



San Joaquin Chapter September 2023 Newsletter

Worthy Brothers,

Welcome back to our typical routines as vacations come to a close, schools begin their sessions, and fall is quickly closing in on us. September is also when councils and assemblies return to their normal activities as we respond to our church and pastors needs.

The Supreme Council's Faith in Action guidebook (publication 10831) offers several activities for councils to engage with their members and parish. Supreme's RSVP Seminarian support program, the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, and new for this year, the Women's Religious Assistance Program. Continued spiritual growth is extremely important and featured in the new COR program (Latin for Heart) which can be implemented with resources like the Into the Breach video series, Sacramental Gifts, Rosaries, Adorations, Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. Of greatest importance is the need to continue serving our Pastors and Church. More info is published on the Supreme Website, to learn more about Faith in Action and COR programs your council can do. Let us continue to "Be all that we can be" by Uniting and "Make it Happen"

Our Chapter Officers were installed on August 19, 2023 by our State Deputy, Greg Marraqc. Thank you Worthy SD Greg and all your officers that attended. Thanks to the councils that attended and especially Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Councils 5303's GK Gabriel Dela Riva that hosted our event. Ah! I would be remiss if our Sir Knight Al Pellegrini was not acknowledged as Sir Al did an outstanding job as our MC. Thanks to each of you that came out to support us and to the cater, "On The Scene Cuisine" that provided us with a wonderful dinner.

Our IPSD, Rene Treveno honored Lady Joanne Sueyres, widow of F. Clark Sueyres from council 16574. Honors were also bestowed on D-53 council 14247, D-54 council 1311, and D-58 council 12780. Congradulations to each of them. We also were recognized as our Chapter has risen from the ashes and placed 7th in the state.

My compliments to each of you that have stepped up and please know that you can contact any of the Chapter officers or District Deputy for help anytime. We pray and wish you all the very best. Please keep your Chapter informed of all your planned activities and please post all your upcoming CUF Exemplivations on our Website.

On September 7, the Msgr. Gruber Assembly 3340 is hosting the installation by the Master of all 5 Assemblies within our area. All details (Flyer) have been published on the Master's webpage as well as on each of the Assemblies Homepages.

All Councils and Assemblies are encouraged to attend and support the "[Bishop's Award Celebration](#)" on Septmeber 22, 2023. All details published on the Flyer published on our Chapter Website.

On Oct. 1, the Special Olympics will be playing at the Ripon Soccer Regional. Our Chapter will be hosting the "Feed the Athletics" program in support of that Special Olympics Regional event. Our chairman for the "Special Olympics" is Arim Arrambide & Lolly Gomez. They will be coordinating this activity and a flyer will be published on our website soon.

On Oct. 19 our Chapter will be hosting our annual Seminarian Fund Raiser and Parade of GKs. Our Chairman for this event is SK Richard Fantazia and there are parish wide raffle supporting this event. All details are published on our Chapter website.

Please take note: [Council](#) and [Sick & Deceased](#) Reports for our Chapter Meetings are due no later than 2 days before that month's meeting and are to be sent to the Chapter Secretary, Pete Simoncini (<mailto:momdadsimoncini@gmail.com>) with CC: to CP. Our Chapter needs to hear from each Council and attendance will be taken and tracked.

Request for HELP: We are looking to fill two chairmen positions: Columbian Charities & the I.D Drive. Please step-up and accept one of these positions. Just drop me a line or call to get more info.

Each Council's GK or his representative are encouraged to attend our Chapter Meetings and get important information and updates to bring back to your Councils. The next Chapter meeting will be on Sept. 14, 2023 at St. Luke's in Stockton. Again, this is all published on our [Website Homepage](#). Social time begins at 6:00 pm and dinner is served by 6:30 pm. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

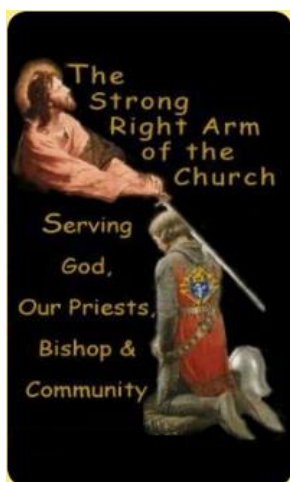
We are energized and look forward in working together to become the best that we can be. We need to continue focusing on "[What we can Do](#)" step up and be part of evolving. The programs that Supreme and our State Council have identified promote doing just that. Remember our Second Degree – "UNITY" as together we can do so much more, so "[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 change or has something missing, let me know. I still DON'T HAVE ESP. Sorry.

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

May God Bless, Protect, and Guide you and your families and keep you healthy and safe.

Sincerely Yours in Christ.

Lou Gervais, CP, DD-59, & DW-56



Pray often to our Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.