



**Knights of
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California
State Council

State Convention

May 14-17, 2026

Visalia Convention Center



**Our Lady of Miracles
Pray for us!**

Come, follow me, and I
will make you fishers of men!
- Matthew 4:19

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2026 Annual State Meeting

Event Highlights

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

	12:00 PM	Chaplain Convocation - <i>Marriott Hotel (Room TBD)</i>
8	8:00 AM	CPR & AED Certification Class - <i>Location TBD</i>
9	AM / PM	* Golf Tournament - <i>Mulligans Indoor Golf Experience</i>
12-14	<i>see info</i>	* Tours: AG Trail / Sequoia Park / Eagle Mountain Casino
10	5:00 PM	* BBQ Competition Welcome Celebration - <i>Eucalyptus Courtyard</i>
11	6:30 PM	* Run4Cover (music, dancing) - <i>Eucalyptus Courtyard</i>

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

5	8:00 AM	Opening Mass - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>
	9:30 AM	Open Session (Families welcome) - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>
18	9:30 AM	Adoration & Relics Exhibition - <i>King's Canyon</i> [until 5:00 PM]
12-14	<i>see info</i>	* Sequoia Park / Mulligan's / Eagle Mountain Casino
		<u>* NO DELEGATES may participate in FRIDAY TOURS</u>
18	1:00 PM	Business Session (Including Elections) - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>
	5:30 PM	Honor Guard Exhibition - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>
	7:00 PM	Council Awards - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

	9:30 AM	Business Session - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>
18	9:30 AM	Adoration & Relics Exhibition - <i>Kings Canyon</i> [until 2:00 PM]
16-17	10:30 AM	* Ladies Luncheon - "Navigating the World" - <i>Charter Oak</i>
	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Procession - <i>TBD</i>
5	4:00 PM	Closing Mass - <i>TBD</i>
	7:00 PM	* Banquet - <i>Exhibit Hall</i>

***Order tickets online at: www.californiaknights.org**



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Kenneth E. Rose State Deputy 2025-2026



January 2026

Dear Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies,

The California State Council and your State Officers invite you and your families to Come join our Knights of Columbus Family at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center on May 14 – 16, 2026, for our 124th Annual State Meeting (Convention).

The theme for the 2026 Annual Meeting is “Pillars of Hope.” Join us for this year’s passport to Adventure. We begin our Adventure with Thursday Tours, a Golf Tournament, the Chaplain’s Convocation (please bring your Council Chaplain). Friday we will have opening Mass and Business Session. We cap the evening off with a Barbecue Cook-off Challenge which follows the Fourth Degree Exhibition and finish with a new adventure. We are moving our Awards presentation to Friday Night with Dancing and live music to follow the awards session.

On Saturday we will have the Ladies Saturday Luncheon where we celebrate God’s Beauty as we navigate the Worlds. Come Join Us! See what we have planned for you.

The following pages will showcase many of the exciting activities that the Committee has put together, under the leadership of PSD Ed Huestis and his Lovely Wife, Flora.

We want to make sure you enjoy these days as our Knights of Columbus family get together to share a great time.

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth E. Rose

Ken & Julie Rose
State Deputy 2025-2026



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Ed Huestis, PSD 2026 State Annual Meeting Chairman



January 2026

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The California Knights of Columbus State Council will hold their 124th State Annual Meeting (Formerly State Convention) in the City of Visalia from May 14 - 16, 2026 at the Visalia Convention Center.

The theme of this year's State Annual Meeting is "Pillars of Hope."

It is my great pleasure to invite you and your families and guests to attend the largest statewide gathering of Knights and their families each year. The State Annual Meeting Planning Committee is planning an outstanding weekend for your enjoyment.

We have tours planned for Thursday and Friday. Thursday evening, we will once again be having a barbecue cook-off competition between Councils and Chapters that would like to participate. There will also be a band playing throughout the evening.

On Friday, we will start off with the Opening Mass at the Visalia Convention Center.

