



# Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



February 2026 Bulletin

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## Council Calendar Upcoming Events

### Next Council Gathering!

**Tuesday**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

### *Ash Wednesday*

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

St Joseph Marello Parish Mass Times:  
7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### *Christ the King Retreat Center's*

## *Men's Retreat*

**Friday - Sunday**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Check-in is at 4:30 PM on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>; retreat  
activities continue through Mass on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

6520 Van Maren Lane  
Citrus Heights

<https://christthekingretreatcenter.org>

## *Grand Knight's Report*

**Brothers,**

Thanks for all your help and support at the Crab Feed. It was a huge success and great job by all. We have received many compliments on the flow and ease of seating. We learn new lessons every year on how to make it better.

As I mentioned in my last message, we need to start nominating new officers especially a new Grand Knight:). We will be discussing this at the next meeting, but please consider volunteering or nominating a fellow brother Knight or two.

The Lenten season is upon us and hope we vote to continue with the Friday soup supper with the Ladies. It's a great Parish and Community event.

Look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday.

**God Bless!**

***GK Craig***





*From the Chaplain's Desk*

## *A Year of Grace with St Joseph Mareello*

Greetings my brother Knights,

Toward the end of this month, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and enter into another 40-day season of Lent. During this season, we are encouraged to make a special effort to increase the time and effort we spend in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would encourage all of you to pray the Mareello Year prayer each day during these forty days as a way to increase our prayers time and at the same time grow closer to our patron St. Joseph Mareello. This might seem like a simple thing to do and yet we know we need to be consistent and faithful to such a commitment if we hope to succeed.

In fact, the virtue I would like to present this month as particular and dear to St. Joseph Mareello (continuing our preparation for the 25th anniversary celebration of his canonization later this year) is precisely simplicity and specifically, simplicity of life. Before going any further, however, it is important to understand what is meant by simplicity in this context.

Simplicity here does not mean easy. That can at times be a way that we use the term and it is legitimate. It also does not mean unintelligent or slow to understand as the term is also used at times. However, when speaking of simplicity as a virtue, simplicity of life, we mean not complicated, not multi-pronged but singular. One of the beatitudes given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew refers to this type of simplicity: the pure of heart or the single-hearted. The promise is associated with this

beatitude is that such a simple person will see God! Of course, seeing God is the ultimate goal of a virtuous life and so it is easy to see how simplicity is an essential virtue.

This virtue can be seen in the life of St. Joseph Mareello, most particularly by his ability to accomplish so many tasks without losing his equanimity. You might recall that last month we presented Mareello's virtue of hard work or industriousness and we said this was evident also in the many works that he had to undertake all at once. This could lead to a complicated life but only if the goal is to do a lot of things and draw attention to one's doing a lot of things! Instead, St. Joseph Mareello showed his simplicity in the midst of these multiple tasks by seeing each one as doing the will of God. Many of the duties he took on were assigned him by the bishop of the diocese, so clearly from God. Others, such as taking over the direction of a care home for the sick and elderly, were provided him by being in the right place at the right time...in other words, God's providence. The founding of the OSJ is seen as the will of God because the Congregation has been approved and accepted by the Church.

Many times, people will say to me, and certainly with good intentions, "I know you are very busy Father...." and then ask something of me. Most often, before they can ask, I will say, "I am not all that busy!" This is the case not because I am lazy (though I have my moments!) but because I do not believe that God wants to overload me. So, if all that I am doing is God's will, then I can handle it and it is not overtasking. If I am finding it such, then I am most likely complicating things by trying to do something other than what God wants. A pure hearted, single hearted, simple life seeks only one thing: to do the holy will of God. This was Jesus' desire when he said, "My bread is to do the will of the one who sent me" and "I have come to do the Father's will". Focused and concentrated, this is the virtue of simplicity and one which is available to each one of us.

St. Joseph Mareello, model of simplicity, pray for us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ

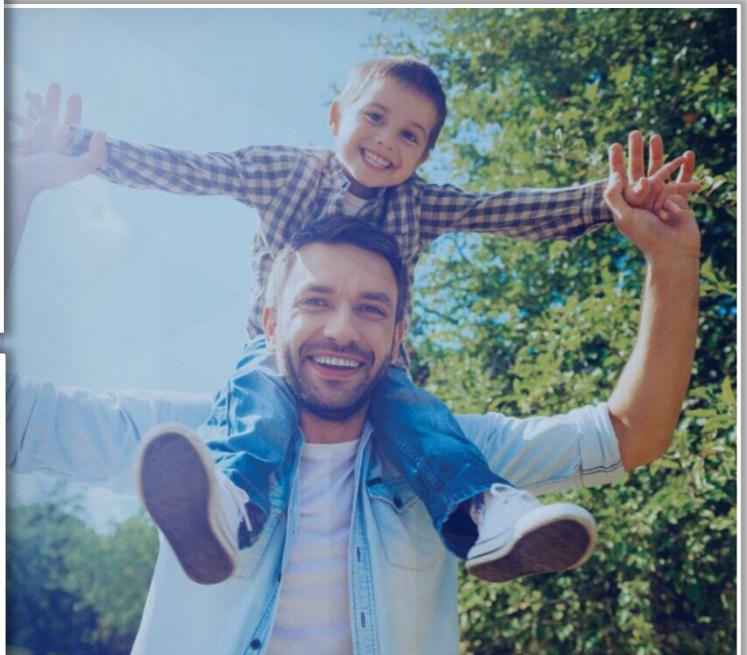




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## **A Word from Our Worthy Fraternal Insurance Agent *Dave Moeller***

