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District Deputy Report

Brothers, welcome to the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year! This year, there are some District changes. Our new State Deputy Donnie Goolesby did some redistricting. Last year, District #50 consisted of St. Thomas More Council #7826, St. Michael the Archangel Council #14845, Incarnation Council #15332 and Pius V Council #15781. As of July 1st, District #50 is now District #52, and it consists of Father John J. Walsh Council #7052 (Venice), St. Thomas More Council #7826 (Sarasota), Incarnation Council #15332 (Sarasota), Pius V Council #15781 (Sarasota) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel #15821 (Osprey). District Warden John Wojtyna and I look forward to working with all the Councils during the fraternal year.

But before we start the new fraternal year, let's celebrate our accomplishments during the 2014-2015 fraternal year. Congratulations to St. Thomas More Council #7826 for achieving the Quadruple Star Council Award; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #15821 for achieving the Double Star Council Award; and Incarnation Council #15332 and Pius V Council #15781 for achieving the Star Council Award. And lastly, District #50 achieved All Star District – one of two Districts in the Florida State Council to achieve this distinction. My Brothers, I congratulate all your Councils for a job well!

On July 1st, however, it is a new start and new beginning. Once again, each Council's goal should be achieving the Star Council Award. It starts with active Membership Recruitment and Retention Committees. Each Council should be (1) appointing members to these two Committees, (2) developing a 12-month recruiting plan and (3) establishing dates for Church Drives and Open Houses. Shortly, each Council will be given Membership and Insurance goals to achieve during the fraternal year

Your next step is developing a Service Program Plan. With such a plan, you can identify the four activities to conduct in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth. And lastly make sure your Council (1) participates in four First Degree Ceremonies, (2) files its Program Personnel Report (Form 365) with Supreme by August 15th, and (3) files its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728) with Supreme by January 31, 2016. Complete all of the above steps and each Council will be a "Star Council."

On July 10th – 11th, I will be attending the Florida State Council's (FSC) Orientation Meeting in Tampa. At this meeting, all the District Deputies will be provided with Supremes' and FSCs goals and objectives for the fraternal year. Like last year, Districts 50, 51 and 52 - formerly 48, 49 and 50 – will be working together once again on various projects and events. We will start off the fraternal year with the Tri-District Orientation Meeting on Saturday, August 8th at St. Patrick Council #13307 in Sarasota. The following day – Sunday, August 9th – our Tri-District Father Michael J. McGivney Memorial Mass and Breakfast is tentatively scheduled at Incarnation Council #15332 – Mass at 9:00 am and breakfast afterwards. The three Districts will continue holding joint Degree



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Exemplifications. At a minimum, there will be monthly First Degrees, quarterly Second Degrees and semi-annual Third Degrees. Also, we plan to join forces to conduct a Baby Bottle Culture of Life Event to support the operation and maintenance of the ultrasound machines at the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center and the My Choice Pregnancy Center. Our unity is our strength!!

There are two other dates for your Council calendars. There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, August 15th in Tampa. This is a great opportunity for Third Degree Knights to become a Member of the "Patriotic Degree" in our area. Go to the FSC Website for more information. Also, the FSC Membership Team will be conducting a Regional Seminar in our area on Sunday, August 16th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The location has not been finalized. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Membership Directors are expected to attend.

District Warden John Wojtyna and I are looking forward to working with all the Councils during the next year. Let's have five Star Councils and another All Star District during the 2015-2016 fraternal year!!

Vivat Jesus,

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