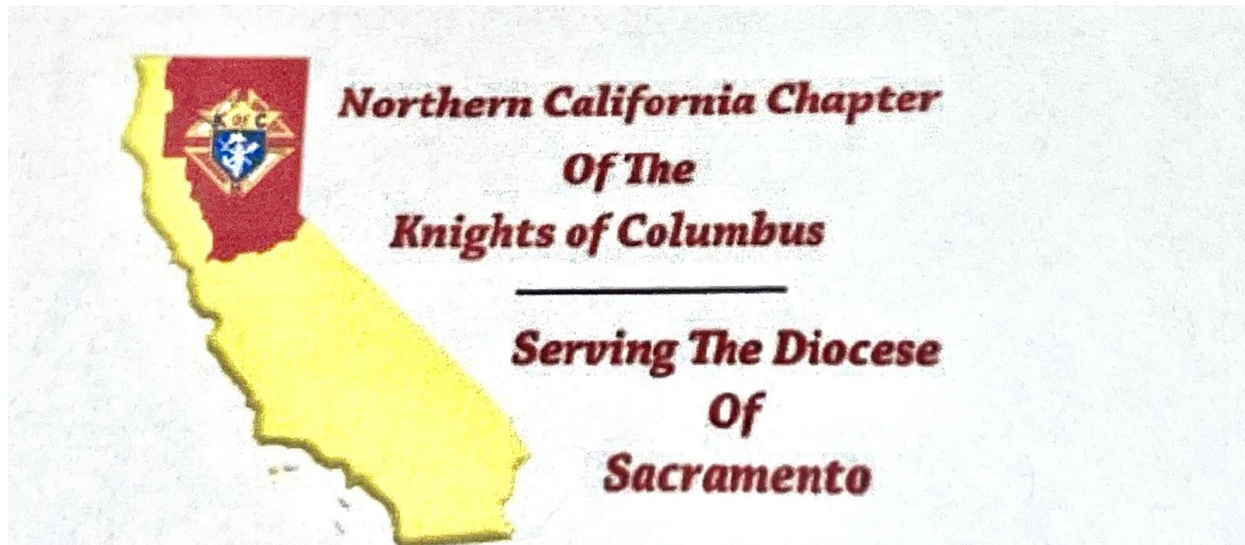




Chapter Minute Meetings for May 2, 2026

1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order 10:45am

2 Membership Cards

Chapter Warden Larry Mastin vouched that all present were 3rd degree members.

3 Opening Prayer said by Chapter President Louis Salvatore

4 Pledge of Allegiance lead by FVSM Tim Fukuda

5 Roll Call of Officers

Names call by Chapter Vice President Charles Beltz

Responded by CW Mastin

Present: CP, CChaplain, CVP, CW, FA 3yr, FA 1yr

Excuse: CSecretary, CTreasurer,

Absent: FA2yr

6 Reading of March meeting minutes

A CP stated that minutes were digitally distributed and asked for any corrections and approval.

B With no corrections, minutes were moved to be approved first by Brother Tremblay of Auburn and seconded by Brother Terry Zalenski. Motion to approve was passed.

7 Reading of Communications and Bills

Not read as Chapter Treasurer was at hospital with reported chest pains.

8. Chaplain's Report: Father Estrella spoke: In the beginning of the Chapter year; brother Lou and I decided that the theme of my talks would concern **Forming Ourselves to be Spiritual Leaders** . My talks and our Retreats were all focused around that theme. As the year is almost over; I think that your Spiritual Leadership is just beginning.

Years ago in Seminary we were asked to envision the type of leader that you want to be and then make a goal towards that end. Think of what has happened in your lives and in your Councils this past year. What has been done? What should be done? What will be done? St. John Paul II once said "the duty of every man is to protect every woman". Just a week from Mother's Day we will celebrate our Mothers, daughters and wives. Let us be mindful of our duty to protect the most vulnerable. Protecting their dignity because of the great role that they have in the family, in the Church and should have in Society. We must become the proclaimers and defenders of the truth of family and the Church. The ultimate goal of formation for the Seminary isn't just to educate each student to know and practice the liturgy; but to become his own leader of formation and to become responsible for the way he relates to his congregation and leads him to greater relationship with the Lord and greater effectiveness in his priesthood and his ministry. That is the last thought that I have for you this morning. That is to form ourselves also means that we have to keep ourselves accountable in living in the fullness and the dignity and freedom that is ours as sons in the Son of the Father. I urge you to continue it for the sake of your family, for the sake of the Church. And I entrust myself to you as you all remain in my prayers. God bless you.

