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My Brothers in Christ

The November/December issue of the HARVEST Magazine begins with a message from Rev. Msgr. Andrew Dubois titled **“The Year of Faith”**. Part of his message states that **“The Year of Faith is a call for Catholics to be renewed through study, prayer and action.”** These are the very principals that the SURGE Program can help Councils **“to cross the threshold of faith”** in Church, Community, Council, Family Life, Youth and Pro-Life Activities.

The Supreme Council and the State Council have some great programs for us to follow. I urge every Council to create an active Service Program and you will see the following benefits:

1. Gives members a chance to be involved;
2. Stimulates personal commitment;
3. Encourages Family participation;
4. Strengthens and spreads Fraternalism;
5. Provides service to Church, community, council, family and youth;
6. Establishes the Council as an asset to Church & community;
7. Develops meaningful and relevant programs;
8. Establishes direct areas of responsibility;
9. Builds leadership; and
10. Gives **PROSPECTS** a reason to join.

There are only three months left in this program year and there are only **Thirty-Three** councils that have submitted any reports to-date as evidenced by the accompanying report. Hopefully the holiday season will generate the right opportunities for each and every council.

District Deputies, Grand Knights and Program Directors please note how your councils are doing in the program and take an active role in improving your council's status.

I pray that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Have a very merry Christmas!!!

Fraternally yours,
Tony Levesque, State Program Director