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State Family Director

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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Grand Knights, Delegates, Brother Knights.

Once again, this year, our Order's Food for Families initiative was well conducted throughout our jurisdiction. I am pleased to announce that this past year, our Councils contributed over \$12000 worth of financial support to food banks throughout our province, which has helped offset some of the rising financial burden of suppling food, clothing, and toys on very needy families. This amount is above and beyond the numerous volunteer hours that our members provided to their communities in this regard. The appreciation of our members' contributions to this project cannot be understated. While these programs highlight the success of our jurisdiction in promoting Family activities this past year, there are many more initiatives offered by Supreme Council that many of our Councils are not participating in. I 'm pleased to announce that two councils have reported family of the Month and Year in their State program reports this Columbian Year. However, no documentation was sent to Supreme council. There were very few councils that reported selecting Family of the Month and/or Family of the Year. As well, few councils participated in Family Week activities as encouraged by Supreme Council. Councils can participate by submitting form # 10784 for Family of the Month and form # 10680 for family of the year. The submission is due on April 30. Regular participation in these programs allows Councils the opportunity to recognize families making significant contributions to their Councils and their community, while also encouraging other families to become more active. In addition, there are several opportunities for building our families' faith throughout our province. While the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign was conducted by many of our Councils again this past year, other programs such as Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night, and Good Friday Family Promotion have fallen a bit by the wayside. I would like to encourage councils to take a glance at our Order's webpage for Family activities to see how they can begin participating in these programs.

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