9. Chapter President's Report:

CP spoke: We are closed to the end of the year. This is the last Chapter meeting where I will report to you. But there are basically 2 months left and we can still do things in our Chapter that we can make a difference. I have noticed in the past 2 months, an influx of members joining online. This is good for the State and maybe for the Chapter if we can make a difference. They are in your council prospect tab and you should bring them in after they have been exemplified. Do what you can in that regard. More importantly, I am extremely satisfied with how we have supported the ID drive. We are close to raising a hundred thousand dollars in our Chapter this year. We are nearly double the money of any of the other Chapters through the ID Drive, Special Olympics and Wheelchairs. For me, bringing in members is wonderful. However, helping the people that really need it is what we do as Knights. We've also helped support our Seminarians. We are doing all of the things that matter. I am so proud of being your President.

CP gave a special report on the **Missionaries of Charity**. He spoke: They need our help; the home that they work from has homeless people on their lawn. Literally, about 25 feet from Cp prewhere they sleep. Solution: The St. Clare Council is building a wrought iron fence. However, they need help in paying for it. I am calling on Councils to contribute funds to the Council. It costs \$7,700. A generous person in the Council has fronted the money. We know these women, they are not going to call the cops. If anything, they will probably feed them. But, we need to contain the ground and prohibit any effort to get into the house.

The CP asked about having **Longer break-out sessions for the GK and DD's**. To take care of the many questions and answers that members have. Also, asking Councils to set aside \$200-250 in their budget for **Ultrasound Machines**. Think outside the box. Do something different. DD Will Friesen thought about placing a Wheelchair on a table with a message to donate on a table at a Kings game. DD John Slamkowski does parking lot sales to raise funds. Participate in a 4th of July Parade. To do something different is courageous because you are taking a chance and standing by it if it doesn't go your way.

10 Chapter Treasurer's Report

CP gave a recap of the report as the Treasurer was not present. Beginning balance on March 28th was \$15, 272.69 The ending balance was \$15, 019. Which does not include the restricted funds.

11 Committee Reports

A EFF/Cor- Director Deacon Dan Patterson report was read by CP. May 1st was the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Although he has many titles; my favorite is that he is named patron of workers and protector of the church. He should be a model for each one of us. We should be leading our Councils by his example of Charity and Service. Do not ask our brothers to do it when we can not lead by our example. Also, as Knights, we should always be ready to give the reason for our joy in working on behalf of others as simple ways of evangelization. Living the ordinary banal tasks of life; full of faith and love of Christ and one another. The Parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that it is Christ himself that we love in others. May I suggest a reading and reflection of the parable.

April 25th was Catholics at the Capitol. Only about 400 Catholics attended. It will happen again in March of 2027. Knights should lead the way by their presents. Prayer should be the foundation of all advocacy. Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. There are 3 processions in Sacramento. St. Francis, Holy Spirit, Sacramento and Bishop Soto coming up the Delta and ending at the steps of the Cathedral. There will be a holy hour and benediction. More details to follow.

12 Faith

Brother Marco Giovanni spoke about the devotion to the Sacred Heart (recorder was not turned on)

12 Membership

Brother Jeff Jones spoke: We are doing well. Getting a lot of on-line members. Talk to your FS and make sure that the prospects are joined in their respective Councils. We are 165 members away from our goal with just under 2 months to go. We can do this.

13 Safe Environment

Brother Michael Jones spoke: There are 2 types; Supreme requirements and Diocese requirements. Remember to achieve Star Council you must have the Emirates Safe

Environment Certification for your GK, Program Director, Community and Family Directors.

For the Diocese Council members should do the Safe Haven certification. Just as with Supreme. In the Diocese, Knights must be certified when working with children.

