



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



December 2023 Bulletin

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Council Calendar

**Tuesday
December 12th, 2023**

The next council meeting is...

A Christmas Party!

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Looking Ahead:

Seafood Pasta Dinner!

**Saturday
February 3rd, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Granite Bay

**Christ the King
Passionist Retreat!**

Friday – Sunday

***St Joseph Marello Men's Retreat:*
February 16-18, 2024**

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center
6520 Van Maren Lane
Citrus Heights

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers we are closing out 2023 and looking forward to a new year which brings hope and anticipation for the future. This is the same way we view Christmas with the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to his birth and the fulfillment of the Old Testament. He will come to save us!

Nothing else really matters, what we want is not always what we get, but what we get is always what we need. Time has shown that to be true from the first day to the last; Christ is in control, we just need to believe.

Our fund raiser for the ID drive totaled over \$2,700! This could not have been done without the assistance of many brothers setting up and tearing down. We also donated \$270 to the parish for the use of the classrooms. Brother John and Brother Cory did an outstanding job and the money raised will help many people.

On Tuesday 12/12 we will not be having a meeting. We will have a Christmas party! Please plan on attending as this will be a fun event. There will be an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest with the ugliest sweater winning a prize. Unfortunately, I will not be in attendance so our Deputy Grand Knight Cory Johnson along with the President of the Ladies Auxiliary Jodi Buda will be your hosts. The meal will be from a local Mexican restaurant in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe whose feast day is December 12th. It will be from 6pm to 8pm so you early birds can make it.

GK Bruce



From the Chaplain's Desk:

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

Greetings my brother Knights,

We are entering another season of Advent and so preparing to celebrate the birth of the Savior at Christmas. This year we are celebrating our Knights Christmas party on December 12, which is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As stated above, one of her titles is Patroness of the Americas. This is because the Church recognizes that the appearance of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego marked a turning point in the evangelization of the Americas and so the establishing of the Church in this part of the world. Knowing more about Our Lady of Guadalupe can make this more apparent.

Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego at a time when the Church, through the efforts most especially of priests from Spain, was seeking to bring the Gospel to the natives of what is presently Mexico. Of course, those efforts extended into the present US as well, and even here to California. Up in what is now Canada, the Jesuits from France were seeking to do the same. These efforts were certainly well intentioned and holy and yet the results at first were not every encouraging. Particularly in the place where La Morenita, as she is referred to affectionately in Spanish, decided to appear the local bishop and clergy were having a difficult time. . Some of this was caused by the misbehavior of some of the Spanish "conquistadores" and some by the natives not wishing to leave behind their beliefs and culture for this

new "god" of their conquerors. In this situation, the Mother of God appeared to a humble and poor convert, Juan Diego, and put into motion what has been described as the greatest conversion in the history of the Church.

Our Lady asked Juan to go to the bishop and have a chapel built on the hill, Tepeyac, where she was appearing to him. She wanted to let the natives know that she was their mother to and she so presented herself to St. Juan Diego, at one point assuring him, "Am I not your mother who is speaking to you?" The bishop is not sure of the veracity of what Juan is telling him and seeks a sign. Our Lady, in response, tells Juan to pick some roses on Tepeyac, roses which were not native to Mexico but instead to Spain and especially known to the bishop. However, the roses were not the main sign that Our Lady chose to give but instead left her image on the "tilma" (cloak) in which Juan had wrapped the roses. It is this image which led to the conversion of so many people, accompanied by the witness of St. Juan Diego, who spent the rest of his life relating what had happened and how La Morenita has appeared to him and her love for all of them.

I am sure you have all seen the image, or at least representations of it, and know that in it Our Lady appears as one of the Natives, both in her skin tone and in the clothing she wears and the signs that surround her. Each of the items in the image was from the beliefs and cultures of the Natives and helped them to understand that they were not being asked to abandon all of their beliefs but only to see many of them in the light of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. In the image, Our Lady is with child and is ready to give birth to the Redeemer. Her head is bowed, and her eyes cast downward to show that she is not a goddess but is worshipping the true God, who has chosen her to bring his Son Jesus into the world for its salvation. I am not able to explain all of the symbols but the most important is this, which we spend the Advent season preparing to celebrate. As for the Natives of that time, so for us, Mary wants us to know that she is the Mother of the Savior and that he wishes to be born and to live in the life of each and every one of us and of each human being.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with her Spouse, St. Joseph, intercede for all of us.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



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

Brother Knights-

We seem to say it every year: "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back and measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, we see how our lives have changed with Christmas and the end of the year marking a milestone for most of us. This Christmas season especially gives us pause to thank God for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and it is also a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. And, as brother Knights, gift-giving in the form of charity and providing for others is the foundation of who we are.

