



# Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marelo Council 13518



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## ***Council Calendar***

**Tuesday  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**The next council meeting!**

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

***Looking Ahead:***

**Chili Cook-off!  
Saturday,  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
St Joseph Marelo Ministry Center  
Granite Bay

**Seafood Pasta Dinner!  
Saturday,  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Granite Bay

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

Granite Bay – Brothers, fall has arrived, and we are planning events that will need your support.

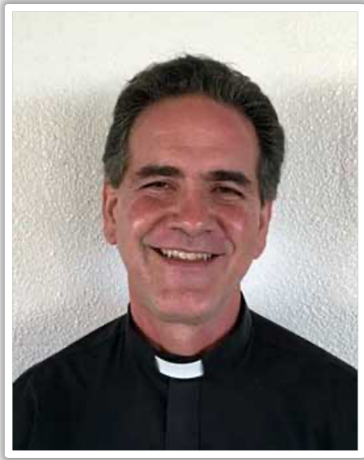
The first one is our annual Chili Cook-off. This event is headed by John Bohnett and Cory Johnson please support their efforts to make this an enjoyable event. This event supports our council ID drive and 10% of the funds will go to our parish.

The second event is our Crab Feed in February, this event is a bit more involved, the planning has to start now. Mike Cicarelli is leading this effort; he will need all of our support.

We welcomed three new members to our order on Saturday September 9th. Our newest members are Ronald Arendt, Theodore Garcia and William Morgan.

Please remember to wear you badges to all masses you attend. This will show our support for our parish to everyone and also allows easy identification of men who are not members of our order. Our goal should be to have every male over 18 to be a member of our council.

**GK Bruce**



*From the Chaplain's Desk:*

## *Am I Excited About My Faith?*

Loomis -- Greetings my brother Knights,

As I write this article, I have just returned from a very pleasant afternoon at Oracle Ballpark, watching my two favorite teams in Major League Baseball, the Cincinnati Reds and the San Francisco Giants, battle it out. (The Reds were victorious but since I root for both teams I really could not lose!) Joining me in this adventure were both of the brothers studying theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Jose and Victor. We went as a community outing, but I am pretty sure they would not have gone had I not suggested it as a possibility. Neither of them is a big baseball fan and I needed to explain some of what was happening on the field as we watched. It would be safe to say that I was more excited about the baseball part of the outing while they seemed to enjoy more just being outside and a beautiful day and not in the classroom! (I ought to explain that there are not classes on Wednesdays at the seminary and this was a classic Wednesday afternoon get-a-way game).

Reflecting on this, I asked myself if I am as excited and interested about my Catholic faith as I am about MLB. Might seem like a silly question for an Oblate of St. Joseph priest to ask, but I think it can certainly seem at times that I am more interested in the latter rather than the former. The amount of time I spend watching,

following, and thinking about baseball during the season can be quite a bit, and that might indicate that my priorities are a bit off. What to do?

For me, I deliberately, at times, do not continue watching or following a particular game. Instead, I turn off the TV or the computer, and I go to the chapel or go out and pray the rosary. This is not a penance or punishment...far from it. It is a check and an opportunity for me to see if I am excited and interested in connecting with God, with Jesus, with the Spirit, with the Saints, with all of the baptized, to the point where I am able to set aside something that is certainly enjoyable and yet not even close to being as important. I admit that at times my mind wanders back to the game and the possible result and then I immediately call myself back to the prayer at hand and ask the Holy Spirit to enliven my heart with a love and faith so strong that nothing can break or interrupt it. While at the ballpark today, I did not stop watching the game but I did seek to be as charitable and loving as I could be to my brothers and to those around me. In other words, I was seeking to be a good Christian as well as a good sport. Seeing the enjoyment of a baseball game as another opportunity to evangelize and lead others to Christ. This is not going to happen if I am not first seeking to know and follow Christ above everything else, including how my teams are doing in the playoff race!

How about you? What can you place as a substitute to baseball? Anything taking up a lot of time and effort, something really exciting that takes up a lot of my attention? Am I able to set that aside and turn to God, seeking to know and love him more and to ask the Spirit to allow any and all activities and interests to deepen my knowledge and love of God and not distract from it? I believe this is a healthy exercise to do every so often to ensure that I am not seeking to put something or someone else as number one priority in my life, since that place is already and completely occupied by God! Food for thought.

St. Joseph, model of the interior life, pray for us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



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

Brother Knights,

Every September, a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the “Life Insurance Awareness Month” campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is the cornerstone of a family’s future financial security.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don’t understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order’s insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney’s two main reasons for founding the Order was “the need to protect families during sickness and death” (pg. 17). Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney “spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature” (pg. 35). Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an “associate member.” Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining!

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were critical catalysts in forming the Order.

While Catholic men continue to seek to strengthen their faith, their families also still need protection from untimely death. Our mission remains just as important today.

To make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment, providing me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today with your financial planning. These financial tools help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security for you and your family!

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 Ciccarella, Jack Conti, Joe Cavanagh, Rudy Leon, Paul Kistler, Tim Darcey, Dick Langowski, Jim Cortese, Mark Werner

# 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***

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[www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.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  
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**Lector:** *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:** *vacant*  
**Scholarship Lead:** John Bohnett  
**Scouts Lead:** Jon Kantola  
**Bloodsource Lead:** Tony Jelinek  
**Hospitality (Bar) Lead:** Paul Coble  
**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*