



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 2020

1. State Award Application

All councils, especially those poised to achieve Star Council (Long Lake and Wayzata), are encouraged to complete and mail the attached **Overall Programs Entry Form** before the deadline of April 1st. I do this for two reasons: (1) most entries on this report can simply be transferred to the SP7 application (due June 30th) which is a requirement for Star Council and working on this report now may provide you insight as to which programs your council may need to complete before June 30th, and (2) you may be awarded the prestigious PROGRAMS AND MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD at the State Convention in May. Please email me a copy!

2. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), Semiannual Audit (#1295), & Safe Environment

All councils are up-to-date on their reports and 100% compliant with their safe environment requirements. Great job!

3. Tootsie Roll Orders

The following orders have been placed. I will be delivering orders to each council once received (in April).

3758 Wayzata	13 boxes
9601 Loretto	2 boxes
12293 Long Lake	1 box
13096 Medina	3 boxes
13506 Golden Valley	1 boxes

4. Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2020-2021

With elections to take place in May, now is the time to put together your slate of officers. The Nominating Committee is typically the Grand Knight and the Trustees. Per bylaws - *Nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has been convened in May and after three requests for further nominations has been made by the presiding Grand Knight.*

5. New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

If you have not yet done so, become familiar with the new exemplification by clicking on these links (brought forward from my February report). 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](#)

Also try to attend the March 10th webinar that addresses the new ceremony. See link under item 14.

I and others from the District have now observed the new ceremony (St Joseph Lino Lakes on 2/9 and St Timothy Blaine on 2/22). Given its simplicity, each council should be able to conduct the ceremony.

Required items are:

- Ceremonial Baldrics: \$29 each through The English Company, Item# C2: <https://www.kofcsupplies.com/>
- Large Crucifix: If you do not have one, \$72 through The English Company, item# 4125.
- Candidate kit: \$3.50 each through Supplies Online, item# 531.
- Cable and fibers: \$19 from The English Company, Item# C13.

To help get councils started, I'll be providing each council with the cable and fibers which I will have with me when visiting your council.

6. State Convention Breezy Point, May 15-17

If you have not yet elected your delegates and registered for the KC State Convention, please do so ASAP:

- 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

Again – these programs are required for the Columbian award and Star Council:

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

Know that you could satisfy two of these - Spiritual Reflection and Helping Hands - by having members attend the events being offered by your follow councils under item 9 below.

8. Recruitment

It's becoming more and more apparent that our chances of attracting new members increase when we're **visible and active!**

The Medina Council has recently been pushing hard on publishing weekly announcements in the parish bulletin and has also started a KC sponsored "Presentation Series" during which the Council is promoted. While no growth in the 1st half, the Council had four candidates achieve their 3rd degrees at the new exemplification at St Thomas in Blaine on Feb 22nd and there are more in the queue!

The Loretto Council continues to assess recruitment strategies at St Thomas. Plans include a free Holiday Party on 3/14 starting with Mass, a social hour and dinner, open to anyone interested in learning more about the Knights and also having a contingent of Loretto knights assist with coffee & rolls after Mass at St Thomas – to gain visibility and to demonstrate support.

The Golden Valley Council is putting on an "Appreciation Dinner for The Lady Knights". Their flyer reads *"Times have changed so will the Knights! The Knights will serve dinner for the Lady Knights. Yes, that's right! This is our chance to thank our most valuable volunteers, our Lady Knights!"*

Know that the ladies can be one of our biggest promoters. Once the word gets out, their friends will start wishing that their husbands were Knights!

So – keep these types of activities going and document them in your minutes so that I can report up to the State Council.

9. District Events

Knights, their family members and friends are encouraged to attend these events. If you do, please inform your local council of your attendance so your council gets credit for your good works!

Night of Prayer, March 5th 7PM – Long Lake Council

- will satisfy the “Spiritual Reflection” requirement under the Faith category.

Fr. Lon Konold from Christ the King Retreat Center will be leading an evening of prayer on Thursday March 5th at St George in Long Lake 7 PM with the theme of rejoicing in God’s love; lifting up our hearts and minds in prayer. No RSVP needed.

Pro-life Rosary all Saturday Mornings 10 AM Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic during Lent – Wayzata Council

The Wayzata Council invites you, your family members and friends to take part in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet each Saturday morning during this Lenten season at the Robbinsdale abortion facility alongside Father Dufner. The prayers are offered for the respect of human life, for the end to abortion, for the conversion of hearts of the workers, the mothers, and fathers and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the sidewalk counselors. Location is 3821 W Broadway Ave Minneapolis: [Pro-life Action Ministries Chapel of the Innocents parking lot](#) No RSVP needed.

Feed My Starving Children, March 28th 9AM – Wayzata Council

- will satisfy the “helping hands” required program under the Community category.

Join the Wayzata Council preparing boxes of food for the needed Saturday morning, March 28 at the Chanhassen Feed My Starving Children Facility between 9 and 10:30 AM.

18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN: <https://goo.gl/maps/zA3FACS7e3SDztCD7>

RSVP to GK Ken Brcka at kb2inc@msn.com or 612-386-0159.

10. Free Throw Competition

There were six winners at the District Competition held on Saturday February 8th at the Good Shepherd School Gym. Of those six, two ended up winning their age class at the Regional Competition held on February 15th at Vincent De Paul School Gym - Aubrey Pannhoff for Golden Valley and Mary Karol Schmitz for Wayzata. These girls now advance to the State Contest on Saturday March 28th in the new Tech High School, 4200 33rd Street South, St. Cloud.

A special thanks to Terry Mahr of the Wayzata Council and Mark Foresman of the Golden Valley Council for doing the bulk of the work in making the events fun and successful.

11. District 1st Degree Schedule

Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
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.

Given developments with the new degree ceremony, there seems to be even less incentive now to conduct these 1st degrees. However they remain an option until June 30th so be prepared to conduct one if needed.

12. Metro Major Degrees

- 3/14/2020 St Andrews, Elk River, New Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity, 9:30 AM, Ray Dixon, 316-706-7751
- 3/14/2020 Transfiguration, Oak Dale, New Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity, 10 AM Josh Phinney, 515-729-4997

13. District Deputy February Visits

My availability during the month of March will be tentative as I may be in NYC for a good portion of the month assisting our daughter and our new grandchild.

- Long Lake Council, Thursday March 5, 7:00 PM (Night of Prayer held in place of Council Meeting)
- Golden Valley Council Meeting, March 12, 7:00 pm (tentative)
- Loretto Council Meeting, March 19th, 7:00 pm (tentative)

14. Upcoming Webinars

Tues., March 10, 2020, 7:30 PM CST: New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity [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](#)