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My Brother Knights:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you for the great job done last year by your councils for the Measure Up Campaign. Because of your efforts we were able to present a check to the Arc of Pennsylvania for \$116,000. This is a fantastic amount considering the economic conditions which we are all facing in our areas.

This is my third year as Chairman and I am proud of my own council's historic efforts with the Measure Up Campaign. The Arc needs our help and assistance to carry out their mission. They are doing and have continued to do their part in the face of government budget cuts and rising costs and now it's time for us to step up and do what we do best, helping those individuals who can't speak for or defend themselves.

The Knights of Columbus have been standing up for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for 38 years, and as we enter our 39th year of support for The Arc, our charitable efforts are more important now than they were when we first started this journey.

The 2017 campaign is here and the information you are receiving will assist you in getting your council ready for the task ahead. If you need any assistance, please feel free to call or to e-mail me at any time.

Once again thank you for all you've done in the past and for all you will do in the future.

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