



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marelo Council 13518



April 2026 Bulletin

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Council Calendar

Upcoming Events

Next Council Gathering!

Tuesday, April 14th

Officer Meeting at 5:00 PM
Social at 6:00 PM; Meeting at 6:45 PM

Tax Day!

Wednesday, April 15th

St. Joseph Marillo's Family Day

Saturday, April 26th

St Joseph Marelo Parish
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

On the horizon:

Knights of Columbus

California State Council's

State Convention!

Thursday through Sunday

May 14th to 17th

Visalia Convention Center
Visalia, California

<https://www.californiaknights.org/sam2026/>

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

I wanted to sincerely thank everyone who helped with the **Lenten Soup Suppers** and **parking on Easter Sunday**. We had **great turnouts** for the soup suppers—they were a wonderful community event and a great opportunity for fellowship with our parishioners.

We also did an excellent job managing parking on Easter Sunday. We received many positive comments and thank-you's, and your efforts greatly helped with the smooth inflow and outflow of traffic. It was also great visibility and advertising for the Knights.

Looking ahead, we will need help **setting up for the new Family Picnic Day on April 26**. We will meet at **3:00 PM on Saturday, April 25**, to assist with setup. **Brother Mike Ciccarelli** will be heading up a team to handle the BBQ for the picnic.

Finally, this is crunch time to **nominate new officers**, including my replacement as **Grand Knight**. Please come prepared to make nominations or volunteer at our meeting on **Tuesday**.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

God bless,

GK Craig



From the Chaplain's Desk

A Year of Grace with St Joseph Marello

Greetings my brother Knights,

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Risen Lord always reign in our hearts and minds so that we might follow his example of love and sacrifice in our lives.

I hope you are all enjoying this Season of joy and peace, basking in the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus. We are called to be people of joy, people of love, in the midst of sacrifice and suffering. We can do this when we have our eyes always fixed on Jesus, our Crucified Lord and Risen Savior. It is the Paschal Mystery which assures us of our joy even in the midst of difficulties and struggles. So, smile, Jesus is Risen and sin and death have been vanquished!

Living in joy is the next virtue of St. Joseph Marello which I would like to consider this month, continuing in our Year of Grace with our patron and model. That Marello was a person of joy is attested to by those who knew him and testified at his process of beatification and canonization. Nowhere in those testimonies do we encounter the statement that Marello was melancholy, sad, irritated, upset, etc, etc. It is true that in some of the letters we have written when he was young and in the seminary, he expresses outrage and having been wronged and a desire to see justice served...at the expense of the one who wronged him! Not his finest moment and noteworthy only because so much out of character with most of his letters and most certainly

his personality as a priest and bishop. It is in these letters most especially that we encounter a man full of joy and peace, not allowing any circumstance to lead him to sadness and despair.

Several of these letters of correspondence are between Marello and Fr. Giovanni Battista Cortona, the OSJ priest who took over as superior when Marello was sent to Acqui as bishop. We do not have the letters that Fr. Cortona wrote to Marello but we do have his letter in answer and we see there that much of the time, he needs to calm Fr. Cortona down and reassure him of God's providence. It seems that often, Cortona was concerned about there not being enough money to meet the community's needs, or not enough understanding from the bishop or the local clergy for the life and ministry of the community...or just about any sort of problem one can imagine having to deal with such a large group of people all under one roof. We must recall that besides the Oblates, there were also orphans, elderly and infirmed men and women, and students...and eventually even a community of religious sisters. Fr. Cortona would write to Marello seeking advice and assistance, and Bishop Marello would respond with a joyful response that God would provide, and St. Joseph would watch over all of the children at Santa Chiara, the name of the place in Asti where they were housed. Peace and joy!

