

District Deputy Report March 2020 Supplement

I'm sure you're being bombarded with announcements regarding the pandemic so I'll try to keep mine to a minimum. Three items...

A Special Time for Charity

An excerpt from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recent letter concerning the virus pandemic reads:

Leave no Knight – or neighbor – behind. If members of your council – or community – are elderly or have underlying medical conditions, please ensure that they have enough food. If you or others in your council have food to spare, offer to drop something off on their doorstep or to shop online for them.

You may wish to consider an idea that the Long Lake Council (GK Ed Rumdel and PGK Daren Grothaus) is considering – send an email to council members asking if anyone needs assistance and follow up with a request for help to fulfill those needs...perhaps reach out to the parish with an email (and bulletin), giving notice that the KCs are here to serve our parish needs during this difficult time...remembering that Charity is the basic principle of our order.

Recommended Actions

Recommendations by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in response to the pandemic are:

- Cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings, until further notice.
- Cancel all planned events, where people would gather, until further notice.
- Cancel all travel for Knights of Columbus business until further notice.

There are many ways to continue council operations without face to face contact. Here are some suggestions:

- Conduct meetings by conference call, Skype, Zoom, Google Groups or other methods.
- Use a webinar service for large meetings like monthly business meetings.
- Allow member votes by email or text to approve bills and candidate admissions.
- Use the email feature of Officers Online for member communications.
- Set up a call tree to contact members and ascertain their well-being.
- Conduct degree ceremonies in homes using the [combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity](#) video.
- Use applications like “Go fund me” to digitally raise funds for causes.

District 53 councils as well as councils state-wide have or are in the process of cancelling all in-person meetings and gatherings until further notice. Accordingly, the March 28th Feed My Starving Children event that was included in my March report has been cancelled.

State Convention

State Deputy Marc Peters announced Monday (March 16th) that the state convention is “on pause” and that more information will be coming later this week. Meanwhile, councils are asked to register their delegates no later than May 1st by going to <https://stateconvention.mknights.org/register-your-delegates/>

Stay healthy and God Bless.

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