



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

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**RE: District Deputy Report November 2019**

**District Happenings/Events**

**District 53 Coat Collection for Better Futures**

Please distribute this time sensitive announcement out to your membership. I'll figure out how to pick up the donations if we get any.

The sisters of Visitation Monastery of North Minneapolis have asked for our help in providing winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves for 30 adult males going thru the program at Better Futures Minnesota. Better Futures Minnesota ([www.betterfuturesminnesota.com](http://www.betterfuturesminnesota.com)) engages men who have had a history of incarceration, homelessness, poverty, and untreated mental and physical health challenges to help them achieve self-sufficiency and a better future for themselves and their communities. With the weather turning colder and these men coming from prison with just the clothes on their backs, the need is urgent. We're looking for gently used or new clothing. Winter coats should be for adult males sizes XL and up. If you can donate, please respond no later than Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> to District Deputy Bill Swing at [billjswing@frontiernet.net](mailto:billjswing@frontiernet.net); copy << insert council contact name and email>>. Specify the items you have to donate and provide your phone number. You will be contacted regarding pick up.

The sisters extend God's blessing to all of you for your donations. *"These men may never know who they received their clothes from, but God does."*

**Memorial Mass at the Church of St Anne**

Reminder - The memorial Mass will be held at the Church of St Anne at 7pm on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll be remembering those from our councils who have died since November of last year as well as all our brothers who have gone before us:

Father George Council (Wayzata)	† Bernard A. Jordan 11/23/2018
	† Rodney L. Dachel 12/14/2018
	† Donald L. Laurent 04/04/2019
	† And all brothers of the Father George Council who have died
Our Lady of Loretto Council (Loretto)	† All brothers of Our Lady of Loretto Council who have died
Father William Nolan Council (Long Lake)	† Milton C Hansen 08/07/2019
	† And all brothers of the Father William Nolan Council who have died
Good Samaritan Council (Medina)	† All brothers of the Good Samaritan Council who have died
Good Shepherd Council (Golden Valley)	† All brothers of the Good Shepherd Council who have died

Let me know of any corrections or additions.

Here's a suggested announcement to your membership:

*The Knights of Columbus Candle Lighting Ceremony and Memorial Mass will take place at the Church of St Anne, 200 Hamel Road, Hamel, at 7pm on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Corey Beldon officiating.*

*We will be joining our fellow district councils (Wayzata-host council, Golden Valley, Loretto, and Long Lake) in honoring our brothers who have gone before us. A candle lighting ceremony will take place during which the grand knights will light a candle for each of their council's deceased brothers. Light refreshments will be served following the service.*

*All knights and their families are encouraged to attend.*

## Church Drives - Recruitment Plan Updates

- Wayzata 3758 - a successful Church Drive at St Bartholomew's in Wayzata was conducted the weekend of September 28-29<sup>th</sup>
- **Loretto 9601 – no church drive has yet taken place.** However the council is considering recruitment at St Thomas the Apostle Parish in Corcoran since Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Thomas are now a “parish cluster” served by Fr. Glen Jenson. A meeting with Fr. Jenson and representative(s) from St Thomas men's group is being considered. The Wayzata Council is willing to drop St Thomas from their round table and transfer the parish to the Loretto Council.
- Long Lake 12293 – a successful Church Drive at St George in Long Lake was conducted the weekend of October 12-13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Medina 13096 - no church drive has yet taken place** due in part to the resignation of their grand knight. The council will be addressing recruitment following the election of the new grand knight in November.
- Golden Valley 13506 - a successful Church Drive at Good Shepherd in Golden Valley was conducted the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

## District Admission (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Schedule

Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
9/9/2019	6:45 PM	Wayzata 3758	KC Chambers, 10904 S Shore Dr, Plymouth
10/17/2019	6:15 PM	Loretto 9601	KC Chambers, SS. Peter & Paul, Loretto
11/12/2019	6:15PM	Medina 13096	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina
12/5/2019	6:15 PM	Long Lake 12293	St George's Church, Long Lake
1/14/2020	6:15 PM	Golden Valley 13506	Good Shepherd Church, Golden Valley

\* Scheduled 45 minutes prior to council meetings.

A council should be in position to conduct their scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> degree if there is a candidate from anywhere in the District. That being said, it is preferred that candidates attend a major degree instead of a 1<sup>st</sup> degree if possible which should be fairly easy given the many major degrees schedules in the metro area this fall (see below).

## Pro-life Proposal Results

*Proposal from Brother Joe Konicek of the Long Lake Council: Redirect the \$1500 (\$300 per council) to be spent on the dinner following the June 2020 Mass & Installation of Officers Ceremony to a pro-life cause. Task the hosting council with providing light refreshments, i.e. wine & cheese, in lieu of the catered dinner.*

### Proposal Voting Results

Council	Vote	Comments
Wayzata	No	While the proposal did not pass, the councils expressed the desire to lower the cost if possible and direct the difference towards a pro-life cause. The Loretto Council, who will be hosting the event next June, believes it can do so with their caterer, Dubo's Café.
Golden Valley	Yes	
Long Lake	Yes	
Medina	No	
Loretto	No	

## Free Throw Competition

The Wayzata and Medina councils will be participating in the free throw competition this coming January/February. You should have started advertising and ordering supplies (Free Throw Kit #FT-KIT through Supplies Online) by now if you haven't already done so. See details at <https://mnknights.org/event/2020-state-free-throw-competition-copy/> and [www.kofc.org/freethrow](http://www.kofc.org/freethrow).

The date/location of the joint (Wayzata and Medina) local competition is scheduled for Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ave Maria Academy Gym. The District competition will take place on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, location TBD.

The date/location of the regional competition is not yet scheduled however it must be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup>. I'll get the info out to the participating councils as soon as I get it. The State Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Its location (Cathedral High School in St Cloud) may change this year due to construction.

## District Deputy November Visits

- Memorial Mass, Church of St Anne, Hamel, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM.
- Golden Valley Council Meeting, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.
- Wayzata Council Meeting, Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.

## December District Meeting

Reminder - the midyear District meeting will take place on **Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at Holy Name of Jesus**. At least two representatives from each council, preferable the GK, DGK, and/or FS should plan on attending.

## State and Supreme Announcements

### Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

The Special Olympics Bowling Tournament is only 3 weeks away – Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> - a fun time for knights and their families!

Volunteer Registration: [www.somn.org/kofc](http://www.somn.org/kofc) Questions: [volunteers@somn.org](mailto:volunteers@somn.org).

### Metro Major Degrees

- 12/14/2019 Saturday St Joseph Lino Lakes 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg Terry Wagner 651-483-0814
- 12/14/2019 Saturday St Andrews, Brainerd, 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg Jesse Kosloski 218-330-5648
- 1/11/2020 Saturday Mary Mother OTC, Burnsville, 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg Dennis Cummings 651-428-4929
- 1/25/2020 St Vincent de Paul, Maple Grove, 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg Pat Farrelly 763-218-3816
- 2/22/2020 St Timothy, Blaine, 1<sup>st</sup> deg 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> deg 10:00am, 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg Terry Wagner 651-483-0814

### Delta Drive Resources

Powerpoint presentations from the recent delta drive training sessions can be found at <https://mnknights.org/delta-drive-resources/>

### Coats for Kids (featured program)

If your council still wishes to participate in the Coats for Kids program, details and the order form can be found at <https://mnknights.org/program/coats-for-kids/>

### Upcoming Webinars

Consider signing up early for these upcoming webcasts:

- Tues., Jan. 14, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Developing your Half-Time Strategy to Win [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](#)