



## San Joaquin Chapter 6 December 2025



Worthy Officers, SK Knights, and Brothers,

Our featured program for December is the "[Consecration to the Holy Family](#)"

### CP Report:

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday with your families & friends.

Just a reminder there is NO Chapter meeting in December, so I also wish you a very Merry Christmas. Our next chapter meeting will be on January 8th, hosted by Father Heslin Council 2557 in Turlock, located at 1030 East Ave. Please make every attempt to have at least one representative from each council attend this dinner meeting.

I see new online members joining our chapter every day. I encourage every DD & GK to make sure they have a membership committee reaching out to each of these candidates and guiding them in what they can expect next & instructing them on the exemplification process.

We have had a few exciting Chapter events and my congratulations to each of you assisting to make these events successful. My special thanks to the 18 Grand Knights & the 3 Assemblies that represented the Chapter at the Seminarian/Parade of GK's dinner. We are still waiting for invoices to come in, but I anticipate our final figure to be just a hair over \$40,000.00 dollars going to the Bishop's Seminarian Education Fund. Not too shabby, imagine what we could have raised with all 26 Councils participating. I do understand that a couple of Councils were not able to attend, but they will make donations as well and it will all count towards our Chapter contribution. So, thank you one & all for staying involved and helping San Joaquin Chapter remain a solid & viable team of Brother Knights striving to promote our Catholic faith and to help our fellow catholic causes.

I am noticing councils still have old information on their contact pages. Please submit your current officers' names with accurate contact information to webmaster Lou so he can update the website accordingly.

Thank you all.  
Gil Esquer  
SJ 6 CP

### Upcoming Chapter activities:

- [No Chapter meeting in December](#)
- [45<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Procession and Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 7.](#)
- [Next Chapter will be on January 8 in Turlock](#)



## December 2025 Newsletter



### Chapter Treasurer's Article

Financial Advisors: How I understand it so far.

When I first joined the Knights of Columbus, I joined to improve my social inadequacies. I saw this Brotherhood as a great way to interact with men who had the same faith as me. My first interaction with a financial advisor was a Brother Knight who was a Fraternal Insurance Agent. He was introduced by another Brother Knight as our go-to in regards to our Fraternal and Financial Benefits. I was always welcome to learning more, since as a student, I know how valuable information is, even if it may not benefit me now, the knowledge may help me or others later. I hope to continue to have this mindset, because I learned soon that many of my peers do not welcome reviewing knowledge.

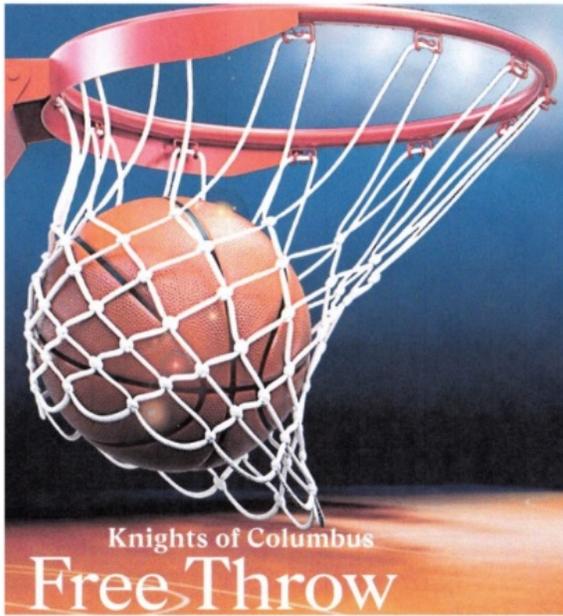
What I learned was a financial product and some of the rich history of our Order. After a grueling time for my Brother answering my questions and patiently explaining what he knows about only one of the products, I took the best option of life insurance; I could currently afford. As time went by, I was still a broke, frugal student. I started to ignore financial advice because I had very little money. This was a mistake.

It was not until I was unable to find work other than being a substitute that I decided that I needed to research more about finances. I took a job as the first financial advisor I knew, becoming a Fraternal Insurance Agent. It let me learn a lot about the financial industry, that this position is only one of hundreds of positions that encompass a financial advisor. Some are licensed, credentialed, or can just be your neighbor giving you financial advice. How little I know and still know.

