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My Brother Knights,

I would personally like to congratulate you on your appointment as District Deputy for fraternal year 2018-2019. To the many new 1st year District Deputies, welcome to the team! To the returning District Deputies, welcome back! It is obvious that all of you possess the leadership skills and dedication to our order. These characteristics are vital to assisting your Councils in obtaining **STAR COUNCIL** status in the coming fraternal year. Our State Deputy has chosen, "**Chosen To Bear Fruit That Will Remain**" as his State Motto. His motto is so appropriate now more than ever as we work in God's vineyard towards the future of the order - the next 136 years.

We need you and your Grand Knights to work together for the success of the Council, District, State and our Order as we strive for growth. Your DEDICATION to this position is crucial for ILLINOIS' success this year. We need to build upon what we accomplished last year. This year we are "planting seeds", our love of the order to many Catholic men, especially the YOUNG men and their families throughout the state. We will be offering them the opportunity to become better fathers, husbands, Catholic men and most importantly leaders in our faith.

The Membership Team asks that you please remember that membership recruitment is a 365 day program for all ages; we should always be looking for an opportunity to bring new men into the order. The support system of the order is Membership, Programming and Charities. New member recruitment always works hand in hand Programming and Charities. The best way to achieve **STAR COUNCIL** is hold at least **One First Degree, Per District, Per Month**. By achieving STAR COUNCIL, you will assist our order here in ILLINOIS to withhold the test of time. Just think what one member can do for your council! This member can and there are good chances they will be the next Grand Knight. If you want to achieve it, we are here to help you! You just need to ask.

The Membership Team is privileged once again for having been selected by our State Deputy Theodore Stites to serve you. Together with the State Officers, Diocesan Coordinators, General Agents and the Field Agents we will work to the best of our abilities to help you, District Deputy, to see that your District & Councils meet their Membership goals and ultimately **STAR COUNCIL**. Obtaining star council is simply a message to our communities that **WE** are here to **SERVE!** I have included the State Membership Team in this packet. Please feel free to ask for assistance from your state team. Lastly, I leave you with one question- How will you challenge and inspire your councils to be successful this year?

Fraternally,

John P. Dehm

State Membership Director