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Columbia Again Selected For 125th Annual Knights of Columbus Confab April 24, 25 & 26

The 125th Annual Missouri Knights of Columbus Convention will return to Columbia the weekend of April 24th through April 26th. Columbia, the home of our Missouri Tigers is located in the central part of Missouri, making the trek for metropolitan and rural Council delegates to be within short "drive" along I-70 and approximate travel radius of less than 200 miles from the "four corners" of our beloved state.

The convention headquarters will be held at the Wyndham Executive Center (formerly called Holiday Inn), 2200 I-70 Drive SW, in Columbia, Missouri. The reservations deadline for the Wyndham Executive Center was March 26, 2026. But do not let this discourage you from attending 125th Convention. A "day Trip" to the convention will be an informative and eventful event for any Knight or Lady who would like to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 SCHEDULE

State Chaplain Father Greg Oligschlaeger will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM on Friday to open the Convention proceedings. We hope as many delegates as possible will be able to attend. Convention registration will begin after mass concludes, and will be held in the Expo Center. Along with the Business

Sessions, the Knights will be celebrating the 125th State Convention with a reception after mass on Friday evening. Drinks and light snacks will be served in the Expo Center which is where the program tables will be set up along with convention memorabilia displays from years past.

The various Committee Meetings will be held in the Expo Center beginning at 8:30 p.m. prior to the start of the annual caucus. The Hospitality rooms downstairs will open after the close of the caucus on Friday night, so if you are attending make your Friday night dinner plans accordingly.

On Friday night, children's activities are planned from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Games will take place in a designated Children's Corner in Expo I. If you can, bring the "little ones" because these future Knights and Ladies will one day be the strength of our Order.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Registration of Delegates and Visitors will again take place in the Expo Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. and ending at 8:30 a.m. Open Session will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the 125th Convention business session to follow.

The Open Session will once again highlight the "highlights from

the previous year's hard work and what needs to be accomplished moving forward to assist the various programs we hold so true in our hearts. The business session will continue until 12:00 noon, when the delegates, visitors and their spouses will attend the Awards Luncheon in the Windsor Ballroom.

After lunch all attendees will gather in the Expo Center for a large group photo to commemorate the 125th Annual Convention. After the photo as with recent tradition during the afternoon sessions of the convention, the Workshops begin. This year's Workshop Agenda is as follows:

1:15- 1:45 p.m. Expo II & III Supporting Amendment 3
1:50 – 2:20 p.m. Expo II & III Website: Where's the Information?
1:50 – 2:20 p.m. Parliament I Inviting new Members, It's Easier Than You Think
1:50–2:20 p.m. Parliament II Avoiding Council Operational Pitfalls
2:25 – 2:55 p.m. Expo II & III Website: Where's the Information? – Continuation / Q-A
2:25- 2:55 a.m. Parliament I What Is A Cor Group and How Do I Start One
2:25 – 2:55 Parliament II Avoiding Council Operational Pitfalls – Continuation / Q-A
3:00-3:30 p.m. Par-

liament I Understanding Fraternal Benefit Events

3:00–3:30 p.m. Parliament II Avoiding Council Operational Pitfalls – Continuation / Q-A

Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday's schedule will be officially concluded with a Convention Banquet and program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention Agenda on Saturday will consist of the following:

8:30 a.m. General Session (Expo II & III)
10 a.m. Ladies Award Ceremony (Piccadilly Room)
12 p.m. Lunch (Windsor Ballroom)
1 p.m. 125th Annual Convention Group Photo (Expo I)
1:15 p.m. Amendment 3 Workshop (Expo II & III)
2 p.m. Ladies Round Tables (Piccadilly Room)

The Children's Activities on Saturday will start with a craft activity from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with lunch served around noon.

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Join everyone for group photo in Expo I
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Department of Conservation presentation/Activity
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pizza and Movie/Activity

All Saturday children's activities will be in the Salon Room

SUNDAY APRIL 26 SCHEDULE

On Sunday, April 26th, at 7:00 a.m., our State Chaplain Father Greg Oligschlaeger will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass in the Expo II & III room to pay a final tribute to our Brother Knights and Ladies who gave so much to the Order and have passed away since last year's convention.

