**Joseph M Johnson Knights of Columbus Council 7538 2024 Survey**

1. N/A
2. **What do you think the strengths are for the JMJ Council 7538?**

* Hard working members who share common goal
* Geeting to know new people
* Developing friendships
* In group with men who practice prayer and Christian values
* Positive opinion from church community
* Good group of men who like to work together
* Group involvement with church and community
* Fellowship
* Goodwill
* Dedicated men
* Council supports many good charities
* Many brothers participate
* Group works well together
* Recruiting
* Diversity of talents and skills

1. **What do you think the weaknesses are for the JMJ Council 7538?**

* Low percentage of knights participate
* Meetings not organized or too long
* Need to better plan activities and spread out over the year
* Need to recruit younger members
* Need to do more with new knights
* Need more fun activities and not as many fundraising
* Need more focus on Supreme’s goals
* Need more out of the box thinking
* Need to embrace web technology

1. **If there is one thing you could change, what would it be? Please be specific.**

* Limit number of activities/develop annual event plan
* Shorten meeting time and organize meetings better
* Increase knight participation
* Do more outreach projects towards council members or survivors or church members in need of assistance.
* Request that all knights work at least one event per year
* Focus more on needs of parish members and local organizations
* Have a mass for the council at least once each fraternal year

1. **What topics (3 to 5) do you think should be discussed at the JMJ Council 7538 Retreat?**

* Meetings structure and organization
* Scheduling/annual events plan
* Charities/fund raising/projects
* Budget/annual food budget
* Increase member involvement
* Review by-laws and update process
* Scheduling at least two financial benefit events each year
* Membership recruitment
* Select leads or chairs for each activity
* Communication

**Note: For questions 6, 7, and 8- The bold items are ones somebody suggested dropping. The highlighted ones are items two plus people suggested dropping. New ideas were added at the end of each question**

1. **The following is a list of fund-raising activities that we have participated in. Please cross off any you think we should drop. Please add any additional annual fund-raising activities you think we should participate in.**

Woodworking Brunswick Stew Chicken Soup Italian Dinner Kovar Strawberry Faire **Christmas Card Sales** **Football Frenzy** **Raffles**  Golf Outing 50/50 Raffles

**New:** Train day, beer and hymns, classic car show church parking lot

1. **The following is a list of other activities that we participated in. Please cross off any you think we should drop. Please add any additional activities you think we should participate in.**

Valentine Dinner Shrove Tuesday Pancakes **St Mary’s Pantry**

Ashland Circles Dinner Dance for the Disabled Taste of St Ann’s

Veteran’s Dinner **Veteran’s Day Dinner** **Ronald McDonald House** March for Life

**New:** Habitat for humanity, Moments of Hope, Fatherhood Foundation, pancake breakfasts after mass

1. **The following is a list of charities that we have supported. Please cross off any you think we should drop. Please add any additional charities you think we should support.**

Scholarships Coats for Kids Sponsor a Seminarian ARC of Hanover Children’s Cancer Activities **Women’s Center**

**St Mary’s Pantry** St Ann’s Youth **Polar Plunge**

**Special Olympics** VA Hospital **VKCCI** **Ukraine** Christmas Donations to St Ann and St Mary Parishes

**New:** ACES,Cross Catholic Charities, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Circles of Hanover

**Remarks:**

Focus on running meetings more efficiently

Need better coordination of events  
Rethink meetings, every two weeks is repetitive

Need to better divide workload

Need an annual food budget