

Dear brother Knights,

As we gear up for this year's Program for People with Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive, please be mindful of some issues we had this past year. The primary issue are councils asking for distribution checks that they sit on from 2 to 5 months before presenting them to the charitable organization. When this happens, by the time you present the check, they in turn might not deposit right away causing the check(s) to be "expired". The bank that the State Treasurer is using will not cash a check after 6 months from being written. This issue actually caused two charities from not receiving their donated funds because of the amount of time that had passed.

In order to hopefully prevent this from occurring again, the "Recipient Distribution Form" that you use to write down which charity and the amount of funds you wish to present will have a "45-day" timeframe attached to it. This means that you will have 45 days to receive the check and distribute it. In turn, it will be your responsibility to ensure that the charity deposits the funds in a timely manner. For example – if you do your drive in August and request your funds immediately thereafter but do intend to distribute until December, the checks will not be sent until late October or early November.

If you have any questions regarding this new requirement, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Mark Bourgoïn, State Treasurer.

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State Community Director