



January 4, 2021

Dear Friendly Son,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family are well and remaining healthy. As we navigate through this most unprecedented time in history, it remains my honor and privilege to continue to serve as President of the Friendly Sons.

In preparation to celebrate the 116th year of our great organization, I had previously secured the dates and locations for our in-person Executive Committee meetings in January, February and March. (As you recall, with the current leadership succession in place for the Society's next two Presidents, we had decided to skip the November 2020 Executive Committee and January 2021 Nominating Committee meetings.) Regrettably, it now does not seem possible for us to meet in person for those gatherings and therefore they have been cancelled. **In lieu of in-person meetings there will be an Executive Committee Zoom meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. All old and new business will be discussed at that time. Further details for this meeting will be forthcoming.**

With respect to the March 17, 2021, Annual Dinner, at this point it again seems unlikely that we will be able to gather in person the way we are accustomed. I have considered multiple different scenarios that will allow us to still celebrate our Annual Dinner in some form on March 17th and it appears that a fully virtual event is our only reasonable option. **Therefore, our St Patrick's Day "Dinner" will be a virtual celebration on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.**

Enclosed is a return envelope for payment of your **annual 2020-21 dues of \$ 50**. As you can imagine, the payment of dues remains vital to our Society as we continue our communication, manage our website and, this year, prepare for our virtual celebration.

Additionally, there is a change of address card that, if needed, can be completed and included with your dues payment. Also, please include your email address as we continue to attempt to move our future correspondence to email. Finally, enclosed is a New Membership Application for gentlemen whom you would like to nominate for membership. Under our Bylaws, those "who are citizens of the United States of America and/or natives or decedents of natives of Ireland" are considered.

I thank you in advance for your assistance and your continued support! As I am sure is true for all of us, I look forward to the opportunity to "gather" with you to celebrate our friendship and Irish heritage!

Warmest Regards,

W. David FitzPatrick, M.D.
President, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick