



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

San Joaquin Chapter 6
January 08, 2026



Meeting Call to Order: SK Br. Gil Esquer.

7:00 PM Thank you to my Brother Knights at Fr. Heslin Council #2557, for preparing the meeting room and tonights dinner. Open with prayer and the dinner blessing, now breaking for dinner.

7:30 PM Reconvene the Chapter meeting, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Chapter Officers:

Pres. Gil Esquer-P
Vice-Pres. Louie Ortega-P
Secty. E. Lolly Gomez-P
Tr. Nelson Vazquez-Munoz-P
W. Steven Reyes-P
Adv. Jeff Rhodes-E
Fin. Advsr. James Christensen-E
Fin. Advsr. Lou Gervais-P

Pres. Gil Esquer entertained a motion to approve minutes of the last Chapter in October 2025.

Motion made: Richard Fantazia. Second Made: Paul Delgado. Minutes approved by acclamation-"All Ayes".

Presidents Msg: Welcome to all, to the first Chapter meeting of the new year, "Happy New Year". I will be attending the annual DD's workshop meeting scheduled this coming weekend in Visalia, CA. Jan. 9th, 10th, 11th. Will report at the next Chapter. Let me take this opportunity to thank our Chapter's Color Corp for attending the Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession in Stockton and leading Bishop Cotta and his entourage of Priest and religious for Mass at the Adventist Sport Arena. To all our Chapter council's, we are half way thru our Columbian Year and we need your participation to be compliant in the Environmental Program, your continued efforts to grow the membership in our Order and serve our Parishes. Promote our Order with the services we have to offer to our local communities. Go online to "California Knights.org" and log on to the Council Star Award and check the status of your Council's progress.

Vice-Presidents Msg: This year, our nation is celebrating it's 250th Year Anniversary and it would behoove all our Assembly's to attend the 4th of July Parade in Stockton, CA. 4th Degree Color Corp carrying the flags, followed by the Honor Guards. Also, 4th Degree members dressed in dark suit with dress baldric are encouraged to join the parade. Let us invite our Chapter Councils to carry their banners with their members dressed in their respective KC shirt and caps. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to event.

Be sure your Council is adhering with the Supreme and State directive, of being compliant in the Safety Environment Program.

Don Marcetti-DD: addressed the issue again to being compliant and obtain your certificate.

Advocates Report and Messages: No Report/Jeff Rhodes-excused.

Treasurer's Report / Bills & Communications:

Informed the Chapter of obtaining new checks for the Chapter.

Report of Vouchers and Receipts #1 (see attached)

Beginning Balance: \$ 4,526.61

Receipts & Vouchers Summation: \$ 998.70

Balance: \$ 5,525.31

Bank: \$ 4,618.35

Cash at Hand: \$ 1,017.50

Report of Vouchers and Receipts #2 (see attached)

Beginning Balance: \$ 5,525.31

Receipts & Vouchers Summation: \$ 751.34

Balance: \$ 6,276.51

Bank: \$11,255.11

Cash at Hand: \$ 105.00

Submitted by Nelson Vazquez-Munoz-Tr.

Pres. Gil Esquer entertained a motion to approve the SJ Chapter 6 Treasurers Report.

Brother Jessie made the motion. Brother Paul seconded the motion. Call for the question.

Treasurer Report approved by acclamation, "All Ayes".

Semi Annual Chapter audit to be covered at the next meeting.

Pres. Gil Esquer entertained a motion to approve the residual amount of funds left over from the Seminarians Educational Fundraiser of \$ 4,262.25 to Bishop Cotta.

Dave Roberts made the motion. Richard Fantazia seconded the motion. Call for the question: Approved by acclamation, "All Ayes".

New Business:

1. Presented by Br. Lou Gervais to obtain funding to change and improve the Chapter website, by purchasing 3 business accounts. This information as presented at the Chapter zoom meeting on Monday, Jan 5, 2026, is presented again at todays meeting.

Pres. Gil Esquer entertained a motion to approve the website funding as presented. Motion made by Lou. Second made by Jess. Call for the question: Approved by acclamation, "All Ayes".

2. Presented by Br. Lou Gervais to provide funds to assist St. Francis of Rome Council #13321, to bring them out of arrears with Supreme and have their council removed from suspension. The amount needed is \$652.00 to bring them out of arrears. The council has been working hard to establish several fundraisers to increase their monetary stature.

A motion was made by Nelson Vazquez-Munoz. A second was made by Louie Ortega, to have the Chapter provide the amount of \$652.00 assist Council #13321. Call for the question: Approved by acclamation, "All Ayes".

Richard Fantazia announced that we should take an early lead to engage in the fund raising for the Seminarian Educational Fund. A team is needed work to run the event. Date for the Seminarian Parade of Grand Knights is scheduled on October 14, 2026. This event needs a site for this venue.

