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Fr. Heslin Council #2557

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Newsletter for May 2026

Grand Knight's Message – Paul Delgado

Worthy Brothers,

As we cruise into the home stretch of this fraternal year, I'm reminded of the old saying: "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." If you want to make a Grand Knight laugh, tell him the newsletter blurb is due a week early (Right Jessie)! Our theme from the California State Council this month is taken from the Gospel of John: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." It's a powerful reminder that we aren't just a "social club" that wears cool shirts; we are men commissioned with a mission. Jesus sent His disciples out to build the Kingdom, and this month, I challenge each of you to ask, "*What is my one specific resolution to use my gifts for His mission today?*"

Maybe your mission is big, or maybe it's just making sure the coffee is actually hot at the next meeting. Both are vital. As vital as our upcoming fundraiser for our chicken drive thru.

The Great Chicken "Mission"

Speaking of being "sent," we are sending a lot of poultry out the door very soon! Our Chicken Drive-Thru Fundraiser is coming up fast. It's our chance to put "faith in action" (and BBQ sauce on faces). We need all hands-on deck to make this a success. Whether you're a master of the grill or a master of directing traffic without looking like a lost tourist, we need you. Let's make sure our community knows that when the Knights cook, nobody goes home hungry. Finishing Strong & Lighting the Fuse

As we wrap up our end-of-the-year events, I want to thank you all for the incredible work this year. We've done a lot of good, and we deserve to celebrate a fraternal year well-lived. But don't get too comfortable in those lawn chairs just yet we are already switching gears toward our Fourth of July events! We're moving from the "spring cleaning" of the council to the "red, white, and blue" festivities of the summer. Stay tuned for more details on how we'll be honoring our nation and serving our parish during the holiday. Let's finish this year with the same energy we started with. God bless you, your families, and our Council!

Vivat Jesus!

Paul C Delgado G.K

Past Grand Knight's Message

Hola Caballeros Y Amigos,
Hard to believe another Columbian year is coming to an end. For those of you that have not visited the KC Hall in a while, take a quick tour. You will be amazed by the constant ongoing upgrades. Still not where we want to be, but we get closer every day.
Many thanks to the Columbian Properties team for planning out a proficient & aggressive planning strategy and to the key crew of Alan Julien, Jesse Acevedo, Angel Delgadillo & Joe Ottman for overseeing the construction efforts. By the way, 3 out of 4 of this crew are PGK's. We have been fortunate enough to host three excellent food truck vendors that provide maintenance for the building. This allows for a larger portion of our fund-raising projects to be used in our parish, school & community.
Does anyone know what makes this a great organization; **"YOU!"** Each and everyone of you that shows up when you can and donates what you can. We are so close to becoming a Star Council for the second year in a row, this is the States' highest Award for a council to achieve. Be proud of this team and remember we are all in this together, Win, Lose or Draw.
When you think about inviting new prospective candidates; just believe that not every catholic man needs to be a Knight, but every Catholic man deserves the opportunity to become a Knight. So, ask a friend, a relative or a fellow parishioner, we can never have too much help. We need readers, writers, thinkers & doers. 101(plus) years serving our parish & community.
Hope to see you at an event soon.
Thank you.

Gil Esquer – PGK
San Joaquin Chapter 6 President

Council News – Jesse Acevedo

Live Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart

Each year on Good Friday, Sacred Heart host a "Live" version of Station of the Cross meaning there's cast of members of our parish that participate as actors for the roles as soldiers, crowds that followed the Jesus, and Mary and Jesus for example.