Looking back on 2023, I am proud and humbled at all the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. We are certainly "Knights of Charity" and we prove this every day with the many brother Knights who give of themselves, of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need. We should be proud of our generosity both through the proceeds of our insurance programs that funded over \$154 Million last year alone. During these trying times, Knights of Charity provided disaster relief, helped those and their families who were homebound, purchased many more ultrasound machines that have been placed into service to save unborn children, and our mission of charity provided support for Ukraine Relief, as well as in the Middle East and Africa where Christian communities face persecution.

And the Knights of Charity helped provide coats for thousands of kids who will now stay warm this winter.

All these important initiatives help many others, but we must not forget about our own families and loved ones... and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have provided them with financial security.

So, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." New American Bible (Revised Edition)

Have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year! May God Bless you and your family and keep you all healthy and safe in 2024!

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 Weiner



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Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

RETREAT SEASON 2023-2024



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Women's Retreats

W1 Nov	3-5, 2023
W2 January	19-21, 2024
W3 January	26-28, 2024
W4 February	2-4, 2024
W5 February	23-25, 2024
W6 March	8-10, 2024
W7 March	22-24, 2024
W8 April	12-14, 2024
W9 April	26-28, 2024

Men's Retreats

M1 Dec	1-3, 2023
M2 February	9-11, 2024
M3 February	16-18, 2024
M4 March	1-3, 2024
M5 April	5-7, 2024

Retreat Team

Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.
Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.
Gwen Devereux
Talib Huff

Fr. Jack Conley, C.P.
Director of Ministry

This season's theme is a response to the voices we have heard — the concerns and hopes— of Christ the King retreatants. So many people have expressed their fear for the next generation. Coupled with gratitude for so many things, many are also frustrated with the outrage in public discourse, the divisions in Church and culture, global concerns like wars and climate change, and the break-up of the family. We continue to pray about immigration and racism and the dignity of all life, and we wonder if there is something more we might be doing.

But we also attempt to move beyond the "front burner" issues and ponder what the Spirit might be telling us amidst all the hurt and hatred, the harmony and healing. Thus, the conferences will center upon... not our wish-lists for next week, but God's dream for the next millennium, always conscious of the Kingdom, God's love in our time. Here we become the hope we wish for the world.

ALL WEEKENDS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY PARISH GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS

FRIDAY

4:30pm	Registration Begins
5:30 pm	Social & Welcome Announcements
6:30 pm	Supper in Dining Room
7:30 pm	Opening Prayer Service and First Conference (Chapel)

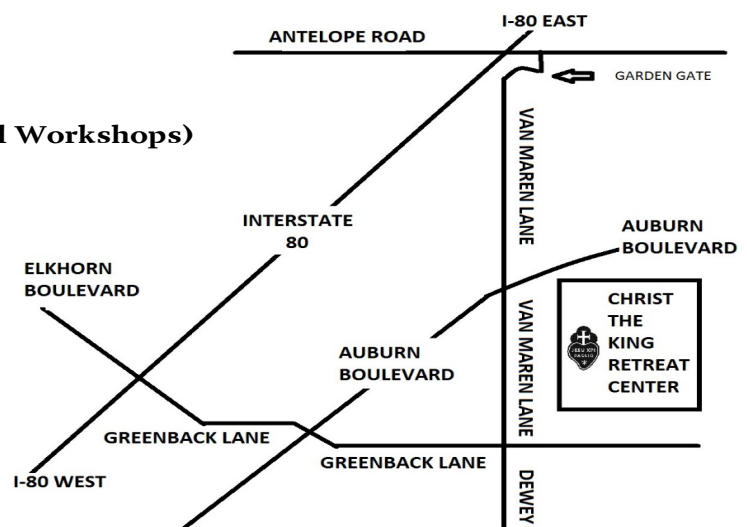
SATURDAY

8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Second Conference
11:30 am	Liturgy (Chapel)
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	(Quiet, Rest, Study, Optional Workshops)
3:00 pm	Third Conference (Chapel)
3:45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:15 pm	Fourth Conference
6:00 pm	Supper
7:00 pm	Fifth Conference
8:00 pm	Social

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Morning Prayer
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Retreat Center Updates/ Sixth Conference
11:45 am	Concluding Liturgy Peaceful Farewell

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Remember Your Service Hours!

Granite Bay – 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

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
Board of Trustees: Pat Geary, Dan Nollette, Dave Whitman
Lecturer: *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
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Our council's standing committee leads:

Seafood Pasta Lead: Mike Ciccarelli
Scholarship Lead: John Bohnett
Scouts Lead: Jon Kantola
Bloodsource Lead: Tony Jelinek
Hospitality (Bar) Lead: Pat Dunn
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*