



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

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**RE: District Deputy Report October 2019**

## **District Happenings/Events**

### **Long Lake Council 1<sup>st</sup> in the State**

Due to six Hispanic candidates achieving their 1<sup>st</sup> degree in August, the Long Lake Council is now 1<sup>st</sup> in the State for membership gains. This virtually guarantees the Council the esteemed Father McGivey Award at the State Convention next May. It also puts the Council in an excellent position to achieve Star Council. .

### **Four Councils Receiving Columbian Award**

I will be presenting the Columbian Award for the 2018-2019 fraternal year to each of the following four councils during my upcoming council visits:

- Our Lady of Loretto Council #9601 Loretto
- Father William Nolan Council #12293 Long Lake
- Good Samaritan Council #13096 Medina
- Good Shepherd Council #13506 Golden Valley

Congratulations!

### **Memorial Mass at St Anne's**

The memorial Mass, sponsored by the Wayzata Council, will be held at St Anne's at 7pm on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please email me the name of your brothers who have died this past year** (since November 2018) so that I can include them in the program. The Grand Knight of each council will be recognizing each of their deceased brothers during the ceremony. Please encourage members and their families to attend this special ceremony.

### **Church Drives - Recruitment Plans**

As previously reported (July District Meeting & DD August Report), **the Supreme and State Councils are asking all councils to submit a date for a church drive. If a church drive is not possible for some reason, please provide me with your council's alternative plan for recruiting.** Here's what I have so far:

- Wayzata 3758 - conducting a Church Drive at St Bartholomew's in Wayzata September 28-29<sup>th</sup>
- Loretto 9601 - discussions are continuing. **Date of church drive or recruitment plan not yet determined.**
- Long Lake 12293 – will be conducting a Church Drive at St George in Long Lake October 12-13<sup>th</sup>.
- Medina 13096 - discussions are continuing. **Date of church drive or recruitment plan not yet determined.**
- Golden Valley 13506
  - Has formed a new recruiting/retention committee has will meet on a regular basis.
  - Will publish a quarterly calendar to keep members informed with hopes of increasing participation and member retention.
  - Will hold a church drive at Good Shepherd in Golden Valley the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Will consult with one of our members who has a marketing background to see how to target younger prospects.
- Will learn how to use the landing page more effectively.
- Will have a craft beer tasting event this November. Members will be encouraged to invite a friend to learn more about the Knights while sampling craft beer.

## District 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Schedule Reminder

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

Please have your council vote on this pro-life proposal from Brother Joe Konicek's of the Long Lake Council:

### PROPOSAL:

*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.*

Email your council's Yes/No vote to Joe Konicek at [jkonicek@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkonicek@frontiernet.net). Copy me at [billjswing@frontiernet.net](mailto:billjswing@frontiernet.net).

## Free Throw Competition

It appears that the Wayzata and Medina councils will be the only councils participating in the free throw competition this coming January/February. If there are other councils that wish to participate, let me know. Participating councils should start planning for this event now. See program details at <https://mnknights.org/event/2020-state-free-throw-competition-copy/>

## District Deputy September Visits

- Long Lake Council Meeting, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm.
- Medina Council Meeting, Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:10pm.
- Loretto Council Meeting, Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

## December District Meeting

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

## Supreme and State Announcements

### Supreme Per Capita

Financial secretaries are reminded to submit their council's Supreme Per Capita payment by the October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to avoid council suspension.

## Coats for Kids Collection at Catholic School Center of Excellence Leadership Summit

Date and Location: October 16<sup>th</sup>, Minneapolis Convention Center

Details and Signup Link: [Sign Up Here](#)

### Metro Major Degrees

- 10/12/2019 Saturday 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
- 10/22/2019 Tuesday Marion KC Hall Bloomington 1<sup>st</sup> 6:15pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree 7:15pm 3<sup>rd</sup> deg follows 2<sup>nd</sup> deg, James Twyman 952-999-0876
- 10/26/2019 Saturday St Joseph Worker 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
- 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
- 1/11/2020 Saturday Mary Mother Church, 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

### Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

Knights and family members are encouraged to sign up now for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament that will take place Friday-Sunday, November 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tournament Location: Bowlero, 7545 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park.

Volunteer Registration: [www.somn.org/kofc](http://www.somn.org/kofc)

Questions: [volunteers@somn.org](mailto:volunteers@somn.org).

### Faith in Action Programs Attract and Retain Webinar

This webinar that took place on September 24<sup>th</sup> is now available “on demand”. [Sign In Here](#)

The following webcasts will be provided quarterly (instead of monthly) with a focus on council growth, retention, and Faith in Action programs. Register now to save the dates!

- 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](#)