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It is truly an honor to be Mental Disability Fund Chairman again for this new fraternal year. This past fraternal year through your hard work and dedication your councils raised \$ 170,059.08 to help these very needy citizens in your home towns. This campaign is a very worthy and essential one, as it helps so many people from your home towns. Our tootsie roll drives, and fund raisers help them get special equipment, and other items that help make their lives just a little easier, and manageable. I pray and ask that your councils continue to strive to have charitable hearts, and do the tootsie roll drives, or any type of fund raiser to help Our Lord's special people. Worthy Grand Knights, you will be getting your order forms soon at KCLS, and now is a good time to discuss it at your next council meeting your plans for this campaign. I know that many man hours take place during this campaign, and this is what we stand for, is charity, unity, fraternity, and caring for our Brothers, and Sisters in need. Just knowing that the funds you raise help so many, and the blessings of knowing that you have help someone, and put a smile on their face should warm, and gladden your hearts. Brothers you will see again this year St. Mary's Residential Training School as a beneficiary also. There are many children at St. Mary's, and they come from all over the state of Louisiana, and many are from your home towns. I ask that you please donate a percentage to St. Mary's when it is time for you to pick your beneficiaries.

I pray that every council will have a huge success with your tootsie roll drives, and fund raisers, and if you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me, and I will help you in any way I can.

Vivat Jesus!

Tommy Ruemker



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MENTAL DISABILITY FUND RAISER CAMPAIGN "An Act of Love and Hope for God's Special Citizens"

To: Worthy State Officers,
Worthy District Deputy,
Worthy Grand Knights,
Worthy Members of the State Family,

My Brothers All;

Let us renew our commitment to the support of this most worthy and just campaign. The Mentally Disabled Citizens Fund Raiser Campaign of 2017-2018 fraternal year.

I know the Mentally Disabled Citizens Fund Raiser Campaign will again this year be a huge success, because of you Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Members of the State Family, with your leadership, dedication and unselfish charitable hearts, you will not let these needy citizens down.

OUR STATE NET DISBURSEMENT GOAL TO BENEFICIARIES IS \$325,000.

Now is the time for your council to begin checking your record's to determine if your council will be using candy and or aprons for this year's campaign. Please be ready with your order when your District Deputy asks. Also, remember payment is due when you place your order.

Solicitations of one penny - nickel - dime - quarter at a time, along with requested donations and Special Event fund raisers, from small bayou towns and large cities through out the State of Louisiana by the Knights of Columbus Council Members and Friends, gives financial support to Schools, Agencies and Insititutions serving the Mentally Disabled Citizens of Louisiana. Yes, Brother Knights - a penny is so small it takes 100 of them to add up to a dollar. Yet penny by penny the 185 councils in the state raised nearly \$191,000 last fraternal year during our state wide campaign.

There is something for us all to remember, and this is, we may feel that what we do to help others doesn't really amount to much. But one little penny collected by this Brother Knight and other pennies by other Brother Knights can build up until the total disbursement state wide to your benefactors seems almost miraculous. Faith, Hope and Love abide... and the greatest of these God said is Love....

Thank you - Vivat Jesus

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MDF Chairman



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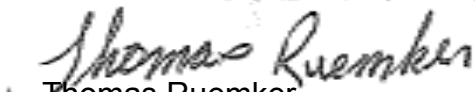
MENTAL DISABILITY FUND DRIVE 2017 - 2018 July 1, 2017 to March 30, 2018 K.C.L.S.

OUR STATE WIDE KICK OFF DATE IS OCTOBER 6-8, 2017

In your packets you should find:

1. Order form for those that will need Aprons and or Candy with a deadline date for ordering.
Contact your District Deputy for details. Candy & Aprons MUST be paid in advance.
2. Candy and Aprons MUST BE PAID when placing order with District Deputy.
3. Hints and Suggestions for a successful fund drive campaign.
4. Announcements for Publicity of Our kick off of this years Fund Drive Campaign.
5. Outline of the MDF State Program.
6. MDF Prayer.
7. This year's Statewide Goal for the MDF Campaign is a net fund drive of \$325,000.
8. Last year's fund drive netted nearly State Wide \$171,000.
9. Financial Statement Report Form

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June 28, 2017

Worthy Grand Knight:

The 43rd Annual Campaign to Aid the Mental Disabled is scheduled for the weekend of October 6-8, 2017. You need to meet with your District Deputy as soon as possible and place your order for candy and aprons you will need. **Please note a change in the program, as you will need to submit a check to cover costs of candy and aprons!** Your District Deputy has the candy order form, and it must be completed and **POSTMARKED** no later than **August 5, 2017**.