I want our councils to spread the truth. Which includes financial truths. Be like some of the councils I hear meeting sometimes to give information on jobs that are available. Some give professional advice from their careers or even personal advice from their past experiences. Here are a few financial advice I want to share. Do not spend more than you bring in (easy to know, but difficult to do). Spread out and diversify your finances. This means to put your money in different financial products that do different things while considering all forms of risk. As well as investing not just in companies, but in your family, our church, and organizations that stabilize our society/lives. Start small by inviting your neighbors/family to join our fraternal events. Save some of your money in a high-yield savings account for emergencies. Have a life insurance policy on yourself to leave one final financial support to your loved ones. Put all that you are legally allowed into your Roth Income Retirement Accounts because you will not pay any tax on the distribution. Take what you want. This is my banquet I want to share.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Nelson Vazquez-Munoz



## Free Throw Championship

### Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

#### January 2026

Council competition should begin the 2nd or 3rd weekend in January.  
 District competition should begin the 4th weekend in January.  
 Chapter competition will be scheduled the 2nd or 3rd weekend in February, TBA.  
 State competition is scheduled on March 16, 2026, in Carmichael, CA. Site TBA.

Plan to invite children of the Parish, your Parish Elementary School, or local schools in your area.

Examine your BBFT Kit for needed information. Put together your registration team, your welcome team and your scoring team for your event. Contact your District Deputy to schedule your district competition.

Chapter competition date and site, TBA.  
 State competition date March 16, 2026, site TBA.

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E. Lolly Gomez, SJ Chp. BBFT Chairman



## Global Wheelchair

For all Councils in need of a wheelchair for a Brother Knight, family or veteran, send a council check for \$ 150.00, issued to the San Joaquin Chapter Knights of Columbus, "memo: American Wheelchair Mission.

Issue checks to: San Joaquin Chapter Knights of Columbus.  
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**Photos from our Seminarian/Parade of Grand Knights  
(November 22, 2025)**







## Spiritual Reflection and Christmas Article

### Brother Knights

Christmas is now only a few weeks away. And as we get closer to Christmas eve and Christmas day, Catholics and Christians alike will celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Many homes and shopping malls will be nicely decorated with bright lights and images of Santa Claus. But unfortunately, very few will signify the real reason for Christmas, and that itself is very sad.

We as Christians must set an example. If you decorate with lights in your home you may want to include a reef, and angel, and or even a manger as part of your Christmas decoration, and Yes, its ok to decorate with Christmas stocking and other secular items. I'm not suggesting that you don't completely cut this out. I m only say that you include the real reason for the season

Many people during this time will be greeting you with the word Happy Holiday and playing down the real reason we celebrate this very special day. I encourage everyone of you for every time someone approaches you and says Happy Holiday your response in a polite way can say .... Merry Christmas to you to. And I often will personally say. You know it's ok to say Merry Christmas. I promise you that you will not melt or catch on fire.

For those of you who still remember last year I read to you two Christmas poems of the Night before Christmas. One was the secular version and the other was the real reason that there is a Night Before Christmas.

Brother Knights I like to read this poem again in celebration of the Birth of our Lord and savor Jesus Christ

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,  
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;  
Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild,  
While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child.  
The children were nestled, each snug in their beds,  
The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;  
When even the innkeeper sent them away,  
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay.  
He thought of the caves in the side of the hills,  
Let's go there said Mary, it's silent and still;  
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,  
Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go.  
And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay,  
Our Savior was born on that first Christmas Day!  
The Father was watching in heaven above,  
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love.  
More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;  
Rejoicing and eager as each heard his name;  
Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,  
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel.  
Now fly to the Earth, where My poor people live,  
Announce the glad tidings My Son comes to give;  
The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night,  
And saw in the heavens and unearthly light.  
The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,  
It's Christmas they said, the Savior is here!  
They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,  
Till Mary invited them in to adore.  
He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet,  
Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!  
He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,  
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too.  
Then softly they left Him, The Babe in the hay,  
And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day;  
Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,  
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will!

This version of the poem the night before Christmas is the real reason why we celebrate Christmas Day.

If you have that poem saved. Please read it aloud to your family and friends this Christmas eve and or Christmas day. If you don't have a copy, upon your request, I will gladly e-mail it to you  
Brother Knights

From My family to your families. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2023, and As always, I encourage you to read your Bible even if its just a verse or a paragraph, pray often including the Rosary , and keep your spiritual Armor on.

God Bless

SK Gary Reggiani from Holy Family Council 14123, Modesto