

January 31, 2017

Dear Worthy Chaplains, Faithful Friars, and Former State Chaplains,

Greetings in Christ!

With this letter I invite you to come to the State Convention April 28-30, 2017 at Kearney, Nebraska. This is our annual gathering of Knights throughout the State of Nebraska to renew our connections, honor those who receive awards for their outstanding involvement in the Knights, and promote the continued health and growth of active Knights, of active Catholic men.

Thank you for your involvement with the Knights, both past and present. Success of the Knights in being active and strong is in large part due to the support and spiritual formation that you provide to those in your care.

Realizing that priests who are active in parish ministry will not often be able to come for the weekend, the focus for the priests will be on Friday afternoon and evening. We will have a meeting of the chaplains on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 4:00 -5:15 P.M. At that meeting I plan to have a short program. I also wish to have time to share ideas of how you are helping the Knights for whom you are chaplains so that through the exchange of approaches we all might be able to offer them better spiritual formation.

Following our meeting, we can join the reception hosted by the Knights of Columbus Insurance Agencies.

The evening meal on Friday is the Awards Banquet. While there is a cost to put on the event, State Deputy Tony Hergott wants to help make it more possible for you to attend if you wish. He said to reduce the price of the meal from \$32 to \$20 for the priests. It is a joyful occasion celebrating the good works done by so many Knights and councils.

Thank you again for your dedication and service to the Knights of Columbus, and I hope you will join us at the convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Rev. John Rooney
State Chaplain