**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOSEPH M. JOHNSON COUNCIL 7538 2024 RETREAT AGENDA**

**24 February 2024**

**Purpose**: An opportunity for all Knights who wish to participate to voice their ideas and opinions on the operations of the Council. Four areas of interest have been selected for discussion at the retreat based on a survey of Brother Knights. The Retreat will start at 10:00 and take place at St Ann’s Church in Ashland, Virginia. OVERALL GOAL: A better organized and engaged council.

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome by the Grand Knight David Frank

10:05 – 10:10 Administrative Announcements John Williams

10:10 – 10:15 Rules of the Retreat Kevin Jones

10:15 – 10:25 Survey Results John Williams

10:25 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Topic # 1**: Ways to increase participation and spread the work load.

Outcome: Form a committee to present a draft plan at the April 2024 Member Meeting

11:15 – 12:00 **Topic #2**: Develop an Annual Work Plan that spreads out the work over the year better than in the past.

Outcome: Committee to develop a plan for presentation and approval at the March 2024 Member Meeting

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1300 **Topic #3**: Improve the organization and structure of the meetings

Outcome: Committee to standardize protocols and standards for future meetings.

13:30 – 1400 **Topic #4**: Discuss ideas on how to raise money and spend the money.

Outcome: Decide priorities and processes for how the council manages money.

14:00 Clean up and return parish hall to standard configuration.

Rules for the Retreat

1. Be civil and polite
2. Raise your hand to be called upon for your turn to speak
3. No attacks on individual brothers
4. Keep sidebar conversation at a whisper and at a minimum
5. Do not interrupt or cut off a brother who is speaking
6. Obey time limits imposed by moderator
7. Help take notes (2 note takers per table)
8. Stay on schedule