Awards will be presented to Councils throughout the State on Friday evening in the Exhibit Hall of the Visalia Convention Center to recognize them for all their hard work and good deeds.

On Saturday, the Ladies Luncheon Committee has planned for the ladies "World Travel" themed Luncheon. This event is always a lot of fun and will be very memorable.

Saturday afternoon we will have the Closing Mass.

The Saturday Evening Banquet will be the culmination of our gathering with the highest-level State awards presented to the most deserving Councils, along with messages from our State Deputy and Supreme Council representative.

The Convention Committee has put together an outstanding program and we look forward to seeing all of you in May at the State Annual Meeting for fellowship and fun in Visalia.

Fraternally,

Edward P. Huestis, PSD
State Convention Chairman 2026



Holy Liturgy

OPENING MASS

Memorial for Deceased Members

Friday, May 15 - 8:00AM

Convention Center - Exhibit Hall

CLOSING MASS

Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 16 - 4:00PM

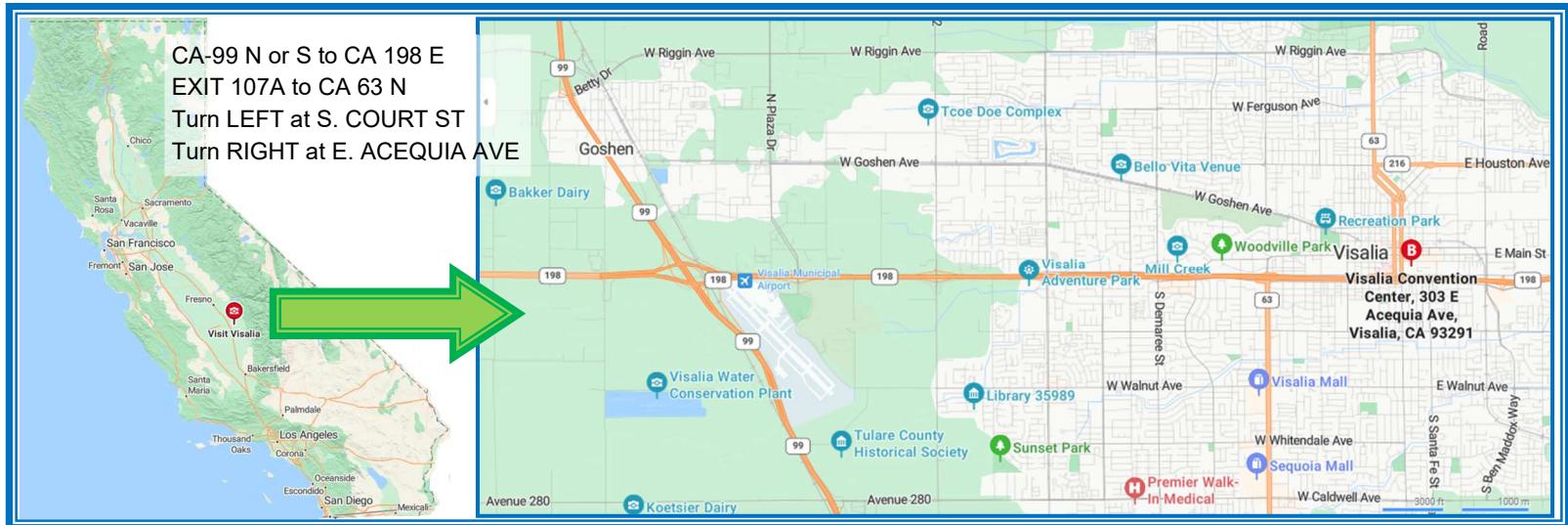
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Details provided at registration



