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Worthy Grand Knights,

The 44th Annual Campaign to aid the mentally challenged is scheduled for the weekend of October 5-7, 2018. This year we are changing the M.D.F. Program, and after you read these changes, I am sure that you find it better than before.

First of all "The State Officers and I" have decided place the M.D.F. Program on "The Life Grading Form" which you will have to fill out just as you do on all grading forms. On the Life Grading Form there will be a section for you to fill out how much your council has donated in time and monies to M.D.F. You will need to fill this out to gain state points, and determine who wins in the three group categories. There will be no longer a Special Category Award as has been in the past. The State and I feel that this rule takes away from healthy competition between councils.

The ordering of tootsie rolls and aprons will remain the same as in years past. Councils will place their orders with their District Deputy, and pay for tootsie rolls and aprons when ordering. The cost of the candy is \$19.50 per case of 300. Aprons will be \$8.50 each plus \$12.00 postage and handling. Your District Deputy must complete his order form and Postmarked no later than August 5, 2018.

Worthies starting this year you "WILL NOT HAVE TO SEND ANY CHECKS TO THE STATE OFFICE". Worthies your councils will make out your own checks to your beneficiaries. This will also stop all confusion, and mistakes that have happened in the past. Worthies you and your councils will be on the honor system with M.D.F. just like you and your councils have been on the honor system for all activities that you do all year, and record on your grading forms. If we do not receive the grading form, then your hard work for M.D.F. will not count, so please fill that grading form out.

I will still ask that you send me a Financial Statement Report Form to me. I am always interested in seeing where your hard work and monies goes to, and in turn I can help mentioning to other councils where they may be able to send their funds to in their area.

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I truly feel that this is a very positive change for the M.D.F. Program and many more councils will participate this year. We feel that these changes have been long overdue. In the near future I will be sending out information and M.D.F. Program information to you, and District Deputies, by way of KCLS.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Ruemker

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