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

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RE: District Deputy Report February 2020

Thoughts on Recent Changes

Change is difficult! While the Order is still struggling with the move to the new 4th degree uniform, we're now facing a major change to our ceremonials. Changes seem to be coming at us faster and at a more furious pace than ever. But it's a fact of life.

As is true in other aspects of our lives, with change comes opportunities. Having worked in the IT area, I know that if one does not adapt to change, one is likely to become stagnant and left behind. And if one does not promote change, he/she is at likely to miss out on some great opportunities.

So it is with our Order. While not wavering from our principles, let's try to look at these changes as the means by which we may better promote our principles in these modern times. I encourage you to embrace these changes - not blindly but with discernment and thoughtful feedback on how they can be improved.

With this report, I have ordered items in priority order – the time sensitive and the most important items are listed first. I do this because some past important items have seemingly gotten lost in the detail. Please give special attention then to the top items.

1. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (*Form #1728*) is due January 31. Be sure to copy me when submitting. Congrats to the Wayzata Council for already has submitting their report!

2. Semiannual Audit (#1295)

This report is due February 15th. Congrats to the Golden Valley Council for already has submitting their report! Be sure to copy me on when submitting.

3. Tootsie Roll Orders

Hard to believe but it's time to order tootsie rolls. Please email me the number of boxes you wish to have me order for your council. As in past years, I'll be placing one order for the District (February 15th deadline) and will distribute them once received. For your information, here's the numbers of boxes that each council has been consistently ordering over the years:

3758 Wayzata	13 boxes
9601 Loretto	2 boxes
12293 Long Lake	1 box
13096 Medina	4 boxes
13506 Golden Valley	2 boxes

4. New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – Update

As reported previously, this new degree ceremony will combine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications into a single 30 minute exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Click on the links below to review new information. (Select ok to bypass the virus warning if you receive it.)

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the ceremony: [VIDEO](#)

Exemplification Script: [SCRIPT](#)

Exemplification FAQ: [FAQ](#)

We have the option of conducting the new degree or continuing with the old degrees until June 30. My recommendation is that we continue using the old degrees until we've had a chance to attend a new degree and feel comfortable conducting one. The first one is scheduled at St. Joseph in Lino Lakes on Sunday February 9th 11am (DD Terry Wagner 651-483-0814). I am unable to attend, but encourage others to do so. Let me know if you do. I'd be happy to work with a council on being the 1st in the District to conduct the new degree.

State Ceremonials Director Don Trudeau (612-749-2982) suggests that a council buy a 2 foot ½ inch thick rope from a hardware store and use cotton thread or yarn for the fibers instead of buying the \$19 "C13 New Ceremonial Cable and Fibers" from The English Company.

5. New Suspension Form

Please remember to include the new form "Request for Membership Suspension" in your suspension process. See my January report for more details.

6. State Convention Breezy Point, May 15-17

It's time to elect your delegates and register for the KC State Convention:

- Register for the convention <https://stateconvention.mnknights.org/product/convention-registration-2020/>
- Book a room: <https://stateconvention.mnknights.org/where-to-stay/>
- Register your delegates <https://stateconvention.mnknights.org/register-your-delegates/>

The online delegate registration eliminates the hard copy "credentials" form.

7. Required Programs

Remember to include these programs in your 2nd half plans. Again – they are required for the Columbian award and Star Council. See my January report for details.

Category	Required Program	Abbreviated Description
Faith	Spiritual Reflection	Attend a retreat or day of reflection
Family	Consecration to the Holy Family	Invite families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family
Community	Helping Hands	Help those less fortunate in your community
Life	Novena for Life	Conduct novena using KC cards, USCCB novena or other prayer

Councils are welcome and encouraged to attend the required programs being coordinated by the Wayzata Council. See item #7 below.

8. Church Drives / Recruitment

As you firm up dates for your church drives and other recruitment activities, please let me know.

St Thomas the Apostle Parish

The Loretto Council is considering taking St. Thomas the Apostle parish under their wing and conducting a church drive there in March. Since Ss Peter and Paul & St Thomas the Apostle Parishes are now a “parish cluster” and given the proximity of St Thomas the Apostle parish to Ss. Peter and Paul parish in Loretto, the Wayzata Council has agreed to transfer St Thomas the Apostle parish to the Loretto Council.

The Medina Council is looking to conduct quarterly “recruitment presentations”. See item #7 below.