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DIRECTIONS and HOTEL MAP

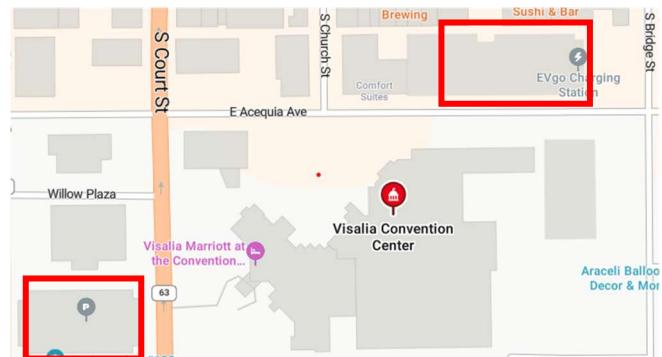


CONVENTION CENTER PARKING:

Left on S. COURT ST. across from Visalia Marriott
(Willow Parking)

OR turn Right on Acequia Ave. then left into parking
(past Comfort Suites)

Convention Center *FREE* Parking



HOTEL REGISTRATION

Use the provided QR CODE with your phone to access registration site with area hotels in the vicinity of the Convention Center.  <https://www.visitvisalia.com/knights-of-columbus>

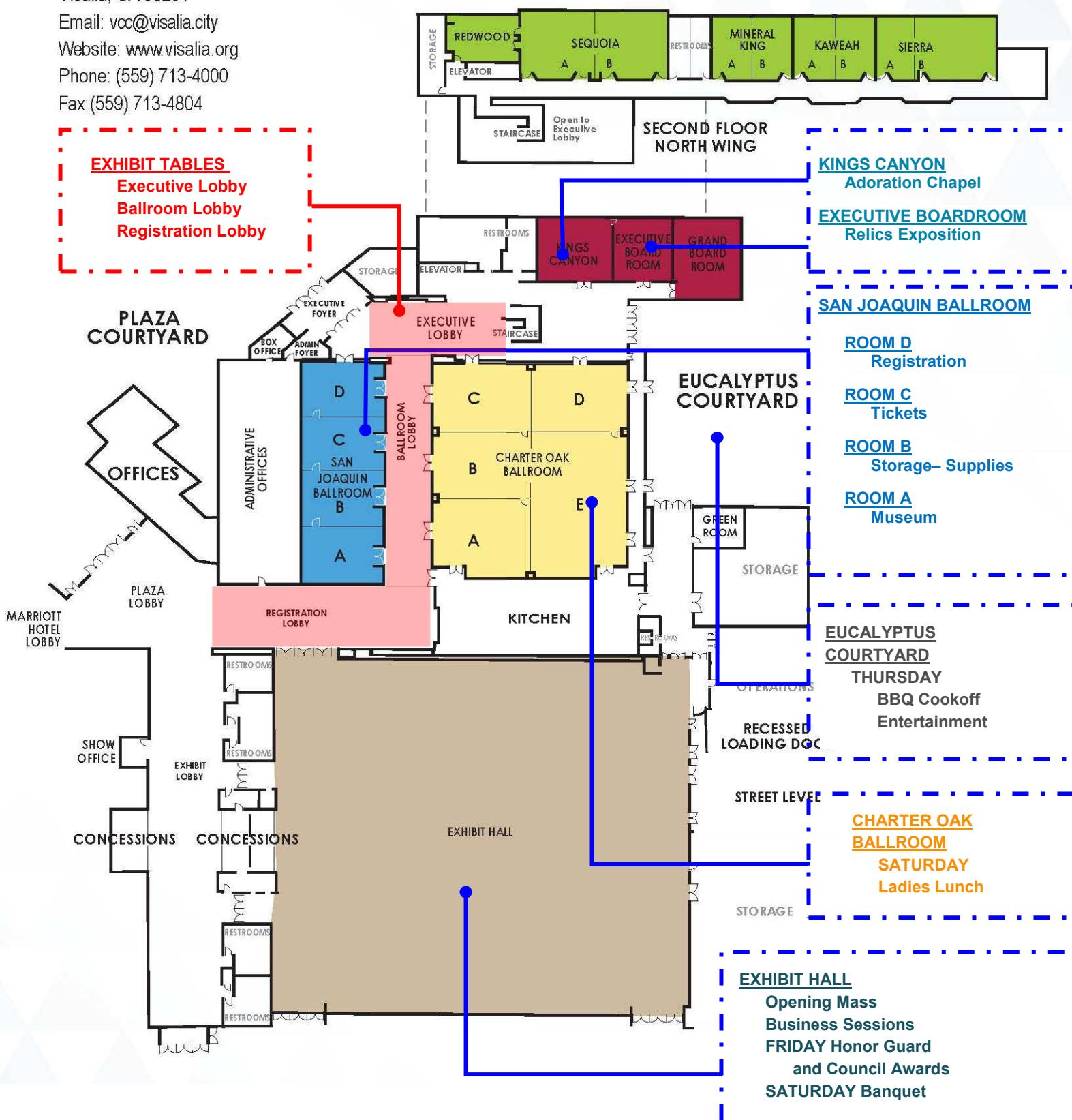


MAP PIN # / Name	Address	Distance [Mi]	Rate
1) Best Western	9300 W. Airport Dr.	6.2 (12 minutes)	\$130
2) Comfort Suites	210 E. Acequia Ave.	0.1 (walk across street)	\$179
3) Fairfield Inn	140 S. Akers St.	3.6 (8 minutes)	\$139 (+ \$12 parking)
4) Holiday Inn Express	5600 W. Cypress Ave.	3.9 (10 minutes)	\$147
5) The Wyndham	9000 W. Airport Dr.	6.0 (11 minutes)	\$139



VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER

303 E. Acequia
Visalia, CA 93291
Email: vcc@visalia.city
Website: www.visalia.org
Phone: (559) 713-4000
Fax (559) 713-4804



CPR & AED CLASS!



