



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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RE: District Deputy Report – August 2018

The greater portion of this report is the minutes of the July 12th District meeting which encapsulates most of the information that I wish to convey for the month of August.

1. Minutes of the July 12th District Meeting

The District Meeting was held Thursday July 12th at 7PM in the Fireside Room at Holy Name of Jesus.

Attendance	
Wayzata Council	GK Ken Brcka
Wayzata Council	DGK Terry Mahr
Wayzata Council	Trustee Gary Rieland
Wayzata Council	Advocate John O'Toole
Loretto Council	No attendees
Long Lake Council	FS William Pollard
Medina Council	GK John Rode
Medina Council	Trustee Dave Stumpf
Golden Valley Council	GK Tom Werner
Golden Valley Council	FS Mike Koski

A. Faith in Action

The Knights of Columbus new motto, *Faith in Action*, was discussed. See key point at <https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction>. Also, read about related changes to program categories, i.e. SP7 form, in the July 2018 MN Knightly News, page 9, State Program Dir Joe George's article: <https://mnknights.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/July-2018-Online-Knightly-News2.pdf>

B. 2017-2018 Membership and Insurance Numbers

The District as a whole had a net gain of only three members during this past year. Wayzata and Golden Valley councils were the leaders with a gain of 3 members each. The District had a net loss of 3 insurance members.

C. 2018-2019 Fraternal Year Goals

A round table discussion took place during which attendees shared ideas for increasing membership and improving programs. A subset of ideas was:

Connect with the spouse	Use social media	Work with your school
Do "young people" events	Recognize people for their service	Concentrate on making KC's more visible, i.e. wear KC shirts
Connect with the youth through "food, fitness and wine"	Try Habitat for Humanity	Hold KC open houses
Visit fellow knights in need	Attend / assist at funerals, especially fellow knights	Help those in need with yard work & household tasks
Conduct KC socials including family & friends	Connect with "quiet" members, i.e. call on their birthday	Use personal approach – call, see in person, follow-up...

D. District Activities

Suggested District activities (where all district councils participate) were proposed: (1) November Memorial Mass, (2) Special Olympic State Bowling Tournament-Nov 29-Dec 2, (3) Free Throw Competition - January & February, (4) 2018-2019 Installation of Officers-June or July. Forward me any other ideas that you or your council would like to consider.

E. State Awards

Noted councils and individuals were congratulated on achieving the following awards at the State Convention in May:

- 2017-2018 Program & Membership Participation Award – Golden Valley
- 2017-2018 Program & Membership Excellence Award – Medina
- Pennies for Seminararians – Wayzata, Loretto, Long Lake, Medina, Golden Valley
- Jim Campbell Scholarship Fund - Wayzata, Loretto, Medina, Golden Valley
- Individual Incentive KC Hats – for recruiting members
 - Jack Delaney, Wayzata Council – presented at the meeting.
 - Gary Rieland, Wayzata Council – presented at the meeting.
 - Brian Shaw, Long Lake Council – to be presented
 - Dan Cincoski, Medina Council – to be presented
 - David Stumpf, Medina Council – to be presented
 - Tom Lee, Medina Council – to be presented
 - Mike Koski, Golden Valley Council – presented at the meeting.
 - Bill Murphy, Golden Valley Council – presented at the meeting.
 - Andrew Peschong, Golden Valley Council – presented at the meeting.

F. Important Resources

Officers were encouraged to use these key resources:

- Fraternal Leader Success Planner 2018-2019 – the GK, DGK, Program Dir, and Membership Dir should have received this booklet from their FS.
- Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual: Go to Supplies Online and order part number 10237e.
- On-line forms: www.kofc.org/forms
- On-line membership: www.mnknights.org/faq-online-membership/ and www.kofc.org/joinus

G. Immediate Deadlines / Tasks

- Reports of Officers Chosen for Term (Form #185) due July 1st – all district councils have submitted this form!
- Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365) due August 1st.

SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL FORM	
OLD	NEW (2018-2019)
*Chaplain	Program Director
Program Director	Faith Director
Church Director	Vocations Chairman
Vocations Chairman	Community Director
Community Director	Life Director
Culture of Life Director	Health Service
Health Director	Public Relations
Council Director	Family Director
Public Relations	Membership Director
Family Director	Recruitment Committee 1
Youth Director	Recruitment Committee 2
Columbian Squires	Recruitment Committee 3
Membership Director	Retention Chairman
Recruitment Committee 1	Insurance Promotion
Recruitment Committee 2	
Recruitment Committee 3	
Retention Chairman	
*Lecturer	

* Moved to Officers Chosen for the Term (Form #185)

Youth Environment Training and Background Check Requirement

Youth Environment Training Requirement Only – also required for the Grand Knight

- Safe Environment Program Training and Background Check Requirements:
 - ✓ The council must submit a program director, family director and community director (on form #365). The grand knight cannot serve as one of these program directors.
 - ✓ Youth Environment Training must be completed by the Grand Knight and Program Director within 30 days after receiving emailed notification of this requirement.
 - ✓ Youth Environment Training and Background check must be completed by the Community Director and Family Director within 30 days after receiving emailed notification of this requirement.
- Semiannual Council Audit (Form #2395) due August 15th.
- Council Liability Insurance – required by councils. Contact me if needing assistance.
- E990 Charitable Tax Filing – required by councils. Contact me if needing assistance.

2. Planned District Deputy Visits during the Month of August

- Medina, Tuesday August 13th
- Loretto, Monday August 20th

I had wanted to attend Long Lake's Council meeting on August 2nd but am unable to since I'll be in Alaska. I'll be attending their meeting on September 6th.

3. Other Reminders and Events

- **Planning Meeting**

Hold a planning meeting to discuss council growth strategies and new approaches to programs for the new fraternal year.

- **Metro Area Major Degrees**

Friday July 27th, St Vincent's Brooklyn Park, 1st degree 6:00 PM; 2nd degree 7:00 PM followed by 3rd degree, Host District Deputy Craig Larson, 218-289-3872.

Saturday July 28th, St Vincent's Brooklyn Park, 4st degree—Candidates should be there by 10:30am.

Monday, August 20th, Transfiguration Church, 6133 15th St N, Oakdale,, 1st degree 5:30 PM; 2nd degree 6:30 PM followed by 3rd degree, Host District Deputy: Mike Schilling, 654-738-3626

- **Mary's Meals Fundraiser Dinner**

Sept 27th, 6 PM St Joseph of the Lake Catholic Church, 171 Elm St, Lino Lakes, Adults: \$15; Children: \$10, Contact: Debra & Wayne Waldera 651-772-6935.

- **US Stadium Coats for Kids Drive with Catholic Schools**

Catholic schools will be engaged in the collection and distribution of coats for kids in the US Bank stadium on October 10th – details coming from DD 52, Patrick Farrelly.

- **2019 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Minneapolis**

Dates for the convention are August 5-8 with pre-conference events starting August 3rd. This is an event that a Knight would not want to miss. It's not too early to complete the volunteer form at www.mknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-in-minnesota