



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 – March 2019

This report is abbreviated as I'm putting it together in Seville Spain using a smartphone which is somewhat tedious.

Great job on getting your fraternal activity surveys in on time. All councils met the January 31st deadline. It's unclear however if all consoles made the February 15th deadline in the submission of their audits. I've only received audit copies from Golden Valley and Wayzata. Please keep me copied on all reports submitted.

Also a reminder to the financial secretaries – be sure to file the online 990-N (e-postcard) - needed to maintain your council's tax exempt status. (No need to copy me on this one.)

Recruitment

There have been some good discussions taking place in councils on how to grow membership. Please keep these discussions going. They seem to be producing some positive results.

Here are the YTD numbers that I see as of January 31st:

- Wayzata: +3 members, 0 losses
- Loretto: 0 members, 0 losses
- Long Lake: +2 members, 1 loss
- Medina: 0 members, 0 losses
- Golden Valley: +3 members, 1 loss

March is membership blitz month. The Supreme and the State Council are asking councils to conduct Church drives which involve pulpit announcements and knights at the church doors. If your priest allows for it, consider doing one.

District Happenings/Events

New Hispanic Council forming in Long Lake

Grand Knight Ed Rundel and I are attempting to form a new Hispanic Council at St George in Long Lake. If you know of any Hispanic Catholic men or ways to connect with them, we'd appreciate hearing from you. Contact me or Long Lake GK Ed at 530-966-4162 or sand72socks@att.net

Save My Starving Children March 23rd 9-11 AM

Know that this is a district-wide event being sponsored by the Wayzata Council.

The food packing session will take place on Saturday March 23 between 9:00 and 11:00 AM at the FMSC Chanhassen facility (18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen). This event is open to all councils along with family members and friends.

Know that participation at this event will satisfy your council's "Helping Hands" program requirement under the Community category. RSVP by contacting GK Ken Brcka at kb2inc@msn.com or 612-386-0159.

1st Degree Schedule – 2nd Half

Long Lake: Thursday 3/7/2019 6:00pm – cancelled, no candidates
Medina: Tuesday 4/9/2019 6:00pm
Golden Valley: Tuesday 5/14/2019 6:00pm

If you have candidate(s), email me and the hosting grand knight at least one week in advance of the degree ceremony to allow sufficient time to prepare.

If there are no candidates, i.e. the hosting council does not hear from me or any other councils, the degree will be considered cancelled.

March District Deputy Visits

No visits in March as I will be in Spain most of the month.

Other Council Reminders

Again - the deadline for the 2nd half audit was February 15th. For those councils who may have missed it, please submit asap... and email me a copy.

Applications for State awards are due April 1st. Application forms can be found at www.mnknights.org/resource/award-updates/ Be aggressive in filling out these applications. This is the time to brag about all that your council does.

Supreme and State Announcements

“Linking Council Action to our Founder” Webinar

This one hour webinar me is scheduled for Thursday February 28th 7:30pm CDT. Click here to register: [Council Action](#) .

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, March 16th St Andrews, Elk River, 1st degree start 8:30 AM; 2nd degree 10:00 AM, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Ray Dixon, 316-706-7751
(No other major degrees are currently scheduled for the metro area.)

It's time that our District hold a major degree. Call me to discuss.

Knight of Columbus Supreme Convention – Minneapolis August 2019

If you have not already signed up now is the time. Find the Signup Genius link at <https://mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-details/> Don't miss this great opportunity.