

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
- Getting 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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
ARC of Hanover
St Mary's Pantry
Special Olympics
Ukraine

Coats for Kids
Children's Cancer Activities
St Ann's Youth
VA Hospital
Christmas Donations to St Ann and St Mary Parishes

Sponsor a Seminarian
Women's Center
Polar Plunge
VKCCI

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