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**FROM THE OFFICE OF
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Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies:

What has your council done for PRO-LIFE this year? This is a question that each council should be asking. As you may have heard, Supreme has added Pro-life as the 6th area of programming. This means that each council must annually conduct and report their involvement in at least four Pro life activities to be considered for star council. Councils need to submit their pro-life programs of the month just as they do Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth. It is sad to report that so far this Fraternal Year only 2 councils have submitted any programming.

We know that there are activities being done. Please complete the proper paperwork. Prayer services; vigils at abortion clinics; baby showers; baby bottles collections; bootie drives; crosses displayed on your parish grounds representing the number of abortions that have taken place; monuments to the unborn are but a few of the programs that councils can hold.

The **March for Life** in Washington DC is coming up in January. The State website has links to each of the dioceses. Rockford, Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago all have information on their bus trips to this event. The Life offices of the Diocese of Peoria, Springfield and Belleville will have their information on their trips on their websites soon. Please look at this information and see if you can support them either financially or by attending yourself, or sponsoring a council member to attend. Imagine the impact that 100 knights from Illinois could make on The March .

The State Council also has created a PRO LIFE Charity fund. Each council has a goal of \$1.10 per net member. The purpose of this fund is to support the Respect Life Fund which has guidelines explaining what donated funds would be supported such as; organizations that help young pregnant mothers financially for health or other related needs; The Father McGivney Center for Hope and Healing, and funds given to each diocese in the amount of \$1000.00 to assist with the Respect Life Rally in Washington D.C.

Please feel free to contact me at the number above with any questions you may have.

Best of Luck to each council and please keep up the fight.

Sincerely,

Mike Cummins