



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

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RE: District Deputy Report – December 2018

District Activities

1. Membership

We’re starting to look good – fine job by these councils for their recent efforts:

- Golden Valley Council - two new members, Kyle Sack & Dave Barten and potential new member Joseph McGarry.
- Long Lake Council –great job in conducting the Church Drive and the follow-up informational meeting resulting in the recruitment of a new member.
- Wayzata Council - 3 candidates going to Dec 1st Exemplification in Burnsville Dec 1st! Field Agent John Egan also informs me that he is bringing in another candidate.
- Loretto – conducting the Marian Icon rosary service Sunday morning with the congregation before Mass – great visibility, great cause, and great way to recruit.

Please keep me updated on your recruitment activities and your new candidates.

State Membership Director (SMD) Jesse Kosloski and the State Deputy Marc Peters have requested submittal of the District’s 1st Admission Degree schedule and goals for the 2nd half of the fraternal year. In response, I’ll be submitting the following at the State Mid-year meeting on December 7th:

Minnesota District 53

District # 53	Goal (Quotas)	Scheduled church drives	*Scheduled Admission Degrees	How will you end up June 30 2019
Council #3758	9 new members 3 new insurance members	TBD	1/14/2019 6:30pm	Achieve goals
Council # 9601	4 new members 3 new insurance members	TBD	2/21/2019 6:00pm	Achieve goals
Council # 12293	4 new members 3 new insurance members	TBD	3/7/2019 6:00pm	Achieve goals
Council #13096	10 new members 3 new insurance members	TBD	4/9/2019 6:00pm	Achieve goals
Council # 13506	5 new members 3 new insurance members	TBD	5/14/2019 6:00pm	Achieve goals

* 1st degree admission degrees are scheduled 1 hour prior to council meetings.
 Let me know of desired changes before 12/7.

SMD Jesse is also requesting that each district schedule a major degree in the 2nd half.

Please be prepared to discuss your recruitment ideas at our upcoming district meeting. I suspect that you may have some better ideas than the mandated 1st degree schedule and mandated church drives.

2. Paradise CA Fires

GK Ed Rundle, Long Lake Council, was a member of the KC Council in Paradise CA and lived in that community. Below is his email to his Council – a way for us to help our brother knights.

Brothers, I have just received an Email from the GK in Paradise. This was in reply to my inquiry about what we, as a Council, could do for them. He said 69 of their 102 Brothers lost their homes, clothing, vehicles, etc. As a 12 year Brother in that Council it really hit close to home. This is in addition to the 8 of 10 Police Officers that lost their homes, clothing and vehicles. Yet they are still on duty, as are the Knights, trying to keep the town safe from looters and more fire.

He says they need money and/or gift cardsDonations can be made through the St Thomas More Catholic Parish, Paradise, CA web site at <http://www.stmparadise.org/> (see donate tab at bottom)

Please keep all the folks in Paradise in your prayers and thoughts. The town is essentially wiped off the map. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fraternally, GK Ed Rundle

3. District 53 December Meeting

Reminder - I will be hosting our December District meeting at my place in Maple Plain on **Thursday December 13th 7pm.** Please RSVP me those who will be attending. My address is: 5809 Maple Ridge Dr, Maple Plain, 55359.

4. Knights of Columbus Icon - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

Your quick response to receiving the Icon with the short notice is appreciated. As I write this, the Icon is at St. George in Long Lake.

Council	Dates	Status
3758 - Wayzata - St. Mary of the Lake	Oct 17 - Oct 27	Completed
3758 - Wayzata - St. Anne's	Oct 28 - Nov 6	Completed
3758 - Wayzata - St. Bart's	Nov 7 - Nov 17	Completed
9601 - Loretto - Ss Peter & Paul	Nov 18 - Nov 28	Completed
12293 - Long Lake - St George	Nov 29 - Dec 9	Current placement
13096 - Medina - Holy Name of Jesus	Dec 10 - Dec 20	Scheduled
13506 - Golden Valley - Good Shepherd	Dec 21 - Dec 31	Scheduled

Know that I now have an ample supply of prayer cards that can be given away and Marian Prayer Service booklets to be used for the Marian service. Contact me if you want these.

Program details can be found at [Marian Prayer Service](#).

5. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

There are still a few slots open for our District's time slot on December 1st this Saturday – sign up using the link below. Or you may sign up for other times/locations using the other link provided.

KC District 53 Link: www.somn.org/kofc53

Location: Bowlero Bowling Center, 7545 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Park

Date/time: Saturday December 1st 10 AM – 3:30 PM

General KC Link: www.somn.org

Date/time: Various times/locations Friday 11/30 through Sunday 12/02

6. 1st Degree Schedule (1st half)

With no 1st degree candidates pending right now, the 1st degree scheduled Dec 6th at Long Lake has been cancelled. As mentioned previously, councils are encouraged to attend a major degree in lieu of a 1st degree if possible (which councils are doing).

7. Free Throw Competition

Now that it is December, participating councils should schedule their local competitions and start advertising. Remember that the local competitions must be scheduled before the District competition which is scheduled for February 2nd at the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym.

8. November District Deputy Visits

Golden Valley Council Meeting, Monday Dec 4th, 7:00 PM (December date change)

Long Lake Council Meeting, Thursday December 6th, 7:00 PM

Medina KC Christmas Party in lieu of Council Meeting, Tuesday Dec 11th, 6:30 PM

Loretto Council Meeting, Thursday Dec 20th, 7:00 PM

Please let me know if any of these dates or times are incorrect.

Council Reminders

1. Safe Environment Training and Background Checks

It appears that things have settled down and that all district councils have either completed or are just about to complete their safe environment requirements. If you are still having any issues, please give me a call.

2. Upcoming Reports

- The Annual Report of Fraternal Activity is due 1-31-19. Know that a couple councils have already sent out their surveys and are in the process of collecting data.
- The 2nd half audit is due 2-15-19.

Supreme and State Announcements

1. "Your Story, Your Council, Your Faith in Action" Webinar

This one hour webinar is scheduled for Tuesday December 11th 7:30pm CDT. Click here to register: [Faith in Action Webinar](#)

Any of the past webinars and fraternal training sessions can be accessed and viewed by going to [Past KC Webinars](#).

2. Metro Area Major Degrees

Saturday, December 1st Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville, 1st degree start 9AM; 2nd degree 10AM, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Dennis Commings 651-428-4929

Saturday, January 26th St Vincent de Paul, Maple Grove, 1st degree start 9AM; 2nd degree 10:30AM, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Pat Farrelly 763-218-3816

Saturday, February 9th St John Vianney St Paul, 1st degree start noon, 2nd degree 1:00PM, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Jim Eddleston (952) 895-9808

3. Supreme Convention – Minneapolis 2019

Complete the volunteer form at www.mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-in-minnesota