



As the Season of Lent draws to a close and we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Ministry Team and staff of King's House wish you a blessed and holy Easter and Easter Season!

Then the angel said to the women in reply,  
"Do not be afraid!  
I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.  
He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.  
Come and see the place where he lay.  
Then go quickly and tell his disciples,  
'He has been raised from the dead,'" Matthew 28:5-7



## Here's what they're saying about King's House

- A place to find solitude, a place to find rest, a place to find God, a place to find me! – *Mark*
- This was my second time to this retreat. It was beneficial to me to get some time for reflection and self-understanding. The atmosphere and services let to a great weekend. I recommend it to all. – *Brian*
- I'm always amazed at the excellent food. My compliments to your chef! And thank you to all who helped prepare and clean up. The service is wonderful here! – *Anita*

Call to reserve your spot on an upcoming retreat or day of prayer:

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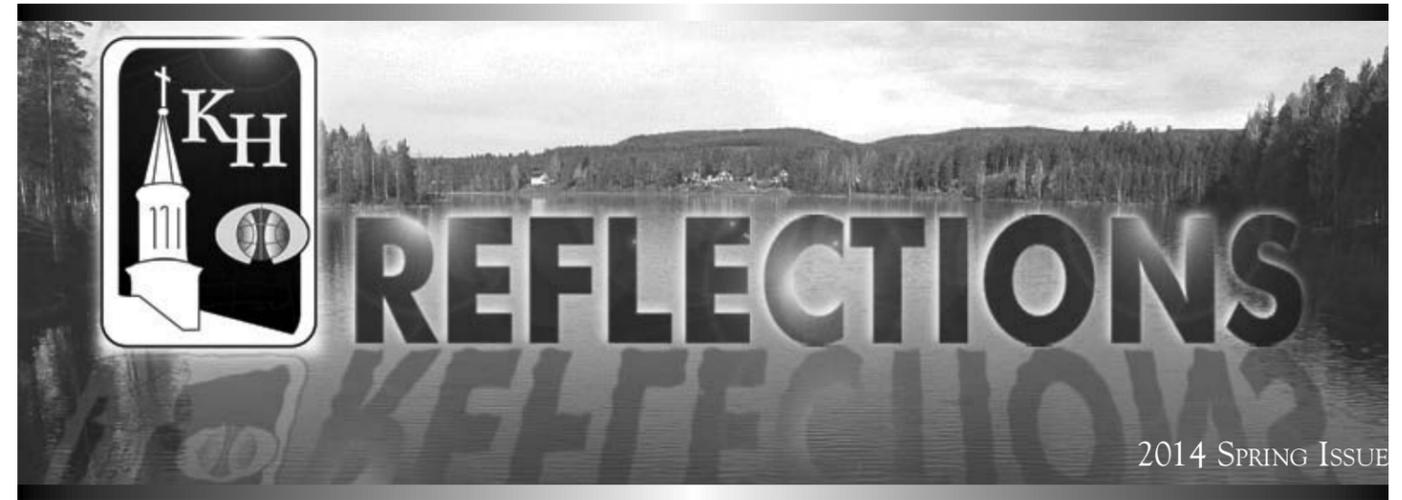
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[www.KingsRetreatCenter.org](http://www.KingsRetreatCenter.org)

## Art and Spirituality Retreat by Fr. Mark Dean, OMI & King's House Staff July 14th—20th



Come join us for a week of exploring how artistic expressions provide pathways to the soul as well as to the Spirit which undergirds all Creation, including our own hearts. Art in its many expressions (music, poetry, pottery, sculpting, painting, weaving, film, etc.) will be considered in both the presentations and group discussions. Good food and mindful liturgies will sustain us in body and soul during this time of creative reflection upon the relationship between the works of our hands and the work of our hearts. Jesus said we must be as little children to enter the Kingdom of God. Bring your "child-within" and come out to play! Visit our website for registration information: [www.KingsRetreatCenter.org](http://www.KingsRetreatCenter.org)



### DIRECTOR'S CORNER



In this issue of Reflections, there are a number of things I would like to bring to your attention. But first, it is our hope that you and your loved ones are experiencing the joy and hope of being loved and held in God's tender care. This faith is at the heart of all we seek to do here at King's House: share the Good News!

One of the signs of a living organization is transition: not the feel of turbulence and chaos but rather the more positive kind of change and growth. This is surely a part of the present moment at King's House. Let me highlight some of the "transition points" of late –

- Colette Taylor has worked at King's House for over ten years, and for me has been a living example of a staff member who just goes ahead and handles "other duties as needed" (a familiar phrase from our job descriptions). People have consistently marveled at the woman, seen one moment at the front desk, and then she appears out in the garden or cutting grass. Her contributions have been enormous, and the fact that it will take multiple people to "cover her territory" is a tribute. We wish her well as she moves to Montana to begin a new phase in her life. Thanks for a job well-done, Colette!



- Fr. Ray Cook, OMI, will be leaving us this summer. He has been appointed to the Campus Ministry Department at Rice

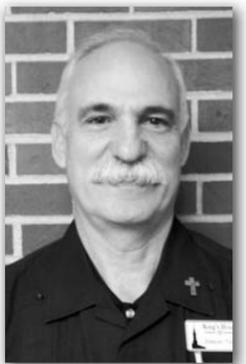
University in Houston, TX. During his time with us here at King's House, he has shared his talents and his "youthful energy" and has truly enhanced our ministry of sharing God's love and mercy with all who come here. We will miss him, and wish him many blessings in his new mission on campus.



