not claim a legitimation of their own status, but who beg that all that is true, good, and humanly valid in their lives and their relationships be enriched, healed, and elevated by the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

Why would we want to deny a blessing to a person with such a desire? May we all have such a desire constantly in our hearts.

St. Joseph, our protector, pray for us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



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

Brother Knights-

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, we give thanks for all the blessings we received in 2023 and prayers of hope that this new year will include blessings for one and all!

Although I've had the honor of serving as a Worthy Fraternal Insurance Agent for the past six years, I thought I would re-introduce myself to everyone and specifically new Brother Knights and Councils that I now serve. For starters, I've been a brother Knight for 12+ years and have been providing financial management and services for many years. I was born a cheesehead (yes Wisconsin!) but grew up in Northern California (that is, the far north up in Redding). After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy and serving with another great band of brothers in the U.S. Marine Corps, I attended business school at New York University, earned my MBA in Finance, and worked in New York and California in various financial, operations management and technical sales positions before becoming a small business owner (a couple of times). The opportunity to take my background and experiences, combine them with my Catholic faith, and follow Blessed Father McGivney's vision of Brother Knights helping to ensure the financial security of Brother Knights and their families was an easy decision.

My goal in this position is simple: I want to continue bringing our blessed founder's vision to those I serve making sure that each of my brother Knights' financial future is secure for themselves and their loved ones while we are here on earth as well as after we have been called to be with Christ. I am looking forward to this new year and meeting each one of you. Please feel free to reach out to me as well.

Wishing you and your family a blessed 2024!

God Bless,  
Dave Moeller, FICF, MBA  
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## 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, Jim Cortese, Mark Weiner

The St. Joseph Marelo  
Knights of Columbus  
and The Ladies Auxiliary  
Proudly present their annual  
Charity & Scholarship Fundraiser



# Seafood & Pasta Dinner & Raffle

desserts created by the Ladies  
Auxiliary and several unique items  
donated by the Parish community

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lutheran Event Center  
6365 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay

Doors & Raffle Open at 5:30 PM  
Dinner Served at 6:30 PM  
Raffle closes at 8:00 PM  
Last Call at 8:30 PM

**\$80 per person** *no-host bar*

**Advance purchase only**  
Tickets available at each  
Mass or contact  
**Craig Buda: 408-858-9375**  
thebudafamily@yahoo.com



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*Seafood Pasta Dinner & Raffle*

# Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

RETREAT SEASON 2023-2024



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## Women's Retreats

W1 Nov	3-5, 2023
W2 January	19-21, 2024
W3 January	26-28, 2024
W4 February	2-4, 2024
W5 February	23-25, 2024
W6 March	8-10, 2024
W7 March	22-24, 2024
W8 April	12-14, 2024
W9 April	26-28, 2024

## Men's Retreats

M1 Dec	1-3, 2023
M2 February	9-11, 2024
M3 February	16-18, 2024
M4 March	1-3, 2024
M5 April	5-7, 2024

## Retreat Team

Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.  
Gwen Devereux  
Talib Huff

Fr. Jack Conley, C.P.  
Director of Ministry

This season's theme is a response to the voices we have heard — the concerns and hopes— of Christ the King retreatants. So many people have expressed their fear for the next generation. Coupled with gratitude for so many things, many are also frustrated with the outrage in public discourse, the divisions in Church and culture, global concerns like wars and climate change, and the break-up of the family. We continue to pray about immigration and racism and the dignity of all life, and we wonder if there is something more we might be doing.

But we also attempt to move beyond the "front burner" issues and ponder what the Spirit might be telling us amidst all the hurt and hatred, the harmony and healing. Thus, the conferences will center upon... not our wish-lists for next week, but God's dream for the next millennium, always conscious of the Kingdom, God's love in our time. Here we become the hope we wish for the world.

**ALL WEEKENDS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY PARISH GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS**

### FRIDAY

4:30pm	Registration Begins
5:30 pm	Social & Welcome Announcements
6:30 pm	Supper in Dining Room
7:30 pm	Opening Prayer Service and First Conference (Chapel)

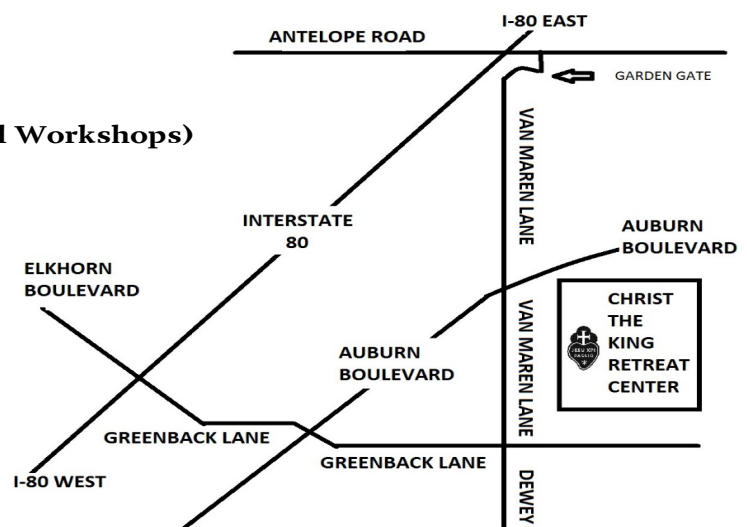
### SATURDAY

8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Second Conference
11:30 am	Liturgy (Chapel)
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	(Quiet, Rest, Study, Optional Workshops)
3:00 pm	Third Conference (Chapel)
3:45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:15 pm	Fourth Conference
6:00 pm	Supper
7:00 pm	Fifth Conference
8:00 pm	Social

### SUNDAY

8:00 am	Morning Prayer
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Retreat Center Updates/ Sixth Conference
11:45 am	Concluding Liturgy Peaceful Farewell

### MAP



# Remember Your Service Hours!

Granite Bay – Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, ([ajc4771@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

## ***Council Admin***

### **Our council mailing address:**

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### **Our council website:**

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[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

### **California State Council website:**

[www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org)

### **Northern California Chapter website:**

[www.norcalknights.org](http://www.norcalknights.org)

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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:** *vacant*  
**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*