

St. Mary's

Brother Knights,

Brothers here are some updates on St. Mary's that you will find very interesting, and will make you glad that we are a part of St. Mary's love and growth.

I am proud to say that the Knights of Columbus Councils of Louisiana and you my brothers have contributed \$44,030.80 towards the construction of the fifteen group homes this past Fraternal Year. My Brothers you and you councils have done an outstanding job in your support for St. Mary's and our special brothers and sisters. While St. Mary's Group Home Project's timeline has been impacted by the frequent winter rains, St. Mary's did host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of Phase I of the project on May 1, 2019. With the completion of Phase I, being the homes were ready except punch list work, and putting in the new roadway to the homes which weather has delayed road work, there for substantial completion for phase 1 will be early July. Once this milestone is met St. Mary's will begin the licensing process with the State of Louisiana, and when approved the 48 residents will transition from St. Mary's dormitories into a group home setting. Phases II and III of the project are slated to be complete by mid-summer, 2019. Mrs. Christi Guillot and Mrs. Tamara McNulty said that St. Mary's hope to have all of their clients transitioned from dormitories into group homes by this fall. Brothers I personally want to thank each and every one of you and your councils for your support for St. Mary's. I can promise you that your donations do make a difference in each one of these special brothers and sisters of God's lives each and every day. I ask that you please continue to support St. Mary's and our special brother and sisters with your compassionate works and generous donations to the Group Home Project so all of our special brothers and sisters lives can be enriched by a home environment that they soon will be able to live in, excel in independence, and have a better life.

Brothers the next upcoming fund raising event for St. Mary's will be The Greco Bowl with Chef John Foles which scheduled for August 27th. My wife Pam and I have been to every one of the Greco Bowl's since I have been honored to serve as St. Mary's State Chairman, and I can tell you the meal is wonderful, and the fund raiser is a complete success every year. Brothers Knights if you would like to go to the Greco Bowl please go to St. Mary's website and buy your ticket, and join us there.

St. Mary's residents also kicked off their summer break with their annual trip to Splash Kingdom in Shreveport, LA. Thanks to the generosity of the parents of our special brothers and sisters St. Mary's is able to buy out the water park one day a year for their clients to enjoy.

Brothers if any of you or your councils would like to tour St. Mary's please let St. Mary's or I know, and we will be more than happy to show you St. Mary's facility and you will see where your generous works, love, and compassion goes to, and I promise that you will always want to be one of St. Mary's supporters, and part of St. Mary's family.

Vivat Jesus!

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