Sunday morning delegates check-in will be from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Expo I.

The Biennial meeting of the Fourth Degree hosted by Master/PSD Mike Grudzinski will begin at 8:30 in Expo II & III.

The 125th Annual Convention will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and the order of business will continue concluded with the call for Adjournment.

The Ladies and Children will join together for a fun filled morning of Bingo at 9:00 a.m.

As stated by State Deputy Michael Auchly "This is one of my favorite weekends of the year! It gives us a chance to catch up on the great accomplishments of our Councils and Auxiliaries and the opportunity to see old friends and to make new ones."

Please make plans to attend and participate in all phases of this year's convention.

Missouri's Own PSD John Appelbaum Will Be Supreme's Representative for the 2026 MO Knights of Columbus State Convention

John is a practicing attorney who began his career as an assistant prosecutor before going into private practice in 1995. John joined Council 2333 in 1989 and took his Fourth Degree in February 1991. He has been married to his wife, Carol, for 41 years and they have three children. They are active members of St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, where John has served many years on the parish council and in various ministries.

John has been highly active in his Council since joining the Knights of Columbus, having held many different officer roles, including Grand Knight.

In 1996, John was asked to serve on the Missouri State Council and was elected and reelected as State Advocate. He later held the positions of State Family Life Director and State Community Director before being elected State Secretary in 2004. He then served as State Membership Director from 2006-2008 and in April 2010, was elected State Deputy.

During his term as State Deputy, John and his team instituted many initiatives for the Missouri Knights. At his request, each of Missouri's Bishop's personally invited every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus through a Bishop Blast. The format of the State Convention was revamped to provide workshops for the delegates. The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center expanded to a new facility allowing the center to expand its services to more children with developmental disabilities.

In July 2011, John announced the statewide initiative known as the Meet Life Campaign, which places ultrasound machines in Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the state and incorporates a multimedia marketing strategy that offers women free ultrasound images of their babies. Missouri has placed 80 ultrasound machines through this campaign, which has saved the lives of thousands of babies.

John served as District Master from 2016-2020, and established three new assemblies. In 2017, he served as chairman of the host committee for the 135th Supreme Convention in St. Louis, which proved to be a highly successful event.

In 2020, at the 138th Supreme Convention, John was elected to the Supreme Council Board of Directors. John has served with distinction on the audit and appeals committees of the Supreme Council, and currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee.



Missouri Knights Lose a Stalwart In Our Order With The Passing Of PSD Charles "Charlie" Bernskoetter

PSD Charles B. Bernskoetter, age 92, of Jefferson City, passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at his residence.

Born at home on September 14, 1933 in Jefferson City, he was the son of William F. and Mabel Johanna (Prenger) Bernskoetter. On June 29, 1957, Charles was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mildred "Millie" Pleus, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos; she survives at the home.

Charles attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and was a 1951 graduate of St. Peter's High School. He pursued higher education at Lincoln University, earning a degree in Accounting, and later received a Master of Science in Public Administration from the University of Missouri.

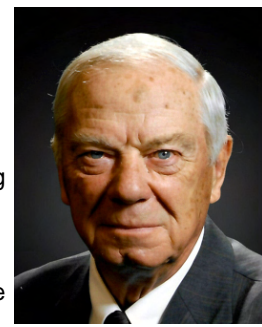
A proud veteran, Charles was drafted during the Korean War and served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He attained the rank of Sergeant and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. On May 7, 2013, he was honored to travel to Washington, D.C., as part of Central Missouri Honor Flight #22. His years of unselfish service were further recognized with the American Legion Auxiliary Quilt of Valor.

Charles began his professional career with the Division of Employment Security and A.B. Chance before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired in 1996 as Budget Director after 34 years of dedicated service. He was a longtime member of the "Wears Creek Yacht Club", a group of retired Patrol employees.