Please be aware that the price of the candy is \$19.50 per case of 300. Aprons will be \$8.50 each plus \$12.00 postage and handling.

This year we set for ourselves a campaign goal of \$325,000. This figure is both reasonable and attainable. Your help is urgently needed to instill in your council leaders the desire and enthusiasm to make a concerted effort for this worthy cause. Beside the candy drive, ask your councils to consider "Special Event" Fund Raisers as well. It is an excellent way to have a fund raiser.

Our news releases and publicity will be geared toward the weekend of October 7-9, 2016; however, if your council, because of local conflict or other reasons, wish to use a subsequent weekend, you are certainly free to do so.

The close of the drive this year will be **MARCH 31, 2018**. The campaign awards will be given out along with all the other awards at the State Convention.

Please feel free to contact me or the State Office if we can assist you in any way. Let's make this year's campaign a successful tribute to our beloved Bishop Greco who always considered people of mental disability special people of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas Ruemker



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2017-2018 MENTAL DISABILITY FUND DRIVE OCTOBER 6th, 7th and 8th

The DD's have the Order form for those that will need Aprons and or Candy with the deadline date and cost.

Grand Knights, Should find In their packets:

- * Hints and Suggestions for a successful fund drive campaign.
- * Announcements for Publicity of Our kick off of this fund drive.
- * Our Renewed Commitment and Goal on this years MDF Campaign
- * How the State MDF judges councils for awards
- * St. Mary's resolution passed at the State Convention
- * Also a very important paper, the "FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT FORM".

Our net goal Statewide for this year's fund drive is \$325,000.

For this year I would love to see 100% participation by all the Councils in the state. Even if it comes down to have a drive at your meetings from the membership of \$100.00. A beneficiary for those councils that don't have a Beneficiary you could use St. Mary's Residential Training Facility they will be thankful. So, Please have a fund drive this year.

You have from July 1, 2017 until March 31, 2018 to have a fund drive, but you have to have the Financial Statement Report Form in the State Office on/before March 31, 2018, to be eligible for the points for the State Deputy's Trophy we ask all councils that can, to have their fund drive the weekend of October 6th, 7th and 8th. Your council can have a fund drive after March 31, 2018 but you will not receive points towards the State Deputy's trophy, but you will be helping a beneficiary by having one.

Last year's fund drive netted Statewide nearly \$171,000.

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Let's again have a successful State Program this fraternal year and to do so, we need the help of all Area Coordinators, District Deputies and Grand Knights and his MDF Chairman. And we must be sure everyone understands the information and instructions for having this very important State Program, the program is only for helping Schools and Agencies that support People with Mental Disability.

HERE IS AN OUTLINE OF THE STATE PROGRAM:

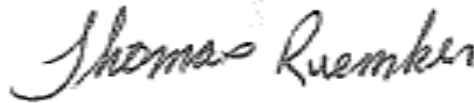
1. The Grand Knights and his MDF Chairman must know what this program encompasses:
 - a) Order & PAY for candy and aprons from District Deputy.
 - b) Getting out the Publicity of this State program to the public.
 - c) Plan the date and type of your Council's Fund Drive.
 - d) Get the manpower to complete a successful Fund Drive.
2. Having the Fund Drive, July 1st 2017 ending March, 31, 2018.
3. If the council has not already selected their Beneficiary, then, now is the time to select one.
4. After the Fund Drive Campaign is over Complete the Financial Statement Report Form and attach your check made payable to Louisiana K of C Mental Disability Fund. Mail the completed form with your check to: Knights of Columbus State Office, P. O. Box 51166, Lafayette, La. 70505. It must arrive before March 31, 2018 in order for your council to receive the 10 points in the State Ranking. (this is the cut off date for points for the State Deputy's trophy). Please Note: if your council ordered candy or aprons and they only send in a check covering the cost of the candy or aprons they are not eligible for MDF points in the State Ranking.
5. Grand Knights please try to hold your distribution checks to (1) one, or (2) two, as this will hold down the State's expense for this fund drive. Those Councils that need more than (2) two checks should alternate each year with the Beneficiaries that receive the Council's fund drive. See page 2.
6. The State Office will mail back to you a State Council MDF check made out to the Beneficiary that is on the Financial Statement Report Form. When your Council makes the presentation of the check to your Beneficiary, please do it at a K of C function for all to see. Also, the Beneficiary should be instructed to deposit this check as soon as possible, the check is only good for 90 days from the date issued. The State Council must close the fraternal year's fund raising campaign checking account and this is done when all canceled checks are received and accounted for.
7. The time period for this year's program is from July 1st, 2017 through March 30th, 2018. The report of your fund drive funds, to the State Council must be done with the Financial Statement Report Form and it must arrive at the State Office before March 31st 2018 in order to receive the 10 points towards the State Deputy's trophy.

8. We greatly recommend someone from your Council take the time to visit these beautiful people and to let themselves feel their love, please do so it will make all the difference in making your Council's fund drive a success.

a) Your Council should look into what your Beneficiary does with the money given to them. Ask that they let you know for what is the money being used and then inform your membership, it is right for them to know as well as those people from whom the money was collected. It is always best for your next fund drive to let everyone know where the money goes, even publish your findings in the Council, Parish and local Media.

9. If your beneficiary's check is lost the Grand Knight will have to request a new check from the State Council in writing to replace the lost check. The State Council will deduct \$10.00 per check request to cover the stop payment procedures and other expenses involved.

10. Grand Knight, your Council will only receive points toward the State Deputy's Trophy if the Council sends their fund drive money through the State Council using the Financial Statement Report form that must arrive before March 31, 2018. Please send all funds through the State Council in order for your Council to receive credit for having a fund drive.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Riemker".

Thomas Riemker
State MDF Chairman



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Worthy Brother Knight;

Brother Knights, I know you and your councils will be doing the best you can for this most worthy campaign. We know there will be some councils who will not contribute and we again ask those councils to do their best to have a fund drive. We are not looking for councils to raise millions, small fund drives are also welcomed. We are very sorry because it is the schools and agencies that need small donations and or the ones that suffer from you not having a fund drive. To those Councils that did not have a fund drive in the past, I beg you to have a fund drive as soon as possible, for the sake of the people with mental disability in your area.

Brothers whatever the amount of the fund drive the Beneficiary that receives these funds will be grateful for your efforts, hard work and dedication as well as your financial support. "THANK YOU" Brother Knights for supporting this program.

Don't forget you must remember to complete and turn in the "FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT FORM" with the fund drive funds to the State Office on or before March 31, 2018. Also please read over the information being requested from you on this form. We need the information in order to process the check that is returned to you with the name of your Beneficiary.

Grand Knights please be on the lookout for your Beneficiary's check that the State Office will return to you. I give this warning because through the years we have had many checks lost that were sent to the Grand Knight. Your council members and family have worked hard raising this money to have the checks lost or misplaced. Remember your Beneficiary is counting on receiving this money they so desperately need. When you make the presentation of the check to your Beneficiary ask them to deposit the check as soon as possible. The reason is, this helps the State office in closing out each fraternal year's campaign. We also must have a Zero (0) balance in the MDF bank account every June 30th for the previous fraternal year.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT FORM

PROCEDURES:

1. Complete this form and mail to the above address with check or money order for TOTAL MONEY received by **MARCH 31, 2018**. Keep a copy of this form for your Council's file.
2. Total money received must be mailed to address above. Make checks payable to "LOUISIANA K.C. MENTAL DISABILITY FUND". All funds received either through candy solicitations or through special events, are to be forwarded to the State Council Office. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Designate your beneficiary(ies). According to the Supreme Council by-laws, **A BENEFICIARY MUST BE AN AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR ASSOCIATION SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY DISABLED, NO CHECKS MAY BE MADE OUT TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR A COUNCIL.** If you have more than one beneficiary, please complete the "% of Total Amount" column.
4. All checks payable to your beneficiary will be forwarded to your Council for distribution.
5. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE, AND MUST ACCOMPANY THE ORDER FORM!!!** . All councils contributing will NOT be charged an administrative fee for checks written, but a \$10 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE will be charged for EACH BENEFICIARY CHECK RE-WRITTEN.
6. MAIL TO: Knights of Columbus M.D.F. Campaign, P.O. Box 51166, Lafayette, LA 70505-1166.

DATE: _____ COUNCIL NUMBER: _____ GRAND KNIGHT: _____

GRAND KNIGHT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME(S) OF YOUR COUNCIL BENEFICIARY(IES)	% OF TOTAL AMOUNT
St. Mary's Residential Training School	
P.O. Drawer 7768, Alexandria, LA 71306	

“An Act of Love and Hope, For God’s Special Citizens”

HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

The true secret of success in our campaign is MANPOWER!!! “The more people working, the greater chance for more contributions!” But how do you get MANPOWER to work? ORGANIZATION! Plan beforehand exactly where you will be soliciting; a shopping center, at the drive-in windows of a bank (especially on Friday evenings), sporting events, and other areas where “people traffic” can be expected to be heavy. Get your help from as many sources as possible. Ask your Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and/or CYO unit. High School Religious Ed Classes also call upon students to render service hours so this is another source. Contact the local Association for Mental Disability who usually are glad to assist. Don’t forget the Ladies Auxiliary and the Squires. BUT MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE MANPOWER ASSIGNED AND READY!!!!

CAUTION! WATCH YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS! Nothing hurts the good will towards the Knights of Columbus and the Council like failure to clear all working locations with the property and business owners. Check to see if a permit is necessary or any other written permission and take care of this NOW - well in advance of the working dates. Maintain the Good Will of the Community! THAT GOOD WILL DETERMINES HOW WELL YOU WILL DO IN THE CAMPAIGN

IDENTIFICATION! IT’S IMPORTANT! Be sure your workers are adequately identified by the KC aprons they wear, or the caps, or the vests or whatever but make sure the public can see that your workers represent the K of C and that their efforts are for the mentally disabled.

PUBLICITY can really help you with identification. If your community hears about the campaign on radio and television and reads about it in the newspapers, the public will readily recognize your workers. Use as much publicity exposure as your Publicity Chairman can secure. Tell him to use the results of past campaigns in those releases. People like to be a part of a successful undertaking. Tell him to identify the agencies serving the mental disabled in your locality that you have assisted with beneficiary checks in the past - and if you have already decided to whom your funds will go, publicize that as well. A proclamation from your Mayor or city government is always of great benefit to your campaign efforts.

****PLEASE NOTE WELL!** ENCLOSED IS YOUR COUNCIL’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT FORM. Please do not lose it. This form is to be used when your drive is completed but PLEASE FILE IMMEDIATELY upon completion of the drive. Send the **ENTIRE AMOUNT** collected to the STATE COUNCIL OFFICE along with the Financial Statement Report Form listing your beneficiary agency(ies) by correct name - PLEASE!! DO NOT deduct ANYTHING from the funds collected. The State Office staff will handle all of the bookkeeping and this procedure is a requirement of the Supreme Council in allowing us to use the emblem and name of the Knights of Columbus in our campaign. The State Council Office address is P. O. Box 51166, Lafayette, LA 70505-1166.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY because he will be notified when the candy arrives if it isn’t going to him directly. Please make sure you pick up what was ordered for your council, because you WILL BE charged for what was ordered.

CAMPAIGN AWARDS! The State Council will award plaques to the top four councils (on the basis of per-capita donations) in each of three membership Groups: Group I - those councils of 110 or more members; Group II - those of 60 to 109 members; and Group III - those of 59 members or less. TO QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THESE AWARDS, your Council’s contributions MUST REACH the State Council Office by **MARCH 31, 2018.** May God Bless Your Efforts With Success!!!!



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CHURCH BULLETIN
RADIO AND TV SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For use in LOCAL PUBLICITY in the
43rd Annual KC Mental Disability Fund**

50 SECOND SPOT

Today, Louisiana’s Knights of Columbus seek a better life for the mental disabled in their annual KC three day Fund Raising campaign. You can support this worthy effort by making a donation to the KC Campaign for the Mental Disabled which will be held in communities throughout the State of Louisiana. Every dime or dollar will be appreciated. So make this a great weekend for the 100 thousand children and adults of Louisiana who suffer from mental disabilities. Donate to the Knights of Columbus campaign (Insert your Council Name, Number and Address and/or telephone number) on Friday, October 6th, Saturday, October 7th, and Sunday October 8th, and give thousands of our fellow Louisianans, our very special mentall disabled citizens, a chance to know how much we care. Thank you!

50 SECOND SPOT

There are 100,000 mental disabled children and adults in Louisiana, and they need your support. Now you can help by making a donation during the Knights of Columbus statewide Fund Raising campaign for the Mental Disabled on October 6th, 7th and 8th.

From your contribution, the Mental Disabled in Louisiana will receive the support they need so that they too can live, learn, and develop to their full potential. So on Friday, October 6th, or Saturday, the 7th, and Sunday, the 8th, walk to your business district, shopping center, or main street and help your local Knights of Columbus volunteer with their drive...by making a donation to the fund for the mentally disabled in Louisiana. It’s just a small way to say you care very much but a big way to do your share. Thank you!

30 SECOND SPOT

On October 6th, the Knights of Columbus will kick off their three day, statewide campaign for the Mentally Disabled citizens Fund Raising Drive in Louisiana. You can support this worthy effort by making a donation during the drive being run by your local Knights of Columbus volunteers. Your contribution will help the Mentally Disabled to develop and work and enjoy the same freedoms you do. Show these deserving people how much you care. Join the KC Drive, October 6-8. Thank you!

30 SECOND SPOT

Let's get together with the Knights of Columbus on October 6th, 7th, and 8th, to help the mentally disabled. On those three days, the KC volunteers will be asking their fellow citizens of Louisiana to participate in the Knights 43rd Annual Campaign to Aid the Mentally Disabled. Last year, the Campaign made available over \$325 thousand to assist them and with your help, the Knights hope that assistance will top the \$325 thousand figure this year. When contacted, be generous in your support.

10 SECOND SPOT

The Mentally Disabled in Louisiana need your support. You can help these deserving citizens by supporting the Knights of Columbus drive in your community October 6-8th. Thank you!

10 SECOND SPOT

There are 100,000 mentally disabled people in Louisiana who need your help. Please support them through the Knights of Columbus campaign for the Mentally Disabled October 6th, 7th, and 8th.

10 SECOND SPOT

Join the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in raising \$325,000 for the Mentally Disabled on October 6th, 7th, and 8th. "An Act of Love and Hope, For God's Special Citizens."



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PRAYER FOR MENTAL DISABILITY FUND DRIVE

Our Prayer to God

Lord; be with those of Mental Disability in their trials,

Lighten their hearts and protect them from harm and hurt.

Bolster their confidence and strength,

Help them find satisfaction in what they do.

Make all K of C members and the Public more aware of their gifts,

More sensitive to their needs,

More willing to reach out to them,

May they always be a reminder of our own dependency?

On You and Your deep an enduring Love for all of us,

Amen.



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Worthy Grand Knight:

Have your public relations chairmen make photocopies of this news release and hand deliver it to the news media in your area.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LOUISIANA KNIGHTS SET OCTOBER 6-8 KICKOFF FOR MENTAL DISABILITY FUND DRIVE

LAFAYETTE, LA - The Knights of Columbus throughout Louisiana are preparing for the 43rd Annual Campaign to Aid the Mentally Disabled by focusing their attention on fund-raising efforts for the weekend of October 6-8. According to Campaign Chairman Thomas Ruemker of Prairieville, this year's goal is set at \$325,000.00.

