



San Joaquin Chapter 6 July 2024 Newsletter



Worthy Officers, SK Knights, and Brothers,

Welcome to our new Columbian Year. Congratulations to all our newly elected Officers of our Chapter, Districts, Assemblies, and Councils. Thanks to all officers in each of your respective office positions that are retiring and for all that you have contributed. We are proud of you and honor you. Just where and how has all this time gone? OH! I remember, it's all in the RATIO. 😄

I am honored to once again been elected to serve our Chapter for 2024 – 2024 as your president. I look forward to working more closely with each of you as we continue to evolve and I am here to help anytime BUT, it is up to you to reach out and contact me because I still have not master the ability to read my crystal ball nor tune into the special place know as ESP. 😞

Our State Council has contacted all California Chapters and requesting additional support to meet the new challenges of our 2024 – 2025 Columbian year. I personally look forward to doing my best to accommodate these challenges. I know that we, as a chapter, can do better and need your support as we continue to UNITE and accomplish this. Supreme has released several new publications and mailed them to each FS of record. Last week each our DDs were sent this info and asked to pass it on to each of their respective councils. All of these documents have been linked and published on our [Chapter Website](#) and can be found on each of your respective District's Homepage. I urge each of you to especially take a look at an all new revised and expanded publication called "[Protocol](#)" handbook that covers Protocols, Meetings, and Exemplifications for both Councils and Assemblies. Just go to our Chapter homepage and click on your District's menu items. The most important thing that every Council needs to do NOW is schedule time to meet with their Pastors and get all their planning done for all upcoming activities for the new Columbian Year. Use the [Fraternal Planer](#). As it is invaluable to guide you to a successful year.

I have just published the names of all our [Directors and Committeemen](#) to reflect all the positions requested by our State Council. You will find my name, **as a place holder**, for several positions that have been identified by the State Council with the exception of Hispanic Development Chairman which will not be supported as experience within this chapter has proved to fail. We will however continue our effort by endorsing and supporting the development of BY-LINGUAL Councils as this is what our Pastors and members prefer and this will give us the greatest chance of succeeding. Please look over our list of Directors and Committeemen and please step up to replace me in any of those positions that have my name on it as I am unable to do all of these effectively without your help.

This is what we are all about and I can't be more proud or each of you. Just FYI: we are a force to be reckoned with and in 2024 – 2025 will be capitalizing our share of the awards to be presented at our next State Annual Meeting in 2025. We will become the role model for other Chapters to imitate.

Thanks to GK Jesse Ybarra St. JOACHIM COUNCIL # 14247 their offices and members for doing an outstanding job to host our June 2024 meeting and provid a great dinner. What a great hall they have.

Our next meeting will be on September 12 at 7:00 pm hosted by St. Joseph Council 10644, in Modesto CA. Please see our [Chapter Meeting Schedule](#) for full details.

Our Fourth Deg. Color Corps ended up with 11 callouts in June and we have another 5 coming up this month. Yes, our callouts are slowing down as our Bishop will be on his annual vacation a good part of July. Thanks to all Sir Knights that have stepped up and supported these events within our area and going out across our Assembly areas to help and support one another.

Calling your attention to our upcoming activities:

