



Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



February 2024 Bulletin

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Council Calendar

Seafood Pasta Dinner!

Saturday

February 3rd, 2024

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Granite Bay

Tuesday

February 13th, 2024

The next council meeting!

Officer Meeting at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:15 pm
Membership Meeting at 7:00

Ash Wednesday – Lent!

Wednesday

February 14th, 2024

Christ the King Passionist Retreat!

Friday – Sunday

St Joseph Marello Men's Retreat:

February 16-18th, 2024

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

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers I saw many of you at the Crab feed on Saturday February 3rd. There were not only members of our order volunteering, but some also even brought their children to assist. Everyone I spoke to commented that this was a great crab feed, and they missed us. The final figures are not in so I will not report them yet, but it was a very successful event!

The Ladies Auxiliary came through again, the decorations, baskets and desserts were a great success and brought excitement to the event. Several brothers bought tickets just to support our charities. The support in selling tickets, and working the event was by greatly appreciated.

We brought in three new members into our council last month. Lou Delorio, William Jones and Joe Smith are now members of this council. Please welcome them at our next meeting.

We have a statewide convention coming up if you would like to attend and represent our council let me know. The meeting will be in beautiful Visalia, California on May 16th to 19th.

GK Bruce



From the Chaplain's Desk:

FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS: SOME OBSERVATIONS

Greetings my brother Knights,

In a couple of weeks we will begin our celebration of the Season of Lent with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The ashes remind us, as one of the formulas for the imposition of ashes states, of the need to, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel". That is, of our need to repent of our sins and put our trust in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Everything else in life must lead me to Jesus, otherwise it must be removed & avoided in the future. Jesus, by his life, passion, death & resurrection, is the only way to Eternal Life with God. All other "ways" are no ways at all.

Last month we went through the latest document issued by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans*. We saw in this document a desire on the part of the Church to reach out to people who are in situations which are not in line with what God desires for human beings by blessing them. The idea behind the blessing is to help these people to see how they need to repent (Turn away from sin) and trust in Jesus (Believe in the Gospel). In fact, the document assumes that the person requesting the blessing

...show himself to be in need of God's saving presence in his life...To seek a blessing in the Church is to acknowledge that the life of the Church springs from the womb of God's mercy and helps us to move forward, to live better, and to respond to the Lord's will.

This assumption, if true, would certainly make a blessing of such a person not only possible but very welcome. However, it might not be the case that the person

seeking the blessing wants "to move forward, to live better, and to respond to the Lord's will", but is instead seeking an approval of their life situation. This calls for prudence on the part of the minister who is asked to give the blessing. The Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordiglione, gave some very sound direction to the priests of his Archdiocese in this regard:

It is manifestly not pastoral simply to give a blessing and then walk away from people who need, and all the more so are seeking, the Church's support in living the life of grace in Christ. ... the request for a blessing is an occasion for pastoral engagement, a manifestation of openness to God's love and the Church's care on the part of people who may feel alienated from both.

If the blessing is to truly be a blessing, that is, an opening to the presence and grace of God, then this greater "pastoral engagement" might be called for and necessary.

This is particularly true if the blessing is being requested by the couple as couple. Here in the United States, at least, when one speaks of people being a "couple" what is meant is there is a special, intimate and almost always sexual, relationship between the two people. If two people ask to be blessed as a couple in this sense, then they will certainly need to be living in a valid marriage relationship to be blessed in that relationship. Further advice from Archbishop Cordiglione sheds light on this situation:

...in the case of two people who present themselves as a couple in a marital or marital-like relationship, but it is evident that they are not in the bond of a valid marriage, it is always licit to bless them as two separate individuals

So, the blessing can be given to these two as individuals seeking God's grace and power to live closer to Jesus and, eventually, set aright their relationship as a couple according to God's design for humanity. Again, great prudence is needed. The archbishop also reminds his priests that the document does not state that a particular blessing must be granted by a particular minister. The conscience of the minister must always be satisfied that the blessing he is giving is for the good of the individuals seeking it.

May our forty days of Lent be a true time for repentance and growing in trust in our Lord Jesus.

Fr. Brian, OSJ



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

Brother Knights-

Can you believe we are already a month into the new year? I'm not sure when the statute of limitations runs out on wishing someone a "Happy New Year" but I catch myself still doing so well into Spring! Speaking of being 1/12 of the way through the new year... how are you doing on your resolutions?

Most of us start the year wanting to resolve to take actions that will lead to happier, healthier lives. Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more or perhaps spiritually centered around a more prayerful life. Others think more about quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in our lives.

As you think about your family, one resolution I can help you keep is financial peace of mind by providing a free, professional review of your financial health and goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? Some brother knights are not even aware of all the financial benefits you are eligible for: life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement savings products. All of 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 hurt or disabled and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? What if you get a non-work related injury or disability? 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 your family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk.

With concern about continuing market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities provide guaranteed growth and safety as well as on-going income 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 happy and blessed 2024!

God Bless,
Dave Moeller, FICF, MBA
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Our Knight's Mass Dates

**SJM Parish Masses said for the
Knights of Columbus and our
families:**

January 28th, 5:00 PM
February 11th, 11:30 AM
March 24th, 8:00 AM
April 13th, 5:00 PM
May 12th, 9:45 AM
June 30th, 5:00 PM
July 21st, 11:30 AM
August 11th, 8:00 AM
September 7th, 5:00 PM
October 13th, 9:45 AM
November 17th, 5:00 PM
December 22nd, 8:00 AM

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

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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
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Financial Secretary: Ramon Lopez
Chancellor: Paul Coble
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Advocate: Tim Anderson
Warden: Bob Bennyworth
Inside Guard: Steve Malberg
Outside Guard: Ryan Hickey
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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: Mike Ciccarelli
Webmaster: Dan Nollette
Bulletin Editor: Dan Nollette

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*