MAY 14

8:00 AM to NOON

\$45.00 per person

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

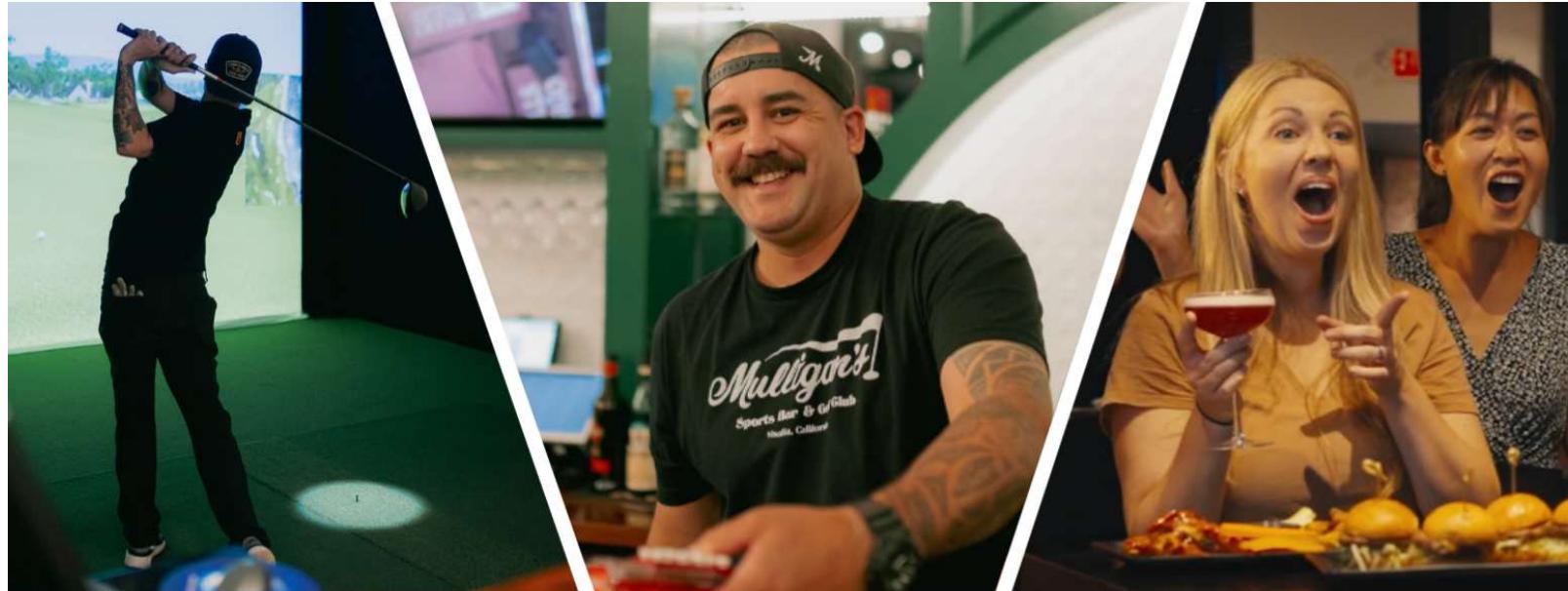
OPEN TO EVERYONE

& their family members

Sign up and pay when you
register for the convention.



Come, follow me, and I
will make you fishers of men!
Matthew 4:19



● NEW FORMAT ●
GOLF TOURNAMENT

9-HOLES
INDOOR

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mulligans Sports Bar & Golf Club

\$50 Player Registration

(player's lunch included)

Build your own team or sign up individually

(2) 9- Hole Scramble Tournaments

Morning Tournament - 9 am - 12 pm

Combined Player Lunch - 12 pm - 1 pm

Afternoon Tournament 1 pm - 4 pm

Come cheer on your favorite player! It's free to watch. Lunch available for purchase.

Mulligans Sports Bar & Indoor Golf, just steps from the Visalia Convention Center, offers state-of-the-art simulators, full-service bar, and restaurant.

WHERE GOLF, COMMUNITY, AND GOOD TIMES HAPPEN.



Register Here!

Thursday Kick Off BBQ!

May 14th

Eucalyptus Courtyard
4:00pm-7:00pm

Chapter & Council

BBQ Cook-Off Competition

“Cook’s Choice BBQ”

Join Us For The Best BBQ Cook Off!



**And There's A
50/50
Opportunity
Drawing!**



Advance Food Ticket Price \$15/\$20 At Event

For BBQ Entry, Please Contact: Edward M. Castillo, Entertainment Chair
805-207-7003 / edwardmcastillo@verizon.net

Thursday Night Entertainment

Presents

