



# Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Marello Council 13518



*December 2024 Bulletin*

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## *Grand Knight's Report*

Brothers,

The Christmas season is upon us and the Crab Feed is right around the corner. It will take many efforts in collecting donation items for the Crab Feed and we are well underway of seeking those donations. We will need everyone's help in order to ensure the Crab Feed continues to be a huge success, especially since we will be competing with many other events in the community on the same day.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Mixer & Coat Drive next Tuesday night along with some Holiday food and Cheer. Please consider bringing a coat to the mixer if you are able to and would like to contribute to our next upcoming event combined with The Ladies of Auxiliary that will take place on December 14th (Coats for Kids).

Did you know that since 2009 The Knights of Columbus have provided warmth to over 1million children in need. Coats are distributed in 50 States and 10 Canadian Provinces, 1,500 councils participate in this annual distribution, and approx 200,000 coats are distributed annually. If you haven't experienced it in the past, I highly recommend showing up to see the look on these kids' faces when they get to pick out a new coat, book and a toy. It truly is the gift of Christmas and the meaning of being of service.

I appreciate everyone's help and patience this year and wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas!

God Bless!

*GK Craig*

## *Council Calendar*

**Tuesday**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

***The next council meeting:  
Christmas Party!***

Officer Meeting at 5:30 PM  
Knights & Ladies Dinner at 6:00 PM

***Coats For Kids!***

**Saturday,**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Set-up for event at 10:00 AM  
Event from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, SJM Parish

***Christmas Baskets!***

**Saturday,**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

1:00 PM at St Rose of Lima Parish to load  
Roseville  
Deliver to Immaculate Conception Parish  
Sacramento

*And looking ahead...*

***Crab Feed!***

**Saturday,**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

5:30 PM doors open  
Lutheran Church Event Center  
Granite Bay



*From the Chaplain's Desk:*  
**COME LORD JESUS**

Greetings my brother Knights,

The Advent Season is once again upon us. As we prepare for the Christmas celebrations, one of the invocations we are encouraged to use, and which is found very prevalent in our liturgical celebrations, is "Come Lord Jesus, come!" As we might recall, this is invoking Jesus to come both as he did at Christmas, as he will at the end of time and as he does in each moment. However, this presupposes both that we want Jesus to come and that we are prepared for when he answers our invocation and comes to us. Now, are these presuppositions true for each one of us? Do we want Jesus to come at this time? Are we truly prepared when he does come (for he will surely come!)? Are we truly expecting the world and time to come to an end or do we live as if these are only theories and not realities? Are we preparing each day for these realities?

These are fundamental questions, and we need to have answers to them in order to sincerely and truthfully use the invocation "Come, Lord Jesus, come!" Otherwise, we are only saying the words and not expressing a true desire which comes from deep within. In order to ensure that our answers to these questions are, "Yes", we have to reach out to Jesus each and every day and seek to know, love and serve him.

If we do this, then we become accustomed to the presence & power of the Lord Jesus. This power sustains

& animates each of our actions. We come to know Jesus better & begin to depend on his presence & power to guide and uplift us. If he were to withdraw his presence & power we would feel lost & alone. This is, in fact, the experience of the spiritual giants of our faith. The "dark night of the soul" is the sensation that God has abandoned the soul which feels alone but because the soul has nurtured a close relationship with Jesus over the years, the sensation is not able to overcome the faith that He is still present even if the presence is not felt. This is the faith we need to cultivate each & every day by turning to Jesus in prayer & by living the Gospel in each and every moment. When we do this, then we truly are willing and ready to use the invocation, "Come, Lord Jesus, come" with all sincerity & openness.

If, on the other hand, we do not cultivate this relationship with Jesus & seek to live our lives as we see fit, only calling upon Jesus when we are at our wits end, then we do not sincerely & openly invoke him out of a faith in his abiding presence. We look to Jesus, in this case, only to solve our dilemma or problem. Once solved, we once more turn away from him & seek our own will & pleasure. Clearly, if we live our lives in this way, we will not want to have Jesus truly come to us in all moments. And this means we will not be ready & willing to have him come when he does come at the end of time. He will catch us off guard & not vigilant, like a thief, as he himself says.

We can see here the importance of a daily prayer routine which opens us to the presence of God. If we are thus open, we are more likely to discover God present in the moment & to be comfortable to turn to him both when we are doing well & when we feel in trouble. We will invite him to come to us and truly mean it. We also see the importance of having regular recourse to the sacraments of the Eucharist & of Reconciliation. Jesus in the Eucharist comes to us in his body & blood to nourish & strengthen us & in Confession to forgive & heal us of our sinfulness. Again, if we are regularly turning to the sacraments with an open heart, we are really saying, "Come Lord Jesus, come"...and He comes!

Wishing you all the blessings and graces of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

St. Joseph Marello, pray for us.

*Fr Brian, OSJ*



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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 and Paul Corsaro Sr.



<https://ruggedrosaries.com>

# Our Knight's Mass Dates

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

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 AM



<https://www.mountsaintjosephwines.com>



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

Brother Knights,

We seem to say it ever 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 2024, 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 through the volunteer time and support of our Councils and 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 Catholic 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 2025!

Dave Moeller, FICF  
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Assistant General Sales Manager  
Knights of Columbus



**Stocking Stuffer Idea!!**



*Knights of Columbus*



St Joseph Marello Council 13518 & Ladies Auxiliary

*present the 2025 annual charity & scholarship fundraiser*

# ***Crab Feed!***

A Seafood & Pasta Dinner & Auction



**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

Doors open at 5:30 PM; Lutheran Event Center, Granite Bay

Tickets \$80/person; available after all Masses or contact

[Daniel.nollette@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel.nollette@gmail.com) or [DGHaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:DGHaugh@hotmail.com)

# Remember Your Service Hours!

Contact our council's Recorder, Allen Cummings, ([ajc4771@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

## ***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:** Pete Lopez

**Council Chaplain:** Father Brian Crawford

**Financial Secretary:** Ramon Lopez

**Chancellor:** Paul Coble

**Recorder:** Allen Cummings

**Treasurer:** Ralph Yonka

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**Warden:** Bob Bennyworth

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**Outside Guard:** Ryan Hickey

**Board of Trustees:** Pat Geary, Dan Nollette, Dave Whitman

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**Membership Director:** CJ Johnson

**Program Director:** *vacant*

**Faith Director:** Dave Cadden

**Community Director:** Paul Coble

**Family Director:** Pete Lopez

**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:** Dan Nollette

**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*