



San Joaquin Chapter 6 January 2024 Newsletter



Worthy Brothers,

This month, As we begin the New Year our featured program for January is "Novena for Life". The featured program for January is "Novena for Life." Order wide and statewide Novenas for Life will be broadcast via Facebook and YouTube. Watch for further information in the weeks ahead. In addition to novenas, prayers, and devotions, Walks for Life will be conducted in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other communities throughout the state. For further information on the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco click [here](#)

Please mark your calendars for March 2 or 3, 2024 as we anticipate that the Special Olympics will be holding their Regional Basketball Tournaments at Lodi High School. We are committed to once again "Feed the Athletics" and counting on your support. I am awaiting their finalized schedule and will publish and send out a notification once we have it nailed down.

The latest Star Council reports indicates that we currently have achieved nearly 18.6% of our quota and we have 5 councils that have achieved 50% or greater of their quota. We currently remain in 14th place within the state where last year at this time we were at nearly 35% and in 3rd place. Looks like we need to get back on track.

Just FYI: We have all the CUF Exemplifications published on our [Chapter Homepage](#) so that all councils are aware of the dates, times, and locations taking place within our Chapter area. I know for a fact that there are more than a few you that have upcoming CUF Exemplifications. Please take the time to add it on to our [CUF Exemplification Schedule](#) or contact me with your info so that the CUF schedule can be current. We encourage all GKs to post their [upcoming CUFs](#). All Councils are encouraged to form their own Exemplification teams. Please know that we are here to help, BUT you must reach out and let us know what you need. Just FYI: Our Chapter has a by-lingual Exemplification team and would be happy to assist where and when needed and be happy to help in training your own CUF team.

Communication is an ongoing issue and we need to improve our communications to get the word out to our councils, pastors, and parishioners which will enable us to reach those untapped resources, grow our order and make a difference. Our District Deputies will be taking a more active role within their assigned districts to help us to help you with this challenges. We know that you are doing your best within your respective councils but don't have extra cycles to spare. Please work with and through your respective DDs and let us know what additional ideas you might have or how we can help you and your council.

Thanks to St. George's council 10449, led by their GK Michael Cervantes and FS, SK Richard Calderon for stepping up to host our upcoming **January 11, 2024 Chapter meeting** and we have a guest speaker. Watch for the agenda to be sent out next week. Just as a reminder, we don't have a host for the rest of 2024. To all Councils that have NOT yet stepped up we ask that you please step up and host one of our upcoming Chapter meetings. My personal goal is to have a different council host 1 meeting every 2.5 years and if every

one of our Councils did, then we would get to know and learn from each other and evolve to become all that we can be. Full details can be found on the following link: [Chapter Meeting Schedule](#) If your Council doesn't have the capacity to hold one of a Chapter meeting, please reach out to a neighboring Council and co-host one. All the Councils that have hosted a Chapter meeting have reported their experience has been overwhelmingly positive and were happy to participate and learning about what and how our Chapter helps to make a difference. I have been told several times that they were unaware of all that is going on. So, please take that next step and select a month to host/co-host one of our upcoming Chapter meetings. Let's keep the momentum going and be all that we can be. Remember **UNITY** is the magic that makes it all work.

We ask for your continued focus on "What we can DO" to help and support each other will enable us to achieve greater success but more importantly we will learn and grow together to be "All that we can be" as we serve our Parishes, Priests, Parishioners, and Communities. So let's "Be All that We Can Be and Let's Make it Happen". If you need help, please reach out anytime and let me or one of our Chapter officers know. We promise to help or find the resources needed. If you find something that is out of date, needs to be added, changed, or has something missing, please let me know. We welcome and encourage your feedback.

A special thanks to all the Assemblies within our jurisdiction that have come together to make a real difference. Our Bishop is delighted to have our Honor Guards out in numbers supporting his heavy schedule. I am proud to be a Knight, and proud of each of you for your ongoing support and help. May God continue to Guide, Protect, Inspire, and keep you and your families safe and healthy.

Remember our Second Degree – "UNITY" as together we can do so much more.

Remember to take the time and check our [Chapter Homepage](#), your [District's Homepage](#), and your local [Assembly's](#) home pages as there you will find the most current information.

Together WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE and I am proud of each of you. Let us continue to UNITE and evolve to "Make it Happen and be all that we can be".

Reminder: This is an interactive newsletter where you can simply click on any of the content in **BLUE** that is **underlined** and it will open that content for you. It's all magic.

Blessed Fr. McGivney, Pray for US.

Our Chapter Officers and I wish you and each of your families a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

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



Sincerely Yours in Christ

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