



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

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**RE: District Deputy Report – October 2018**

## **District Activities**

### **1. Membership**

I'm looking forward to seeing the results of your October membership drives. If you have nothing planned, please try to put something together.

If you wish, I could accept the offer from the State Council to have someone, who is knowledgeable on how successful councils grow their membership, join us at a council meeting or over a beer sometime. Let me know if interested.

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

An unexpected arrival - I have just received another Marian icon from the State Council that is to be circulated among our councils. I consider it somewhat incredible that we were not given any prior notice. (We completed circulating last year's Holy Family Icon just this past June.) That being said, it is a worthy program. The Icon this time is of Our Lady of Persecuted Christians which is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. Program details can be found at [Marian Prayer Service](#).

Proposed Schedule:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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:

*The Knights of Columbus Icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, one of seven being circulated in the State of Minnesota, will be on display in the << insert location >> between << insert dates >>. Its purpose is to spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world.*

### 3. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

You can still sign up for District's time slot on December 1<sup>st</sup>. After the September 24<sup>th</sup> "deadline", it was opened up to the general public as well. 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

Volunteer Position: Bowling Lane Monitor

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

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

District 53 Registration Link: [www.somn.org/kofc53](http://www.somn.org/kofc53)

#### General KC Link

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

KC Registration Link: [www.somn.org](http://www.somn.org)

### 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Schedule and Potential Major Degree

We're tasked with scheduling one 1<sup>st</sup> degree every month - one hour prior to the start of the council meeting. I will assist the council in preparing for and conducting the 1<sup>st</sup> degree as needed.

- October – the Wayzata Council is not able to host their 1<sup>st</sup> degree in October since their Columbus Day Dinner is being held in place of their council meeting.
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM Medina Council
- December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM Long Lake Council

1<sup>st</sup> degrees will be cancelled one week prior to their scheduled date if there are no candidates. If a metro area major degree is scheduled in a given month, the 1<sup>st</sup> degree scheduled for that month will also be cancelled. Candidates should then attend the major degree to complete all three degrees.

It is time for our District to host a major degree. If interested in hosting, please give me a call.

### 5. Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a great program serving those in need - highly promoted by the Knights of Columbus. See details at <https://mnknights.org/program/habitat-for-humanity/>. Also - participation in Habitat satisfies partial requirements for Columbian and Star Council awards.

Some knights recently attended an informational meeting on a project taking place in El Salvador. We'll now look at the local scene. Rather than another informational meeting, I've gone ahead and scheduled a local project for late October. Knights in the District, their family members and friends are encouraged to participate. Please distribute this event out to your membership. (I have signed up for this.)

**Date:** Saturday, October 27th

**Time:** 8:30am-4:00pm

**Location:** 3015 Thomas Ave N, Minneapolis 55411 (Driving directions and map are attached)

**Site Supervisor:** Stephen Trapp – 612-418-0050

**Online Sign-up:** <http://westmetroknightsforcolumbus.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

**Sign-up Deadline:** Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Signup instructions, Volunteer Guidelines, Directions:** See separate attachment.

## 6. Memorial Mass in November

The Wayzata Council will again be hosting the Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6PM at St Mary's of the Lake with Pastor Father Curtis Lybarger officiating. Thank you, Wayzata Council! **Please email me the names of the deceased that you wish to be recognized at the service.** Snacks will be served following the service.

## 7. Free Throw Competition

It appears that the Wayzata, Medina and Golden Valley Councils will be participating in the free throw competition this year. The District competition will take place on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym. Thank you Golden Valley Council!

Councils should start advertising in December as we had a poor turnout last year due to late and insufficient advertizing.

## 8. Invitation to Council Events

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

**When We Eat This Bread Seminar**, Long Lake Council, Sunday Oct 21, 10:30-4pm, St George Church, Long Lake, \$10.00 fee. See details at <https://www.semillasparalavida.org/seminar.html>

**Brats for Life**, Golden Valley Council, Sunday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 12-3 PM, Good Shepherd Parish, Golden Valley  
Enjoy a Knight cooked, grilled bratwurst or hotdog and support pro life causes. BYOB. Come see lions thrown to the Norsemen! Free will offering.

**Evening of Prayer**, Long Lake Council, Thursday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 9. Upcoming District Deputy Visits

Medina Council Meeting, Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM (Rosary at 7:10 PM)

Wayzata Columbus Day Dinner (in lieu of Council Meeting), Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

## Council Reminders

### 1. Reports

To my knowledge, all councils are up-to-date with the submittal of their reports.

### 2. Safe Environment Training and Background Checks

- The Community Director and Family Director should have completed the Safe Environment Training and their background check.
- The Grand Knight and the Program Director should have completed the Safe Environment Training (background check not required).
- Other KC members are encouraged to also take the Safe Environment Training. To do so, click on <http://praesidiuminc.com/enroll> and enter the registration code kofcsafe.

Clarifying - *leaving one or more of the program, family or community director roles vacant DOES NOT exempt the council from the safe environment requirements. The council must list a program director, family director and community director who, along with the council's grand knight, are fully compliant with*

*the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe. Those not having completed the required training and background check authorization within 30 days of notification are subject to removal from their roles. See more at [kofc.org/safe](http://kofc.org/safe).*

I do not have the ability to check on compliance – only the Grand Knight has this ability by accessing the Praesidium’s Armatus Administrative dashboard. (I do not understand why district deputies are not provided this access!) Therefore, the GKs are to ensure that these requirements have been satisfied and to contact me with any concerns/issues.

## **Supreme and State Announcements**

### **1. Faith in Action: Mass of the Holy Spirit - Coats for Kids Collection Invite**

State Deputy Marc Peters and Coats for Kids Chairman Patrick Farrelly are urging you to sign up for "Faith in Action: Mass of the Holy Spirit - Coats for Kids Collection". 15,000 Catholic School children will be bringing donated coats, snow pants, hats and gloves to the Mass of the Holy Spirit at US Bank Stadium and giving them to us Knights for distribution across the State! Supreme will be covering this event similar to the last year's Super Bowl Coats for Kids!

When: October 10th

Where: US Bank Stadium

More Details and Sign-up: [Click Here](#). **The sign-up deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Only those who have registered will be admitted.

### **2. Council Officer's On Track = On Mission Webinar**

This one hour webinar was conducted live on September 18<sup>th</sup> but can now be viewed on-demand by clicking **ON TRACK = ON MISSION**. In fact, 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, October 27th, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Fall Exemplification

Details: <https://mnknights.org/event/4th-degree-fall-exemplification/>

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville, 1<sup>st</sup> degree start 9AM; 2<sup>nd</sup> degree 10AM, Host DD Dennis Commings 651-428-4929

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

### **4. Supreme Convention – Minneapolis 2019**

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer for this special event. Complete the volunteer form at [www.mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-in-minnesota](http://www.mnknights.org/the-2019-supreme-convention-in-minnesota)

### **5. Suspensions**

From State Deputy Marc Peters – *Councils are good at suspending members. Trustees should be working hard to save these members before it gets to this point. Fyi – we will be implementing a new suspension program soon to insure that members are contacted by phone or in person before the intent to suspend is filed.*