Brother Knights,

I have had a few conversations in the past with brother Knights asking what happens with the proceeds from our Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products and wondering why other insurance companies might be insinuating our products are somehow not comparable. Those discussions made me realize that it might be worthwhile to mention why our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered those Catholic men together in the basement of St. Mary's church in New Haven, CT back in 1882. Many of those men were recent immigrants working hazardous jobs and dying young leaving their families destitute. Blessed Father McGivney even experienced this firsthand when he had to leave the seminary to go home and assist his family when his own father died. Through the grace of God and financial assistance from the bishop, he eventually went back to the seminary and the rest, as they say, is our amazing history.

One of the primary reasons Blessed Father McGivney gathered those Catholic men was to help provide financial security for them and their families. Through insurance, these new Knights and their families could have that financial protection AND the additional proceeds could be used by the order to provide funding for Catholic based works of charity locally and beyond. Over 143 years later, with over \$123 billion of life insurance in-force and over \$190 million supporting

Catholic charities and causes around the world just last year alone, I would think our founder is looking down and smiling. Although some of the insurance proceeds are provided back to our insured brothers and their families in the form of dividends (although not guaranteed) each year, the Knights use the additional proceeds from your insurance coverage to support Catholic based causes true to Blessed Father McGivney's vision: supporting vocations, Catholic schools, churches and hospitals, and financial aid to victims of disasters around the world are a few of the great causes. At the California Knights Convention a few years ago, a video was shown of the wheelchairs that are provided to those who could not otherwise afford them. Seeing a poor Catholic man in a third world country who had no option but to drag himself around without legs his whole life being placed into a wheelchair for the first time and seeing the sheer joy and tears of gratitude he displayed was heartwarming beyond words. In addition to providing financial security for your own family, investing with your faith and the proceeds that it provides are indeed making miracles happen. Can other financial companies you might work with say the same?

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

# Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

## Catholic Men's and Women's Retreats 2025-2026



### ***“Listen, Jesus Is Calling!”***

#### ***– A Pilgrimage of Our Hearts”***

***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
I am in the midst of them.” --Matt 18:20,***

Rooted in the promise of Matthew 18:20, this retreat invites us to gather as a community and listen deeply to the voice of Christ in our midst. As we journey together in prayer and reflection during the weekend, we open our hearts to the Shepherd who calls us to a deeper faith, unity, and deeper conversion. This pilgrimage is a sacred time to listen as one—attuned to His merciful presence, we are drawn closer to the heart of Christ and to one another.

#### **2025-2026 SCHEDULE:**

**All weekends are open to members of  
any parish group and individuals.**

### **Retreat Team**

Fr. Joe Moons, C.P., Retreat Center Director  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.  
Associate Director of Ministry  
Gwen Devereux and Talib Huff

### **CATHOLIC MEN WEEKENDS**

#### **Men 1 - Nov. 14-16, 2025**

- St. Joseph Elk Grove
- St Katharine Drexel (Martel)

#### **Men 2 - Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026**

- Holy Family Citrus Heights
- St. John Vianney Rancho Cordova
- St. Michael Vacaville
- Sacred Heart Gridley
- St. Clare Roseville
- St. Joseph Marelllo Granite Bay
- St. Thomas More Paradise
- St. Isadore, Yuba City

#### **Men 3 - Mar. 27-29, 2026**

- St. Patrick Grass Valley
- Sacred Heart Anderson
- St. Eugene Santa Rosa
- St. Joseph Lincoln
- St. Joseph Redding
- St. Our Lady of Mercy
- St. Joseph Yreka
- Holy Trinity El Dorado Hills
- St. Rose of Lima Roseville

#### **Men 4 - May. 1-3, 2026**

- St. Teresa Carson City
- Sacred Heart Sacramento

**(Catholic Women Retreats Other Side)**

#### **PERSON REGISTRATION: \$290 SINGLE/\$260 DOUBLE**

(We do not allocate shared rooms, please organize your own partner)

**PAY ONLINE: CONTACT RETREAT CENTER IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

**Retreat Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY / STATE / ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT ENCLOSED:**  Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CC#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a retreat at Christ the King in the past?  YES  NO Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail:** Christ the King Retreat Center- 6520 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. **Please see back**

Attention 'Retreat' or Register Online: [ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org](http://ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org). Call 916-725-4720 ex 301

# 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*

### **Our council mailing address:**

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### **Knights of Columbus website:**

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

### **California State Council website:**

[www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org)

### **Northern California Chapter website:**

[www.norcalknights.org](http://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*