Chapter Reports

Culture of Life, Richard Fantazia: It is heart breaking to learn that while the Catholic Church officially opposes abortion, around 60% of Catholics (per a recent nation poll) believe that abortions should be legal in most circumstances. I guess that a good number on Catholics believe that being Catholic is like a smorgasbord where you can pick and choose your faith. By comparison, only about 30% of Protestants are in favor of abortion.

As a background, Planned Parenthood's founder initially started the organization to minimize the Black Race. It seems that is not the case anymore. It validates today's society of elevating sex to that of a sport, where sex is not love but merely an exercise and scores are kept.

One thing I believe has improved: More fathers are educating their sons to respect girls and not initiate sex. Thru out the years, I heard fathers bragging about their son's exploitations and it was up to the girls' father to protect their daughters. It was the family's badge of honor to know their son's manhood.

Let us continue to pray for the changing of hearts and minds and instill in people that abortion is evil. Let us also pray that the West Coast Walk for Life is a success and some changing in minds take place.

Coats for Kids, Dave Roberts: Every council should get involved with the Coats for Kids program, soliciting from their community, donations of new kids coats or monetary contributions. Supreme offers coats for purchase for girls and boys in assorted sizes, for your council's needs.

Council Star Awards Status, Dave Roberts: The Council Star Awards Status (replaced the Star Tracker report) go to the state link, "California Knights.org". Open to the Council Star Awards Status and search for your council's report and your status of compliance.

State Trainer, Dave Roberts: I am your go to person to help and assist with selected Knights procedures.

Basketball Free Throw Championship, E. Lolly Gomez: January is the month, that your Council schedule it's first competition event. Towards the latter month of January, the District Deputy schedules his districts competition. Once the District competition is completed, the District champions in their age group, now participates in the Regional competition scheduled by the Chapter, February 21, 2026, hosted by Fr. Heslin Council #2557 at Sacred Heart Church Gym, in Turlock, CA.

Wheelchair Program, E. Lolly Gomez: State Chairman recommends that all Councils contribute \$ 300.00 towards the purchase of two wheelchairs. Also, it is recommended, that each council consider and schedule a fundraiser weekend at your Parish for Saturday and Sunday Mass. Two council's in the Chapter have engaged in the fundraiser weekend and have raised an average of \$3,000.00 for the Wheelchair Program. FYI, your Chapter has wheelchairs available for your Council if in need for Knights family or even Veterans. Wheelchairs are available for purchase at \$ 150.00 each.

Council Reports

Fr. Heslin Council #2557, Paul Delgado-GK: Exemplified 4 new member, Seminarian fundraiser, Membership Drive, Memorial Mass, Christmas dinner.

Upcoming Events: Basketball Free Throw, CUF Exemplification, Annual Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser.

Deceased: Anthony Pontes, Joaquin Rose.

Sick: Gene and Carolyn Gomes, Manuel Lima.

Fr. Rose Council #4178, Tomas Funez-GK: Hosted a Coats for Kids drive thru program, collected over 230 coats and distributed the coats to the needy. Lead the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Lead in the Posadas. Celebrated the annual Christmas Party and Family night.

Upcoming Events: Annual Wheelchair Fundraiser Weekend.

Sick: Armin Arrambide's wife, Dolores.

Fr. Juan Crespi Council #4784, Victor Zulueta-GK: Hosted a month long Coats and Clothing collection for Adults and Children, collected Food for Families with distributions to St. Mary's Kitchen, Catholic Charities, The Gospel Mission. Hosted a shoe collection fundraiser. Hosted a Council Memorial Mass. Hosted a 4th Degree Exemplification. Burrito Breakfast, and Pumpkin Pie fundraiser. Breakfast with Santa and Council Christmas Party.

Upcoming Events: Basketball Free Throw, Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser

Sick: Chris Ketchen, George Rojas, Greg Washington's Mother.

St. George Council #10449, Arturo Carrasco-GK: Donated pot luck dinners to families and Guadalupanos, had a successful fundraiser of \$300.00, contributed wheelchairs, walkers, canes, grab bars to the disabled, contributed adult outerwear, donated food meals to the homeless, handed rosaries and crucifixes after some of the Masses. Deceased: Raymond Naler, Cirilo Dalman.

St. Joseph's Council #10644. Dodge Hendee-GK: Hosted the council appreciation dinner, donated \$2,500.00 to The Bishop's Seminarian Fund, donated \$500.00 to All Saints Church in Twain Harte and St. Joseph's World Youth Program, donated Bibles and Catechumen books, hosted Adopt-A-Family dinner for 100 people, donated food and gifts for 9 families, donation \$200.00 to the American Cancer Society, hosting a Blue Mass, with a luncheon after Mass, preparing for the annual Crab Feed.

Deceased: Chris Mahnke Jr., Charles "Chuck" Gardali.

Sick: Jon White, Leonard Churilla.

Just received, Tom Maguire passed away.

Next Chapter Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 at St. Luke's, Stockton, CA.

San Joaquin Chapter No. 6 meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Fraternally submitted,
E. Lolly Gomez-Chapter Secretary