



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marelllo Council 13518



November 2025 Bulletin

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Council Calendar Upcoming Events

Next Council Gathering!

Tuesday

November 11th*, 2025

Officer Meeting at 5:00 PM

Social at 6:00 PM

Membership Meeting at 6:45 PM

**Veteran's Day!*

Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Saturday

November 15th, 2025

SJM Ministry Center

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Thanksgiving

Thursday

November 27th, 2025

Christmas Social

Tuesday

December 9th, 2025

Potluck Mixer

SJM Ministry Center

6:00 PM

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

As some of you know, I will not be at our November meeting. Our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, **Ted Garelis**, will be leading the meeting. He and Brother **John Bohnett** have been on fire selling tickets for the **Chili Cookoff** — they'll have an exciting update to share, and it looks like we're headed for a great turnout!

We've also had a strong couple of months recruiting new Brothers, and a few of them will be going through their **final confirmation this weekend**. Please keep them in your prayers and offer a warm welcome when you see them.

Construction on our **new shed** will begin soon, with completion expected within the next 30 days. In addition, we've purchased a large number of coats for our annual **Coats for Kids** event on **December 13th**. This is always a wonderful event, and we could use some help with setup at the ministry center, distributing coats, and taking things down afterward.

Finally, we'll close out the year with our **Christmas Potluck Mixer** at our next meeting on **December 9th**. Please bring a dish to share and invite your significant other. More details will follow as we get closer.

I look forward to seeing everyone when I return. Thank you all for your continued service and brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Craig





From the Chaplain's Desk

A Year of Grace with St Joseph Marello

Greetings my brother Knights,

As promised, this month we will begin diving into the virtues characteristic of our Council and Parish patron, St. Joseph Marello. Toward the end of November, we will open the Year of Grace with St. Joseph Marello celebration, & we will study his virtues throughout this year in order to inspire us to reach also for the holiness in which he grew during his earthly pilgrimage and the fullness of which he is now enjoying in heavenly glory.

The first virtue for Marello to note is humility. This is the mother of all virtues because without true humility we cannot connect with God. And, without God there is no holiness and so no true virtue. Humility is to be understood as accepting who I am and who God is. That is, God is everything and I am nothing without him. Therefore, all glory, honor and praise go to God. I am praised and honored if and when I am living in God and doing his holy will. In humility, I accept this truth with great hope and peace. I do not strive to be recognized nor honored, and I accept recognition and honor, when it is due, all for the glory of God.

This virtue for St. Joseph Marello was not easy to obtain. This was because he had a very charismatic personality and people tended to admire him and look up to him. He was often asked to guide and lead and this can be a great challenge to humility. This is truly the case when I believe all of this attention is because of what I am doing and behaving and not because God is doing through me.

For Marello, this struggle to be humble reached a peak when he turned 18 and left the seminary in Asti in order to pursue higher studies in the big city of Turin. He later admitted that he took this step out of what he called "ambition". This ambition manifested itself in a great "plan" which he had developed in his mind and heart to "save" society and bring it back to the faith and allegiance to the Church. He had convinced himself that this plan could best be realized by him as a layman since the clergy were being rejected and put down by the political and intellectual elite. What he failed to do, however, as he himself admitted later, was to present this "plan" to God and see if it was his will. Instead, he had let himself be swayed by the attention and praise he had received from others and thought he could "do great things" for God and the Church...but without being led by God and the Church!

He realized his error and his great need for God in the throes of his illness a year and a half after leaving the seminary. Having been told by the Virgin Mary that he must return to the seminary and become a priest, he humbly did as he had been told. Of course, he had to humbly seek re-admission from his seminary superiors (which was readily conceded and with great joy!) and from that moment he sought only to do the will of God and to not seek any honor for himself.

His humility in this regard was manifested in accepting his first assignment as the bishop's secretary and not in a parish as he had hoped and later in not wanting to be recognized as the only founder of the OSJ but to consider all of the first Oblate brothers as co-founders with him. In 1888, when appointed bishop of Acqui by the Pope, he sought to not accept this position, considering himself not capable for carrying out such an important role at a delicate time for the Church and Society. A far cry from his earlier "plan"! When the Cardinal of Turin insisted that he accept the nomination as the Pope did not like it when this was done, he humbly accepted and sought to do his best as bishop, always under the guidance of Divine Providence and the Holy Father. What great humility and trust from one who had earlier been so ambitious. God can do great things if we but humbly allow him to be God and we to be his obedient children.

May we all strive to live out this virtue of humility with the same fervor and zeal as our Patron.

Fr. Brian, OSJ





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COATS FOR KIDS



Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program has provided warm winter coats to children in need living in cold climates in the United States, Canada and overseas. Traditionally, each Thanksgiving weekend, Knights distribute thousands of free coats at events held across the United States. St Joseph Marelo Knights of Columbus Council 13518 is teaming up with St Joseph Marelo Parish to distribute coats on December 13th in the Ministry Center as well as delivering coats along with Christmas Baskets to Immaculate Conception Parish in downtown Sacramento on December 20th.



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

Brother Knights,

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized as a very important way to raise awareness about elder care and planning before it's needed. To mark the occasion, here are 10 critical facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance:

1 - Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was an additional 20 years on average (that's 85 years old).

2 - By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.

3 – The number of people in need of long-term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.

4 – Average out-of-pocket costs are \$70,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.

5 – By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.

6 – For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.

7 – Currently, most older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.

8 – Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.

9 – The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection last year. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.

10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely going to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits. These facts are sobering, and you can see why long-term care support is a significant retirement savings "buster". Your Knights of Columbus benefits includes the solution to this issue in the form of Long-term Care insurance available to both you and your spouse. Please contact me for more details.

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

Save the date!



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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

Remember Your Service Hours!

Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, (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!

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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: *vacant*

Mother's Day Roses Lead: Tim Anderson

SVDP Support Lead: *vacant*