



March, 2021



To All Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and Friends

Hi to everyone. To say that it has been one heck of a past year would be an understatement to be sure! I received an email from Eileen Guinane, Special Olympics Administrator for the Chicago Park District, I have included the email below for a complete explanation of this year's Games.

Hey Mike!

Hope you are well! Just wanted to give you a heads up in regard to Spring Games. Special Olympics Illinois will not be joining us this year, but the Chicago Park District team will host a very scaled down version of the event. We will have a virtual Opening Ceremonies on May 3. We will host events at Dunbar Park May 4 – 6 from 12:30pm – 7pm, and we will have a virtual Victory dance on Friday, May 7. Obviously, this year we need to be extremely cautious, so we are only having the Chicago Park District Special Recreation staff work the event – we aren't allowed to have volunteers just yet. Families are bringing athletes to the event and are registering for an hour timeslot for their events. It is a participation only event and there is no state advancement.

We will miss all of our amazing volunteers this year – can't believe it will be the 2nd year without this crazy big event – but we hope to see you in 2022!

If possible, I would love to incorporate the Knights of Columbus into the virtual Opening Ceremonies. I am still working on the layout of the event as well as the logistics but let me know if you would be interested.

Thanks,

Eileen Guinane

Chicago Park District, Special Olympics Administrator

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I did express to her that we would love to participate in some way with the Opening Ceremony! I will keep you all informed as things progress.

Yours truly,

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April, 2021



To All Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and Friends

As I mentioned in the previous flyer, our friends at Chicago Special Olympics are planning a Virtual Torch Run for this year, and they have asked the Knights of Columbus if we would like to participate!

They would like us to do the Flag Ceremony that we have done for many years prior to the National Anthem!

It will be either April 20, 21, or 22 at Soldier Field at 10am. Eileen Guinane, Special Olympics Administrator is confirming the exact date any day now.

Any Sir Knights with Uniform who are interested, please either email, or call me!!

Let us try to make this virtual video a great success for these Special Olympians!

Yours truly,

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To All Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and Friends

The date for the virtual Torch Run is APRIL 21, 2021 at 10AM!!!

We are asking all Sir Knights with uniform to be a part of the Honor Guard doing the Flag Ceremony prior to the National Anthem.

In addition to uniformed Knights, any other Knights are welcome to also be a part of this virtual ceremony, providing you wear Knights of Columbus clothing.

As this is being filmed, I must stress that **ONLY KNIGHTS WITH UNIFORM OR KC CLOTHING WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE!**
Be sure to have proper face covering with you!

You should plan on arriving at Soldier Field around 9:30 am. Parking is available on Waldron Parkway. We will meet at the Eternal Flame located between the Field Museum and the stadium on McFetridge Drive.

The actual ceremony will be brief.

Please either email me or call if you are planning on attending as the Chicago Park District is asking for amount of people attending.

Yours truly,

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