



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER 6
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**



Call To Order by Chapter President - 6:20 p.m.

Opening Prayer - Our Father_Prayer before the meal.

Break for Dinner: - **6:25 p.m.** - Reconvened at **6:55 p.m.**

Roll Call - Sign in Sheet:

Total Attendance: **27 Brothers** from **10 councils**:

Council 2557: Gil Esquer (**CP**), Luis A. Cabra, Mario Lara, Don Grishaw, Steven Singh (**CDP**), Angel Delgadillo, Jesse Acevedo, John Borge, Richard Fantazia

Council 4178: Severo Cordova, Dave Roberts, Tomas Funez, Gilberto Ramirez, Nelson Vazquez-Munoz(**CS**)

Council 4784: Steven Reyes (**CT**), Jon G., Paul Vosty

Council 5303: Lou Gervais

Council 8709: Rudy Carreon (**CW**)

Council 10644: Brian Grisham

Council 10693: Jeff Rhodes (**CA**)

Council 12780: Don Inman

Council 12847: Manuel Nunes

Council 13321: Joe F. Avila, Mario Morlino, Pablo Mantiel, Cristian Ortiz

Minutes of the Last meeting:

August meeting cancelled for Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony on August 15, 2026.

July 9 meeting minutes:

- **Motion** to waive accepting the last meeting minutes and bring it to acceptance in the October 8 Chapter meeting. - 1st Motion by Jeffrey Rhodes, 2nd by Lolly Gomez - Voice vote unanimous - Aye - Motion Passes
- **Motion** requiring an Officer's Meeting before the Business meeting at 6 p.m. - 1st motion by Jeffrey Rhodes, 2nd by Steven Jesus Acevedo - Voice vote unanimous - Motions passes

Bills & Communications:

Chapter Treasurer's Report: Currently none to present (still in training).

Bills Presented to the Chapter: - Reimbursements for Campesino Food Distribution to Rudy Carreon & Gil Esquer - Dinner meeting costs (\$250) to Mario Lara - Officer's meeting meal cost for Budget -

- **Paying** the bills (other than required expenditures) to be held until Treasurer's report can be presented - Financial advisors cannot approve until all is in order
- **Motion** to approve the bills presented - 1st Motion Angel Delgadillo, 2nd Jesse Acevedo - Voice vote majority - Aye - 1 Nay - Motion passes

The first 75 years of California councils book was made before and shared today. The state council is currently working on the 100 years of California councils and we are asking for members to work on it. Procedures and templates are available on Californiaknights.org. Please turn in before December 31, 2026 Deadline.

Chapter Chaplin's Report: N/A

Chapter President's Report: District Deputies are required to attend chapter meetings to update councils of news. Please notify the Chapter President of any information that is needed and any issues with communication. We are a team here to work together and help where we can. Oakdale council hosted a C.U.F. ceremony bringing in 9 new members. Communication is key to plan out our events. Thank you.

- We have 9 seminarians currently. On September 26 there will be an ordination of Deacons at the Cathedral of Stockton - 4 Honor Guard minimum is required.
- Our Chapter Vocations Director is Father Cesar Martinez - We are to invite him to our October meeting especially for planning the Parade of Grand Knights.

Chapter Vice-President's Report: I will be learning more about the different activities we are involved in. We need to focus on getting more leaders for we have many open positions needed to be filled to host events.

- Christian Ortiz has accepted being appointed as the Ceremonial Chairman by our Chapter President.

Advocate's Report: Per protocol we are to speak as clearly as we can and state our name when standing up to speak. Please be advised.

Past Chapter President Lou - Items of Interest - N/A

Report of Chapter Director & Committees:

Report of General Agent/Fraternal Agent: N/A

Program Director: Need to find dates for the Soccer Challenge and Basketball Freethrow. 27th of February 2027 scheduled for the Basketball free throw at Sacred Heart Gym at Turlock, CA.

Chapter Vocations & Fr. McGivney Guild: Father Cesar Martinez is chairing and currently has 9 seminarians.

Membership: ~18 of quota 184 for the Chapter. Recruit focusing on one member at a time. Report C.U.F. events to Lou Gervais and report your new members to us.

Ceremonials: Christian Ortiz just appointed. Council 5305 exemplified 9 new members in our area.

Essay/Poster Contest: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest, Essay contest. Focus first on starting these activities at Catholic schools. Link to access information is on our Chapter website kofcchap6ca.org

Chapter Trainer: Dave Roberts is available by phone and can schedule times to meet and resolve any issues.

Coats for Kids: Start planning and modify as you see fit. Purchase coats, ask for donations etc.

Star Tracker: Find your councils status at the state website Californiaknights.org. Especially focus on the safe environment program. You will be dropped from your officer/program position if you do not complete it within the given timeframe of a couple of months.

4th Degree Report: Be careful ordering fake 4th degree uniforms for while they may be cheaper they are improper and are not approved by our Master. Check for programs from your respective Assembly and Councils that cover costs of the uniforms. Please follow the protocols and drill manual available online and printable while also able to be ordered. Joe Avila and Dave Roberts appointed as District Marshals for the new Central Master Joe Dominguez as of September 1. Not many exemplifications will be available like last year. Monthly zoom meetings with the Master are scheduled with all Marshals and we are invited to join per request. All public events with the Honor Guard must be notified to a Master and a Master must be present. Any parish events can be carried out with a Marshal. There are no regional restrictions on the Honor Guard. We may attend any call outs from anywhere. Please be advised with our Diocese, we are required to have a minimum of 4 Honor Guards per ceremony/event. Brother knights may join the procession after the honor guard with a council/suit uniform and white gloves.

Culture of Life: In June 2025 Indiana state is the first to show students an ultrasound video of a human fetus as part of their required education. The state of Massachusetts passed an abortion law to be permitted near birth. Videos are available at kojc.org website for learning about life. The hippocratic oath has been modified slightly to allow the death of the fetus, known by biologists to be a human life. (laws, rights and desires do not override morality)

Special Olympics: Rudy Carreon will be taking care of purchasing food for the program collaborating with the chair Devi Fox and making sure the setup has all that is needed. Plan to help on our Basketball Olympics on October 4th at Mistlin Sports Park, Ripon, CA. Thank you.

Basketball Freethrow: 27th of February at Sacred Heart Gym, Turlock, Ca.

Wheelchair Program: The state council asks all councils to contribute to the purchase of 2 wheelchairs. Be advised that we have wheelchairs available to be given out.

Priest Meeting: Father Seresh meeting on September 29 6 p.m. for reactivation of the Sonora & Cathedral Council 2162. Lolly Gomez has their charter, jewels, crucifix and banner.

Upcoming Chapter Activities:

- 1. Seminarian Dinner/Parade of Grand Knights** - Scheduled for October 14, 2026 at St Francis of Rome, Riverbank. There are 200 tickets available for \$50 each. Tables are for 6 persons.
- 2. Deacon Ordination September 26 at Cathedral of Stockton** - Call out for Honor Guards. Supplies will be needed for snacking and drinks. 6 councils to donate for 300 people. St Anne's council is donating cookies. Council 4784 is donating 4 cases of water and 14 packs of soda. St Anthony's council is donating \$100. Riverbank council is donating \$100.
- 3. Campesinos Food Distribution** - Asking councils for donations since we are starting from zero. Last time we raised \$600 to donate. Boxes of food ("boxes of hope") are made with the funds where the original plan is 50lb but we made due with 5lb of food. We can look into brining the food at the location where the people need it since they may not have any transportation to reach us. We should ask managers of grocery stores to see what they can provide in terms of donations.
- 4. Monstrance** - State Chaplain is requesting a new monstrance for events to display our relic. There is a request form each Chapter to donate \$400.

-Motion to donate \$400 to the state council for the Monstrance - 1st motion Lou Gervais, 2nd Angel Delgadillo
- Amendment to ask councils to donate and chapter will pay the difference - 1st motion Jeffrey Rhodes, 2nd Rudy Carreon - Recommendation to spread announcement via website, newsletter and to councils -
Amendment for Chapter to send the \$400 and any raised funds will go to reimburse the Chapter funds with any extra raised above \$400 will be sent to the State council for the Monstrance/Relic - 1st Motion Nelson Vazquez-Munoz, 2nd Jeffrey Rhodes - Voice vote unanimous - Aye - Motion passed.

New Officers for 2026-27:

Chapter President -	Gil Esquer
Chapter Vice President -	Steven Singh
Chapter Secretary -	Nelson Vazquez-Munoz
Chapter Treasurer -	Steven Reyes
Chapter Advocate -	Jeffrey Rhodes
Chapter Warden -	Rudy Carreon

Financial Advisor - Richard Fantazia, Lou Gervais, Lolly Gomez

Old Business Report: N/A

New Business Report:

Proposed Chapter dues increase, recommended by Chapter Officers at \$1.00 per dues paying members which include Honorary members and students who have a lower dues amount.

-Motion to increase Council yearly dues to the Chapter of \$1.00 per dues paying member to take into effect January 1, 2027 - 1st motion by Nelson Vazquez-Munoz, 2nd by Lolly Gomez - Discussion: we cannot vote on this now since it will affect our By-Laws. As such councils will be notified and any members so that they may participate in the voting for the next meeting on October 8, 2026. Any further discussion will take place and voting finalized for the motion.

Call out Discussion: All events and call outs require a minimum of 4 members per request of our Bishop Myron Cotta. It is out of respect for us and the event.

Reactivation of Sonora & Cathedral: Meeting with the Priest on September 29 at 6 p.m. at the parish. Any assistance is welcome.

Budget: It has been finalized, but not shared. As such we are sending it out to all councils and members. Please come to the October meeting for any discussion and to vote on it.

Good of the Order: Ernie from council 709 has brought two new members. Steven Singh is our newest 4th Degree Sir Knight. Joe Avila appointed as our new District Marshal in our area.

Sick & Deceased: Mark Donally has passed away. Brother in Law Mark Ortega is sick. Sister Ordela of St Luke's church is ill who brought her Convent from Texas to California to serve. Steve Singh's Aunt and two cousins who sadly passed away from a car crash. Brother Glen Luis is ill and recovering from heart issues. Carl Michale passed away and funeral on the 24th of September. Sir Mark Liddle who is dealing with colon cancer while still serving our brothers.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2026 will be hosted by Juan Crespi Council 4784 at St Luke's - 3847 North Sutter Street, Stockton, Ca - Please Contact Victor M. Zulueta Jr. at 209-423-6799 or zman438@gmail.com for reservations.

Closing Prayer: Our Father and Hail Mary prayers.

Adjourned Meeting at: I apologize for forgetting the exact time. It was ~8:45 p.m.

Raffle: ~5 prizes (I forgot)

Thank you for reading and I apologize for any errors I may have made. Please help in any corrections with spelling, etc. I appreciate you.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Nelson Vazquez-Munoz
San Joaquin Chapter Secretary