A lifelong member of Immaculate Conception Parish, Charles lived a life of deep faith and community involvement. In 2006, Charles received the Benemerenti medallion from Pope Benedict XVI at the recommendation of Bishop Gaydos. He served as the State Deputy of the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus, was a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and served on the board of the Missouri Special Olympics. His commitment to others was further evident through his years spent volunteering for the Samaritan Center, Meals on Wheels, Operation Bugle Boy, and Wreaths for Heroes. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion, and a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Outside of his professional life, he loved living on the farm, raising cattle, and tending to a large garden every year; he took great pleasure in sharing his bountiful produce with friends and family. He also spent years coaching his four sons in Park Board and Babe Ruth baseball, as well as their grade school basketball teams. In retirement, he and Millie explored the world together, traveling to Germany, Alaska, Brazil, Australia, Ireland, Hawaii, and many other locations. Survivors include his wife, Millie Bernskoetter, Jefferson City; seven children, Jeanne (Doug) Westhues, Jefferson City; Michael (Jeannette) Bernskoetter, Jefferson City; Linda Bernskoetter, Overland Park, KS; Bill (Debbie) Bernskoetter, Webster Groves; Jim (Laurie) Bernskoetter, Jefferson City; Rob (Tracy) Bernskoetter, Hartsburg; Beth (Bill) Plank, Jefferson City; 18 grandchildren, Brian, Krista, Kyle, Luke, Sean, Chris, Andrew, Sarah, Haley, Ainsley, Kelsi, Nick, Kylie, Ryan, Colin, Devin, Will, and Josie; 14 great-grandchildren; his sister, Norma (Charles) Bexten, Jefferson City; and his brother, Harry (Cathy) Bernskoetter, Taos.

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Trimble Funeral Homes – Jefferson City, followed by Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Matthew Flatley officiating. Burial was held with military honors at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Immaculate Conception School Capital Campaign or to the Vitae Foundation.





Chaplain's Message

by Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

“Good grief, Charlie Brown!” Lucy would often say this phrase in the Charles Schulz –“Peanuts” cartoon. Even as a kid, I never thought that those words went together... “good” and “grief”. We experience grief in our families, Councils, parishes and as a community. Can we call it “Good Grief”? No, grief is pain and suffering. It is something to be endured and shared by those we love. Grief is hard.

However, I have witnessed good coming from grief as good can come from suffering. Many of us have had more than our share of grief, but our celebration of Easter affirms that grief and suffering is not in vain. As we witnessed once again during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, Christ suffered and died for us, and then he rose from the dead to show us suffering was not the end. Often as a pastor, I have seen the hand of God give consolation to our grief. I have witnessed God offer us His love through awesome gestures of compassion and service to our brothers and sisters. I know it is God who sent little acts of kindness that touched the hearts of those in grief.

Each of the first three Sundays of Easter, in the Gospel reading, Jesus greets his apostles and each one of us with the words, “Peace be with you.” The apostles and disciples of Jesus were huddled together in the Upper room fearful and sorrowful. “Peace be with You,” Jesus consoles. “Shalom!”

Resurrection conquers the sting of death and brings Hope... and eventually peace. As your State Chaplain, I echo these words of Jesus and say to you, ‘Peace be with you’. Try to avoid asking God ‘Why bad things have to happen?’

The Sunday of Our 125th Convention of the Missouri State Council (April 23-26, 2026) is known in the Church as Good Shepherd Sunday. Knowing Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd is comforting for many reasons. The Good Shepherd knows every one of His sheep. He truly protects and feeds His flock. He is ever watchful and keeps away the predators. The Good Shepherd searches for those who are lost until he finds them and brings them safely back to the flock.

Take some time to reflect today on how the Good Shepherd is a calming image for you and think about how you can let go of some of your control to allow Jesus to shepherd you.

Some in our flock are no doubt being called to serve the Church as priests, religious, and deacons. Let us pray that the Good Shepherd will lead them to answer God’s call to service of the Kingdom. In praying for vocations remember that we also need to encourage men we know to consider the priesthood and let men and women know that we recognize their holiness and talents that would serve the Church well. I pray that this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations (also on Good Shepherd Sunday) may not only encourage prayer for vocations but be a practical reminder for us to ask someone, “Have you ever thought about being a priest?” or “Could you see yourself as a sister or nun?” The Good Shepherd leads us to food that satisfies our hunger and to streams that quench our thirst, but we have to choose to eat and drink.

