



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 – November 2018

District Activities

1. Membership

While councils have been quite active, little progress has been made to increase membership. Please try to make recruitment and retention a priority. Contact me if you need help.

2. Knights of Columbus Icon - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

The Icon schedule, as published in my last report, remains the same. I'll be contacting the GK approximately one week before his council's start date to coordinate the transfer.

Council	Dates
3758 - Wayzata - St. Mary of the Lake	Oct 17 - Oct 27
3758 - Wayzata - St. Anne's	Oct 28 - Nov 6
3758 - Wayzata - St. Bart's	Nov 7 - Nov 17
9601 - Loretto - Ss Peter & Paul	Nov 18 - Nov 28
12293 - Long Lake - St George	Nov 29 - Dec 9
13096 - Medina - Holy Name of Jesus	Dec 10 - Dec 20
13506 - Golden Valley - Good Shepherd	Dec 21 - Dec 31

Suggested bulletin announcement:

Pray for persecuted Christians in the presence of the Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and created by Italian artist Fabrizio Diomed. The icon is traveling from parish-to-parish across the country to raise awareness, show solidarity, and inspire support for persecuted Christians. The icon will be on display in the << insert location >> between << insert dates >>.

Program details can be found at [Marian Prayer Service](#).

3. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

You can still sign up for District's time slot on December 1st. If this date/time does not work for you, feel free to sign up for other times/locations using the other link provided below.

KC District 53 Link: www.somn.org/kofc53

Location: Bowlero Bowling Center, 7545 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Park

Date/time: Saturday December 1st 10 AM – 3:30 PM

General KC Link: www.somn.org

Date/time: Various times/locations Friday 11/30 through Sunday 12/02

4. **1st Degree Schedule and Future Major Degree**

- November 13th, 6:00 PM Medina Council
- December 6th, 6:00 PM Long Lake Council

I can assist councils with these degrees. Also, let's host a major degree sometime after January 1. Contact me to discuss

5. **Habitat for Humanity**

4 Knights and the spouse of one worked the Habitat project in north Minneapolis the last Saturday in October. It was great! I'll be reporting verbally on this project. We'll possibly do another one if there is enough interest.

6. **KC Memorial Mass**

Reminder - The Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday November 2nd 7PM at St Mary's of the Lake, 105 Forestview Ln N, Plymouth. All are welcome.

7. **Free Throw Competition**

The District competition will take place on Saturday February 2nd at the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym. The local competitions must therefore be completed before this date. Councils should start planning and advertising in December.

8. **Invitation to Council Events**

Knights from all councils, along with family members and friends are welcome to these council events:

Golden Valley Brats for Life, Sunday Nov 4th 12-3 PM, Good Shepherd Parish

Enjoy a Knight cooked, grilled bratwurst or hotdog and support pro life causes. BYOB. Come see lions thrown to the Norsemen! Free will offering.

Long Lake Evening of Prayer, Thursday Nov 8th 7:00 PM, St George Church, Long Lake

Enjoy a quiet and reflective evening of prayer led by Father James Deegan from Christ the King Retreat Center.

Medina Pancake Breakfast November 11th - The Medina Council will be hosting their famous pancake breakfast at Holy Name of Jesus Sunday on November 11th after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Proceeds will be supporting the operations of the parish kitchen.

Wayzata Pancake Breakfast November 18th - The Wayzata Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 18th from 9:30-12:30am in the St. Anne Parish Hall. They will be serving scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and fruit. This is a free will donation event and proceeds will go to Prolife of Minnesota.

9. **November District Deputy Visits**

Medina Council Meeting, Tuesday Nov 13th, 7:30 PM

Loretto Council Meeting, Thursday Nov 15th, 7:00 PM (switched from Tuesday to Thursday)

10. District 53 December Meeting

I will be hosting our December District meeting on **Thursday December 13th 7pm** at my place in Maple Plain due to contention for meeting space on Holy Name. Please get this date on your calendars. At least two representatives from each council, preferable the GK and DGK, should attend. This is only one of two District meetings held during the entire year so please try to make it. My address is: 5809 Maple Ridge Dr, Maple Plain, 55359.

Council Reminders

1. Safe Environment Training and Background Checks

I understand and share your confusion and frustration with trying to satisfy the Safe Environment requirements. Please be patient and keep me informed on the difficulties that you are experiencing. We'll get through it.

Reviewing:

- The Community Director and Family Director should have completed the Safe Environment Training and background checks.
- The Grand Knight and the Program Director should have completed the Safe Environment Training (background check not required).

2. Per Capita and Reports

All councils are in good standing, current on their per capita, and reports. Nice job!

Supreme and State Announcements

1. Vote!

Exercise your valued right – Vote on November 5th. Read State Deputy Marc Peters overview on how we as knights should assist others in exercising their right: <https://mnknights.org/vote/>

2. Retention through Relationships Webinar

This one hour webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday November 13th 7:30pm CDT**. Click here to register: [Retention Webinar](#)

Any of the past webinars and fraternal training sessions can be accessed and viewed by going to [Past KC Webinars](#).

3. Metro Area Major Degrees

Saturday November 17th Transfiguration, 6133 15th St N, Oakdale 1st Degree 9:00am; 2nd degree 10:15am 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Mike Schilling 654-738-3626

Tuesday November 27th Marian KC Hall, Bloomington, no 1st degree, 2nd degree start 6:30pm, 3rd degree follows 2nd, Host DD Jim Twyman, 952-999-0876

Saturday, December 1st Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville, 1st degree start 9AM; 2nd degree 10AM, 3rd degree follows 2nd. Host DD Dennis Commings 651-428-4929

Saturday, January 12th St Timothy, Blaine, 1st degree start 9AM; 2nd degree 10:30AM, Host DD
Terry Wagner 612-275-1458

4. Supreme Convention – Minneapolis 2019

Complete the volunteer form at www.mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-in-minnesota