



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 – February 2019

The Survey of Fraternal Activity is due next Thursday January 31st. As of January 24, only two of five councils have submitted their reports. Please try to make this deadline. If you're having difficulties, I'm here to help.

My suggestion - as Supreme is looking for best estimates for **all** knights in our councils, it makes sense to extrapolate if a council has a small number of responses. For example, the Medina council uses "group theory" arriving at estimates using the following assumptions:

Core 10% of members set the 100% standard (survey responses are assigned to this group)
50% of members do 40% of what core members do
25% of members do 20% of what core members do
15% of members do 10% of what core members do

I have a spreadsheet that generates estimates based on these assumptions that I'm willing to share.

Also - councils seem to be getting caught with the new format. If so, simply transfer the response from the old format to the most appropriate category on the new format.

The preferred method of submitting the report is online. Go to www.kofc.org/forms. Be sure to email me your report.

Recruitment

Councils should be planning their membership drives for the upcoming months and preparing for hosting their first degree as scheduled (see 1st degree schedule under District Activities below).

Then, don't forget about these helpful tools:

Prospect Landing Page

Supreme will build a *custom* Prospect Landing Page for your council that you can use on a phone, tablet or computer. Use it when asking potential members if they're interested in learning more about the Knights. Enter their information into the form and in a matter of seconds they'll get a personalized email signed by you, the grand knight, encouraging them to join the Knights referencing your council by name and number. Use it at any event where there may be potential members. Just fill out this simple form to get started: info.kofc.org/pagerequest.

Online Membership

For guys with little time, especially the younger set, it only takes 5 minutes to sign them up. Go to www.kofc.org/join

Help from State Council and Regional Director

Feel free to reach out for help. Representatives from the State Council and/or Regional Director, Keith Heitkamp (612-819-8272), are willing to join you in your discussions. Let me know – I'll help coordinate. Or find contact information at <https://mnknights.org/membership/>.

District Activities

New Hispanic Council forming in Long Lake *

Men interested in learning more about the new K of C Hispanic council being formed at St George in Long Lake are encouraged to contact Latino Ministry Coordinator, Melba Reyes, at 612-296-7584 for more information.

St George has a vibrant Hispanic community which celebrates Mass in Spanish every Sunday at 5 PM. Approximately 12 Hispanic men at St George are hoping to reach the required 20 members to charter the council.

Save My Starving Children March 23rd 9-11 AM *

Fr. George Council #3758 is sponsoring “[Feed My Starving Children](#)” packing session on Saturday March 23, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the FMSC Chanhassen facility. This event is open to all councils along with family members and friends.

Participation at this event will satisfy the “Helping Hands” program requirement under the Community category: <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/community/helping-hands.html#/>

Mark your calendars! Then watch for the email soliciting RSVPs after mid February.

1st Degree Schedule – 2nd Half

Loretto:	Thursday 2/21/2019 6:00pm
Long Lake:	Thursday 3/7/2019 6:00pm
Medina:	Tuesday 4/9/2019 6:00pm
Golden Valley:	Tuesday 5/14/2019 6:00pm

1st degree admission degrees are scheduled 1 hour prior to council meetings. Councils are encouraged to attend a major degree in lieu of a 1st degree if possible.

I will notify you at least one week prior to your scheduled 1st degree of any candidates. If there are no candidates, i.e. if you do not hear from me, the degree will be considered cancelled.

Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to the Golden Valley and Wayzata councils for their successful local competitions. The Wayzata council had 22 participants of which 11 will be competing at the District competition on February 2nd. The Golden Valley council had 13 participants and will be sending 7 of their kids to the District.

District Competition Preliminaries

- Scheduled for Sunday February 3rd 11:30 A.M. at the Good Shepherd School Gym.
- Each council (Wayzata and Golden Valley) should provide three volunteers
- Golden Valley will provide basketballs (women’s regulation size and men’s regulation size)
- District Deputy will provide participation certificates, winner certificates and winner medals
- Wayzata Council will provide table numbers, extra scoring sheets, two note boards, pencils, and anything else they wish to bring.
- Councils will ensure that they’ll have score sheets from their local competition to be used at the District.
- District Deputy will provide Regional Competition Flyers (see attached)

Program

- Introductions, opening prayer & pledge of allegiance: Good Shepherd GK Tom
- Hoop #1 with 12 foot foul line: ages 9-11 See attached 'District Contestant Rounds'
Hoop #2 with 15 foot foul line: ages 12-14
- Award Announcer: Good Shepherd GK Tom; DD Bill will hand out certificates/medals
- Pictures to be taken by the Wayzata Council
- Invitation to Regional Competition: DD Bill

Winners of the District will advance to the regional competition to be held February 9th at the St Vincent de Paul School Gym in Brooklyn Park: Registration: 7:30 am; Competition 9:00 am. Regional contact is Kevin Ahlers, 763-427-2330 or 612-961-2091 kaahlers@comcast.net. Winners of the regional will advance to the state competition to be held on March 30th at the Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.

February District Deputy Visits

I will be out of the country (Spain & Fatima Portugal) between February 4th and March 20th and therefore not able to attend any council meetings until late March. I plan on monitoring email and text (763-479-1168) but no phone.

Council Reminders

The Annual Report of Fraternal Activity due 1-31-19.

The 2nd half audit is due 2-15-19.

Supreme and State Announcements

“Programming Recruitment” Webinar

This one hour webinar on how to engage and attract members and build stronger programs at the same time is scheduled for Thursday January 31st 7:30pm CDT. Click here to register: [Programming Recruitment](#) .

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

Metro Area Major Degrees

- 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
- Saturday February 23rd, St Timothy's, Blaine, 1st degree start 9am, 2nd degree 10:00am, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Terry Wagner, 651-483-0814

Knight of Columbus Supreme Convention – Minneapolis August 2019


A Signup Genius link will soon be available off the State Council's web site allowing you to chose one or more of the many volunteer opportunities. Read more at

<https://mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-details/> Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime.

Faith in Action *


Many brother knights are not aware or do not fully understand the new Faith in Action model that was established at the beginning of this fraternal year. Faith in Action, as the words imply, emphasize our faith as being the motivating force behind our actions as knights. You are encourage you to take some time to review the new faith-in-action programs, forms and announcements at <https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction>.

Faith in Action Program Summary



FAITH
Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.


Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
Holy Hour *(New)*
Into the Breach
Marian Prayer Program: Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians
Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) *(Featured)*
Rosary Program
Sacramental Gifts *(New)*
Spiritual Reflection *(Required/New)*



COMMUNITY
Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility, and compassion.


Coats for Kids *(Featured)*
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Disaster Preparedness
Free Throw Championship
Global Wheelchair Mission *(Featured)*
Habitat for Humanity *(Featured)*
Helping Hands *(Required/New)*
Soccer Challenge

F A I T H I N A C T I O N



FAMILY
Strengthen families through faith and service. Socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families through special events, religious services, and volunteer opportunities.

Consecration to the Holy Family *(Required)*
Family Fully Alive
Family of the Month/Year
Family Prayer Night *(New)*
Family Week
Food for Families *(Featured)*
Good Friday Family Promotion *(New)*
Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC)



LIFE
Create a culture of life. Assist pregnant women in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, and empower those with special needs to realize their full potential.

Christian Refugee Relief
March for Life *(Featured)*
Mass for People with Special Needs *(New)*
Novena for Life *(Required/New)*
Pregnancy Center Support *(New)*
Silver Rose
Special Olympics *(Featured)*
Ultrasound *(Featured)*

* Please forward highlighted items on to your council's membership or include them in your newsletter.