

SK Br. Gil's report is posted in the KC SJ Chapter website and copies emailed to all GK's, WDD's please share this with your Councils.

Here we are ending Feb. 2026, jumping into March this weekend.

Hard to believe I only have three more meetings and my year will be over! May doesn't count, because of the Annual Convention down in Visalia. I hope a few of you are planning to attend. GK's need to be ready to present their 365 checks in the Parade of GK's. Or, at least send a representative from your council. We will also need volunteers to help WDD Don Marcetti in the hospitality room Friday and Saturday nights.

Our Chapter has seen approximately 47% of our quota growth for the year. I know of a couple of councils that have reached their 100% quota mark, "Congratulations!". I am attaching some new membership materials in case you have not received these yet. Print these and use them, they work. Just customize the script to your council. If you want me to visit one of your meeting or events, just send me an invitation. Include the date, time, address and type of event. If it gets into my calendar, you have a better chance of having me attend.

Our Worthy National Territorial Growth Director-West, Bob Kish. Dates still open:

Mar. 28-29, Apr. 25-26, May 9-10, Jun. 13-14, 27-28, 2026.

Please let me know if anyone wants to setup a date to have Bob come into one of our Chapter parishes and help us grow our councils, our Chapter & our State. You just tell me where & when and I will contact him with the details.

There are always so many things to talk about & so little time to do it. Our meetings run too long. Who would be interested in having an all day retreat where we can sit around and plan an entire year in advance? Talk about the real issues addressing our individual councils & ways to solve some of the issues? I can plan something for the end of April, early May or mid June? I need your input. **Need your input and suggestions. "How can we increase the attendance at Chapter and Councils?"** I am open to any suggestions.

I want to keep reminding you that if you are active in your parish, council or chapter then YOU are part of the TEAM trying to make the K of C better. If you need help please reach out to your chapter Brothers. If you are able to help then please DO SO! **Introducing that all council's consider ordering and using the, "I Am a Knight" card, #10918-819. Order thru the Supreme website.**

Thank you all for stepping up and keeping it going. Be proud of yourself and stand tall with your head high because YOU are helping to do GOD'S work! Amen. If you have any questions please reach out

CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT Report: Worthy CVP Louie Ortega-Excused.

ADVOCATE S REPORT: Worthy Jeff Rhodes- Excused.

PCP Lou – Items of Interest –

REPORTS OF CHAPTER Directors, and Committees

REPORT OF GA/FA: Approval of Warrants and Vouchers for payment.

Chapter Vocations & Fr. McGivney Guild: Fr. Cesar Martinez, Excused.

Chapter Program Director: CVP Louie Ortega, Excused.

Membership R/R: Gil 42% of quota

Ceremonials: Edmundo Arellanos? No Report.

Essay/Poster Contest: Don Grishaw-Excused. **Report Submitted:**

Report for Chapter Poster and Essay Contests: The deadline for all Chapter entries was December 1st, entries for the Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse Poster Contests were received from Fr. Heslin Council #2557 of Turlock. Entries for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest were received from Fr. Heslin Council #2557 of Turlock and Tracy Council #4041

Entries from the Chapter winners have been submitted to the State for further consideration:

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST – 5th Grade, Ximena Elise Serna.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST - 6th Grade, Aila Boedecker.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST ALCOHOL – 7th Grade, Viviana Hernandez.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST ALCOHOL – 7th Grade, Reagan Pacheco.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST – 8th Grade, Finley Pratt.

Dave Roberts, District Marshal:

ChapterTrainer: No Report.

Coats for Kids: Consider a council fundraiser collecting coats for kids in the community. It's not too late to consider, it's still cold outside. Coats can be obtained by donation or councils can purchase coat packages thru Supreme.

Star Tracker: Now renamed the Star Council Awards report is available for downloading or viewing on the Californiaknights.org, website.

4th Deg. Report: Benial 4th Degree meeting scheduled March 14th in Visalia, CA.
and also See our [Callout Schedule](#)

Culture of Life: Richard Fantazia reported: *From the beginning of time, there has been killing and brutality. First recorded killing was the killing of Able by his brother Cain. Then the Crusades pitting the Christians against the Muslims that lasted from 1095 to 1284. Supposedly, no one won as a settlement was made. However, fast track to now, and the mess with Iran and the Middle East goes on with the United States now in the middle of the conflict with the Israel fighting for what is right and fighting against out and out murder of people.*

What started me thinking of the evil and brutality that goes on every day of our lives was a song that I just happened to play called, "Dance to the end of Love" by Leonard Cohen. It is very popular and played at weddings. I did not know that it has a dark side as the composer, Leonard Cohen wrote it after seeing photo of Jews and others being herded to their deaths by the Nazis. The Nazis forced musicians (usually quartets) to play while the Jews were being separated from each other and killed.

