



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



January 2026 Bulletin

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Council Calendar Upcoming Events

Next Council Gathering!

Tuesday
January 13th, 2026

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

Crab Feed!

Saturday
January 31st

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Granite Bay
Doors open 5:00 PM; Dinner served 6:30 PM

Christ the King Retreat Center's Men's Retreat

Friday - Sunday
February 27th to March 1st

Check-in is at 4:30 PM on Feb 27th; retreat
activities continue through Mass on March 1st.
6520 Van Maren Lane
Citrus Heights

<https://christthekingretreatcenter.org>

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Happy New Year Brothers! Hope you enjoyed the Christmas Season with friends and family. Thank you for all your time and efforts in 2025 and welcome to our newest Brother Knights.

The **Crab Feed** is three weeks away and tickets sales are looking great. Don't forget to purchase yours ASAP. It will be *all-hands-on-deck* so please let Dan Nollette know if and how you can help.

It's that time to start lining up our **officers for 2026/2027**. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming an officer or would like to nominate a fellow Brother.

Look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday night.

God Bless!

GK Craig





From the Chaplain's Desk

A Year of Grace with St Joseph Marelo

Greetings my brother Knights,

Happy New Year 2026! May we spend this year in service of our God by dedicating our entire life, time, talents and efforts for his glory and the spread of his Kingdom, under the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

Entering this new year, we continue our celebration of St. Joseph Marelo, in preparation for the 25th Anniversary of his Canonization, by exploring his particular virtues. Virtues that he both appreciated in St. Joseph and that he sought to live in his own life. Previously, we considered his humility and his hidden life. Now we come to another "H" virtue in the life and spirituality of both St. Josephs: hard work or industriousness.

We know that this applies to St. Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father to Jesus, because he is referred to by the title (and has a feast day under that title on May 1!), St. Joseph the Worker. His trade was carpentry, though his material was not only wood. The word in Greek used to describe his trade is "tekton" which means one who builds and constructs using various natural materials. He would have used stones and metals as well as wood, then. Though the Gospels do not speak directly about Joseph at work, we do know that Jesus, when he returned to his hometown of Nazareth during his ministry, was known as the son of the carpenter. This indicates that St. Joseph was known

For his work, implying that his work was appreciated and sought after. In other words, he was a good worker. What is more important, however, is that his work was done in answer to God's call and according to God's will. We know this because Joseph is referred to as a "just" man and this refers to somebody who is living according to God's laws and is after God's heart. That Joseph worked hard and did not do enough just to "get by" is that his fame was associated with his work. This is also seen in the fact that, though a poor family living in a poor town, Joseph was able to provide for his family such that both Mary and Jesus were able to fulfill what God asked of them. "Joseph the Worker" could easily be referred to as "Joseph the Hard Worker"!

What of Marelo? Well, let's consider all of the roles he had after his ordination to the priesthood: secretary to the bishop, spiritual director and catechist in the seminary, spiritual director of various young people, founder of the Oblates of St. Joseph, director of the Cerrato Hospice, collaborator in the Michelerio Orphanage, canon of the Cathedral, chancellor of the Diocese...and then named Bishop of Acqui, while continuing as founder! Now that is a lot of work! That he did the work well and responsibly is demonstrated by the fact that he was loved and appreciated by all and that he was never fired from any position held as long as he held them. Hard worker indeed! And, as with his patron Joseph of Nazareth, all for the glory of God and according to God's will.

One final observation about Marelo and work: he considered the most important work to be prayer. In writing to a fellow priest and at a difficult time for the church, he proclaimed that the most important apostolate was prayer! When lamenting the youth abandoned by society and the need to work for their betterment, he then says we must pray, pray for our young people...before any other activity!

So, my brother Knights, let us follow the example of industriousness, of hard work, of our St. Josephs, and this most especially by increasing our time and intensity of prayer.

Wishing you all a fruitful and blessed year 2026!

Fr. Brian, OSJ





<https://www.mountsaintjosephwines.com>



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Happening Now

Exodus 90 Challenge

I will be with you

Find true freedom in Jesus Christ by learning to rely on the presence of the Lord. We will make our journey through the Book of Exodus guided by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB and Jamie Baxter. Is it time for your Exodus?



<https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/>



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 2025 and prayers of hope that this new year will include blessings for one and all!

Of course, this talk about a hopeful future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more, or perhaps spiritually centered around a more prayerful life. Others think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family, friends and those most important in our lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you with is financial peace of mind with a free, professional review of your financial health and goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? Some members are not even aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement savings products. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself.

Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. How much do you and your family need? I can help with that.

Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out.

Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk.

With concern about upcoming market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee an interest rate for life, the safety of a conservative investment strategy, and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will not only be more clear, but that you will have financial peace of mind for you and your family.

Wishing you and your family a blessed 2026!

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
Cicarelli, 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



Knights of Columbus



St Joseph Mareello Council 13518 & Ladies Auxiliary

present the 2026 annual charity & scholarship fundraiser

Crab Feed!

A Seafood & Pasta Dinner & Auction



Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Doors open at 5:00 PM; Lutheran Event Center, Granite Bay

Tickets \$90/person; Contact a Knight or Dan Nollette for tickets

Daniel.nollette@gmail.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!

Council Admin

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www.norcalknights.org

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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*