

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Minutes of District 53 Meeting**  
**7/31/14**  
**Father George Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Daren Grothaus DGK	Long Lake	John Grenzer GK	Loretto
Bill Pollard Fin Sec	Long Lake	Frank Mignone GK	Wayzata
Bill Swing GK	Medina	Jack Delaney PGK	Wayzata
David Stumpf DGK	Medina	Dave Novack	Field Agent
Joe Binish GK	Golden Valley	Matthew Bearth	Field Agent

**Frank Mignone**, host Grand Knight opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduced the District Deputy.

**Training weekend**, Sunday, August 17, 2014, 11:30-5:30 p.m. Anoka, MN. Everyone welcome. Should be of particular interest to current and future officers. To register contact Dave Whatmuff, 763-420-4995 or [kcdegreesmn@gmail.com](mailto:kcdegreesmn@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> degrees**: Golden Valley and Loretto are willing to do a 1<sup>st</sup> degree on alternating months. Loretto – August, October, December, February, April, June. Golden Valley – September, November, January, March, May, July. Joe Binish, GK Golden Valley said they need more equipment to do the job properly. Field Agent David Novack said he would help Golden Valley obtain the necessary equipment.

**Insurance**: All councils are having trouble collecting dues from some of their members for a variety reasons. Including the member has lost interest. David Novack, Field Agent, was asked, “What can we tell our members to make them want to stay in our councils.” He replied with a listing of the many K of C benefits. He will send us a supply of #2773 *Knights of Columbus Benefits* to help us in recruitment and retention.

Programs:

**Traveling Icon**: Marian Hour of Prayer, Immaculate Conception Program: Schedule your dates to receive the Icon so each council has the opportunity to have a set time for their devotion. The DD will work with DD Orville Fillibrant, Chairman, to receive the Icon and then assist with getting the Icon from council to council in a timely manner.

**Wheel Chair Program**: Decide if your council is interested in participating.

**Free Throw Contest** – Holy Name of Jesus in Medina is willing to host the local and district free throw contest. DD will inform the state chairman that one of the other districts in our region will need to host the regional contest.

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – Will need to locate a drop off site prior to the usual last minute rush. Tentatively set to drop at St. Anne’s in Hamel again this upcoming year.

**Comments**: Some interest was shown, by some of the councils, in combining their Memorial Mass in November with the already scheduled Mass on November 13 at St. Anne’s in Hamel. The GK will inform the DD if that is their wish so the Father George Council is prepared to honor all the deceased members.

Question was raised if the Ladies Auxiliary could be included in the Memorial Mass. They are welcome, no objections were voiced.

## **Council Sharing:**

### Loretto – GK John Grenzer

August – Camporee – St Cloud  
August 17 – KC Family Week  
September 13 – Fun Fest in Loretto  
September 26 – Card social 7-11 p.m.  
Oct 4 – Marathon for Non Public Education  
Oct 15 – Swenson Benefit Drawing

### Golden Valley – GK Joe Binish

60 members  
Aug 17 – Parish Picnic  
September – Steak Fry  
October – Recruiting (card night) Coordinate with Fr. Campbell  
Nov – Dec – Santa Breakfast

### Medina – GK Bill Swing

September 15 – Fall Festival  
September, October, November – Pancake Breakfasts  
Rosary Project  
Church Projects  
Calendar to website  
Fine dining Wednesday nights

### Long Lake – DGK Daren Grothaus

August 9-10 Corn Days  
Pancake Breakfast – Quarterly  
Three \$750 Scholarships – Active members of parish  
November – Holiday boutique

### Wayzata – GK Frank Mignone

August – St. Anne's Fall Festival  
October – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
November – Memorial Mass

## **Insurance Field Agents:**

Matthew Bearth – New field agent for Loretto and Long Lake was welcomed.  
David Novack – October 4 – Rediscover Catholicism  
132<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Convention, Orlando, FL, August 5-7, 2014. This will be televised on WTCN.  
Reminded all in attendance of the advantages of being a Knight of Columbus member

Next district meeting: December 11, 2014 - location pending

Closing Prayer: Host GK Frank Mignone

Submitted by DD Tom Mechels

