



# Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marelo Council 13518



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## Council Calendar

### *Upcoming Events*

***Mother's Day!***

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

***Council Social &  
Meeting!***

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

***State Convention***

**Thursday through Sunday**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**

Visalia, California

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

***Pentecost***

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

***Memorial Day***

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Brothers,**

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with St Joseph Marelo Parish's first *Family Day* picnic. We battled the elements and still delivered—setting up, BBQing, and tearing down. It was great exposure for our Order, and we may have even recruited a few new Knights. Great job to all involved!

Also, thank you to those who assisted **Brother Pete Lopez** with the pancake feed at the Mount this past Sunday.

Please be prepared to **nominate and vote on new officers** at our meeting on Tuesday night.

Our Worthy Treasurer, **Brother Ralph Yonka**, has sent out the proposed budget for next year, which will require approval.

We have leftover hamburgers and hot dogs from the Family Day picnic, which we will serve for dinner Tuesday night. Many thanks to the brothers who will be BBQing for us!

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,

Continuing in our Easter joy in the Risen Lord Jesus, we come to the month dedicated to his Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we celebrate her in the month of May, let us also remember to entrust ourselves to her maternal care, as did her beloved Son, our Lord Jesus.

And speaking of those who entrusted themselves to the care of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph Marello is one of these in a very real way. He lost his mother at the tender age of four, after the birth of his brother Victor. Their father, Vincent, not wanting to have them be without a mother-figure, moved from the big city of Turin back to his hometown of San Martino Tanaro to be close to his family and friends. One of these family members, who was actually the sister of Vincent's first wife who had died without leaving any children, offered to care for the children. "Zia Catterina" was considered by Marello to be his second mother and he always carried fond memories of her. He was very pleased when she was able to attend his ordination to the priesthood in 1868.

Though this was certainly true and a consolation for Joseph and his brother, Marello also knew that he had another mother, one who would also care and look out for him and never fail in this. This, of course, was the Blessed Virgin Mary. He turned to her asking her to be his mother...and she did not disappoint!

The first major instance we have of Mary demonstrating her maternal care for Marello was when he was 12 years old. He had done very well in school and his father wanted to reward him with a special trip. Knowing of his son's devotion to the Blessed Mother, no doubt, he decided to take him on pilgrim-

-age to the Shrine of Our Lady of Ransom in Savona. In this shrine dedicated to Mary, there was a statue of her which had been crowned by Pope Pius VII after he had been freed from his Napoleonic exile. In fact, he had been held prisoner by the French emperor in the city of Savona and had promised our Lady of Ransom to return and crown her image if she would "ransom" him from the clutches of Napoleon. It was on the pilgrimage to this shrine that they young boy Marello confirmed that he was being called to be a priest. He asked his father for permission to enter the seminary on the train ride back to San Martino and his father reluctantly agreed.

The reluctance of Marello's father was fed by his desire to have his first born son carry on the family name and business. This was one of the reason's that Joseph, at the age of 17 decided to leave the seminary and pursue studies in Turin. His heavenly mother was not going to let this go unchallenged! Living in big cities in those days was a good way to catch a deadly disease and this is what happened to Marello, stricken by typhoid fever. In the throes of his illness, the Blessed Mother came to Joseph and told him that he must commit to return to the seminary in order to be cured. Obtaining his father's blessings, who only wanted his son to live, Marello made the decision to return to the seminary. He was immediately cured and just as immediately asked to be received once again in seminary, a request which was gladly accepted by it's superiors.

Of course, Marello's devotion to St. Joseph also fed his devotion to Mary. When he founded the Oblates of St. Joseph, one of their hallmarks was to be a special devotion to Mary, supported particularly by the frequent recitation of the holy rosary. This continues in the Congregation to the present day.

One final proof of Mary's care for St. Joseph Marello is demonstrated in the final days of his life. Now Bishop of Acqui, he was asked to come to Savona to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the death of St. Philip Neri by the Oratorians, the congregation founded by this saint. Though he was not in good health, Marello did not want to refused this request and disappoint the Oratorians. We of the OSJ, also believe he wanted to return to the "birthplace" of his priestly vocation in order to offer himself to God, if he so pleased, to save the OSJ. At the time, another congregation was seeking to amalgamate the OSJ and the founder did not believe this to be God's will. While in Savona, he returned intentionally to the Shrine of Our Lady of Ransom and made his offering, through the intercession of his mother in heaven. The offering was accepted and he passed from this life into heaven on May 30, 1895...and into the loving arms of his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Joseph Marello, devoted son of Mary,  
pray for us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



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

Brother Knights,

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 144 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or was unable to work. Our Order continues this mission to this day. That two-pronged approach to the Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and, even though much has changed in our society since 1882, that approach is still so important and needed now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I also work to secure the financial security future for our brother Knights, their families and those loved ones who are left behind. That's why being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs. But when it comes to who will assist us with those preparations, who do we choose? The organization who provides over \$194 million of those financial security proceeds annually to Catholic charities and causes? A brotherhood whose members are setting an example of true Christian charity? The company who leaves no neighbor behind? Or some other company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is?

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired, or it's been a long time, to take a fresh look at your Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what financial products and services we have that will help you and your family. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs and can provide tax-advantaged savings for you. We also have guaranteed rate, tax-deferred savings products designed for short term, retirement, and any savings needs in-between. Long-term care insurance and disability income replacement insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected curves that life throws at us. And Catholic faith-based investment funds that can support your family's retirement savings goals. I look forward to speaking with you about the possibilities of financial security and retirement planning 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  
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 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-8:00 pm

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

**Dinner sold out - but show up with \$20 at the door  
for music and a glass of wine ... at the vineyard!**

***MSJ Wine available to purchase***

**[www.msjwines.com](http://www.msjwines.com)**

# Remember Your Service Hours!

Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, ([71prac71@gmail.com](mailto: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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# 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*