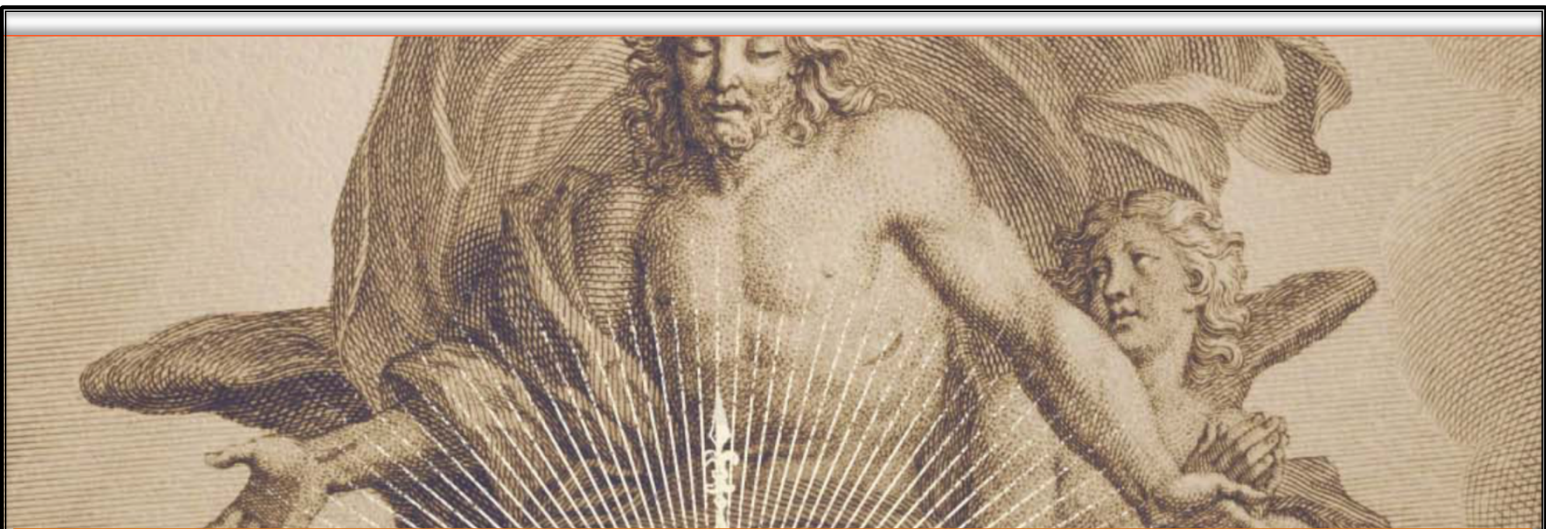
We also have the witness of his secretary as bishop, Fr. Pietro Peloso, who testified that Bishop Marello was always of good cheer on his pastoral visits, when having office visits and when dealing with even difficult clergy and laity. Such was his joyful disposition, that Marello succeeded in winning over Monsignor Pagella, who had expected to be named the bishop instead of Marello and was somewhat resentful at the beginning of their relationship. By the time of Marello's death, this same "opponent" came to the defense of the Oblates of St. Joseph in order that they not be amalgamated with another religious congregation. He did this, we hear from people in the know, because of the goodness and joy of Bishop Marello. Joy always wins over resentment and sadness!

Let us strive to have such joy in our lives that others are moved to joy!

St. Joseph Marello, man of great joy,
pray for us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ





Exodus 90

Weight of Glory Challenge

To unpack the gifts of the Easter season, we are turning to an unexpected source after the Octave: the Book of Job. While the story of Job may not seem like the first choice for our Easter celebration, it is truly relevant as an image of the Resurrection. It will allow us to focus on a pressing issue for spiritual growth during this time: how can we accept the Resurrection as a transforming source of grace amid the hardships of life?

Exodus 90 Challenge



Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!



<https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>



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

Brother Knights,

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of Spring, we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. Spring has arrived and, along with the flowers blooming and the weather getting warmer, comes another indication of the season: Tax Day! It is still as inevitable as... well... death and taxes. It's a time when most of us focus on the income we've made.... and how much of that we hand over to the government. I heard a joking suggestion that the income tax form could be simplified and reduced to just two questions and a statement:

How much did you earn last year? How much do you have left? Send it all in!

Seriously, now is a good time to review your finances and make sure you are on the right path to minimizing the amount of taxes you will pay moving forward. Do you believe that your tax burden will decrease, stay the same or increase in the future? I'm guessing you answered "increase" as they most assuredly will. As I mentioned, taxes are inevitable but there are ways to reduce and even eliminate taxes on your savings.

And good news! Your financial security benefits with the Knights of Columbus include savings products that are tax advantaged which means your savings grow tax deferred and may even be withdrawn tax-free.

Let's plan to meet and discuss. I would be happy to provide you and your family with a comprehensive financial review and provide more details about tax-advantaged savings. Or, as I like to say, explain how to keep Uncle Sam from becoming an uninvited beneficiary of your savings.

God Bless!

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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, Bob
Otway, Paul Corsaro Sr., Jim Curl
& Dave Elkins

Mount Saint Joseph Wines

A SUMMER PRELUDE:

Dinner & Music in the Vineyard

Featuring Rock, Salt & Nails



Friday, May 15th at 5:00-8:00 pm

Mount Saint Joseph Vineyard - 6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis, CA

Save the Date!

MSJ Wine available to purchase

Contact MSJ Wines for more details:
info@msjwines.com

Remember Your Service Hours!

Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, (71prac71@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

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

Grand Knight: Craig Buda

Deputy Grand Knight: Ted Garelis

Council Chaplain: Father Brian Crawford

Financial Secretary: Ramon Lopez

Chancellor: John Da Roza

Recorder: Allen Cummings

Treasurer: Ralph Yonka

Advocate: Cory Johnson

Warden: Ed Salemme

Inside Guard: Steve Malberg

Outside Guard: Ryan Hickey

Board of Trustees: Pat Geary, Dan Nollette, Paul Coble

Lecturer: John Bohnett

Membership Director: CJ Johnson

Program Director: Craig Budda

Faith Director: *vacant*

Community Director: Dan Nollette

Family Director: Paul Coble

Life Director: *vacant*

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison: Mike Ciccarelli

Webmaster: Dan Nollette

Bulletin Editor: Dan Nollette

Our council's standing committee leads:

Crab Feed Lead: Dan Nollette

Scholarship Lead: John Bohnett

Bloodsource Lead: Tony Jelinek

Hospitality (Bar) Lead: Pat Dunn

Coats for Kids Lead: *vacant*

Keep Christ in Christmas Lead: Bruce Amundson

Wheelchair Mission Lead: *vacant*

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: Ted Garelis & John Bohnett

Mother's Day Roses Lead: Tim Anderson

SVDP Support Lead: *vacant*