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

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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe that it's already September!

For those new to my distribution list, know that you will receive a report from me each month. I attempt to summarize what I believe are the more important items warranting your attention.

If you're like me, you get a little overwhelmed with the constant flow of emails from the State Council and Supreme. Hopefully you'll find my reports helpful - a concise summary of district activities, council reminders and supreme/state announcements. Please give special attention to items under the "District Activities" section as they are unique to our District.

I invite your comments and suggestions. I could for example help promote your council's activity by including it in my report. I am also interested in your thoughts regarding potential district activities in which some or all five councils participate (see examples under district activities below).

District Activities

1. 1st Degree Schedule (1st Half)

- October – TBD (major degree by Wayzata Council? Discuss at Oct 10th Council meeting.)
- November 13th, 6:00 PM Medina Council
- December – TBD

2. Memorial Mass in November

As in past years, the Wayzata Council is graciously welcoming district councils to join them at their Memorial Mass this November. Watch for date/time.

3. Habitat for Humanity

Five knights attended Trinity Lutheran's Habitat informational meeting on their project in El Salvador last Wednesday (see my 8/24/2018 email/invite). The meeting was very informative. I'm now attempting to find someone from the Twin Cities Habitat office who can talk to us about local Habitat projects. Watch for my email with date/time/location if/when I locate someone. Also, let me know of any interest from your members on this item.

4. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament December 1st

Past participation in this important event has been relatively poor. Difficulties registering have been mentioned as a possible reason. Whatever the reason, I believe this event is an excellent one to coordinate at the District level. I have therefore secured a single date/time slot and a dedicated registration link for our District:

Volunteer Position: Bowling Lane Monitor
Location: Bowlero Bowling Center, 7545 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Park
Date/time: Saturday December 1st 10 AM – 3:30 PM
Registration Link: www.somn.org/kofc53 Registration deadline Monday Sep24th

Since this registration link is only available through September 24th, please get this announcement out to your membership ASAP.

5. Free Throw Competition

It appears that the Wayzata and Medina Councils will again be the primary organizers of the free throw competition this year. The District competition has been scheduled for Saturday February 2nd. Therefore, Councils should schedule their local competitions before this date, i.e. late January.

Know that the Loretto Council has offered their gym if needed. Know also that councils should start advertising in December - we had a poor turnout last year due to late and insufficient advertizing.

6. Upcoming District Deputy Visits

- Long Lake Council Meeting, Thursday September 6th, 7:00PM
- Wayzata Council Meeting, Monday September 10th, 7:30PM
- Golden Valley Council Meeting, Tuesday September 11th 7:00PM

Council Reminders

1. Reports

By now, Councils should have submitted their Service Program Personnel (#365) and Semiannual Council Audit (#1295).

2. Safe Environment Training and Background Checks

- The Community Director and Family Director should have received emailed instructions on how to complete the Safe Environment Training and information on how to complete their background check.
- The Grand Knight and the Program Director should have received emailed instructions on completing the Safe Environment Training (background check not required).

Please ensure that these officers/directors have received their emails and have completed the requirements. The deadline is September 1st.

Supreme and State Announcements

1. Conducting Church Drives that REALLY WORK Training Webinar

Councils are being asked to conduct a formal recruitment drive during the month of October. To assist councils, Supreme has provided resources to conduct a successful "Church Drive". Learn more by viewing their one hour webinar "Conducting Church Drives that REALLY WORKS". This live broadcast was held on August 28th but can now be viewed 'on-demand' by simply clicking on this link [Register and Attend - Conducting Church Drives that REALLY Work Webinar](#). The program will start immediately after you enter your contact information.

2. Supreme Web Site Being Updated

Kofc.org is being updated to incorporate "Faith in Action".

- Website - Resource can be accessed by visiting <https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction> directly or by clicking "Programs" once you visit kofc.org. Additionally, the Domestic Church section of the website has been updated to be foundational and supportive of Faith in Action.
- Printed Resources - The Supplies Online portal is being updated to reflect our new Faith in Action motto. Councils will soon be able to order both the *Faith in Action Guidebook* (EN, FR, SP) for \$2.00 and the *Faith in Action Collection* for \$15.00. Until ready, you are asked to can go to <https://www.kofc.org/faithinaction> for information.

3. Metro Area Major Degree

- Saturday, September 8th, Saint John Vianney Seminary 2110 Selby Ave at Finn Street St. Paul 1st degree 12:30 PM; 2nd degree 1:15 PM followed by 3rd degree, Host District Deputy: Jim Eddleston, 952-895-9808.
- Saturday, September 22nd, St Joseph, Delano, 401 River St N, Delano, 1st degree 9:30 AM; 2nd degree 10:00 AM followed by 3rd degree, Host District Deputy: Jeff LaVigne, 612-991-8702.

4. Coats for Kids

It's not too early to place your 'coats for kids' order – in fact, it's a good time to do it.

The below table lists the prices and quantities for each style of coat provided through the Supreme Council. The Qualifications column lists the number of cases your council must distribute in order to satisfy program requirements and have your work counted towards two credits in the Community section of the Columbian Award.

Style	Quantity of Coats	Qualifications	Total (Per Case)
Youth Prepack	12	6 Cases	\$215.90
Small Prepack	12	6 Cases	\$215.90
Teen Prepack	12	4 Cases	\$283.90
Light Weight Prepack	24	4 Cases	\$319.70

Coats are available through www.knightsgear.com. These prices do not include the cost of shipping. Shipping will be no more than \$20.00 per case.

5. Recruitment and Recruitment Incentives

Our new State Deputy Marc Peters and State Membership Chair, Jesse Kosloski have been relentless delivering their message, "**Grow the Order (GTO)**". Besides webinars, 1st degree schedules, Church Drives, etc., various recruitment incentives are also being offered: click on [Recruitment Incentives.pdf](#) to view.