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8485 Dulwich Road Cordova, Tennessee 38016-5186

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serving people with intellectual disabilities**

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Dear brother Knights,

The M.R. Foundation of Tennessee is working towards our second annual State wide fundraiser for 2015. We need each and every council to place those with Mental Disabilities and the 501C3 organizations that assist them at the top of your priority list. We will begin our second annual MR week on July 24, 2015 and end August 2, 2015.

July 24 is the feast day of Saint Christina, the patron Saint of those with mental disabilities a fitting start for your fundraiser. The first weekend of August is also TAX free weekend in Tennessee and a great opportunity to get in front of stores that will allow it.

Our idea is simple, we will begin with articles placed in all 3 Diocesan newspapers (magazines) in March, May, and July informing all Catholics in Tennessee about the M.R. Foundation, whom we serve, what organizations we support, and the councils at the Parish level, who you serve and why it is vital that we assist those with Mental Disabilities.

This publicity will allow opportunities for the leaders of your council to schedule additional M.R. events to benefit your selected and approved 501C3 organizations, bring clarity to your Parishioners on why we place **Charity**, the first principal of our order on the top of our list, give each council membership opportunities for those Catholic men that are not yet members of our order, so they can join us to serve those children of GOD that are in need.

M.R. Foundation week is in addition to your councils normal drive. The second principal of our order is **UNITY**, we will be bound together, united in action to serve those most in need.

We also will be awarding the council that had an exceptional M.R. Foundation week program in 2014, the first "Foundation Award" at the Friday night reception at the State Convention. The award application is attached, so please fill it out and return it to me by March 15, 2015 at 8485 Dulwich, Cordova TN, 38016.

Fraternally,

John King

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January 10, 2015: Accept the challenge presented to you today at the Mid Year kick off meeting. Take all the received information back to your council and MR chairman so you can plan and run a successful MR drive for your council from July 24, 2015 - August 2, 2015.

February 1, 2015: MR Drive chair should present his plan to his councils officers on the following: Group to support, date of fundraiser, number of volunteers needed, budget for supplies, ask his MR Board representative to attend the next council meeting to review with the council what the board does within the state.

March 1, 2015: Contact the 501c3 group you will support with this year's fundraiser and visit them with your council officers. **1st Article to be published**

April 1, 2015: Finalize your plan for your councils annual MR drive to take place during the week of July 24, 2015. Gather your volunteers and decide how and what your activities will be for the year. Call your MR board contact with any questions. Ask your Parish Priest to have a special mass on July 24, 2015.

May 1, 2015: Attend the MR Board reception at the Marriott Cool Springs during the 2015 Knights of Columbus state convention. We will be awarding the "FOUNDATION WEEK" award at this event. The Grand Knight & Council M.R. Chairman should attend. 8:00 - 10:00 PM at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN.

May 3, 2015: MR Board meeting at the 2015 State Convention. Use this time to ask any questions of the MR board of Directors President, John King. **2nd Article to be published**

June 1, 2015: MR. Chairman should have all names & phone numbers of volunteers, have all the candy purchased, permission from all the stores, copy of Solicitation form from MR Board. If your council is not doing a traditional MR drive, use this date to finalize your plans for your specific activity.

July 1, 2015: Finalize locations and activities for your annual drive, make follow up calls to all volunteers. **3rd Article to be published**

Celebrate Mass on July 24, 2015 at your Parish and ask your Parish Priest to bless your activity. July 24 is the feast day of St. Christina the patron Saint of those with Mental Handicaps.

MR Foundation collection week: July 24, 2015 - August 2, 2015 Conduct your planned activities and report your collections as soon as you have completed your activity to your MR Board representative, and Hunter Nolan. Prepare your distribution request and send them to John Janicek no later than August 31, 2015.

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2015 M.R. Foundation Week Award application

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO JOHN KING BY MARCH 15, 2015.

FROM - GRAND KNIGHT: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

COUNCIL NAME: _____ NUMBER: _____

PROJECT TITLE:

DATE PROJECT CONDUCTED:

501c3 ORGANIZATION(S) YOU SUPPORTED WITH THIS EVENT:

Number of council members participating in this project
....._____.

Amount raised.....\$_____.

Date funds were sent to Hunter Nolan....._____.

Date distribution request was sent to John Janicek....._____.

M.R. Chairman's Name: _____ TELEPHONE: _____.

Award will be presented at the May 1, 2015 State Convention M.R. Foundation reception

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Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD'S, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.