14 Free Throw and Soccer Kick Competition

Brother Percy Park spoke: I do not have the complete results for the National and International Free Throw Contests. I am in the process of preparing for the Soccer Kick.

ID Drive

Brother Dave Abbott reported: As of April 30 we were \$97K. I haven't run the report for the end of the month. We should be easily at \$100K. The best in the State. **Our success is not measured by dollars and cents. It is by how many people we help.** There are still 2 more months to have a fund raiser. The deadline is June 30th.

Special Olympics

CVP Brother Charles Beltz reported: In the state this year, Knights have donated 8,200 plus hours for Special Olympics from approximately 1500 volunteers. Which averages out to about 6 hours per person. Our Chapter does more events than other Chapters. Second and third are Oakland and San Joaquin. Our biggest event is coming up next Saturday; the Spring Games in Folsom. We are expecting to make 1200 lunches. And would like more volunteers to help us. Please contact me, Brother Bill Wagner or Brother Jeff Jones and Brother Percy Park. We need brothers in the grilling area and the bagging area to inspect that the bags are complete.

Vocations

Father Estrella spoke about a young man who is going to the seminary this year. Father said that in his parish 3 men have joined in the past 3 years. This is a result from the many, many prayers from the members of his parish. Young men need a sense of ownership in their parish and community. These men work with the Altar Society to clean up the Church. They feel wanted. In my day Seminarians received a stipend of \$150 a month and now it's \$300 a month. So please support the Seminarian Benefit Dinner. SK Peter Tremblay spoke about the upcoming Seminarian Benefit dinner and urged more Councils to order a table to support the Seminarians.

Culture of Life

Brother Tremaine Hayhoe spoke

Angeles and Grace before Meal & Thanks to the Kitchen Crew

Prayer offered by Father Cantwell

CP thanked the Kitchen Crew for Lunch

Wheelchair

Brother CP Salvatore spoke: Currently, we are behind as a Chapter in making our goal. Right now we are at 30K and should be at 100K. We are asking you to please ask your Pastor to enable us to do a Wheelchair Sunday. The team does all of the work. You just have to stand there with a basket and collect envelopes.

I know that many Pastors are not allowing the video. We can do it in different ways. Through announcements in the bulletin. Maybe you can do a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and donate the money to the Wheelchair Program.

Coats for Kids

Brother James Hunt spoke: At the next Chapter meeting, I will have a new batch of material on the info table. If you want to buy some new coats; go into Knights Gear and order. They offer the heavier coats for cold climates and the lighter coats for milder climates.

Columbian Charities, Icon Program and Silver Rose

PCP Brother Jerry Fong reported. Please be sure to bring your Council donation to the Columbian Charities during the Parade of Grand Knights. The Charity helps many brother knights who are in need.

I still have the Icon for this year. It is currently at the Redwood Chapter. If you would like to have the Icon; I can bring it to you. You will have a holy hour and we will provide you with prayer guides for the icon ceremony.

The Silver Rose schedule will come out after the State Convention

Ceremonial

Brother Michael reported. Every District should have an Exemplification team, Please increase more exemplifications in your area. Also please send in to me the scheduled date of your event. Also advertise your CUF in the Parish bulletins.

BlessedFather McGiveney Guild

How many of you have joined the Guild? If not, please join. It is easy to join. I can tell you how.

Also the Guild Shirt It will be on sale at the Convention.

Star Council (SP7) support

CW Brother Larry Mastin reported. You have 57 days to submit all of your documents for the Star Council to Supreme. I am willing to help you with completing them. Just contact me at Raider1fan@yahoo.com (707)592-9107

Chapter YouTube

Brother Tremain Hayhoe reported. The CP and I have done a report on the Columbian Retirement Center which will be viewed at the State Convention. Subscribe to [youtube.com/NorCal.knights](https://www.youtube.com/NorCal.knights)

Chapter Website

The way to keep the website fresh and interesting is for you to send us content.

State Convention

Convention Chair PSD Ed Huestis reported. A Hospitality Room has been assigned. NorCal will be in Rm 411 at the Marriott. Lunch will be provided in the Great Room next to the small restaurant area of the Marriott. You only have 1 hour during lunch on Friday. It will be buffet style. Or you can go to the Hospitality Rooms. Also the Starbucks will be open until 10pm.

