

Strengthening Our Partnership with Our Pastors

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Worthy District Deputies,

One of the greatest strengths of our Order is our close relationship with our pastors. When the council's Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faith Director, and Pastor are united in purpose, our councils become stronger, our parishes more vibrant, and our mission to serve the Church flourishes.

I am asking each of you to schedule a meeting with every Grand Knight, Council Faith Director and Pastor in your district over the next several weeks. The purpose of this meeting is not simply to review council activities, but to establish an ongoing dialogue centered on partnership and mutual support.

During your meeting, I encourage you to discuss:

- The pastor's goals, priorities, and vision for the parish.
- How the Knights of Columbus can better support those goals through our programs, volunteers, and leadership.
- The council's goals and objectives for the coming year.
- Ways the pastor can support the council in recruiting Catholic men and encouraging greater parish involvement.
- Opportunities for improved communication and collaboration throughout the year.

Our goal is to build a genuine partnership where the pastor knows the Knights stand ready to support the mission of the parish, and where the council feels supported and encouraged by its spiritual leader. This relationship should be based on trust, open communication, and a shared commitment to serving Christ and His Church.

Please don't make this a one-time meeting. Encourage regular conversations throughout the year so that challenges can be addressed early; successes can be celebrated together, and both the parish and council continue moving in the same direction.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to strengthening our councils through stronger parish relationships. Working together, we can make an even greater impact for our pastors, our parishes, and the families we serve.

Vivat Jesus!
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