



## Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.

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Worthy District Deputy,

On behalf of your entire State Charities team let me begin by offering our thanks to you for your dedication to the order and for your diligent work toward helping your councils attain success in the first half of this fraternal year! As we approach the halfway point, perhaps it is wise to take some time to reflect on the progress of your district and councils.

As an effective District Deputy, a Friend, Mentor and Guide to your Grand Knights and councils you can guide them by identifying areas of strength as well as areas of challenge. You can help them in holding planning meetings, to assess their current situation, then map out with them the next half of the year in Membership, Programming and Charities, always with the goal of Star Council in mind. Help them to develop and continue to implement a plan for continued success and achievement!

You know well that Charity is the 1<sup>st</sup> Principle of the Knights of Columbus! Please continue to monitor how your councils are progressing toward achievement of their charitable goals throughout the remainder of the fraternal year, thank them for their efforts and continue to encourage them. Continue to remind them that Membership Recruitment, Programming and Charity are not separate but rather are interconnected parts of a successful council. New and re-energized brother knights bring fresh ideas and vibrancy to the council and our many activities offer Catholic gentlemen a means to actively live out their faith lives.

Please pass on to your councils the importance of their ongoing support of the charitable programs of the Illinois State Council and the gratitude of thousands who benefit as a result of their generosity and hard work. Remember that our various charities extend over the full fraternal year. As an example, yes, the ID Street Drive is finished, but councils can hold any number of events to continue raising funds throughout the year. So it is with all our charities, none are limited to raising funds only certain times or seasons of the year.

Please study and educate your councils with the information, suggestions, reminders etc. contained in this Charities packet and I wish you and your councils continued success!

Fraternally,

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State Charitable Activities Director