



San Joaquin Chapter 6 May 2025 Newsletter



Worthy Officers, SK Knights, and Brothers,

Our featured program for May is the “**Month of Mary**,” dedicated to honoring motherhood.

Thanks to our March Chapter meeting host, Presentation Council 10478 in Stockton. Their Grand Knight, Freddie Vidrio, and the council members warmly welcomed us and prepared a great meal. GK Freddie presented the Chapter with the total proceeds obtained from the meal. This is a big help to our Chapter.

We're proud to recognize our up-and-coming Star Councils—4041, 4178, 4784, 5303, 8709, 10449, 10644, 13321, and 14531—all of which have reached 100% or more of their membership quotas as of the April 15 Star Tracker Report. In addition, Councils 1986 and 10661 have reached 60% or greater and are within striking distance of achieving Star Council status, according to the April 15, 2025 Star Tracker report.

“Please note: It is highly recommended to submit your SP-7 form as early as possible, rather than waiting until the end of June. At this time, Council 4041 is the only council that has completed and submitted their SP-7.”

Congratulations to our 21 new Fourth Degree Sir Knights who were exemplified at the Fourth Degree Exemplification held on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Among them was Rev. Fr. Caesar Martinez from the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton.

Special thanks to SK Tim Fukuda, our VSM, and SK James Hinojosa, our Central District Master, along with his dedicated team: SK Dave Roberts, SK Alex Young, SK E. Lolly Gomez, SK Louie Ortega, as well as all the Color Corps Commanders (CCCs) and their Honor Guards for their outstanding service and support.

Congratulations and welcome also to our three new Brothers, who were exemplified and became members of St. Frances of Rome Council 13321 that very same evening.

Upcoming Chapter activities:

- No Chapter Meeting in May
- State Annual Meeting (State Convention):
May 15–18, 2025
- Location: Visalia Marriott Convention Center

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, and will be hosted by St. Anthony's Council 10644 in Stockton.

Please refer to the San Joaquin Chapter 6 meeting schedule and the 2025 Columbian Year calendar for full details on all upcoming meetings.



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To all councils: please consider volunteering to host—especially if your council has not hosted before. It's a great opportunity to serve the Chapter and strengthen fraternal bonds. Here are the requirements and details for **hosting a Chapter** meeting.

[Chapter Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON Schedule](#) [Click here for program information.](#)

Chapter Report from Chairman: SK Lolly Gomez

Basketball Free Throw State Results

Representing the SJ Chapter:

1st Place in the State, 9 Yr Old Boys, Cutter Asuncion, KC Council #10693, Dist. 57, scored 19 out of 25 free throws. 2nd Place in the State, 10 Yr Old Boys, Miko Alfonso, KC Council #4784, Dist. 55, scored 19 out of 25 free throws. Congratulations to our two athletes that represented our Chapter in the State Competition. Northern California had 23 champions vs Southern California with 13.

The Wheelchair program is alive and well in our Chapter. The KC State Council recommends that all councils make a monetary contribution of \$ 300.00 to the American Wheelchair Mission Foundation. Remember, if you have made a contribution, your council may request a wheelchair for someone in need in your area.

Questions or concerns contact me.

FYI, coming up this Columbian Year 2025-2026. Soccer Challenge-Order your soccer challenge kits from Supreme in July 2025. Plan your Council competition early in September. District Deputies, plan your District competition early October. Chapter competition planned for late October. KC State Competition early November TBA. 2025-2026 Basketball Free Throw, order your BBFT kits from Supreme in November 2025.

Plan your Council competition the first two weeks of January. District Deputies, plan your District competition the last week of January or the first week of February. Chapter competition to be planned the 2nd or 3rd week of February. KC State Competition early in March TBA. According to our records, each Parish with a Knights Council, has an average of 6,000 children, 9 to 14 years of age, boys and girls. (28 Chapter councils X 6,000 children= 168,000.) It would behoove each Council in our Chapter to engage our parish children to participate.

Fraternally, E. Lolly Gomez

Council Reports recieved:

Reports have been received from the following councils:

- Father Heslin #2557
- Msgr. Kennedy #1986
- Fr. Rose #4178
- Dr. Tom Dooley #5303
- St. Michael's #11052



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All submitted reports have been attached to the April Chapter Meeting minutes.

Thank you to the councils that submitted their reports!

This represents only 18.5% of our active councils. Where are the rest? Your participation is vital to keeping our Chapter informed and unified in our mission.

Upcoming CUFs (Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity)

Councils planning CUFs are encouraged to submit your information to our Chapter President, SK Lou Gervais, at Loug@kofcchap6ca.org.

Your cooperation ensures that all councils with candidates in need of exemplification are kept informed and can participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

San Joaquin Chapter Officers – Columbian Year 2025–2026

At our March Chapter Meeting, the Nominating Committee—SK Lolly Gomez, SK Don Marcetti, and PCVP Gil Esquer—along with members in attendance, proposed the following slate of officers for the upcoming Columbian Year:

- **Chapter President:** Gil Esquer
- **Vice President:** SK Louie Ortega
- **Chapter Secretary:** SK E. Lolly Gomez
- **Chapter Treasurer:** SK Nelson Vazquez-Munoz
- **Warden:** SK Steven D Reyes
 - **Financial Advisor (1-Year):** SK James K. Christensen
 - **Financial Advisor (2-Year):** SK Lou Gervais

Appointed Officers

- Chaplain: Open
- Advocate: Currently SK Jeff Rhodes
- Webmaster: Currently SK Lou Gervais

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Final Thoughts

Let us continue to focus on what we can do—by helping and supporting one another as we grow and evolve together. More importantly, let's strive to learn together and become all that we are called to be in our journey of service—to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; to our parishes, priests, parishioners, and communities. Together, we can make a meaningful and lasting difference.

If you need assistance at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out—to me or to any of our Chapter officers. We are here to support you and to ensure that you have the tools and resources needed to succeed.

Let's remember the lesson of our Second Degree: UNITY. When we work together as one, we accomplish far more than we could alone—growing, evolving, and strengthening our bonds as brothers.

Together, we truly make a difference, and I am proud of each one of you—for who you are and for all that you contribute. Let us remain united as we strive to move forward, making it happen and becoming the best versions of ourselves.

I welcome your feedback, your comments—and yes, even your criticisms.

Thank you for your patience and your continued understanding.

And just so you know... my crystal ball is still cloudy! 🧐

Vivat Jesus,

May God bless you and your families, and may He keep you healthy and safe.



FAITH IN ACTION OVERVIEW

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Lou Gervais, SJCCP, DD-61, DD-58

