

“YOU’VE GOT TO KNOW THE KING”

These words were uttered by Sir Knight, Father Ed Knirck, S.J., when we met with him to plan for the Fall State KofC Retreat. Fr. Ed, who recently obtained 4th Degree status at Padre Pio, is the leader for the retreat, as he was last year. He is also the Administrator for the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia, CO. Vice Supreme Master, Jerry O’Connor, Sir Knight, Bill Duster and I met with Father Ed over lunch to lay out a general approach to the State Retreat.

As we walked into the Retreat House, located just west of Sedalia in the “hill country,” I was in awe with the quiet and peaceful atmosphere that greeted us. This is a place of serene holiness, I thought. Of course, it is one of my favorite places to visit, often with a Brother Knight to say the Rosary at the beautiful Stations of the Cross.

Over lunch, Father Ed made no bones about the purpose of the retreat: to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ... “We lack a conscious reflection on Christ.” The retreat will focus on the 4 principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and how we can practice them to get closer to Christ. We also agreed that following each session on one of the principles, there would be group sessions of @ 8 Knights each to discuss what was taught. Our “Knights to Christ” prayer book will be the centerpiece for the retreat. There will be 2 Masses, Confessions and one-on-one sessions with the priests as needed. A big hit last year was the “walking Rosary” around the Retreat Center campus. That will be repeated this year. The Supreme Council is looking at this retreat as a possible prototype for the Order. We hope all Knights in Colorado will give it serious consideration.

The Retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 21 to Sunday noon, October 23 at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Sedalia, CO, www.sacredheartretreat.com. Make your reservations now by calling 303-688-4198, ext. 122. The recommended contribution for the weekend is \$180 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. If you think you can’t afford it, come anyway. No Knight will be turned away because of a lack of finances. Call now, the capacity is 45 Knights (private Rooms).

Father Ed’s message to all Knights- “You’ve got to know the King--Jesus Christ!” And we will get to know him better at the State KofC C retreat!—Bruce Tawson, Editor