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MEMORANDUM

DENNIS J. STODDARD
Supreme Master

To: State Deputies
Vice Supreme Masters
Faithful Navigators

From: Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

Re: Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund

Date: October 24, 2018

I believe this to be the most important charitable program the Fourth Degree has ever led for our Order and once again I am asking for your support of this program, the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. Over the past six years we have raised over 1.6 million dollars in support of the tuition assistance program to recruit and ordain Catholic priests to serve our military men and woman worldwide.

As you know, there is a great shortage of Catholic Chaplains serving our military members and their families. There are 210 active Catholic Chaplains but the military needs another 800. The need is great yet the Military Archdiocese does not have the funds to recruit and educate the many seminarian candidates willing to serve as chaplains. We need to raise an additional \$400,000 by June 30, 2020.

Allow me to quote His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Military Archdiocese when he said,

"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 who serve. We are very grateful."

In the past I have asked state councils, local councils and assemblies, ladies auxiliaries and individuals for their support. Again I ask for a minimum \$25.00 donation from all. I ask those state councils that have charitable funds available to be generous and donate what they can. Pass the "Helmet" at your next meeting or event and you will be surprised at the generosity of our members for this noble and urgent cause

Checks need to be made payable to:
Knights of Columbus Charities inc.
On memo line write **"Military Chaplains fund"**

Mail check to:
Att: **Maryann Ludington, Charities**
One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, Ct. 06510

Cc: District Masters