When I played the song for my wife, she teared up as she recognized it as a song of separation (the dance being life itself) We have been married 63 years.

This brings us up to the evils of abortion. The opposition call abortion prochoice, but there is no choice but death. We need to refer to the abortion crowd as anti life.

If I had the talent, I would write a song about a yet to be born baby wanting its God given right to exist. Don't take my breath away. For I am the person that will cure cancer. I am the person that negotiates. No more wars. I, if permitted to live, will be a Pope. I am ready to become a part of humanity. I am ready to serve. Give me a chance, Please!!!

Special Olympics: This year March 2026, this event was scheduled at the UOP campus in Stockton. Hosted by St. Anne's Council #8709, under the direction of SK Br. Rudy Carreon-FS. This was another successful event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, feeding the athletes. Thanks to the KC SJ Chapter and the Councils that supported and volunteered to make this event a success. We had over 40 Br. Knights in attendance to assist. Thank you.

Basketball Free Throw: The Chapter/Regional Championships was scheduled on Feb. 22nd and was hosted by Fr. Juan Crespi Council #4784. Basketball athletes from the participating councils #1311, #4041, #4784, #10693 participated in the championship competition at St. Luke's Gym in Stockton. Congratulations to the following young athletes that are representing the Chapter and their Councils at the Knights of Columbus State Basketball Free Throw Competition, scheduled on March 21, 2026, at Los Banos High School, 1966 S. 11th St., Los Banos, CA. 93635. The following athletes will be competing:

Council #4041, 9yrs. old Girls – Sofia De Trinidad.
Council #4041, 11yrs. old Girls – Kosiso Umeugoji.
Council #4041, 13yrs. old Girls – Sarai Urrutia.
Council #10693, 14yrs. old Girls – Ava Sihota.
Council #10693, 9yrs. old Boys – Cutter Asuncion.
Council #10693, 10yrs. old Boys – Chance Teevan.
Council #1311, 11yrs. old Boys – Santino Guerrero.
Council #10693, 12yrs. old Boys – Cruz Galvez.
Council #4784, 13yrs. old Boys – Cody Mendoza.
Council #4041, 14yrs. old Boys – Almar Valenzuela.

Let's wish our athletes the best of luck at the State Championship Tournament and thanks to their parents for their involvement.

Wheelchair Program: State recommends each council to donate toward the purchase of 2 wheelchairs for \$300.00, on an annual basis or schedule a "KC Wheelchair weekend fundraiser in your parish. Make out your checks to: Knights of Columbus-SJ Chapter No. 6, Memo: Wheelchair. Mail your contributions to:

**Knight of Columbus,
SJ Chapter No. 6,
Nelson Vazquez-Munoz, Tr.
319 Roadrunner Dr.
Patterson, CA. 95363-9031**

*Mail a copy of your check to:
E. Lolly Gomez
2016 Millwood Ave.,
Stockton, CA. 95210-1618*

Wheelchairs are available for pick up at our Stockton storage facility. If a Council is in need of a wheelchair for a Brother Knight, a family member, or a Veteran, contact via phone 209 662-1476 or email: elollygomez@aol.com, requesting the qty. and size. 18", 20" 22", 24".

Thank you to Fr. Rose Council #4178 for hosting another weekend Wheelchair Fundraiser, that raised over \$3,000.00.

ICON Program and Coordinator Br. Lou Gervais: Requesting any or all councils to check the Chapter website to consider scheduling the presentation of the ICON program at their parish, check the dates of availability. The Blessed Michael McGivney Relic has been approved and the date will also be published.

CUF Scheduling: As of Feb. 2026, 3 CUF's were scheduled, with two held, and one cancelled. FYI, KC State request that all councils schedule a CUF and forward the schedule date to the Webmaster.

Upcoming Chapter Call Outs – SK Anthony Corona-DD: Excused.

