



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

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RE: District Deputy Report September 2019

District Happenings/Events

Hispanic 1st Degree at St George

Congratulations to the Long Lake Council for bringing in six new members at their Hispanic 1st degree on Sunday August 18th! Our new brothers are: Ignacio Polania, Eduardo Rosales-Rodriguez, Jose Cruz, Alberto Cisneros, Antony Maxana and Emilio Ochoa. Be sure to congratulate them if/when you see them.

Holy Hour for Vocations September 10th 7pm at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations. The Holy Hour, an hour of prayer before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 10th. During this hour of prayer, the shared intention will be for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life within our Archdiocese and from our families.

The Good Shepherd Council is assisting Pastor Father Marquard in getting the word out to the KCs. All Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend with their families and to wear their KC vests or shirts. Know that attendance at this event will satisfy the "Spiritual Reflection" requirement under the Faith category.

Memorial Mass at St Anne's

The Wayzata Council will once again be sponsoring the memorial Mass this year. It will be held at St Anne's at 7pm on Thursday November 7th. Please mark your calendars and encourage your members to attend this special time during which we remember our deceased brothers.

Recruitment Plans (sent to State Deputy)

Wayzata 3758

The Wayzata Council has scheduled a Church Drive at St Bartholomew's in Wayzata for September 28-29th

Loretto 9601

The Loretto Council will be stressing recruitment during upcoming activities. Recruitment discussions are ongoing.

Long Lake 12293

The Long Lake Council has scheduled a Church Drive at St George in Long Lake for October 12-13th.

Medina 13096

The Medina Council has Church Drives tentatively scheduled for October 12-13 and April 29/March 1st. The full calendar of events will be presented for discussion & vote at their upcoming Council meeting.

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 19th.
- 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 1st Degree Schedule (sent to the State Deputy)

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.

Note: It is preferred that candidates attend a major degree instead of a 1st degree if possible. This should be fairly easy given the many major degrees schedules in the metro area this fall (see below).

Pro-life Proposal

Brother Joe Konicek of the Long Lake Council has proposed that next June, the \$1500 (\$300 per council) that is typically spent on the dinner following the Mass & Installation of Officers Ceremony be instead directed to a pro-life cause. The hosting council would be tasked with providing light refreshments, i.e. wine & cheese, in lieu of the catered dinner.

Please agenda this item on an upcoming council meetings and send your council's vote (yes/no to the proposal) to Joe Konicek at jkonicek@frontiernet.net. Copy me at billjswing@frontiernet.net.

District Deputy September Visits

- Luncheon meeting with General Agent David Goedtke & Jack Delaney, Thursday Sept 5th 11am
- Wayzata Council Meeting, Monday Sept 9th, 7:30pm.
- Golden Valley Council Meeting, Date/Time TBD. (Holy Hour for Vocations is taking place during the Council's standard meeting time.)
- Loretto Council Meeting, Thursday Sept 19th 7:00pm.

Supreme and State Announcements

Metro Major Degrees

- 9/7/2019 Saturday St John Vianney Seminary St Paul 1st deg 12:30pm, 2nd deg 1:30pm, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg, Jim Eddleston, 952-895-9808
- 9/21/2019 Saturday St Joseph's Delano 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00pm, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg, Jeff LaVigne, 612-991-8702
- 10/12/2019 Saturday St Timothy Blaine 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg, Terry Wagner 651-483-0814
- 10/26/2019 Saturday St Joseph Worker Maple Grove 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg, Pat Farrelly 763-218-3816
- 12/14/2019 Saturday St Joseph Lino Lakes 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg Terry Wagner 651-483-0814
- 1/11/2020 Saturday Mary, Mother Church, Burnsville 1st deg 9:00am, 2nd deg 10:00am, 3rd deg follows 2nd deg Dennis Cummings 651-428-4929

Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

It's not too early to volunteer for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament that will take place Friday through Sunday, November 22 – 24th. In fact volunteer shifts are now open to the Knights of Columbus only. The general public (and KCs) will have access starting Monday, September 23.

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

Volunteer Registration: www.somn.org/kofc

Questions: volunteers@somn.org.

Council Officer Quick Start Training Event!

This webinar that took place on July 25th is now available "on demand". [Sign in by Clicking Here](#)

It covers -

- Proven recruitment strategies to welcome new members.
- 5 most important things Grand Knights can do today.
- Overview of Council Officer Duties.
- Turning Faith in Action programs into recruiting opportunities.
- Reaching out to retain members.

Safe Environment Status Report (8/8/2019)

Council		Grand Knight	Program Dir	Community Dir	Family Dir	Notes
3758	Wayzata	Yes	Unassigned	Yes	No	Family Director Pending Must be completed by 9/6/2019
9601	Loretto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
12293	Long Lake	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
13096	Medina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
13506	Golden Valley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Reports

Supreme reports that all District councils are current on officers, program personnel, and audit reports!!