

Campaign For People With Intellectual Disabilities Fund



“C.P.I.D.”

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Worthy Grand Knights,

The Mental Disability Fund will have a new name this year, and I have changed it to be in union with Supreme. The new name will be **Campaign For People With Intellectual Disabilities**. The 46th Annual Campaign For People With Intellectual Disabilities is scheduled for the weekend of October 3-4, 2020.

This year the Goal will be set at \$200,000.00, and I know with the Knights of Columbus Councils throughout our great state of Louisiana we can achieve this goal for the 2020-2021 campaign. I know that it will be challenging this year with Covid-19, but I have complete confidence in our councils in our great state of Louisiana to come up with ways to make this goal. I tell you truthfully that our councils in Louisiana have done an outstanding job in raising monies for their needy citizens in their Hometowns and for St. Mary's, and I know that the councils of Louisiana will continue to help Our Special Brothers, Sisters and St. Mary's through C.P.I.D.

The ordering of tootsie roll will remain the same as in years past. Councils will place their orders with their District Deputy and pay for tootsie rolls when ordering. Tootsie Rolls will be \$19.50 a case of 300. **Make checks payable to Louisiana K of C, C.P.I.D. Fund.** Councils must have their order and money to District Deputy's. District Deputy's need to send these orders in before their post marked date to the State no later than August 5, 2020.

After more than two decades of supplying aprons for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID - "Tootsie Roll Program"), Developmental Service Center (DSC) has made the decision to cease production and supply.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has taken over production and supply of new CPID vests. These vests will be available for purchase starting February / early March 2020 on Supplies Online, the supply portal for Council Officers (available via Officers Online) The price can vary, please remember when ordering shipping is extra.

Last year Brandon and I made it easier to submit the Financial Report Statement online through the State Website, councils can fill it out and hit submit, and the report will come to me. I do hope that your council will like this better than mailing. For councils without computer access please email me, and I will send you a Financial Report Statement, fill it out, and mail it back to me. I am always interested in seeing where their 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. Worthy's, you will fill out the administrative report stating you did the C.P.I.D. Program.

Worthy Grand Knights, please remember that if you do not want to do the tootsie roll fundraiser there are many ways to help the many brothers and sisters in your area, and St. Mary's. I ask that you have a fund raiser of any kind and please fill out the Financial Report to get credit for your council's efforts.

My Brothers, I thank you for your kind and continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Ruemker
C. P.D.F. Chairman