



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

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RE: District Deputy Report May 2020

Revised Criteria for 2019-2020 Council Awards

As expected, due to the pandemic the bar has been lowered for councils to achieve awards this year. This is very significant especially for the Long Lake, Medina and Wayzata councils as it puts them in reach of Star Council. Read the attached April 27th email from Tom McCaffrey, Vice President Fraternal Excellence. And attend this Thursday's webinar, April 30th 7 PM. that will provide more details: [REGISTER NOW](#)

As of April 28:

- Long Lake has achieved 200% of its membership quota (8 of 4) and zero insurance members (0 of 3).
- Medina has achieved 60% of its membership quota (6 of 10) and zero insurance members (0 of 3).
- Wayzata has achieved 44% of its membership quota (4 of 9) and -1 insurance members (-1 of 3).
- Loretto has achieved 0% of its membership quota (0 of 5) and zero insurance members (0 of 3).
- Golden Valley has achieved 0% of its membership quota (-1 of 5) and -1 insurance members (-1 of 3).

Note especially these requirements (in McCaffrey's email) for the Founders Award (Insurance):

- Host a virtual or in person benefits seminar with the field agent before June 30, or
- Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

I will be getting more details from our General Agent, David Goedtke, regarding these requirements.

Also - you have a few more days to complete the Overall Programs Application for State awards: [Application](#). As mentioned previously, they've extended its deadline to May 1st. Unlike what it states at the bottom of the form, you can simply email your completed form to State Program Director, Joe George at joe.george.9905@gmail.com.

Additional On-line Exemplifications

Additional online exemplifications have been scheduled on Thursday May 7th. See details on the attached invitation (WORD format). Use it to invite eligible candidates for admission or advancement. Be sure to edit the invitation for your council's number & name, your name and title.

On-line Council Meetings

The Long Lake, Medina and Golden Valley councils are conducting their council meetings using Zoom. The Loretto Council plans to conduct its first Zoom council meeting on May 21st. Let me know if you'd like me to host your meetings. I have a Zoom subscription so you would not be limited to the free version's 40 minutes. As GK Elsen and I were speculating today, this is a tool that may be very useful well after this pandemic has passed. It would give members who have difficulty attending, an option to attend remotely. When we

eventually return to our in person meetings, we propose that a Zoom setup be available to accommodate remote members. (The recent Medina Council Zoom meeting seemed to draw more members to the meeting than if the meeting had been held locally at Holy Name!)

Election of Officers

By now you should have your slate of officers for the upcoming term. Elections should take place during the month May. Ideally elections should be conducted using a remote audio/video tool such as Zoom. Voting via email however is acceptable.

Installation of Officers

The Loretto Council will be hosting the Installation of Officers ceremony this year. It is tentatively set for Thursday June 25th at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Loretto starting with Mass at 6 PM.

All elected officers, old and new, are expected to attend this special event. The event may look a bit different this year as GK Greg Elsen and I discuss the specifics. Concepts so far include having a shortened ceremony perhaps incorporated into the Mass, i.e. before Offertory or after Communion, having musicians within our councils do the music, and having a reduced fee possible by providing a lower cost meal (catered by Dobo's) and forgoing the musician stipend. Councils would then be encouraged to allocate the savings to a pro-life cause in the spirit of last fall's pro-life proposal by the Long Lake Council (to drop the meal altogether and donate all savings to pro-life.) It is likely that we'd also be providing a format that will accommodate some level of social distancing.

State Convention

The State Convention will consist of a 90 minute session starting at 1 PM on Saturday May 16th. Only delegates will be permitted to attend (not even district deputies). If you still have not registered your delegates, you still have until this Friday, May 1st to do so: [Register Delegates](#)

Council Meeting Protocol

The Medina Council recently had a candidate, not a member, attend its online council meeting. Proper protocol regarding his attendance was raised. A question also came up regarding protocol during the Good of the Order portion of the meeting. This prompted me to submit the following questions to State Ceremonials Director, Don Trudeau. His reply follows.

My questions to State Ceremonials Director, Dan Trudeau:

1. Given the lifting of secrecy, non-members are permitted to attend Council meetings. The showing of current membership cards is therefore not required. Correct?
2. The Good of the Order portion of the council meeting should solicit prayers specifically for our brothers and their families. Therefore prayers for others, i.e. parishioners, neighbors, friends, are not appropriate. Correct?

Reply received Fri, Apr 17 at 2:09 PM from Ceremonial Director Don Trudeau:

I wanted to make sure that I was on the same page as Supreme. Here is **their** response. I've added some clarification in **red**.

1. Our meetings are NOT secret, and never have been. Removing secrecy from the ceremony has nothing to do with council meetings. Membership card is a requirement for attending a meeting. **Having non-members at your meetings in a great recruitment tool. Only "members" in good standing may vote, thus, cards need to be checked.**
2. Good of the Order is not prayer intentions. It is an instructional/educational program that is presented at the end of the meeting by the lecturer. Furthermore, there is no reason to limit prayer intentions to only KofC members and family. There are many more people that need and require our support and prayers. **The Prayer Intentions and subsequent prayers come before the "Good of the Order".**