

NOMC 2016 Spring Retreat

The Garden in the Castle

It can be difficult to make sense of the state of today's world. Can a man find a quiet place where he can think clearly? Would an ideal place be...

“The Garden in the Castle?”

How is the garden best defended from the intruders and the chaos outside?

What is the best way to care for it and find sustenance?

Is the queen, with her nourishing energy, the only one who can tend the garden within the castle walls?



As Rumi said,

I have lived on the lip
of insanity,
hidden wanting to
know reasons, knocking on
a door.

It opens. I've been
knocking *from the inside*.

Do you have a hidden cave for your soul?

Do you feel safe there?

Or does it frighten you and keep you in?

Could it lead you into or out of the garden?

The Men of the New Orleans Men's Circle invite you to join us on a journey to find the queen's garden - a tranquil place, protected by the King, that is full of beauty and sustenance for both body and soul.

**THE NOMC 2016 SPRING RETREAT WILL BE HELD ON
April 8, 9, & 10, 2016 AT KING'S ARROW RANCH, HILLSDALE, MS**

WHAT TO EXPECT

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN

Arrive Friday, April 8th. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin at 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 6 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, etc. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Range phone #601-796-3423. To enhance the experience for you and other men, you will be asked not to use or access your cell phone during the retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA E-MAIL

We ask that you pre-register by April 1st so we can estimate lodging and meals required. To register, just reply to this email and let us know you will be there (retreat@thenomc.org). A confirmation letter with more details will be sent upon registration. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COST

The cost of the Retreat is \$130.00 and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival, Friday, April 8th. If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting will be held. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator.
Keith at 504-669-1645, or Steve at 504-715-0180