

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report December 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We will end the year with nothing but good news. I received an email last night from Brent Fjerestad, our Legislative Political Organizer for Region 5, stating that our long-awaited Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 has moved out of the Ways and Means Committee. In a nutshell this means that the Bill is being marked up and will likely be out for a vote in early 2022. Remember this bill will provide the financial and operational stability that is desperately needed by the Postal Service. It is also advised that we stay away from the "fire Dejoy" agenda. If we lose Dejoy prior to Postal Reform being passed, we could lose our Senate support for the legislation. We have been working for this legislation for the last 14 years, and the opportunity to have it enacted is possible. It is time to rally the troops. I encourage all our members to be prepared to contact their Representatives, and Senators when asked to do so. It would be a fantastic start to 2022!

Also, it is that time of year when we offer the opportunity to apply for the \$1000 Joseph Miller Scholarship. If you do not receive a copy, it will be available on our Iowa Letter Carrier Websites. In the past it has been a fillable application. We also remind everyone that we are back to our in person Spring and Fall Training. The dates will be May 1-3, 2022, and October 23-25, 2022. Registration and room information will be posted on the Website as well. If needed, we will offer virtual attendance as we did for State Convention if Covid again causes problems. I know that we are coming out of a very stressful year for carriers here in Iowa. I continually hear about mandatory overtime and staffing issues you have faced. Hopefully you have seen the appreciation your customers have for all of your hard work. Always remember you are loved by the public, because of the love you show.

Moving into the new year I plan on trying out some advice that was shared with me. A lot of people make New Year's Resolutions. I'm not one of those people. However, my goal for the new year is this. I want to be a person fit to live with. I want to have a faith fit to live by, and a purpose fit to live for. If I'm able to do these three things, 2022 will be a great year for me, and those I love.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! God Bless!

In Solidarity,

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