Report by SK Dave Roberts-Marshall: 4th Degree Call Outs have been scheduled and is listed by order of date on the Chapter website.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled on May 2, 2026, hosted by the Knights Riverbank Council #13321, more information is forthcoming, prepare the Form 4 applications for the new 4th Degree candidates, read and approved at the next Assembly meeting. Contact the Faithful Navigator or the Faithful Comptroller for Form 4's. Riverbank Council #13321 is hosting the "Seminarian Dinner/Parade of GK's, Oct. 14, 2026. Start now to prepare your council's contribution for this event.

Report of Unfinished Business:

1. Chapter Directors and Committeemen: NO REPORT.

2. District Wardens: NO REPORT.

Report: New Business – Approve funds for the Chapter President to cover cost for SJ Chapter President-Br. Gil Esquer. Recommendation made to give \$475.00 by Br. Richard Fantazia. Recommendation made to round off the amount to \$500.00 by Br. E. Lolly Gomez.

Motion made to issue \$500.00 to SJ Chapter President Br. Gil Esquer for State Convention attendance in Visalia, CA.. Motion by: Angel Delgadillo. Seconded by: Dave Roberts. Approval Vote by Acclamation.

Report: SK Nelson Vazquez-Munoz, TR, The Supreme KofC Legal Dept. has published an important 2025 Tax Information that every State Deputy, State Secretary, District Deputy, Grand Knights, Financial Secretary's, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the US must comply with. Refer to the Chapter Agenda sent out by Br. Gil Esquer-Pres. And click on the hyperlink – **IMPORTANT 2025 TAX DOCUMENT.**

Report: SK Don Marcetti-DD 56, Will be in charge of the Chapter hospitality room at the State Convention on Friday & Saturday nights, May 15th & 16th. Need some Br. Knights to volunteer and assist Br. Don IMarcetti. More information will be forthcoming. Contact SK Don Marcetti, you will find his contact information on the Chapter website under the District 56.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Fr. Rose Council #4158, Tomas Funez-GK, Dist. 60: Past month, Feb. 14th, assisted with the parish's Crab Cioppino event, Mar. 7th, grilled hamburgers for the Special Olympics even at UOP, also, lead the monthly rosary after the 1st Saturday Mass.

Next month, Mar. 13th, Will celebrate our Council's 70th Anniversary, Mar. 21st, Will prepare breakfast burritos for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's march against hunger.

Fr. Juan Crespi #4784, Victor Zulueta-GK, Dist. 55: Past month, Had a successful breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's restaurant in Stockton. Hosted the Basketball Free Throw for the Chapter/Region, provided beverage supplies for the Diocese Wedding Anniversary program, prepared food for the St. Luke's Youth Group. Next month, firewood prep for the Sacro-Costato Missionary Convent at St. Luke's, assist at the Special Olympics at the UOP campus in Stockton, schedule a Knights of Columbus Stations of the Cross, assisted with the Confirmation Mom's in preparing a "Soup Supper" after the Stations of the Cross, for Gena Bechtel Religious Instructor.

All Saints Universtiy #12780, Dave Segna-GK, Dist. 60: Past month, provide ushers, safety officers, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters at the weekend Masses, held the first of three fish fries, attend Lenten Mission Lectures and 40 hour Adoration, donated \$1,000.00 to the Chesterton Academy of the Immaculate Conception, voted in two new members, awarded three \$1,000.00 scholarships, purchased additional "Vivat Jesus Spiritual Planners" for members. Next month, will hold our last two fish fries on Mar. 13th and 27th, next council meeting will be a Spouses Dinner Mtg, bartend for the Pitman High School Sports Booster Dinner.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:
Sick and Deceased Report:**

SJ Chapter No. 6 request from the floor, SK Manuel Lima.

Fr. Rose Council #4178, Dist. 60, Sick: Dolores Arrambide, Ben Arguelles.

**Fr. Juan Crespi Council #4784, Dist. 55, Sick: Chris Maldonado, Augie Telly, Chris Ketchen, Don Trainor,
Greg Washington's Mother, E. Lolly Gomez.**

No Deceased Members Reported.

NEXT MEETING: April 9th, 2026 will being hosted by:

St. George Council 10449, Contact GK Michael Cevantes –

email: mcervantes262@gmail.com – 209-361-3689

CLOSING PRAYER: Hail Mary (Fr. McGivney prayer)

CHAPTER MEETING ADJOURNED BY SK Br. Gil Esquer-President, @ 8:40 PM.

Chapter Meeting Minutes Fraternaly Submitted By: SK Br. E. Lolly Gomez-Secty.