



TO: District 53 Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Recorders

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RE: District Deputy Report – May 2019

Timely Items

Priest needed for Upcoming Mass and Officer Installation Ceremony

Due to various reasons, we are without a priest for our upcoming Mass and Officer Installation Ceremony. Please talk to your priest and beg him to officiate. Tell him that he will be treated well! The Mass is scheduled to be held at Holy Name of Jesus on either Wednesday June 26th or Thursday July 11th. The date which best accommodates the priest's schedule (June 26 or July 11) will be our chosen date. Mass will start promptly at 6PM followed by the installation ceremony and a catered supper. As in previous years, each council is asked to contribute \$300 towards this event.

Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 Term

Councils should by now have a slate of officers for the upcoming term. Section 128 of the Laws of the Order indicates that officers are to be elected at a regular business meeting held between May 1 and June 15. Immediately after the election, the financial secretary should report the officers-elect to the Supreme Council using the Member Management application located in Officers Online on the Knights of Columbus web site.

State Convention

When/Where: May 17 – 19th, Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center, Alexandria

If delegates have not yet registered for the State Convention, follow these steps:

1. Ensure that your FS has mailed in your council's Delegate Credentials form.
2. Delegates must register on-line: [Registration](#) (cost increased May 1st)
3. Delegates must reserve their room by calling the resort at 866-386-5263. (Reserving on-line is no longer possible.)
4. See more details in the State Convention Letter and Instructions: [Convention Letter](#)

Recruitment

Additional members needed by June 30th to make Star Council

- Wayzata: 4 members and 1 insurance member
- Loretto: 5 members and 4 insurance members
- Long Lake: 2 members and 3 insurance members
- Medina: 6 members and 3 insurance
- Golden Valley: 3 members and 3 insurance

A new incentive recently announced: A Star Council will earn \$4.50 credit (\$3.50 per capita and \$1 Catholic Adv) for each billable member on roster as of 7/1/2019.

Prospect Landing Page

If you have not yet done so, go ahead create your council's prospect landing page by going to: <https://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>. This will take you only a couple minutes. You'll then receive an email back with a url that take you to your prospect landing page. Enter some test information to get a feel for how it works. I hope to get more specifics on how the landing page process works at the upcoming State Convention.

On-line Membership

If a man wishes to sign up on-line, direct him to: www.kofc.org/join. Be sure to include this url on your council brochures, calling cards and web site. I'll try to get more specifics on this process also at the upcoming State Convention.

District Happenings/Events

1st Degree Schedule

Three candidates completed their 1st degrees at the ceremony hosted by the Medina Council on April 9th - one from the Long Lake Council; two from the Medina Council.

The Golden Valley Council will be hosting a 1st degree Tuesday 5/14/2019 at 6:00pm. The Wayzata Council has one candidate attending. If you have candidates for this degree ceremony, notify Golden Valley GK Tom Werner ASAP at 612-222-5260 or werntom@gmail.com.

Field Agent

General Agent David Goedtke is now serving as field agent for the Wayzata, Long Lake, Medina and Loretto councils. David reports that he intends to be in our district on a weekly basis and that he will continue to serve until a permanent field agent is assigned. He attended the Loretto Council meeting on April 17th.

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Supreme Convention District 53 Ad

All five councils have agreed to contribute \$50 towards the \$250 full page ad in the Supreme Convention ad booklet. Thank you! Attached is a draft for your review. Suggested changes/comments are welcome. I'll be submitting the ad within the next two weeks.

May District Deputy Visits

- Wayzata Council, Monday May 13th 7:30PM
- Golden Valley Tuesday May 14th, 1st Degree 6PM and Council Meeting
- Medina Council, Tuesday May 21st 6 PM, Pizza & Beer Awards Meeting, Latuff's Pizza off Hwy 55.

Safe Environment Compliance

I'm pleased to report that all councils have completed their safe environment requirements and the District will soon be declared 100% compliant. Thank you!

Financial Secretary Appointments

Our gratitude goes to Bill Pollard (Long Lake), Ed Hagerty (Medina), and Mike Koski (Good Shepherd) on recently completing their three year term as financial secretary. All three have agreed to continue on for another term. (GK Tom Warner – I will sign the FS Evaluation form when attending your meeting on May 14th.)

Supreme and State Announcements

Metro Major Degrees

Saturday May 11th, Epiphany, Coon Rapids, 1st degree 9 AM; 2nd degree 10AM, 3rd degree follows, Host District Deputy: Rick Hirschfelt 763-248-0516

Knight of Columbus Supreme Convention – Minneapolis August 2019

It is highly recommended that you be involved to some degree with the Supreme Convention activities which will run from Saturday August 3rd through Thursday August 8th. Worth noting are:

- Registration and convention overview: <https://supreme2019.mnknights.org/>
- Sign up for one or more of the activities and tours at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73373dd07a4c2eac24-minnesota>. Volunteers must be a knight or a family member or friend of a knight. They do not need to be registered for the convention nor are they required to pay for the tour for which they volunteer.
- Persons signing up for a tour (other than volunteers) must be registered with the KC State Council (\$35) and pay the tour fee.
- The opening Mass is scheduled for 9:30 – 11:00 AM on Tuesday August 6th. You must be registered with Supreme and the State to attend.

"Your Council "Charity Story" is Attractive" Webinar

This one hour webinar was held on Wednesday April 24th 7:30pm CDT but can now viewed on-demand by clicking here: [Charity Story](#) Any of the past webinars can be accessed and viewed by going to [Past KC Webinars](#).