May 14, 2026

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Location:

**Marriott-
Eucalyptus
Court Yard**



Advance Tickets

\$15 (online)

\$20 (in person)

Includes

All You Can Eat

BBQ Cook Off

4:00-7pm



Run4Cover is a well known music group specializing in Classic Rock, Swing, Motown, and Contemporary hits. Run4Cover has opened up for James Brown, Chicago, The Temptations, and The Doobie Brothers, just to name a few. Great Band!

Don't miss this Thursday Night event! Lots of fun as we come together for our State Meeting Year 2026.



AG & PRESERVATION TRAIL



Ag & Preservation Trail

Thursday, May 14, 2026
Depart 10a - Return 3p

Explore Tulare County's agricultural bounty and learn fun facts about our most prevalent commodities including dairy, nuts and citrus. Featured stops include:

- **Dry Creek Preserve:** This fully restored 152-acre former gravel quarry, provides critical habitat for wildlife. The on-site native plant nursery will provide a unique tour experience.
- **Woodlake Botanical Gardens:** The first agricultural botanical garden in California, is 13-acres of vibrant oasis that extolls Tulare County's botanical diversity.
- **The Ugly Company:** Tour the processing and packaging facility that repurposes millions of pounds of cosmetically imperfect fresh fruit.
- **Naturally Nuts:** After exploring our ag, shop like a local, taste honey, and make nut butter.

