



San Joaquin Chapter & District May 2023 Newsletter

Worthy Brothers,

Our Chapter is holding in 3rd place as reported on Apr. 15, 2023 at 60%. District 56, led by SK Arthur Santiago, continues to lead the pack in 5th place within the State at 188% and right on his tail is now our District 60, led by our Chapter Advocate & DD Nelson Vasquez-Munoz, in 19th place within the State and at 119% of quota. District 57, led by our PCP and DD Jimmy Christensen is chomping at the bit to hold on and is in 21st place within the State with a very respectable quota of 116%. We are proud of each of you. Let us keep up the momentum and continue to be all that we can be. My personal goal for each of us and all that we do is that we continue to evolve to be "ALL THAT WE CAN BE". We are on the home stretch and have risen from the ashes. Let's make it Happen.

A great big thanks to GK Richard Valerio of Council 1311 and to all the brothers at St. Gertrude who hosted our April meeting. Great job and delicious dinner. At our fourth Chapter meeting this year, a very wet night I must say, we had 35 attendees. Meeting minutes published on our KC-EPCS app. Did you know that you can publish, post, upload photos, or videos directly from your Smart Phones?

A very big THANKS to all councils that have already stepped up and hosted one of our Chapter meetings. Just click on the following link: [Chapter Meeting Schedule](#), published online, with all the details needed to host a meeting. **No Meeting in May.** Our next meeting will be on **June 8, 2023** and our host will be GK Edmundo Arellano of the Msgr. Kennedy Council 1986 and the contact person.

All the councils that have hosted our Chapter meetings have reported that the experience has been overwhelmingly positive and were happy to see and participate in our Chapter meeting, getting to meet the officers and see us in action.

Our upcoming Columbian year starts with our July 13, 2023 meeting. We meeting schedule is now opened and we are ready to accept hosting for all our 2023-2024 meetings. Just FYI: No meeting for Aug, Oct, Dec, nor May. So, please step and select a month that you can and will host one of our upcoming [Chapter meetings](#). Let's keep the momentum going and be all that we can be.

Our Chapter supports all our Assemblies and we recognizes the outstanding job that each have been doing in supporting our Most Rev. Bishop Cotta, our communities, and local events. Have a look at all that they have done and are supporting: [Call out Schedule](#). Since the beginning of this year we have already supported 40 activities and will be adding another 12 in May. Thanks to each of you and your Assemblies for all your support and stepping up to make a difference. Just FYI, we have even been recorded, published on YouTube, and televised on the local news stations.

We do however need more Fourth Deg. Knights and especially Honor Guards. [Check us out](#) and don't be bashful, step up and help us as we continue to grow & evolve supporting our Bishop, communities and local events as well as our councils. We are the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus and have the most public visibility within the Dioceses of Stockton and our communities.

Special Announcement: We have identified most of the positions needed for our Chapter but are extending an invitation to each of you to attend the June 8 meeting where you will be able to participate in the nomination of our Officers. Please know that the [proposed list of nominations](#) is just a starting point and ALL positions are open to all 3 Degree members in good standing. Here is where you CAN AND SHOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Our Chapter Program Director is stepping down at the end of this Columbia year and has written a document called: "[Chapter Program Chairman Guide](#)". He is leaving big shoes to fill and wishes all the best. So, please have a look at that document, and help me find a suitable replacement for our upcoming 2023-2024. Sir AI has volunteered to help and guide anyone who wishes to step up as I, your CP will.

The additional Chairman/Committeemen positions known to be open are: Program Chairman, Ceremonials, Membership Retention / Recruitment, Campaign Supporting People with ID, Chapter Vocations and several Communication/Media and Outreach committeemen. I pray that you take the time to consider stepping up and volunteering to fill one of these positions. My personal goal is to have a Chapter Officer, Director, or Committeeman only hold 1 position within the Chapter. Let's share the wealth and be all that we can be.

Our **KC-EPCS** App is gaining traction and many new items have been posted along with new Groups established. The success of our KC-EPCS App is in your hands. Much effort has been invested in both time and money to get this app up and running and we have secured the next year's subscription to keep it going. We have done our part, now it's up to you. Please know that we value AND encourage your feedback. This app is the answer to be able and get your most current info out and available to all your members. Remember, it is for Knights only and is private and secure. It support both "Public" groups (Public to ALL members WITHIN THE APP ONLY) and Private Groups that is ONLY AVAILABLE to the Members you allow. All groups support having sub-groups. Your choice, and yes, any member can create a group or sub-group.

Important: We need and rely on each Council to use our **"Council and Sick & Deceased Reports"** for each Chapter Meeting. These are due no later than 2 days before that month's meeting and are to be sent to the Chapter Secretary, Don Grishaw (dcgrishaw@gmail.com) with CC: to the current CP (loug@kofcchap6.ca.org). These reports help us to help you and published within our minutes along with each council's attendance.

Note: 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 June 8, 2023 – at the Msgr. Kennedy Council 1896 in Modesto. Details are published on our [Website Homepage](#). Social time at 6:00 pm and dinner around 6:30 pm. All Councils needs to have at least one representative at each of our meeting. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. We urge you to contact your DD if you are unable to attend and make sure that he has a copy of your [Council's Report](#) and you're [Sick and Deceased Report](#) from your Council.

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 growing and evolving our brotherhood Assemblies, Councils, Districts and Chapter. 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 added, change, or has something missing, please let me know.

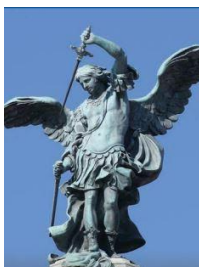
Remember to take the time and check our [Chapter Homepage](#) and [District Homepage](#) OFTEN and check out your local Assembly's home pages as there you will find the most current information.

Please remember that **WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** and I am proud of each of you. Let us continue to "Make it Happen".

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

Blessed Fr. McGivney, Pray of US.

May you and all your families be Safe and stay Healthy.



Sincerely Yours in Christ
Lou Gervais, SJC CP, DD-58, +