This Easter Season, may you know Christ’s peace and strength through the kindness of others. Continue to offer Christ’s peace through your prayers and kind deeds. Ask God to make us all instruments of His peace. May God continue to bless you and show you God’s compassionate love. Peace be with you in this Easter Season!

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

DISTRICT #16 ON FIRE

By Charlie Hackmann

Councils in District 16 are “on fire” as all 5 Councils are on track to meet their recruiting goals led by Branson (6470) and Ozark (10200) at 133% of goal. The other Councils are led by Kimberling City (7588) at 88%, Forsyth (7680) at 80% and Nixa (13748) at 50% with those three Councils having online members that will be exemplified soon insuring that every Council will make

their respective recruiting goals for this fiscal year.

I believe that their success is the result of being very active in their activities and involvement in their respective parishes that attracted a total of 36 new members in the district to date. Of special note is Council 7680 which currently has a total membership of 33 members from a parish of about 60 families that has 11 honorary life members



After the recent 2025 Triple DDD drive Pope John XXIII in Belton presented their “turn around” funds to Firefly Services. Deputy Grand Knight David Kille presented a check for \$1,945.45 to Demetria Thomas Assistant Director of Firefly Services.

IN MEMORIAM

Norman L. Guittar	453
Dallas F. Barteau	823
John A. Dougherty, Jr.	823
Gerald “Rip” Grasser	823
Robert G. Lanigan	823
Ralph L. Rothermich	823
Jack Schneider	823
Mark D. Butner	876
David L. Cramer	876
Gerald E. Abt	1037
Paul F. Douglas, Sr.	1037
Francis C. Kertz	1037
Rodney J. Lause	1037
Thomas A. Meyer	1037
PSD Charles B. Bernskoetter	1054
Kenneth J. Epple	1054
Ronald E. Fennwald	1054
Paul J. Meyer	1054
Louis H. Imhoff	1061
Robert “Bob” L. Roth	1061
Stephen P. Buchheit	1111
Jerome A. Schmittzehe	1111
Leon J. Berhorst	1171
Gerhard Alphonse Schmitz, Jr.	1171
Donald J. Krodinger	1185
Lawrence R. Milton	1185
Robert A. Roth	1185
Robert “Bob” P. Ray	1263
Leon T. Buerck	1263
George V. Ahrens, Jr.	1529
Michael E. Barnes	1529
Steven R. Proctor	1529
Ransom E. Kampker	1576
Michael J. Good	1896
Sam Goth	1896
Carl V. Borgerding, Sr.	1931
Michael J. Henggeler	1931
Roy J. Beel	2027
Edgar E. Kliethermes	2027
Daniel F. Greteman	2119
Carroll D. Hilton	2265
John D. Sperandio	2265
John S. Wood	2440
John S. Altman	2457
Bernard “Stanley” Brown, Jr.	2547
Anthony J. DiBlasi	3760
Jacy S. Graham	3760
Wilbur F. Knoerr	4838
Melvin L. Holzum	5898
Stanley A. Verslues	6430
Father William L. Korte	6473
Gerald R. Bonen	6506
Urban M. Hilke	6794
Richard F. Block	7194
Bernard J. “Buddy” Opoka	8620
Victor J. Scheuring	8620
James J. Dunmaseath	8915
Frank J. Rudroff	10690
Robert J. Hoelscher	10794
John P. Capellupo	12323
Michael Perkins	14097
William J. Driscoll	14266
George Soliz	14745
Mark S. Schreiber	14906

If your Council has Knights who have passed away, please contact State Memorial Board Chairman Mike Deamos at 816-405-7418 or MDeamos@hotmail.com for more information.

