



## San Joaquin Chapter 6 Sept. 2026 Newsletter



### September Featured Program: "[Faith in Action](#)"

**Special Announcement:** [Pope Leo XIV announced](#) the appointment of our Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelley, as a member of The Dicastery for the Laity, the Family, and Life.

#### **CP Report:**

Gentlemen, First thank you to all the DD's that attended the DD installation and to all the Chapter Officers that were present for the officer installation. Many of the State officers were present, and the room was set up well, and everyone seemed to enjoy the menu. So, YAY team! Good job. Warning: This will be a long newsletter article, because we have a lot of information to share. So, please scan the whole message to see if there is a particular item of interest to you & your council.

On a sad note, it was announced that our PSD Ken Rose is still in Stanford awaiting a new lung transplant. Please add Sir Ken to your prayers and I am waiting for contact information so anyone interested may send Well Wishes his way.

Thank you to our CVP Steven, Our Worthy SK Lolly and one of my PGK's Paul for sitting through the Chapter President meeting with the State Deputy and his staff last Thursday night. A lot of information was shared; I will try to share what I remember. One statistic that was shared is the Stockton Diocese has approximately 300,000 Catholics residing here. We have approximately 10% of that number in membership (about 3,200 Knights). We have definite room to grow our order. One way to do this is to set up a monthly Church Drive, they want us to use the Proof-of-Concept Outreach System. This is not new; we used it a few places last year. It is a proven system with a written script and printed materials that come in your new Church drive kits. These are free to all DDs I ordered enough for all 5 of my councils in District 57. If you have not ordered them yet, order them today. The State is asking each District to schedule one Church drive per month. I have 5 councils in my district, so each council only needs to schedule 2 for the year. That should be doable. Can each of you DDs speak with your councils and see if we can achieve this goal. We won't know until we try! Then send me your schedule.

One item that is being requested from each chapter is a contribution of at least \$400.00 towards the purchase of a new Monstrance for the State Chaplain to process at each State function mass &/or Holy hour. Can each of you speak with your councils to see if we can generate about \$25.00 from each council, this should give us at least \$500.00 to kick in.

Another State priority this year is the Campesino Food Distribution. Last year between the Chapter & Father Heslin Council we collected \$600.00 towards this event, and we had a fair turnout with a decent amount of food to hand out. This year we have a better understanding of the project and a little experience of what to expect. Each recommended food box costs about \$100.00, which means if we want to distribute 100 boxes, we are looking at a \$10,000.00 budget. This will be up for discussion at our September 10th Chapter meeting to settle on a location and a goal of what we can supply.



The Supreme Convention was just hosted in Denver and if you have not had a chance, go into the Sate website ([www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org)) and one of the first things you will see is an address to the Knights by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. It is only about 4 minutes long, tune in and listen to it.

We also have our Chapter website ([www.kofcchap6.org](http://www.kofcchap6.org)) where you can find many of the tools and/or information you may need to make your job easier. Check out the calendars of our upcoming Chapter, Assembly & CUF meeting so you can reference these dates in your calendars.

Are any of your councils interested in achieving the Star Council Award so they can share with their parish the good works they achieve and the recognition they gain for their council & parish. Many of you are already doing the work, just fill out and submit the paperwork.

We currently have two reactivation teams working on Cathedral of the Assumption in Stockton and St. Patrick's in Sonora. If any of you want to be part of these teams, please let me know. I am opening communications channels with both Rev. Cesar Martinez & Rev. Suresh Ery to see what we can get done in the next couple of months to bring back these valuable council and much needed manpower.

We will also be discussing future callouts and CUF schedules at our meeting so please plan to have one or two representatives from your council attend.

I share a lot of information with your DDs and all my district GK's, but if you see something or hear of something that you need more information drop me an email or shoot me a text.

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Saint Augustine

Thank you all for your contributions and investments in our Councils, Districts in this San Joaquin Chapter 6.

Thank you all.

Gil Esquer – CP

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### Upcoming Chapter Activities:

- September
- **September 8–12 – Silver Rose Coming Through Our Area**
  - [Silver Rose Schedule](#)
  - [Silver Rose Booklet](#)
- [Chapter September 10, meeting](#)  
Hosted by Fr. Heslin Council 2557
- [CUF Schedule](#)
- **Webmaster Reminder:** Please schedule your council's planned CUFs and submit the dates, times, locations, and contact person for each event as early as possible.
- **125th Anniversary Yearbook Reminder**

### Worthy Grand Knights,

This is an ongoing project which you will want to complete for your council. Your Financial Secretary has access to all the information you will need to complete the questionnaire. Please refer to this link to the [State Council History Project](#) which explains the 125th of the State Council anniversary book and contains a link to the questionnaire in fillable pdf form

[Click here](#) to download the Council History Questionnaire in Fillable PDF format  
Once completed please send the completed questionnaire directly to the state at [council.history@californiaknights.org](mailto:council.history@californiaknights.org)

Thank you and God Bless.

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### Webmaster's Report

Our [KofC Resources App](#) is has received a major update adding new categories and incorporating many of the latest releases from Supreme and State Councils.

Please know that your feedback is not only welcomed, but encouraged. It is through your input that we can make this resource as useful as possible for all of our district, assemblies, councils, and brothers.

**P.S** If you have any suggestions, requests for additional resources, or encounter any issues with the app, please send them to me as soon as possible so they can be addressed in future updates.

Lou Gervais, Chapter Webmaster