

New Council Development Chairman

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It is March already and new councils do not seem to be the focus around the State as they should be. I have heard of a possible council out on Long Island. I know that Westchester/Putnam has 2 letters of intent filed with possibly 2 more in the wings. I cannot express enough how important it is to the State to have a firm grasp on where we are or are not, achieving our growth goals. Without your input to us, we cannot establish a viable plan to enable us to aid you in maximizing the growth in your areas.

The closer we get to Fr. McGivney's dream of a council in every parish, the stronger our ability to protect our faith and principles, become. With greater membership and participation, our probabilities of affecting the way Albany does business with our concerns being weighed, grows exponentially. These are the issues set forth, in our first degree. We must go forth and defend our faith through words and deeds.

You have the tools in your hand to aide you on focusing where the potential for councils, lay. The report that the State Deputy sent you early in his term on parishes and councils covering them, can be the first step for you to set meetings with the pastors in those uncovered parishes and see if they maybe interested in having the Knight's help them and their parish. Even the members in your own council may know where there are void's that the Knights can fill, but you must take the first step and reach out, to find these areas. Take an active part in encouraging the men in these areas to become part of our order and help their own parishes, communities and our faith grow and prosper. Please consider being a leader in this drive to expand our order and become an apostle and lead these people into our order so they can grow in their faith and become the men they can be.

Don't forget to keep the State Deputy Art Harris, Membership Director Ray Pfeifer, PSD and myself, informed of your progress and needs so that we all can be successful.

Congratulations to Our Lady of Fatima Council 14961 in Delanson on being the first new council this year.