



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 January 2020

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all!

With this report, I wish to call special attention to the following four items that were presented at the State District Deputy Mid Year Conference and at our District Meeting on December 13th:

1. **New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.**

This major change to our ceremonials will combine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications into a single 30 minute exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. As the details are still being worked out, we are asked to continue using the existing degree ceremonies until we hear otherwise which I sense may be several months.

View this significant announcement by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson by clicking [Here](#) (33 minutes)

2. **“New” suspension rules**

In short, the change requires a council to make three concerted personal attempts in contacting a delinquent membership before the “intent to suspend” is mailed by the financial secretary. As our State Officers point out, councils that are already following proper suspension procedures should not feel much of a change, i.e. the form is new; the procedure is not. Unfortunately, I sense that some councils are going to find this change frustrating.

The form “Request for Membership Suspension and Procedures” is attached. Please review this form and the procedures on page two. Then save it and be prepared to use it when dealing with delinquent members.

3. **Required programs**

I was pleased but surprised that four of our councils received Columbian Awards last year. Unlike the leniency we experienced last year (the 1st year of the “faith in action” model), they’ll be looking for the required faith-in-action programs on your SP7 (Columbian Award application) this time around. They are:

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

While details on these programs (and many others) can be found at www.kofc.org/faithinaction, I believe any activity conducted in the spirit of these programs may suffice. I strongly encourage councils to plan for such activities in the second half (January – June). Submit a [Fraternal Program Report form #10784](#) after completing each program.

4. Church drives / recruitment

As reported last month, Supreme and the State Council are looking for your recruitment plans for the second half (Jan 1 thru June 30). Please take time to discuss during your next council meeting.

District Happenings/Events

Free Throw Competition

Golden Valley will hold their local competition on Sunday January 5th in their Good Shepherd School gym. Wayzata and Medina will be holding their joint local competition on Saturday January 18th at the Ave Maria Academy Gym in Maple Grove. The District competition will take place Saturday February 8th at the Good Shepherd School Gym in Golden Valley. I’m still waiting on the date & location for the regional competition. The State Contest scheduled for Saturday March 28th will be held at the new Tech High School, 4200 33rd Street South, St. Cloud (not the Cathedral High School as previously reported.)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)

Reminder - this required report is due January 31st. Your solicitation to your members for volunteer hours should be out by now. If you want, use my sample email that I sent with my December report (on Nov 29th).

The Numbers

As of December 31 records show the District at 52% of its goal (12 new members with a target quota of 23) – 8 from the Long Lake Council, 3 from the Wayzata Council, and 1 from Golden Valley! It’s interesting to note that we’ve experienced no suspensions so far in the District. I hope this holds!

District 1st Degree Schedule (January – May)

As distributed at the 12/13/2019 District Meeting:

Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
01/14/2020	6:15 PM	Golden Valley 13506	Good Shepherd Church, Golden Valley
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.

As stated above, these 1st degrees will continue until we hear otherwise. A council should be in position to conduct their scheduled 1st degree if there is a candidate from anywhere in the District. A major degree ceremony in lieu of a 1st degree however is preferred.

District Deputy January Visits

- Wayzata Council Meeting, January 13th, 7:00 pm
- Medina Council Meeting, January 14th, 7:30 pm
- Loretto Council Meeting, January 16th, 7:00 pm (hopefully will include discussion item re: transferring St Thomas from the Wayzata Council to Loretto – with St Thomas member, Greg Devorsak, Fr Jensen & perhaps Jack Delaney?)

State and Supreme Announcements

Processing On-line Members

The Financial Secretary (FS) and Grand Knight (GK) should continually monitor the “Prospect” tab under “Officers on Line” (no other officers have access to this.) If a prospect shows up, ensure that someone contacts the prospect (using displayed email and phone number) and schedules the date for his degree ceremony. Once the candidate achieves his degree(s), the FS or GK must go back to the Prospect Tab to assign the “Ceremonial Date” and transfer the new member to the council. Then go to Member Management to assign the ceremonial date to the 2nd and 3rd degree fields as appropriate. Contact me (Bill Swing) if you have questions.

Metro Major Degrees

- 1/11/2020 Saturday Mary Mother OTC, Burnsville, 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg Dennis Cummings 651-428-4929
- 1/25/2020 St Vincent de Paul, Maple Grove, 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg Pat Farrelly 763-218-3816
- 2/22/2020 St Timothy, Blaine, 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg Terry Wagner 651-483-0814

Upcoming Webinars

Consider signing up early for these upcoming webcasts:

- Tues., Jan. 14, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Developing your Half-Time Strategy to Win [REGISTER NOW](#)
- 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](#)