**November 10, 2020**

**TO:** All Parish Council Presidents

All Diocesan Officers

Life Members

# **FROM:** Cheryl Boom, Diocesan Past President

**SUBJECT:** *DIOCESAN PAST PRESIDENT FALL COMMUNIQUE #1*

Covid-19 has kept most of us isolated for the past 8 months. We have had to find ways to keep busy while at home. I have been doing a lot of organizing and decluttering of spare rooms and storage spaces. We can do this in our parishes as well. We are responsible for the history and ***archives*** of the council by maintaining the records, pictures, ***scrapbooks*** and mementos of anniversaries and special occasions. It is important to make sure that the council information is stored all together in a safe place and that the location is known. Photo albums need to have names and dates with the pictures. If you have some without information, approach long time members to see if they can identify them. Your council history is very important to maintain.

For those councils who haven’t submitted their council’s history for the ‘***We Remember....A Celebration of Service Book, Volume II’,*** please take the time to capture those details. We all love to hear the stories of our history and what gives meaning to what we do as members of the League. This is your opportunity to record those memories for posterity. The information collected is to contain details from January 1st, 2000 until December 31st, 2020. This special book records the histories of all our councils. The update will be added to the initial book and will include the new councils in our Diocese as well as another 20 years of stories from active councils in the initial book. Mary Hunt is leading this project so please send your submission to [maryhunt1982@gmail.com](mailto:maryhunt1982@gmail.com) by January 15th, 2021.

October 15**th** the **National Fall mailing** was e-mailed out to all Parish Presidents. In particular, please take time to read the Past President’s Communique as well as the other communiques which have a lot of good information.

And lastly, if your parish doesn’t have a parish policy & procedures manual, this may be a good time to think about preparing one. If you need any assistance at all, please reach out to me.

Thanks and God Bless,

Cheryl Boom