- Maria Rodgers O'Rourke has joined our staff as Communications Manager, joining her skills to our growing efforts to communicate the Gospel message, in a special way through the newer media of website, e-mail, and the various social media. She will also help us "dress up" the various print media we employ to "keep in touch" with the friends of King's House. Welcome aboard! (Maria continues on our preaching team!)

- We are in the process of hiring a full-time person to anchor the front office as our Hospitality and Communications Coordinator. This is our "first responder" who answers the phone, greets guests who come through the door, and in general represents King's House to all who inquire, walk in, or call with questions about retreats, rentals, and everything under the sun.

- A new face in the house: since January, Deacon Tom Franklin has been a member of the Oblate Community here at King's House. While not formally on our staff, he has been able to help us out as co-presenter on several retreats, with hosting duties, and a general



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friendly hand. Tom is discerning a vocation to the Oblate community, and is spending some months here during a pre-novitiate experience, and he is also helping out as a deacon in hospital visitation and preaching opportunities in a local parish, as well as some weekly presence at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. It's good to have Tom with us!

• And finally, an exciting development for me is the

beginning of an Advisory Council for King's House. We Oblates have always tried to collaborate with lay men and women in our ministries. This Advisory Council is a concrete way to engage the faith and the skills of both lay and religious men and women who care about the mission of King's House, as we seek to forge a sustainable and creative future for our Retreat and Renewal Ministries. We are grateful to a number of very busy men and women who have agreed to serve on this Advisory Council to help us grow and develop!

Brother Pat McGee, OMI

## WAITING FOR THE SPRING BLOOMS!

As we welcome the beauty of spring, we are reminded of the severe cold and draught we've experienced in recent years. We ask your help in enhancing the beauty at King's House. If you would like to donate outside plants (perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, etc), or perhaps make a monetary donation, we would certainly be grateful. We had many folks, last year, donate their extra perennials to King's House and it sure made a big difference. Not one went unplanted. Thank you!

So, if you are able or willing to donate this year, please give us a call. Planting season is just around the corner.

THANK YOU

### We Remember in Prayer

A memorial has been placed in the lobby of King's House in memory of:

**Gary Paul Kocher**  
by mother: Betty J. Kocher

**Ivan D. Weber**  
by cousin: William Weber

### Insure the Future

Please remember King's House in your wills, bequests, and gifts. Occasionally, someone remembers KING'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTER in their will. These gifts are added to our long-term fund that is invested through our religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. This fund continues to grow and helps insure retreat ministry for years to come.

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## Farewell, Colette!



**Don't be afraid to make changes in your life!** Ever hear that saying? Well I have heard it over and over in my mind for many years and finally realized the time has come to make a change in my life. After being apart from family for 40 years, my husband Dale and I are bidding farewell to Illinois and moving to Stevensville, Montana. As of March 3, 2014 my life will change in a very good way. I will join my family in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana and begin the next phase of my life. I'm not certain that retirement will agree with me, but I think I can occupy my time fly fishing and just simply enjoying the beauty of the scenery. Our new home, complete with mother-in-law quarters for my mom who is joining in our adventure, is situated on a beautiful landscaped piece of property heading into the mountains. Hours can be spent watching the deer and elk roam though the property. I am grateful for the friends I have come to know so well through my years of working with the Missionary Oblates. My thoughts remain with all of you and I wish you the best in the coming years.

Blessings, Colette Taylor

King's House Raffle Tickets are here!  
It's that time of year again! Soon we'll  
draw winners for the 2014/15 King's  
House Raffle

With each ticket purchased, you will have  
12 chances to win \$500 and 40 chances to  
win \$50. PLUS: 52 chances to win—a win-  
ner is drawn each week and all names are  
returned to the drawing

Look for your tickets in this mailing!

### Raffle Winners

October 2013 - March 2014

Oct.	Monica Toennies	2014
	Leo & Alice Wilhelm	Jan.
	Mimi Minner	Lawrence Schwarz
	Bernell Wiegard	Mary Becherer
Nov.	Jack Crowe	Cynthia Mackey
	Bob Giegling	Delores Molloy
	Wanda Roewe	Feb.
	Daphne Skretvedt	Ann Hans
Dec.	Laura Simunich	Jean Wills
	Norbert Wittenhauer	Joan Springer
	Marie Macocha	Bill & Peggy Goeddel
	Daniel Middleton	March
	Edward Ortleb	Ramona Gale
		Mary Frigon-Milner
		Patricia Hedemann
		Jim Feeherty
		Melvin Haarmann

### Recipe Corner

from King's House chef Chris Schumacher

#### Egg and Cheese Souffle

Yield: 1 9-inch casserole dish

Ingredient	Amount
Eggs	14 ea
Salt	1.5 tsp
Pepper	1 tsp
Mustard, dry	1.5 tsp
Half & Half	1 qt
Heavy cream	1 qt
Texas Toast, cubed, crust removed	4 cups
Diced red pepper	1 small jar
Cheddar cheese, shredded	4 cups

#### Method of Preparation:

1. Mix all ingredients together. Let stand at least one hour. Pour into 9-inch pan
2. Bake at 300 degrees for 1.5 hours or until set
3. Let stand for 5-10 minutes before cutting
4. Serve