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Supreme Master

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My brothers all,

I write today seeking your assistance with the most important charitable campaign of the Fourth Degree, the Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund.

I have received a letter from, and would like to share a direct quote by the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA.

“What a great job the Knights are doing. Thank you so very much for this support for our co-sponsored men! Thank you, too, for all the ways you and your fellow Knights serve the needs of the AMS. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to us and those we serve. We are very grateful.”

As you know, there is a great shortage of Catholic Priests serving our brave young men and women in our military service. There are 800 positions available yet we have but 210 active duty Priests serving.

Thanks to your generous support we have ordained 5 men and presently have 37 seminarians serving in the co-sponsored program. Of those, two will be ordained in June and will become Navy Chaplains. Additionally, we will have two Deaconal ordinations in May. Both are on the path to becoming Army Chaplains.

As you can see your hard work is paying dividends, although we have a long way to go we are on the right path to providing Priests for our military members and their families.

Our commitment to the AMS is to raise \$1.4 million dollars by June 30, 2017 to recruit young men to the Priesthood. As of today we have raise \$1,347,737.25.

Brothers, I appeal to you today to commit to raise the balance of \$52,262.75 before the June 30 deadline.

State councils, local councils and assemblies, ladies auxiliaries and individuals, your support is greatly needed if we are to meet our goal. Again I ask for a \$25.00 donation from all councils and assemblies. I ask those state councils that have funds available to be generous and donate what they can.

Pass the helmet (hat) at your next meeting or event and you will be surprised with the generosity of your members.

Again, thank you for what you do for the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Stoddard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

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