



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



14 April 2020

My brothers Knights,

On behalf our Worthy State Chaplain Very Reverend Aaron Damboise and my fellow State Officers, I extend greetings to you, your spouses, families and Councils' membership. Although our wives and families will not be able to join us for this virtual business meeting of the 125th Annual Convention, we know that they are with us in prayer and spirit as we care for the needs of the Maine State Council.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the lives of more than 100,000 and infected almost 2,000,000 citizens around the world, more than 500,000 in the United States and over 600 in Maine (as of this date), we must be mindful that the safety and wellness of our brother Knights and families is the top agenda items in our everyday lives. The Supreme Council's **"Leave No Neighbor Behind"** program is especially important right now as we need to continue to reach out to our brothers, families, neighbors, and friends in Charity, Unity and Fraternity. And please continue to pray the **"Prayer for Protection"** (attached to this welcoming letter) so that collectively, with the assistance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother, we can end this catastrophe.

Our mission is Maine and as brother Knights is: "In Service to One, In Service to All". What better way to honor that role than to dedicate our Convention to that motto: **"1896 - 2020: 125 Years of Faith, Family, Community, and Life"**.

Attending our Annual Business Meeting on **Saturday, 25 April 2020 from 4 PM - 5:30 PM** are 101 delegates representing 51 Councils. This includes State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, District Wardens, State Staff, Grand Knights, Deputy Knights, Financial Secretaries and other brother Knights. We will also have a representative from the Supreme Council in the meeting.

Because of this virtual meeting, we have increased the number of delegates than we have had in the past several years and we have also increased the number of participating Councils. Some of you may not be aware, but some of our Councils cannot attend an "in person" Convention due to costs associated with overnight accommodations, travel and meals, especially if they wish to bring their spouses and families.

During this meeting we will be following an agenda that includes the Election of State Officers, the Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention, and a variety of other matters. We look forward to your participation and please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the State Officers if you have any questions, concerns, or needs prior to our virtual meeting.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus,

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