

STATE DEPUTY NEWSLETTER March 2021

Worthy Brother Knights,

I believe I can see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel we have been in the last year and positive things are about to change for the better. Though we are not out of the woods, yet we seem to have some positive things we can build hope on. The CDC guidelines are relaxing, vaccines are being distributed, the number of Covid cases are dropping, more people can meet in a group, (if we practice safeguards with social distancing, hand sanitizer, and masks.) Patience is a big virtue. I believe our patience has brought us through this pandemic and will get us back to a normal life of some kind.

It is very disappointing that we cannot meet for our State Convention again this year, so we will have to go virtual again. The guidelines from the Governor, the State Dept. of Health and the Hilton Hotels on large venues and meetings will not allow the numbers we would have in attendance. So, we have sent off our agenda to Supreme for approval and looking at Sunday April 25th as our meeting date. When all is finalized, we will send you the link to join a GoTo Meeting platform. I believe by July when we have our Organization Meeting enough people will be vaccinated by then that we can hold it in person. It will be so good to gather again as a group.

Overall, as a State Council we have held our own with other States through this pandemic. Our membership totals have declined some and with that the new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has reduced each states intake goal by 15% till June 30, so we went from 280 down to 242. Some of our programs have taken a hit this year our CPID is down, we have reduced our Per Capita for councils, but our Just Ask at this moment is sitting around \$41,000.00 with expenses being deducted, it shows even in adversity of lost jobs and reduced incomes for a lot of people we still come through in support of our Resolutions that fund so many good Catholic Organizations and our Seminarians. I would like to say to all that contribute to any of our worthwhile causes, "Thank You" for your financial support and sacrifice. Its show your deep commitment and love for your State Council.

This month on March 17th we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland who was credited as the first Bishop of Ireland and the founder of Christianity in Ireland. So, wear your green that day or get pinched and as tradition has it Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day. So take a good drink of Irish whiskey that day for good luck.

God Bless the Knights of Columbus,
Vivat Jesus!
Alan Halman
State Deputy