STATE DEPUTY MICHAEL AUCHLY SAYS:

My Brother Knights and Ladies. Convention time is approaching. As I am writing my article for this issue of the Mariner, the mailings have gone out with the resolutions that will be voted on, committee assignments, workshops along with the agenda and we are already receiving reservations for the hotel and meals. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 125th Annual State Convention in Columbia! We are super excited that we will have Bishop Johnston, Bishop Rice and Bishop O’Donnell in attendance for Mass on Saturday evening, and I know the Brother Knights and Ladies will welcome them warmly!



This year’s convention is a milestone for the Missouri Knights of Columbus. We will celebrate the 125th Annual Convention beginning on Friday evening with Mass at 4:00 PM followed by a reception from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the EXPO center at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia on April 24, 2026. All of the normal Friday night activities will be in one room including registration and all of the informational tables for Knights of Columbus programs and initiatives. There will be several tables of artifacts and convention memorabilia from the State Knights Archives on display all weekend as well. The hospitality committee will be serving drinks and light snacks for all to enjoy while they visit and meet the Officers, Directors and Chairman. The regular hospitality rooms downstairs will open after the caucus adjourns on Friday evening.

We are having a great year in all aspects of programming, activities, attendance and membership! This is only possible because of the hard work that Brother Knights are putting in to make sure things are running smoothly. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for all that you are doing to Honor our Faith and Serve our Communities! We are having a great year in membership growth as we still have the goal of reaching our Circle of Honor intake number by the convention and then onto achieving the Pinnacle level by the end of the fraternal year.

As I was writing this article, I was notified of the passing of Past State Deputy Charlie Bernskoetter. Charlie was the Missouri State Deputy from 1994-1996. He and Millie have stayed very active in the Knights of Columbus and he will be truly missed. We have lost several great Knights over the past year including Dick Carr and his son Pat Carr to name a couple more. Please join me in praying for the repose of the souls of these fine Catholic gentlemen, and their families. They along with other Brother Knights and Ladies that have passed since the last convention will be memorialized at the Mass on Sunday morning of the State Convention.

The most important effort we can make in strengthening our Order is to foster new membership. Who will take the places of the Brother Knights we have lost in the past year? Membership is not about a number or a goal but ensuring the future of the Order is preserved by the next generation of Knights. I ask each Knight across the great jurisdiction of Missouri to invite at least one man to join us. As our Order grows, our efforts will expand in service to our Church, Order and Community. God bless all of our Brother Knights and Families.

One of the best things about serving as your State Deputy is the opportunity to travel across the state visiting Brother Knights and Ladies as you celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, banquets, religious appreciations and various other events. We are forever grateful for your hospitality and kindness you show us and appreciate all that you do for the Knights of Columbus!

Ruth Ann and I want hope you have experienced an enlightening Lenten season and we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter! As always, I ask you to remember to Celebrate Everything! Vivat Jesus!



On February 12th a Religious Appreciation Dinner was held at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Springfield. The Knights honored all clergy and religious in the Springfield area. Joining the local clergy was State Deputy Michael Auchly, Bishop Edward Rice and Bishop Emeritus John Joseph Leibrecht. With all in attendance the event sponsored by Council #698 and several other area Councils was a wonderful event.



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Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

By the time you read this edition of the Mariner, the State Convention will only be a couple weeks away. While most of you will not be able to attend, hopefully you will be able to learn more about everything through the representatives in your Council or Auxiliary who did, in addition to our State Council publications. As you know, Missouri is considered a Tier One jurisdiction by Supreme. And all our collective efforts, both individual and collective, along with our efforts to welcome new members to the Order, contribute to that designation.



At the same time, I am reminded of a quote from the soon to be beatified Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He explains that “Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved.” Although we can raise a lot of money for our charities, or perform a lot of service hours, which are all good, unless our work facilitates the salvation of souls, everything we do is in vain. As this coming year is the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Missouri State Council, let us redouble our efforts to grow the Church in Missouri through our efforts as Knights of Columbus and Ladies. That way we all will ultimately grow in love of Christ, which was Blessed Michael McGivney’s goal in founding the Order.

I would like to thank all of your Councils for submitting their State Per Capita Assessments. While I know that this leads to many Councils parting with dear funds, gained from their membership, these monies are vital for the operations of the State Council, which is now working in the black after the recent per capita increase. Hence, we are able to help all of you grow your Councils, Auxiliaries, and Assemblies to their full potential.