9. Prospect Page

The “Prospect Page” has been improved! There’s no longer a need to bother Supreme with setup. This is a great way for any member to immediately connect with their prospects.

Test it out by going to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter your email address and contact information in all fields. You’ll immediately receive what the prospect would receive as well as what you as the council contact would receive.

10. District Council Events

THE CHURCHES OF ROME (see attached flyer)



Presented by the Good Samaritan Knights of Columbus Council 13096

All are invited to a pictorial tour of Rome’s most special churches with Greg Pulles, author of *Sacred Places: Rediscovering the Churches of Rome*. This free event takes place February 27, from 6-8 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus, 155 County Road 24, Wayzata. We will begin with Mass at 6 pm followed by a wine and cheese reception and the presentation. Please RSVP by Sunday February 23rd by emailing kofc@hnoj.org. Those who wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus are especially welcome.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners Friday

Golden Valley Council

February 28th and Friday April 3rd evenings

Good Shepherd Catholic Church 145 Jersey Avenue South, Golden Valley

Feed My Starving Children (satisfies required program under Community category)

Wayzata Council

March 28 Chanhassen FMSC Facility 9:00AM

Novena to Three American Saints for Life (satisfies required program under Life category)

Wayzata Council

See attached Novena for Life prayers.

Robbinsdale Rosary

Wayzata Council w/ Father Dufner (Bring your kids along)

Mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

2nd Saturday of the month 10 am

[Pro-life Action Ministries Chapel of the Innocents parking lot](#)

11. Free Throw Competition

Golden Valley, Wayzata and the Medina councils have completed their local free throw competitions. The 22 winners of these competitions will now advance to the District competition that will take place Saturday February 8th at 12:30 pm in the Good Shepherd School Gym in Golden Valley. Winners of the District competition will advance to the Regional Competition to be held on Saturday February 15th at St Vincent De Paul School Gym in Brooklyn Park (8 am registration; 9 am start). Those winners will then advance to the State Contest that is scheduled for Saturday March 28th in the new Tech High School, 4200 33rd Street South, St. Cloud.

12. District 1st Degree Schedule

Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
02/10/2020	6:45 PM	Wayzata 3758	KC Chambers, 10904 S Shore Dr, Plymouth
03/19/2020	6:15 PM	Loretto 9601	KC Chambers, SS. Peter & Paul, Loretto
04/14/2020	6:15PM	Medina 13096	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina
05/07/2020	6:15 PM	Long Lake 12293	St George's Church, Long Lake

* Scheduled 45 minutes prior to council meetings.

These 1st degrees will continue until we hear otherwise. A major degree ceremony in lieu of a 1st degree is preferred however. Councils should notify me and the hosting council of any candidate(s) no later than one week before the scheduled degree. If the hosting council is not notified of candidates, they should assume there are no candidates and that their degree has been cancelled.

13. Metro Major Degrees

- 2/9/2020 St Joseph, Lino Lakes, New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, 11am Terry Wagner 651-483-0814
- 2/22/2020 St Timothy, Blaine, 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows, Terry Wagner 651-483-0814
- 3/14/2020 St Andrews Elk River, 1st deg 8:30am, 2nd deg 9:30am, 3rd deg follows Ray Dixon, 316-706-7751

14. District Deputy February Visits

My availability during the month of February will be limited.

- Long Lake Council Meeting, February 6th, 7:00 pm
- Medina Council Meeting, February 11th, 7:30 pm (tentative)

15. Upcoming Webinars

Tues., March 24, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Turning Your Clergy into Your Best Recruiters [REGISTER NOW](#)

Tues., June 23, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Effective Change Over Meetings Bridge Council Action [REGISTER NOW](#)

Tues., July 14, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Council Officer Quick Start Fraternal Training [REGISTER NOW](#)

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

16. Update from Supreme on Reporting

To simplify processes and better respect the time of our Brother Knights, starting January 1st, we will no longer offer participation forms for many of our program. In an effort to consolidate this process and bring it down from five forms to one, we ask that you please complete the new Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784), available for online submission at kofc.org/forms. Please feel free to retroactively report past participation online with the #10784 online submission option.

These Featured Programs and Required Programs will continue to have their own associated forms:

- Community: Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission, Coats for Kids®
- Life: Ultrasound Initiative, Special Olympics, March for Life and Silver Rose
- Family: Food for Families
- Faith: RSVP