Awards will not be on Saturday afternoon. Instead they will be on Friday evening and also the HG exhibition will be in the Exhibit hall after business on Friday from 5:30 to 7pm.

The Parade of GK's will be just before noon on Saturday.

The SD reception will be after the Saturday Mass in the foyer outside of the Exhibition Hall before Dinner.

Brother Ed presented 3 Anniversary Award certificates from Supreme. Given to St. Clare Council 12887 25 years; The next is to Mt. Shasta Council 2589 for 100 years. Finally to Council 2603 Oroville for 100 years.

One last reminder. Monday is the last day to order licks for meals and events for the Convention.

Convention Hospitality and BBQ

PCP Brother Jeff Jones reported BBQ prep starts on Thursday the 14th starting at 6am cooking until 4:30. During the day I will need help preparing the coleslaw and setting up the table with plates, napkins etc and possibly decoration the pop up tent and table.

Also we will need at least 6 people to serve the food on the table up front at 4:30-5pm.

The hospitality room will be open starting Thursday for Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Fraternity

CP spoke about the Degree of Fraternity. There are many ways to meet and socialize with Brothers. One way to meet other Brothers and see what is happening in their area is by coming to the Chapter meeting. Another event to meet others is the Special Olympics events, the Convention is another one.

DD Callout

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DD 7 Brother Roy Rodrigues is subbing for DD Pete Lopez introduced GK Michael Bolling #6917 spoke participated in 2 confirmation ceremonies for school and RE. Hosted a reception and distributed Rosaries to the first communicants. Roy Carlisle of Council #2352 hosted the Relic of Blessed McGivney and we had an Honor Guard there. Bill Manos, representing GK of Council, recruited 2 new Knights. Doing the golf Charity with funds going to the Sacramento Lie Center. Tremaine Hayhoe GK of Council #6066 spoke the Mothers Day Rose sale coming up. "Buy a Rose, Save a Baby" to support the Life Center. DD 9 Will Friesen spoke on behalf of GK's. Wheelchair Drive was a success, It's never a failure, People are pleased to see the presentation regardless of the amount donated. DD 10 Mike Amparin will update the Chapter on funeral services for Senior Marshal Don Snow. Kevin Riley Council 953 celebrating their 121st year. Our Knights spent the weekend in April baking 1500 cookies for the Sacred Heart Parish Bake Sale to benefit their Altar Society. On May 9th we will support St Francis of Assisi Parish's Happy Holy Hour. On Sunday the 17th we will host a dinner at the Newman Center. DD Mike gave the update for SM SK Don Snow. As of today, the Mass will be Friday May 15.

Visitation is from 1 to 2 and the Mass is at 2pm. Burial will be 4pm at St. Mary's and reception to follow.

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DD11 Brother John Slamkowski reported that 4 of 5 Councils have made their quota this year. Jerry Fong spoke for Council 6922

Hope that you enjoyed our lunch. We are glad to welcome you here. Tim Fukuda GK Council 11326 raised over 10K for scholarships that award from 1K to 1,5K for catholic students going to a Catholic school.

DD 13 CPV Brother Charles Beltz spoke about Council that was dead and now has 60% of membership. The other Council was dormant and now has 160 % of members and may possibly make Star Council.

DD 15 Brother Jesse Palapas introduced CW Brother Larry Mastin of Travis Council 15625. The 3rd Wednesday of every other month we go to a place called Peak and provide a a holy hour and a meal. Peak place provides a USO type of place to come and socialize. We have actually brought in 4 Knights. Brother Jesse reports that 3 of the Councils have made their membership quota.

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DD 1 Brother Terry Zalenski reported that Redding Council 3978 started the Cor program this past year. We have recruited one Knight but more importantly young men are taking an interest in the Church. There is much fellowship, especially the new Catholics.

DD2 PSD Brother Dave Abbott spoke about Father McGivney's special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At that time and still today it is not uncommon in Irish families. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Laurie stated that Father McGivney drew the

foundational principles from his devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 2025 the KofC launched the ICON of the Sacred Heart highlighting its special role in our Order.