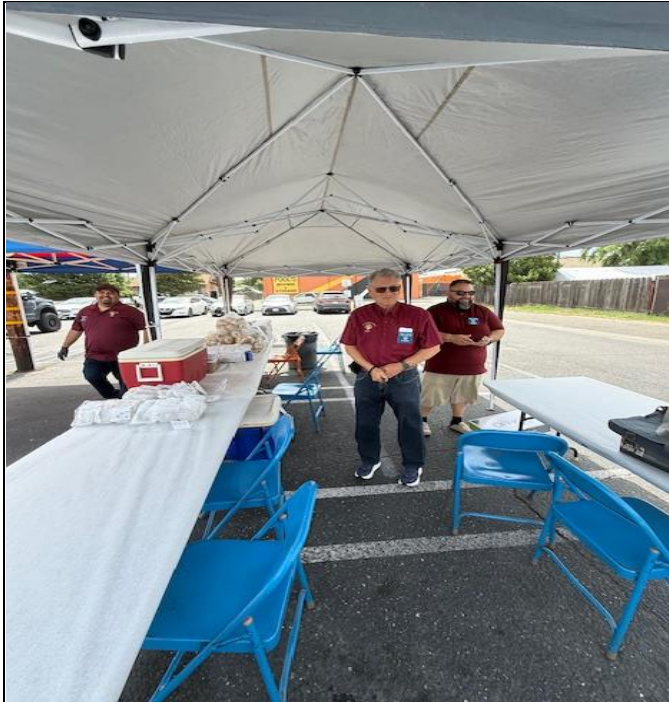


Congratulations Gil and Rosa Esquer for 51 years wedding anniversary.
We wish the couple many more years of celebrating their amazing marriage.



Chicken Drive Thru

Thank you to all the members, family, and friends who lent us their time to support this event. All the proceeds from this event are going towards the new church sign at Sacred Heart Church. My apologies, I took pictures earlier in the day and didn't get the rest of the crew. Thank you all for your time.





Up Coming Events

May 2nd – Chicken Drive Thru at our hall parking lot

June 2nd – Council Elections

July – Fireworks Booths

Please mark your calendar for these events. We need help organizing them, setting up, volunteering for the actual event, and help with the cleanup. Let's make each event as successful as possible!

Council & Assembly Meetings

Rosary will begin at 6:15pm before each monthly meeting at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Assembly News

Monsignor Alvernaz-Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall. Please contact Faithful Navigator for Dinner Reservations or use the Band App.

Fr. Giles Assembly-Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm and Dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP for dinner.

Chapter Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Sacred Heart School/Pre School-News

Catholic School has been a very valuable experience for our children because it gives them a strong foundation to succeed their high school years. Sacred Heart School has filled that need with many teachers that have many years of experience that are led by the principal, Sara Michelena.

For a tour of the school or any questions in general, Sara Michelena contact information is listed below.

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Sacred Heart School Turlock
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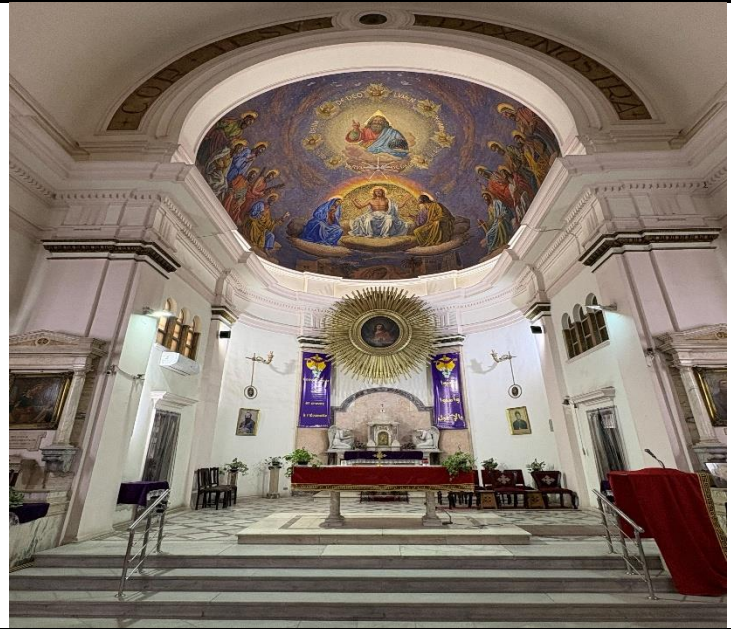
Columbian Properties Update – Don Grishaw

UPDATES FROM TURLOCK COLUMBIAN PROPERTIES

- The food truck contracts are being updated and will be presented to the council soon. The contracts run according to the Columbian year (July-July).
- Plans are being made to relocate the water and power supplies to the food trucks and modify the existing curb between the canopies and the food trucks to avoid the current tripping hazard.
- We are planning to restripe and reseal the parking lot. This maintenance needs to occur every 3-5 years.
- The food truck canopy poles have been stained and will be resealed in July or August of this year.
- We are in the cue for the construction drawings for the kitchen remodel project. We expect them to be completed in May 2026.

Churches From Around The World – Don Grishaw

My wife and I found a rare jewel during our travels in Cairo, Egypt. Most Christian churches are Eastern Orthodox in Egypt but we ran across a church founded by the French in 1884 which is truly a Roman Catholic Church. You can see the sign in front of the church in French. Masses are held in either French or Arabic. No Masses in English! Note the beautiful interior of the church including a painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The outside of the church has the name inscribed in Latin. The red, white, and black banner at the bottom of the picture shows the three colors of the Egyptian flag.