- 1- The Knights of Columbus have been invited by the city of [Stockton to March in the July 4 parade](#). This invitation is for both all our Assemblies and Councils. Please step up and join us in this great opportunity and event to be visible and put our best foot forward as our Color Corps will be handling the Colors in the parade and we need as many Brothers to join us and participate. Just click on the link for full details that is published on our [Chapter Homepage](#)
- 2- We are very close to reinstating Council 13321 in Riverbank at St. Frances of Rome. Rev. Kondayya Mocherla, is the pastor & a brother Knight who is very interested in getting the council going in his parish. **Additionally** this parish will be hosting our [Chapter Installation of Officers for 2024-2025 on August 25, 2025](#). I certainly would be great to have a better turnout supporting this event to witness our Chapter Officers being installed by our State Deputy which include our Most Rev. Bishop Myron Cotta who will be the celebrant at the mass and also be installed as our Chapter Chaplin. Supporting this event will show that we are truly UNITED for our newly reinstated Council 13321 that is hosting this event.
- 3- Our Parade of Grand Knights and Seminarian Fund Raiser is in full swing. This event is being hosted on October 9, 2024 by our St. Joseph Council 10664. Tickets are now available to all Assemblies and Councils. Please contact your respective District Deputies and get those tickets sold to support our Seminarian. Last year we raised more than \$80K for our Seminararians and our goal is to surpass that amount this year with your help. Please click on the [Flyer link](#) or go to our [Chapter Homepage](#) for full details.
- 4- Our Chapter has adopted our [KC-EPCS App](#) as the communication vehicle for all our Officers, Directors, and Committeemen as we move forward. For those of you that have not yet registered and established their account for this "FREE" Digital App to please have a look at our [Quick Start Guide](#) and contact me should you have any questions, concerns, or need help.

We need to continue to focus on **"What we can DO"** to help and support one other 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 continue to **"Be All that We Can Be and Let's Make a difference"**.

Our final standing for 2023 – 2024 will be reported once that the finalized report is released, hopefully we will have the final results in our next Newsletter for August.

If you need help, please reach out anytime to any of our Chapter officers. We promise to help or find the resources needed. Please know that we welcome and encourage your feedback.

Important: Here is our current list of nominated [Chapter Officers for 2024 – 2025](#). Remember our Second Degree – "UNITY" as together we can do so much more and do take the time to check our [Chapter Homepage](#), your District's Homepage, and your local Assembly's homepage as there you will find the most current information.

Chapter Advocates Corner

Current Chapter Advocate by Nelson Vazquez-Munoz

I will be taking the role of your Chapter Treasurer. I will most likely make errors since I am not all-knowing and all-capable. As you forever forgive me as I challenge your patience know that I do not seek to hurt you, but to support you while getting closer to the perfection that is Jesus. As such, whenever you feel that you cannot be patient anymore like myself, instead of running away, take on the responsibility. You have myself, a brother, who will support you no matter how poorly as I grow my talents. My other roles are District Deputy, Faithful Comptroller, and Honor Guard Commander. I have some knowledge on finances such that I am comfortable with the role of Treasurer and welcome your knowledge to improve my performance.

Vivat Jesus!

Chapter Advocate 2024-2025 by Sir Jeff Rhodes



My articles, in the coming months, will have to do with some rules and regulations for the running of meetings that you may NOT have known about in the by-laws of our Order. It was brought up recently about alcohol during meetings. Supreme by-laws Section 245 states:

Liquors Prohibited at Meetings or Degree Work of Order

SEC. 245. The use of intoxicating liquors of any kind is prohibited at any meeting or degree work of the Order.

Supreme By-Laws – section 28 SS 14 also states;

Alcoholic Excesses

14. Using alcoholic or intoxicating beverages to such excess as to give scandal to the Order or impairment to health can result in the suspension or expulsion of the offending member.

If a member should arrive at a meeting already intoxicated, he should kindly be asked to leave and lovingly driven home by a member. There are many reasons a member may “appear” intoxicated. A reaction to new medications. A reaction from diabetics, to the sugar uptick resulting from only one or two drinks with little or no food in their system. My point is not to too harshly judge your brother. Instead love and take care of his needs.

To be clear, before or after a meeting or exemplification, alcohol, in moderation, is fine. Once the meeting or exemplification has been begun or is gavelled in, ALL alcoholic beverages must exit the chamber area. It would fall on ALL of the Officers to firmly demand this. The meeting should be held in suspension until all alcohol has left the chamber. I would note that this should be done with kindness and love for our Brothers, not in a dictatorial manner. It is simply a fulfillment of the by-laws requirements.

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”.

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

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Lou Gervais, SJC CP, D-59, DW-56