I have enjoyed serving you as State Secretary for this past year. I would like to most especially thank State Deputy Michael Auchly, State Treasurer Matt Gray, and State Bookkeeper Eric Bruns for their guidance and assistance this past year, along with those who plan to help at the upcoming State Convention. But most of all, I thank my wife Crissy for all her help, along with my son Joseph.

Please be rest assured that I will continue to keep your Councils and Auxiliaries in my prayers. May the blessings of our Blessed Mother and our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, be upon you. Vivat Jesus!

DD Louis Raineri reports in District 25

Lent has started and all Councils are hard at work with Lenten fish fries at local Council halls or parishes.

Owensville Council 2547 - in December the Council donated 150.00 to the American wheelchair mission to sponsor a wheelchair for someone less fortunate. I am proud to say that Council member Jerry Shoemaker had won the State Council January Knight of the Month. The Council has also already made its donations for RIB and meet Life Phase II and finally the Council will be hosting 2 fish fries this year at the Parish Lenten fish fries. Lastly the Council will again be sponsoring college scholarships for local high school graduates.

Sullivan Council 4858 - is hosting this years Lenten fish fries at their council hall. They will also be collecting can goods and monetary donations for the 40 days of lent during the fish fries. Past Grand Knight Jeff Lock and Faith Director

continues to host the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. Council has also donated its 100% quota towards RIB and is looking into sponsoring a seminarian in the St. Louis Archdiocese. This Council also continues its support to the Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Cuba, by sponsoring a table at its annual fundraising banquet.

Cuba Council 8920 - many Council members are assisting the parish with the Lenten fish fries this year. To date Council 8920 in Cuba Missouri has donated 1892.97 lbs. of food and a total 2700 dollars to 4 food pantries in Crawford County Missouri. They are in Cuba, Bourbon, Steelville, and Leasburg thanks to our successful bingo program. Council has already sponsored one local seminarian this year through the RSVP program and hope to get info on another seminarian in need through our diocese. We continue to support our local Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Cuba and we have

DD Tom Vece Reports From District #5

District 5 has been exceptionally active throughout this past quarter, and I would like to provide an update on our recent progress. Three of our Councils participated in the annual Free Throw Championship, and I am pleased to share that one young lady from our district will be advancing to the State competition. Additionally, all Councils are currently conducting breakfast programs to raise essential charitable funds.

Regarding our growth, we recently held two live Exemplifications and welcomed 15 new Knights to our Order. Looking ahead to the coming month, we have three membership drives scheduled, as well as a live Exemplification set for March 22.

Furthermore, each Council remains deeply involved in their respective parishes with Lenten activities, including Stations of the Cross and fish fries.

KofC Knight January Jerry Shoemaker

Jerry takes an active part in all Council activities and is very big into visiting sick Brother Knights which is what our order was formed on. Jerry does concrete flat work by trade and has repaired all holes and cracks in the sidewalks in and around the church and was key in constructing a new concrete retaining wall around the parish hall so someone would not hit the building driving through the alley.

Jerry really cares about his Brother Knights and told me that his devotion to being a Knight of Columbus is to care for other brother Knights and families and he is the only member that I know spends countless hours of his own time to visit sick and home bound Knights at their homes or wherever they may be staying.

donated \$1100.00 thus far and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a baby shower at the Council bingo night and raised over \$2000.00 worth of baby items for Lifeline.

This Council has also already met all it's programs to qualify for the Columbian Award this fraternal year. Council has already recruited 4 active new members to our council which is 80% of our quota for star Council and we hope the recruitment goes well during the Lenten fish fries and with the RCIA program this year.

STATE PROGRAM DIR. CHUCK PAQUETTE SAYS:

I am looking forward to seeing all the delegates at the **125th Missouri State Convention**. This year's meeting is a special celebration of our history, and so much work has gone into making it a memorable event for everyone. You truly don't want to miss this milestone gathering! The **Cor initiative**, which focuses on building Christ-centered brotherhood through prayer and fraternity, has taken center stage. We are proud to share that so many Councils have started this initiative that almost half of our Missouri Councils now have a Cor program.



