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My Brother Knights:

I have just returned from the Winter Meeting held in Old Town. Hopefully we all had our batteries recharged. There were some very good discussions on the importance of using the SURGE Program as a recruiting tool for Membership. This month's Columbia has a couple of great messages from Pope Francis. One quoted by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "Each of us should ask how well our councils and our own lives reflect these virtues of a manly life. Strength, integrity, fidelity: new watchwords for the Order given to us by our Pope."

A successful SURGE Program gives the membership a reason to participate. Membership and programming are intimately connected in that Councils need a steady flow of new members to continue and expand programs and they need interesting and relevant programs to attract new members. One cannot exist without the other. I strongly recommend that you use the Surge Program to stimulate more participation in and recognition of Council Activities.

**All "Family of the Year" nominations need to be submitted to The State Family Director Paul Ouellette by March 1, 2014.**

**All "Chaplain of the Year" nominations need to be submitted to The State Deputy Phil Lizotte.**

This year's Surge with Service Program is coming to a close. It is not too late to submit your Surge Reports. There are a lot of tremendous activities happening around the State and some of them are not being reported. Let us help you to show your membership how their efforts are appreciated.

The Judging Weekend is fast approaching. The Directors and I will be meeting in Old Town on March 8th and 9th. All reports have to reach me by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be judged with this year's activities. Please do not hesitate to send the reports in. They are all equally important.

If anyone needs any assistance feel free to contact me at any time.

Fraternally yours,  
Tony Levesque, State Program Director