



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RE: District Deputy Report – January 2019

New Year Message

May you all have a blessed and successful new year!

If you are a bit overwhelmed with all the new programs and requirements under the new Faith in Action model, you're not alone. Here's my attempt at simplifying:

The Basics

First and foremost, embrace the four new categories of the Faith in Action model: **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**. Put aside for now techniques on how to grow membership. Instead, reflect upon on each of these four areas and think about how your council could best respond – knowing that grounded in our faith, we are called as Knights to serve. If done prayerfully, your actions will speak for themselves. The numbers will take care of themselves. The youth will want to join our ranks! And ultimately our families, community and the unborn will be better served.

Secondly, in order to comply with the minimums under the new model, councils should complete the required program in each of the categories:

- Faith: **Spiritual Reflection Program**
- Family: **Consecration to the Holy Family**
- Community: **Helping Hands**
- Life: **Novena for Life**

Councils should review the program descriptions found at <https://kofc.org/faithinaction>. However, given proper intent, they should feel free to develop their own programs.

Thirdly, hold a planning meeting. Discuss all ideas and make decisions on how to proceed.

Requirements for Awards under the Faith in Action Model

To achieve Columbian Award, a council must now complete four programs under each of the four categories (**Faith, Family, Community, and Life**) for a total of 16 programs. Again - review recommended programs found at <https://kofc.org/faithinaction>. Pay special attention to the programs labeled "Featured" as these programs will satisfy two of the four programs required under each category.

To achieve Star Council, a council must satisfy the requirements for Columbian Award and achieve their membership and insurance quotas:

- ✓ Wayzata: 9 new members and 3 new insurance members
- ✓ Loretto: 4 new members and 3 new insurance members
- ✓ Long Lake: 4 new members and 3 new insurance members
- ✓ Medina: 10 new members and 3 new insurance members
- ✓ Golden Valley: 5 new members and 3 new insurance members

The application deadline for Columbian and Star Council is June 30th. Review the online application form (SP-7) at http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf. (This and other program forms and their due dates can be accessed from www.kofc.org/forms.) I suggest that you use this application as a guide to track your council activities.

The Application deadline for State Council awards is April 1st. Know that much of the information entered on the Columbian Award application is transferrable to the State applications.

Summary

In summary, a council could actually forget all the recruitment techniques, the incentives, the detailed program descriptions, the pressure to grow the order and even the awards as long as the council **sincerely embraces the Faith in Action model**. If done right, no dictate from Supreme or the State Council should be a match for what a council could accomplish on its own.

District Activities

1. Degree Schedule – 2nd Half

Wayzata:	Monday 1/14/2019 6:30pm
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, however, to attend a major degree in lieu of a 1st degree if possible. A degree will be cancelled if there are no candidates one week prior to the degree date.

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

Thanks to all councils for your cooperation in conducting this fine Marian program. The Icon will be transferred to the St Cloud KC District on January 2nd. (GK Tom Warner – I will be giving you a call sometime on the 31st to coordinate pick-up.)

3. Free Throw Competition

The Wayzata and Golden Valley councils will be participating in the free throw competition. The Medina Council has opted out.

Local Competition Schedule

- Golden Valley Council: Sunday January 6th after 10:30 AM Mass in the Good Shepherd School gym.
- Wayzata Council: Saturday January 5th, 5:30 PM, Ave Maria Academy which is located off Bass Lake Road approximately 3 miles west of Interstate 494.

The District Competition is scheduled for **Sunday February 3rd at 11:30 AM** at the Good Shepherd School Gym – **not February 2nd as previously reported.**

Winners of the district will advance to the regional competition to be held on February 9th at the St Vincent de Paul School Gym in Brooklyn Park. The winners of the regional will advance to the state competition to be held on March 30th at the Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.

4. January District Deputy Visits

Medina Council Meeting, Tuesday January 8th, 7:30 PM (7:10 PM Rosary prior to meeting)

5. Safe Environment

If you have safe environment questions or issues, feel free to contact the Safe Environment Office at Supreme: Sherry Mazyck, Knights of Columbus, Safe Environment Program, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510, Phone: (203) 800-4940.

Council Reminders

1. Reports

- The Annual Report of Fraternal Activity is due 1-31-19. Survey instruments should have been distributed by now.
- The 2nd half audit is due 2-15-19.

2. Billing & Retention Procedures

Supreme and State Councils are tightening the screws on procedures taken (or not taken) when suspending a member. In short, you are asked to contact the member to ensure that he truly qualifies for suspension. The inability to pay dues should not be a reason for suspension.

Supreme and State Announcements

1. “Striving for Star - Building Fraternal Momentum” Webinar

This one hour webinar is scheduled for Thursday January 10th 7:30pm CDT. Click here to register: [Striving for Star](#)

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, 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

3. Supreme Convention – Minneapolis 2019

A Signup Genius link will soon be available off the State Council's web site allowing you to choose one or more of the many volunteer opportunities. Read more at <https://mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-details/>

4. Seminarians Join Free

Through this new membership offer, seminarians can join online and enjoy free membership for as long as they remain in seminary or are ordained to the priesthood. They can go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter code: SEM18 Read more at: [Seminarians Join Free](#)