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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 messages on Retention and keeping our Membership busy. Once again the message and insight offered by Father Phil helped to outline how we should include the Chaplains in our efforts to assist the Church. This month's "Knightline" has a great article titled "Knights of Columbus and the Year of Faith" and we can use those suggestions to entice new membership.

Just as important is the relationship between the Surge with Service Program and Membership. A successful 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, 2013.

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 Bangor on March 2nd and 3rd. All reports have to reach me by March 1st 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