An Editorial – The Way, We See It – Richard Fantazia

Once upon a time not too long ago (two days ago) I read an article on YouTube about organizations aging because of low recruitment. It is happening everywhere. Along with the standard service clubs like the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Elk, Moose, Masons, and the Knights of Columbus, were part of the mix.

The reasons given for dwindling numbers were many, but three stood out. 1. Technology. I have my device, I am connected. 2. Watering down of ceremonials and degrees. New members feel cheated. They miss what their fathers and grandfathers cherished 3. Battle between young members and the old timers as to what programs to do, and how to proceed. The young know everything, the old think they know everything.

So, that got me wondering, what is our councils age make up? So, to the best of my ability. I did an age profile. The results.... Members in their Nineties 3; Eighties 36; Seventies 36; Sixties

58; Fifties 34; forties 18; thirties 21; Twenties 7. For our study let us say that everyone in their forties and younger are the youngest, set 46. Fifty and over are the old set 167 members. Yes, we are an aging council, no doubt.

What would I like to uncover is....how many members are active in each age group? That would be an interesting study, and in my opinion, active meaning that they do something not just pay dues. Since when has in name only been associated with being active? Who does the heavy lifting of working and maintaining our core principles? Yes, your right...the same ten guys!

On a positive note. We are right on point as for the second Columbian Year, we will achieve Star Council (not an easy thing accomplishment as we are a large council.) So as to repeat a famous saying in the movie Casablanca, whatever we are doing “play it again Sam” (continue what we are doing)

Richard Fantazia

May 2026 Birthdays – Joe Ballas

Member	Birthday	1 st Degree	Born
Fr Rao Abbadasari	1 st		
Joseph R. Gomes	1 st	'44	'21
Fr. <u>Hamilton</u> Suarez	1 st		
Marcos Barreto	2 nd	New member	1 yr
Alex Rodriguez	5 th		
Mark Crivelli	6 th		
Rafael Amezcua	7 th		
Manuel P Dutra	9 th		
Ray Mendonca	10 th	'44 yrs	
Ulysses (JR) O'Dell	11 th		
Rogelio Aguilar	12 th	New member	1 yr
Marco Perez	13 th		
Andy Germann	16 th		
Rev. Valentez G. Azavedo	21 st	'31	
Gabriel Moreno	24 th		
Marc Etchepare	28 th		
Edward Neto	29 th	'75	'46
Joe A. Jorge	30 th	'50	'30
Alex Carr	30 th		
Alan Julien	31 st		

Insurance Agent – coming soon...

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENTS WANTED.
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CARREER? CHECK IT OUT.**

Vocations Crucifix Program – Angel Delgadillo

Our Vocations Crucifix program here at Sacred Heart is directed by our very own Brother Knight, Angel Delgadillo, and his wife Lupe Delgadillo. They have been working tirelessly on organizing Masses and seeking out families to take the Crucifixes home to pray each week. He has a Vocations Crucifix for the Knights in our council which my family had the honor of launching by being the first hosts of the Crucifix.

If you and your family are interested in bringing home a Crucifix and praying the rosary for the Vocations, please contact our very own **Brother Knight Angel Delgadillo at (209)484-2948.**

YouTube and Regular TV Sunday Mass Schedule

YouTube - Go to the search box and type in “Sacred Heart Church, Turlock” and hit Enter, and you will see the dates of the Masses as well as images. Just select the Mass you want to see and enjoy Mass with Father Pat or any other of our Sacred Heart priests.

Regular TV Mass Schedule

Local Channel 40KTXL at 5:30am-6:00am

Local Channel 58KQCA at 8:00am-8:30am

DirecTV Channel 370 EWTN at 5:00am-6:10am



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Newsletter Staff

Your Newsletter Staff consists of Brother Knights; Richard Fantazia, Gil Esquer, Don Grishaw, Angel Delgadillo, and Jesse Acevedo. Our Current Grand Knight's message is done by Jon Borges.

Our primary purpose is to provide our Brother Knights, who cannot attend our meetings, an up-to-date information regarding our council, our assemblies, our chapter, our Sacred Heart Church, and Sacred Heart school.

We encourage any Brother Knight that is interested in contributing to this Newsletter in any way to get in contact with any member of the Staff. As usual, our staff will be delighted to hear any suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the council's newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Jesse Acevedo



Scan it with your phone and see how easy it is to use!





"I hope you're not walking across my clean floor."