"Since 1975, state KCs have been able to provide over 9.1 million dollars to agencies in Louisiana serving the needs of the mentally disabled," Ruemker reported, "and we are very proud of our past accomplishments. Nearly \$226,000 was collected last year, so this year's goal is a reasonable one."

"In spite of, and, indeed, because of, the state's continuing economic conditions, we must renew our awareness that the needs of the mentally disabled are ongoing," the campaign chairman explained.

Shopping centers and other "people traffic" areas throughout the state will be populated with KC members and their families during the campaign weekend as they distribute whatever and seek donations for the mentally disabled. A set monetary donation is not suggested or requested, but rather the donor is asked to contribute only what the donor wishes.

Campaign donations return directly to the local areas from which they are received. The local KC efforts benefit from the statewide exposure and coverage, but it is the local community agencies serving the needs of the mental disabled in that community that will become the beneficiaries. When each local KC Council turns in its collected funds to the State Office, that local council designates the agencies serving the disabled that will be the beneficiaries of its collections.

The local KC Councils will be assisted by the local units of the Louisiana Association for Mental Disability Citizens by securing campaign manpower. Additionally, a number of other civic groups and clubs throughout the state, including the Boy and Girls Scouts and the Columbian Squire Circles, will participate in the campaign effort. The Knights of Columbus members, their families and friends with their K of C Aprons - Vest and Caps are a reminder that the mental disabled citizens need help. Varying degrees of self-sufficiency can be taught to the mentally disabled, thereby helping them in their personal daily tasks and functions, and it is through your donations that agencies are better able to extend their services to the mentally disabled.

Campaign funds accepted by the KC workers and their families during the week of October 6-8 will be the community's contribution toward helping the mentally disabled citizens of that community, so when a volunteer from the Knights of Columbus offers you a container for a contribution - give generously and you will be doing your part to help the mentally disabled citizens who depend on your support.



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FUND RAISER FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITY

How Councils are judged for Awards in the State MDF Program

1. Candy solicitation and special events are combined for a one total amount.
2. Awards presented will be Winner, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 4th Place in Groups 1, 2 & 3.
3. Any Council winning three (3) consecutive years will be placed into a special category, and will not be eligible to participate for the Winning position in that membership group for the next three (3) years.
4. During a Council's three (3) years of ineligibility, and the Council continues to be the winner of that membership group, the Council will be honored with a Special Certificate of Appreciation at the Convention Awards presentation.
5. After a Council completes three (3) years of ineligibility, the Council will be eligible to participate for the winning position, and trophy in its membership group.

Sincerely,


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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21 2005 State Convention

By: Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

Purpose: To help St. Mary's Training Facility with their planned \$3.9 million expansion project by dedicating a suggested percentage of THIRTY PERCENT or a percentage as determined by the council's within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of our annual Citizens with Mental Disabilities Fund Drive for that project in honor of our State Chaplain Msgr. Joseph Susi.

Whereas: In 1954, our beloved Bishop Charles P. Greco built a beautiful residential facility for people with mental disabilities from ages 3 to 21; and

Whereas: St. Mary's has served Gods most vulnerable people in this beautiful facility for 50 years; and

Whereas: St. Mary's now finds it necessary to build five new group homes to serve adults with mental disabilities and autism; and

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus of the Louisiana Jurisdiction has helped with the original construction of St. Mary's; and

Whereas: The St. Mary's Board of Directors through our State Chaplain, Msgr. Joseph .Susi, has asked us for a pledge of \$500,000 over the next five years to assist them; and

Whereas: In order to insure that this request is fulfilled the Louisiana State Council wishes to set up a specific funding method; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Kenner, Louisiana on April 29th, 30th and May 1st, 2005 for their 100th Annual Meeting vote to dedicate a percentage as determined by the council's with a suggested percentage of THIRTY PERCENT within the Louisiana Jurisdiction of proceeds from each council's campaign for people with mental disabilities to St. Mary's Training Facility until the goal of \$500,000 has been reached.

Respectfully submitted :

/s/ Elected State Officers & Past State Deputies

ACTION TAKEN :	Elected State Officers	ADOPTED
	Past State Deputies	ADOPTED
	Resolutions Committee	ADOPTED
	State Council	ADOPTED