



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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TO: GK, DGK, FS
District 53 Councils

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RE: **District Deputy Report September 2017**

1. **Upcoming Major Degrees**

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	1st Deg.	Start	2nd Deg.	Start	3rd Deg.	Host DD	Phone
Sat	9/16/17	St. John Vianney Seminary	Cybart	12noon	Dist 55	1:00pm	SW Region	Jim Eddleston	952-895-9808
Sat	9/30/17	St Joe's Delano	Local	9am	Bob Nichols	10:30am	NC Region	Jeff Lavigne	612-675-3587
Thur	10/26/17	Saint JTW Maple Grove	D52	5:30pm	Bob Nichols	7pm	NE Metro	Patrick Farrelly	763-218-3816
Sat	10/28/17	St Peter's N St Paul	Local	9:00	Dist 55	10:15	West Metro	Jim Hurt	651-777-5829

Please contact me if you have candidates.

2. **Praesidium Safe Environment Training Reminder**

To be eligible for Star Council, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements. The grand knight and the council youth director must complete the Praesidium safe environment training. The youth director must also complete a background check. If the council sponsors a Columbian Squires circle, the council Squires chairman and all circle counselors must complete the training and background checks.

For more information on the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, please visit www.kofc.org/safe.

3. **Upcoming Events / Reminders**

- Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament, Brunswick Zone, Brooklyn Park, November 10-12
Sign up at www.somn.org/kofc.
- Order Coats for Kids, if your council wishes to participate. See www.kofc.org/coats
- Soccer Challenge Competition.
 - Local competitions should be completed before October 2nd.
 - State Soccer Challenge is Saturday, October 7, at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights.
 - See www.kofc.org/soccer for more information and forms.
 - Please let me know if your council is planning on participating.

- **Schedule 1st Degree**
From SD Bob Penas ...*"I suggest that you schedule the first degree and not wait until you have candidates. I just received a call from one of our DDs saying, 'I can hardly believe it - we scheduled the degree and had five candidates show up and join!' I hope you all try this. What do you have to lose? If you don't end up having any candidates, use it as a practice session."*
- Holy Family Icons are being circulated among the 63 MN districts during this fraternal year. The Icon will be in District 53 next May and June. Stay tuned.

4. District Session with Pat Maloney

A session with Pat Maloney (Membership Program Consultant from Supreme Council) was scheduled for October 2nd but had to be cancelled due to low response/interest.

Please consider future session(s) such as this one. I believe there's much to gain from sharing ideas - perhaps bringing in an outside speaker once and a while. I'll be happy to coordinate.

5. Upcoming District Deputy Council Visits

KC Council	Date
Father George Council #3758 Wayzata	Monday September 11, 7 PM
Good Samaritan Council #13096 Medina	Tuesday September 12, 7PM

Please share this information with your council officers.