Dear Fellow Knights,

I have been elected to lead the Father Kelley Council 5750 for the new fraternal year. I have been a member of the Council for several years and have served as Treasurer for the past 5 years.

Our Council has accomplished a lot over the past several years. Due to the cash flow from our bingo operation, we have been able to give large amounts of money not only to Our Lady of Angels Parish, but various other charities and organizations within and outside of our community. We have donated money to St. Vincent De Paul, Habitat for Humanity, Catholics for Housing, Birthright of Woodbridge, S.T.A.R.S. and St John Paul the Great H.S. to name a few. And though the money is appreciated the Knights are about so much more.

This year Supreme has instituted a new program called "Faith In Action." This program replaces the old "Surge In Service" program of the past several years. Instead of six program areas there are only 4 program areas. This new program asks us as Catholic men to put our faith into action. This will require us as a council to live our lives as men in the Church more fully.

As your new Grand Knight I am asking for some help in moving the Council forward over the coming fraternal year. I cannot run the Council by myself. So, I am asking you my brother Knights for help. There are many new programs we can become involved in during the coming fraternal year. But unless some fellow knights step up to help it will be hard to implement them. Feel free to email me if you think you can help. The new calendar will be updated on our web site (<u>http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=5750</u>) very soon. We have a recruitment drive in August, the Past Grand Knights Dinner in September, the 5 K Race in October, to name a few upcoming activities.

I also want to take a minute to thank all the members who step up to the plate over and over again to keep the various activities we host running. To all those who work on Sunday afternoon to run the Bingo operation, to those who show up every second Sunday for the pancake breakfast, and to those who help with the 5 K race and the Feed the Homeless events, **thank you**! Your dedication doesn't go unnoticed.

As always, we can use more help with Bingo on Sundays. It is nonsmoking now and requires only 3 or 4 hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon once every five weeks. Our first pancake breakfast for the new fraternal year will be next Sunday, the 8th, after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. We can always use help, or stop in and have breakfast before you take off on your Sunday activities. A calendar will be posted to the council web site in the near future listing upcoming events for the year. The calendar will be updated as needed. And our first business meeting will be the 16th of July at 7:30 pm at the council hall. Stop in and see how you can get involved in the upcoming year. Let's start putting our "Faith In Action!"

Yours in Christ,

Steven J. Moore Grand Knight