

Religious Information Bureau

“Changing Lives through Evangelization & Renewal”

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I. What is The Religious Information Bureau?

The Religious Information Bureau (R.I.B.) was founded several decades ago in order to help non-Catholics learn about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Today the R.I.B. continues to help others learn more about our Church and its teachings through our partnership with Catholic Home Study (C.H.S.). Non-Catholics and Catholics might take the Home Study Courses through the C.H.S. in order to learn about Catholicism prior to joining the Church or to expand their knowledge of Church teachings and the Bible. They can also obtain informational pamphlets on various topics related to our Faith. Councils order these pamphlets through the C.H.S. office for display in their local parish and at community social events. R.I.B. also provides funding for advertising of the Home Study Courses in publications throughout the country and via the Internet for the rest of the world. All of these things help our Order's evangelization efforts on behalf of our Church. We want as many people as possible to take advantage of these materials and services, but with more success comes more expenses. Your donations to the Religious Information Bureau are the key to the continued success of this Program.

II. Our Goal for 2017-2018 is \$285,000, and Everyone Can Help Us Reach this Goal

We ask that every Knight support the Religious Information Bureau by giving at least \$7.50 through his Council, as each Council is assigned a quota based on \$7.50 per member. Each member of the Ladies Auxiliary is asked to give \$3.75. Fourth Degree Assemblies, Columbian Squires, Columbus Girls, and Clown Clubs are asked to donate what they can to this Program. With 100% participation from the roughly 43,000 Knights in Missouri, we would raise \$322,500. Add \$15,000 from the Ladies Auxiliaries and the total grows to \$337,500!

III. How Councils and Members can Help Achieve our Goal

Include the R.I.B. donation with your Council or Auxiliary dues notice. This is the easiest way to meet your quota.

Hold a parish/community fundraiser and donate the proceeds to the R.I.B.

Promote making a gift to the R.I.B. as part of member's personal estate planning.