The district has met its district quota. All of the councils have met their membership quota.

DD3 Brother Robert Miller reported. Getting all councils to be safe environment certified. All of the Councils are trying to combine funds to purchase an Ultrasound machine for our area.

DD4 Brother James Hunt reported. Marysville Council 1869 did an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the parish and put out over 3K eggs for the kids. The local Assembly Santa Maria has really gained members because the councils have done some good recruiting. Colusa Council has been active lately.

DD5 Brother Bruce Amundson introduced Council 6149. Brother Peter Tremblay reports that a new member is promoting fraternity. He invites members to attend his weeknight golf sessions. They have a fellowship of about 12 members and have been doing Cor for a year and a half. GK Brother Bob Buendia of 9202 reported that we gave scholarship funds of \$1500 each to 2 high school students. Brother Bob Pinishe is recovering slowly by chemo and radiation therapy. However, presently, he will not be able to attend any group meetings because of his low immunity to disease and presented a check to the CP for the Missionaries of Charity. Brother Bruce mentioned that DD 7 Pete Lopez is preparing a \$10 pancake breakfast for tomorrow in Loomis to support the family of St Joseph who run the treatment center that he Oblates serve.

DD 6 Brother Pete Vacura introduced GK Steve Fraher from St Lawrence. Council 4991 has 160% of membership. Closing in on 200 % Council donated 220 hours during the Holy Week Triduum. Hosted a CUF and 3 members of Holy Family Council attended for the first time in a year and a half. Our dinner dance grossed \$8K to be used to purchase a statue for our parish. The Holy Family Council graciously hosted over 70 priests and sisters.

Unfinished Business

Brother Peter Tremblay gave another mention about coming to the Vocations Dinner. Emphasized that auction items raise the most money. More than the dinner itself.

New Business

Election of Officers

Brother Larry Mastin elected to incoming Chapter Treasurer

Brother Bill Wagner elected to incoming Chapter Secretary

Brother George Bagley elected to incoming Chapter VP

Brother Charles Beltz elected to incoming Chapter President

Brother Louis Salvatore elected to incoming 3yr Chapter FA

Chapter Budget

Income: Chapter dues are still \$110. NEW, is a voluntary assessment of \$15 or seed money for the 100th Anniversary Celebration weekend of October 28, 2028

We will attempt to collect \$1500 for the next 2 years to cover the extreme costs of this event. The Chapter charity for the upcoming Columbian year will be for the Columbian Retirement Center in Marysville. There will be several pass through donations such as Camposenos, Wheelchair Mission, Ultrasound Project and St Joseph's Table/Sacramento Food Bank. This is collected here but passed through to these projects. We want the councils to bring in this money. And thus attain the Columbian Award.

Expense categories will remain the same. The assessment for the seed money for the 100th Anniversary is listed as a restricted fund.

The budget was nominated for approval. And will be posted during the month of June.

4th Degree

Former Vice Supreme Master Tim Fukuda reported. Discussed funeral arrangements for Brother SK Don Snow were discussed. Held 2 Successful Exemplifications this past month; in Folsom and in Livermore. Next month on June 6th there will be another one at Holy Family in American Canyon. One more is coming in June.

VP Report Sick and Deceased

SickPrayer for Sick was said. Hail Mary said.

Deceased Names were called out and bell rung

Council 4443 Brothers Don Snow, Ray Moreno and Carl Hepple

Council 6149 Brothers Robert Sypuleski and Firmin Voges

Council 6606 Brothers Joseph DiSessa and Paul Parker

Council 13672 Brother Bill Haldwin

Council 953 Lady Karen Kriske

Council 6197 Brother Bill Ryan

Council 13271 Brothers Fred Herstad, David Fuerstenber, Peter Espinosa, Greg Sarco, Brian Elliott, Cesar Orante, Carlitos Bartolome Virgilio Hernandez, John Hoffman and Richard Rice

Chapter Warden's Report

Opportunity Drawing grossed \$296. \$148 was won by CW Mastin and in turn he donated the money for the Missionary of Charity. Other prizes were drawn.

Incoming President's selection for Chapter Warden

CVP Charles Beltz selected DD Brother John Slamkowski

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

2:56 pm