Limited to 40 riders.
\$75 per person - lunch and transportation provided.

BOOK HERE:



TREK TO THE TREES



Sequoia National Park

Thursday, May 14, 2026 or Friday, May 15, 2026
Depart: 8a - Return: 4p

Sequoia National Park, famous for the giant sequoias trees, is home to the largest living organism in the world: General Sherman. Experience the biggest trees, spectacular vistas, indigenous history, and park wildlife. This guided tour will be led by an expert naturalist who will bring the park to life with stories, science, and insider knowledge.

Limited to 32 riders each day.
\$75 per person - lunch and transportation provided.

BOOK HERE:



MULLIGANS INDOOR GOLF CLUB



Mulligans Indoor Golf Club

Friday, May 15, 2026
11a - 2p

[BOOK HERE:](#)

Enjoy the perfect blend of golf, games, and entertainment in an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



\$50 per person - includes 3 hours of golf/game play and lunch.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO



Eagle Mountain Casino

Thursday, May 14, 2026 or Friday, May 15, 2026
Depart: 10a - Return 3p

Eagle Mountain Casino, located in Porterville, has more than 1,750 new, and classic, slot machines, as well 20 tables games.

[BOOK HERE:](#)



Limited to 40 riders each day
\$50 per person - Transportation and meal voucher provided



My Brother Knights and Families,

**You are invited to visit the Emilio B. Moure Museum Room while
you are attending the State Annual Meeting**

Our exhibit will feature many informative, interesting, educational and unique items from the Museum collection at the State Office including the contents from the time capsule and from demolished former home of the San Francisco Council, and the time capsule itself, as well as numerous items from and Marysville Council.

New this year is a large selection of photographs from the Museum collection. Many of these images have not been previously seen by many Knights. They cover events from the early days of the Knights in California to more modern times. Many of these prints were donated over the years by members and councils and are well protected at the Museum in archival material. Visit us in Visalia and see if you recognize those in the photos. Who knows—you may be in one of the images.

Location/Hours: Visalia Convention Center, San Juaquin Ballroom A

Thursday and Friday, 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Saturday, 8:00AM to 12:00PM



Museum exhibits change and if you visited us last year be sure to stop in this year to see our new additions. We are sure you will enjoy and display. It will give you a chance to learn more about the Museum. On behalf of the Museum, we want to welcome you and your family members to the State Annual Meeting and remind you once again to visit us. Be sure to sign our guestbook. This adds to our history!

John D. Shea, Curator



Ladies Lunch

May 16, 2026

NAVIGATING THE WORLD

BY HIS GRACE

\$40

Charter Oak Ballroom
Doors Open at 10:30



Contact State Office
for dietary restrictions:
state.office@californiaknights.org



Scan for tickets

Celebrate God's Beauty WITH US AT THE LADIES LUNCHEON



TRAVEL PHOTOS

Have photos to share of your travels? Have you visited some religious sites you want to share with others? Use this QR Code to share your photos to be featured in a slideshow shown at the luncheon!



Or email ladieslunch2026@gmail.com

ATTIRE CONTEST

Celebrate the diversity of cultures by representing your own or paying homage to another. Choose from anywhere across the globe! God's beauty is everywhere.

RAFFLE ITEMS

If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please reach out to Amanda Rose at ladieslunch2026@gmail.com. Tickets will be \$20 for 25.

JOIN US!

Join us for an adventure around the world with photo ops, delicious food, and comraderie to celebrate life's adventures.