Our Missouri state programs have been very active this fraternal year. The **Developmental Disability Drive** (often called the “Tootsie Roll Drive”) was also very successful. It brought in the most money since before the pandemic, sitting above \$650K. These funds help local agencies across Missouri and provide vital support to the **Knights of Columbus Developmental Disability Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital**. Our Athletics and Activities are thriving. We have seen a huge increase in participation in programs like **Coats for Kids**, the **Wheelchair Mission**, Essay Contests and the **Basketball Free Throw** contest. Members had a great time at the State BBQ and horseshoe contests, corn hole, and bowling. The fun is not done yet for this year; we still have “Ring of Fire” Music of Johnny Cash on March 28th at St. Louis Repertory Theatre, State Pilgrimage at Black Madonna Shrine in Pacific Missouri on May 3rd, the Knights at the Royals baseball game with tailgate included on May 23rd. Thanks to our membership for making these events successful.

Our membership is growing at a fantastic pace. We are working hard to achieve the **Circle of Honor** for our State and for our **State Deputy Michael Auchly**. Now is not the time to stop or rest! It is time for every Knight in Missouri to invite a Catholic man to join our order and be part of this excitement.



Father Rocha, Faithful Friar of Assembly East KC #3861, and Deacon Joe Zager celebrated a Memorial Mass on February 22nd, 2026, during the 11am Mass for the deceased members of the local Councils and Assemblies. There was a great turn-out of Knights and Sir Knights. We had 18 members of area Honor Guards turn out to honor our fallen Brothers, what an impressive sight they were! All the Mass positions were filled by Council and Assembly members. As always we support the Military. The KofC Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund second collection raised \$1,300.

District #46 Continues Great Work In The Southeast MO Area

By David Diveley DD

Cape Girardeau Council #1111 – is getting their Cor program up and going again. They are hoping that it will continue to grow. The fish fry season is going strong, serving about 550 people each week. The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, held in conjunction with Old St. Vincent will be held on March 15.

St. Isidore Leopold Council #5898 - The shooting matches and fish fries are in full swing with great results. The Council is making their delicious homemade bratwurst for a fundraiser. The Council hosted the regional. This Council has the largest fish fry attendance in the area, serving more than 1200 people every Friday. The Council is running their gun of the month raffle to fund their scholarship programs. The Council is helping with the grade school annual fundraiser at Immaculate Conception.

St. Joseph Scott City Council #6420 - This Council also has a very successful fish fry serving almost 800 people per week. The Council has a monthly breakfast and plan to donate all proceeds from their March breakfast to the pavilion at the Training For Life Center. The Council recently hosted the Quarter Auction which is a fundraiser for Options For Women.

Fr. Marquette Cape Girardeau Council #11205 – This Council recently sold kettle beef dinners after Sunday mass at St. Vincent as a fundraiser. The Council was cooking once again for the Christmas Mass which was to be held at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral during Holy Week.

St. Thomas Cape Girardeau College Council #15294 – The Council has already exceeded their membership quota and is on their way to another Star Council award. The Council will have a crucifix procession across the SEMO campus to Capaha Park in Cape Girardeau on Good Friday.

Emmaus Homes Network Receives Triple DDD Funds

On Friday January 9, 2026, two members from Ascension Council 11139 in Chesterfield, MO. Tim Lewis & Ron Meier visited a home in the Emmaus Homes Network for Disabled Adults and presented them a check from our Developmental Disabilities Drive held in October 2025.

The two Emmaus Home Directors both accepted our donation check of \$2,500.00. What made this donation even more special is SK Tim Lewis also matched our Council's donation with his own personal donation of \$2,500.00 bringing the total of the donation to \$5,000.00.



The people from Emmaus Homes were speechless and did not know what to say with receiving both donations at once and were so thankful to the Knights of Columbus for their support.

