



TO: District 53 Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Recorders

FROM: Bill Swing, DD #53

763-479-1168

billiswing@frontiernet.net

RE: District Deputy Report April 2020

What a difference a month makes! I hope you and your love ones are doing well and that you're staying healthy.

At this time of extreme need, let's not forget our neighbors and possibly even our own brothers who may be struggling. Consider touching base with them – consider doing a “call tree” to simply inquire as to how they're doing.

And then let's not forget the power of prayer! Fr. Lon Konold, from Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, shared some wonderful thoughts on **prayer and the various types and ways to enter into authentic prayer** during his talk at St George in Long Lake (March 5th). Let's “*lift our hearts up to the Lord*” and “*THY WILL BE DONE*”- quoting Fr. Konold. An excellent summary of Father's talk, by Fr. Mark Juetner, is attached.

Also attached are two prayers promoted at this time by our Supreme Knight and our State Deputy:

✠ A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

✠ Prayer for the Canonization of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney

1. Cancellations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

- State Convention at Breezy Point – instead the convention will be held “digitally”.
- State Free Throw Contest – State awards will be issued to top Regional winners.
- Ladies Auxiliary 50th Convention that was scheduled for April 25th.
- Tootsie Rolls – tootsie roll order have been stopped. Program Chair Dan Irvin will be checking with councils before releasing shipments. Councils may opt to run their drives during the summer or fall depending on developments.
- District 1st Degrees – councils are encouraged to conduct the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
- 4th Degree Spring Exemplification that was scheduled for April 18th

2. Continuity of Council Operations

Here's a recap of recent information/recommendations:

Council Meetings: It is recommended that councils hold digital meetings using one of the many tools presented during the March 26th Webinar (see item 7, Webinars). The Medina Council is testing a couple methods The Council intends to conduct their April 14th meeting digitally. (At this point, Zoom appears to be their preferred tool.) I may be able to assist your council also - feel free to give me a call.

Fraternal Year 2020-2021 Elections – voting may take place via email. The March 26th webinar also included information on the use of Google Forms, Survey Monkey, and Doodle for this purpose.

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity - Ceremonial Director, Don Trudeau encourages councils to use the video in conducting the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity while keeping attendees to a minimum, i.e. under ten, in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines. At a minimum, he sees exemplifications being conducted in homes with two officers, the candidate(s) and guest(s). The video should be paused as appropriate similar to the 1st degree DVD ceremony.

As reported previously, I have the cable and fibers for each council. Contact me if you plan to conduct an exemplification and I'll mail or deliver if possible.

State Convention - will be held "digitally". Details are forthcoming. Delegates should register for the convention by [CLICKING HERE](#). Room reservations at Breezy Point have been cancelled. Payments are being refunded. Do not call the Resort.

Council Business – In addition to remote meetings, our State Deputy advises that we utilize electronic tools to perform other council functions such as approving and paying bills, elections, candidate admissions, and attending to charitable activities. *"The grand knight should approve the expense, send to the FS to enter into member management for payment, the treasurer should write the check and send to the grand knight for his second signature and mail off."* – All (with the exception of the check signature) electronically.

3. Award Application Deadlines

The deadline for State award applications has been extended from April 1st to April 15th.

To assess the State's Overall Programs Entry form, [Click Here](#). Again – entries on this application can be transferred to the SP7 (the Columbian Award) in June. Be "creative" but not too creative in filling it out.

The deadline for the Columbian SP7 application remains June 30th.

4. District Deputy Visits

Since I will not be able to visit your council during this time, please contact me with questions, help with perhaps remote meetings or for any other reason.

5. Field Agent Clarification

KC Insurance members recently received postcard instructing them to contact Field Agent James Cross (507-430-8284; james.cross@kofc.org) for their insurance needs. This does not mean Mr. Cross is acting as our field agent. General agent David Goedtke (507-720-1652; david.goedtke@kofc.org) continues to function as our field agent until a permanent field agent is assigned.

6. District Membership and Insurance Gains/Losses as of March 1st

Wayzata 3758 (Good Standing)				
	QUOTA	Addition	Deduction	Net
Membership	9	+4	0	+4
Insurance	3	0	-1	-1
Loretto 9601 (Good Standing)				
	QUOTA	Addition	Deduction	Net
Membership	5	0	0	0
Insurance	3	0	0	0
Long Lake 12293 (Good Standing)				
	QUOTA	Addition	Deduction	Net
Membership	4	+8	0	+8
Insurance	3	0	0	0
Medina 13096 (Good Standing)				
	QUOTA	Addition	Deduction	Net
Membership	10	+3	0	+3
Insurance	3	+1	-1	0
Golden Valley 13506 (Good Standing)				
	QUOTA	Addition	Deduction	Net
Membership	5	+1	0	+1
Insurance	3	0	-1	-1

7. Webinars

Fraternal Operations with Coronavirus Restrictions which ran March 26th can now be viewed on demand: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Supreme is working on these new weekly webinars that address the challenges presented by the pandemic:

- Leave no Neighbor Behind
- Knights of Columbus Webinar
- State Convention Tools
- Digital Election Guidelines
- Online Exemplification, Form 100s
- Program Changes
- Awards Criteria

Past webinars can be viewed “on demand” by going to [Past KC Webinars](#)