HONOR GUARD PARTICIPATION 2026 CALIFORNIA STATE

ANNUAL MEETING

CALLING ALL CALIFORNIA HONOR GUARD MEMBERS: STATE-WIDE CALL OUT NOTIFICATION

Every Assembly in the state is invited to be present and participate our 2026 Annual State Meeting by being part of the following Honor Guard opportunities for Sir Knights with full regalia:

FRIDAY MAY 15, 2026

Opening Mass / Eucharistic Procession (Exhibit Hall)	8:00 AM
	(7:00 AM show time)
Adoration Chapel / Relics (Kings Canyon)	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Honor Guard Exhibition (Exhibit Hall)	5:30 PM

SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026

Adoration Chapel / Relics (Kings Canyon)	9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Closing Mass (location TBD)	4:00 PM (3:00 PM show time)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, Please contact the following :

Honor Guard Exhibition - MFD Rene Trevino (CA South)	(rene.trevino@californiaknights.org)
Adoration Chapel - MFD James Hinojosa (CA Central)	(james4kofc@gmail.com)
Opening / Closing Masses - MFD Noel Panlilio (CA North)	(noel.panlilio.psd@californiaknights.org)



FOURTH DEGREE HONOR GUARD MANUAL OF THE SWORD EXHIBITION



FRIDAY MAY 15, 2026 - Exhibition Hall

5:30 PM

As a lead-in to the State Council Awards Presentation, there will be a Fourth Degree Honor Guard exhibition

All delegates, officers and guests that have full regalia are encouraged to bring your call-out equipment and provide a demonstration of Honor Guard simulated church drill and other activities regularly performed by honor guard teams.



Knights of Columbus

124th

State Annual Meeting

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Saturday
May 16



**DRAWING AT THE
CONVENTION BANQUET**

PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE : \$2,000

SECOND PRIZE: \$500

THIRD PRIZE : \$250

FORTH PRIZE : \$150

FIFTH PRIZE : \$100

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT

ORDER ON-LINE NO LATER THAN MAY 5, 2026

10 TICKETS FOR \$20

ON SITE TICKETS PURCHASE- \$5.00 PER TICKET



MEETING & EVENT LOCATION

Visalia Convention Center

303 E. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA

FREE Parking in structure on Northwest corner of Acequia Ave. and Bridge St

HOTELS

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www.californiaknights.org

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124th State Annual Meeting
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The Souvenir Book will be 8.5" x 11"

The preferred format for submission of advertising is high resolution PDF file. However, we will accept JPG, MS Word, MS Publisher or WordPerfect files.

Submit all files directly to State Office at: state.office@californiaknights.org

**Payment must be made on the State Council website at:
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California Columbian Charities, Inc.
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Grand Knights and State Meeting Attendees!

Remember to bring your **365 Club** and **Disaster Relief Fund** donation checks to the upcoming State Meeting. They will be collected during the

Parade of Grand Knights Parade of Faithful Navigators

Please be generous!

All Councils, Assemblies and State Meeting attendees are asked to donate. Councils should consider a 365 Club donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Assemblies donate to Disaster Relief.

The Parade is California Columbian Charities' (CCC's) primary source of funds.

CCC is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their families in distress. For over sixty-nine years, we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Blessed Father McGivney's mandate -

BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.

You have donated \$269,833 to the 365 Club/Parade of Grand Knights Fundraiser from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025! THANK YOU for giving a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers. You should be proud of your generosity. During this Columbian year cycle, **total CCC grants were \$190,000** from 365 Club. We also **distributed \$278,000 in Natural Disaster Relief** in response to the Southern California firestorm in January 2025 and other events. The need is great. Please INCREASE your contribution this year.

Councils, Assemblies and individuals who miss the State Meeting should not overlook their donation. Every Brother is also encouraged to make a personal contribution. Checks or cash may be delivered at the Parade or mailed to the above address. Donations are welcomed at any time during the year.

CCC is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any Brother knowing a Brother in need may obtain and assist with an application calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460 or best by email at state.office@californiaknights.org. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary must sign the CCC application before submitting.

California Columbian Charities is a 501(c) 8 non-profit organization.

2025 Was a Year To Remember



Visalia Can't Wait for the 2026 State Convention!

Our community is already gearing up for your return—and you can, too. From great hotels and custom tours to fun things to do and plenty of spots to gather over a good meal, Visalia is ready with warm hospitality and a big smile. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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