



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

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**RE: District Deputy Report – August 2019**

We’ve had some good discussions at recent council meetings and at our district meeting last week. With ideas now in mind, it’s time to lay out your council’s plan for the new year. As you do so, you may wish to review items included in this report – items discussed at our district meeting.

Thank you for your attendance at the Mass & Installation of Officers and at the District Meeting. My appreciation also for your timely submission of reports – all councils are now up-to-date on the submittal of their new officers and service program personnel.

Please give special attention to item 4b below where the State Deputy is asking each council to submit its “membership drive schedule”. As you finalize your plan, please submit it to me so that I can report back to him. (One or two sentences should suffice – I hope.)

**1. The Numbers**

<b>Wayzata 3758 (156 members)</b>							
		2017-2018			2018-2019		
	QUOTA	Additions	Deductions	Net	Additions	Deductions	Net
Membership	9	3	0	3	6	0	6
Insurance	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Loretto 9601 (72 members)</b>							
	QUOTA	Additions	Deductions	Net	Additions	Deductions	Net
Membership	5	0	3	-3	1	1	0
Insurance	3	0	1	-1	0	1	-1
<b>Long Lake 12293 (62 members)</b>							
	QUOTA	Additions	Deductions	Net	Additions	Deductions	Net
Membership	4	0	0	0	3	1	2
Insurance	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Medina 13096 (140 members)</b>							
	QUOTA	Additions	Deductions	Net	Additions	Deductions	Net
Membership	10	5	5	0	4	0	4
Insurance	3	0	3	-3	0	0	0
<b>Golden Valley 13506 (75 members)</b>							
	QUOTA	Additions	Deductions	Net	Additions	Deductions	Net
Membership	5	5	2	3	3	1	2
Insurance	3	1	0	1	1	1	0

Corrections to these numbers (Supreme’s record) would require the submission of candidates and their degree dates.

## 2. Fraternal Year Reporting & Star Council Review

- a. Membership Quota (Father McGivney Award) – council quota in item #1 above.
- b. Insurance Quota (Founders' Award) – council quota in item #1 above.
- c. Report of Officers Chosen for Term due June 30
- d. Service Program Personnel Report due Aug 1<sup>st</sup>
- e. Semiannual Council Audit due August 15<sup>th</sup>
- f. \*Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due January 31<sup>st</sup>
- g. Semiannual Council Audit due February 15<sup>th</sup>
- h. \*Columbian Award (SP7) due June 30<sup>th</sup>
- i. Safe Environment Compliance
  - On-line Training by Grand Knight and Program Dir (Training must be repeated after 3 years.)
  - On-line Training and Background Check by Family and Community Directors
- j. Good Standing (current on Supreme assessments)
  - \*Changed to accommodate new Faith in Action Programs.

## 3. Faith in Action Program Review

- k. Major Categories - Required Programs - Featured Programs (see attachment)  
Programs Descriptions: [www.kofc.org/faithinaction](http://www.kofc.org/faithinaction)

## 4. Strategies

- a. Supreme (from Membership Recruitment & Retention Manual)
  - Admission Committee
  - Recruitment Committee
  - Retention Committee
  - Church Drives (October and March)
  - Council Open House
  - One first degree in the District every month
  - Building a prospect list
  - Recruiting Techniques
  - Prospect landing page
  - Online membership
- b. State Council

State Deputy on membership drives - *There needs to be a membership drive scheduled by each council. Not an option. Every council needs a plan for membership or plan on closing the council because of inactivity. It's one or the other that will happen. I will need these dates by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

State Deputy on suspension procedures - *we will be sending out the plan for dealing with suspensions... I do random calls and most of the time no one has contacted them. This will stop this year and this procedure will help. This is NOT EXTRA WORK; this is what the councils should have been doing in the first place.*

- c. Council
  - Make council activities more relevant to its members.
  - Interest survey.
  - Family picnic/potluck events.
  - Increase council visibility with periodic formal attendance of KCs at Mass.
  - Call each member on his birthday (Wayzata)
  - Presentations/speakers on subjects that appeal to members (Medina)
  - Priests' dinner to spend time with Father.

- “60 Second”, pulpit, bulletin, newsletter, web site announcements. (Medina)
- Emphasize recruitment during activities, i.e. Swing Dance, Christkindmarkt (Loretto)
- Emphasize recruitment during activities, i.e. Fall Parish Picnic, Fall Steak Fry (Golden Valley)
- Church drive at St Bart’s this fall (Wayzata)
- Hispanic 1<sup>st</sup> degree in August – six candidates (Long Lake)

## 5. Degree Schedules

### a. 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees

Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
9/9/2019	6:45 PM	Wayzata 3758	KC Chambers, 10904 S Shore Dr, Plymouth
10/17/2019	6:15 PM	Loretto 9601	KC Chambers, SS. Peter & Paul, Loretto
11/12/2019	6:15PM	Medina 13096	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina
12/5/2019	6:15 PM	Long Lake 12293	St George’s Church, Long Lake
1/14/2020	6:15 PM	Golden Valley 13506	Good Shepherd Church, Golden Valley

\* Scheduled 45 minutes prior to council meetings.

### b. Metro Major Degrees

- 9/9/2019 Saturday St John Vianney Seminary St Paul 1<sup>st</sup> deg 12:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 1:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg, Jim Eddleston, 952-895-9808
- 10/12/2019 Saturday St Timothy Blaine 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg, Terry Wagner 612-275-1458
- 10/26/2019 Saturday St Joseph Worker Maple Grove 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg, Pat Farrelly 763-218-3816
- Also - major degree being considered by Wayzata Council for April 2020.

## 6. Packet Contents & Other Key Resources

- District 53 Officers for the 2019-2020 Term (attached)
- Faith in Action Programs (attached)
- Fraternal Planner (#5033) – on back order
- Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual (#10237)\*
- Star Council Checklist (#5104)\*
- Faith in Action Booklet (10831)\*
- Born a Man Become a Knight (#10536)\*
- “Why Join?” pamphlet (#10537)\*
- On-line Membership FAQ: [www.mnknights.org/faq-online-membership/](http://www.mnknights.org/faq-online-membership/)
- Prospect Landing Page Request: <http://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>
- On-line forms: [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)
- On-line Member Management and Billing (GK and FS only!)

\* I’ve just received these packet items that were not available at the district meeting which I’ll now be distributing to the GKs.

7. **A special thanks** to Jack Delaney (Wayzata) who joined me at a July 30<sup>th</sup> luncheon with New Council Development Chair Lloyd Cybart and Fr. Andrie, Pastor St Therese in Deephaven, to discuss the idea of a new KC Council!

## 8. District Deputy August Visits

- Long Lake Council Meeting, Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm.
- Wayzata Council Meeting, Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.
- Medina Council Meeting, Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.