Tim Lewis's Sister, Janine Lewis, is also a resident at the home where the donation checks were presented. It was a great day to say, “I am a Knight of Columbus” because one of our main goals of the Knights is “Charity” and helping those individuals less fortunate.

STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG..

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER SAYS:

The Easter Season is upon us brothers. Let us rejoice for He is risen.

I hope and pray that you and your families had a blessed and faithful Lenten season and glorious Easter. Brothers the State has seen growth in our membership numbers thus far and we want to finish our fraternal year strong. Have you invited someone to join our order yet this fraternal year? If not, what are you waiting on?

With the arrival of Easter also brings the arrival of many family gathering times. With the Easter celebrations we also will have graduation gatherings, Mother's day gatherings, Memorial day and Father's day and these are all perfect opportunities for us to invite men to join our order. As stated many times before the growth of our order is vital and not just to reach a "quota" but to make sure that there are men to carry on our great works of charity and defending our priests.

When you invite a fellow Catholic man to join our order remind them by joining online they get the first year free and it's a simple process found at www.kofc.org/joinus and the promo code Blessed McGivney.



I hope everyone is getting ready for the 125th Anniversary of the Missouri State Council Convention. We will be once again having Perpetual Adoration from the end of Mass Friday the 24th starting at 5:00 pm and going until 5:00 am, just before the Memorial Mass on Sunday at 6:00 am. The Adoration sign up slots are in 30 minute slots. You can sign up for multiple slots. Anyone attending the convention can sign up. You don't have to be a delegate. The sign up sheet is on the State website mokofc.org. Just click on the State Convention icon and then on the Adoration link. If you have any trouble signing up you can email me at jjneuweg@gmail.com and will be more than happy to sign you up for slots. Please consider signing up and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament.



The next State Pilgrimage will be at the Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos in Pacific MO on May 3rd. The day will start with registration at 10am to 11am with coffee and donuts. A Shrine tour, Rosary, and Reflection time will be from 11am to 1:30pm with Mass starting at 1:30pm. Please bring a free will offering for the Shrine. Any Questions just reach out to John Myers jmyers@idd.net.

If you are like myself and would like to see more priests in our State so that we don't have priests at multiple Parishes or Parishes being closed and consolidated, there is something everyone can do to help. First there's praying for vocations and for those in seminary that our Lord through the Holy Spirit will stoke the fire in the hearts of the men who are contemplating their call to the priesthood and those in formation will have all that they need to answer and serve their calling. The other way is to financially support the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund. With the financial assistance from our Councils, Auxiliaries, and Assemblies we are able to help the Diocese in the State to help identify men discerning the call to the priesthood and those in the seminary. Please give what you can to this most important fund.

Help your Council, Parish, Family, and Community by starting up a Cor meeting if you haven't already. The Cor meetings are designed to help build stronger men of faith for their families, parishes, and communities. We can never go wrong with helping men be better men. Cor is the center part of building a stronger council as well. If your Council needs any help reach out to Jason Kehl. He has many options for you to get a Cor group started. He can be reached via email at jasonkehl@spirit-machinery.com.

The committee for the Monsignor Mancuso Catholic Education Grants will meet towards the end of March and applicants will be notified in late April to early May of the amount of the grant they will receive. Just like last year we've had a large number of applications and the committee will award as many grants as they can to the applicants that have met the criteria for the program.

Icon Travels to Every District #2 Council

By Mike Violett DD#2

We have had a good fall and winter with all the Councils able to stay active; with very little bad weather here in the northwest part of the state. We held our third annual District wide Mouse Races on February 13th 2026 with 367 in attendance, everyone had a fantastic time. All of my Councils had the opportunity to have the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at their parishes for a week.

St. Joseph #571 - provided the Taco bar for this years mouse races and had a great time as well. We are helping fix a spaghetti dinner for St Joseph's day at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Host the monthly Mariners luncheon, and been hosting election days in our Council hall. This year we are celebrating 125 years as a Knight's Council.

St. Munchins #1110 Cameron - Have been having our second week-end breakfast's with great attendance. We helped with the mouse races with the other Councils in the district. Have started having our Fish fries with good turnouts. Doing a Baby Bottle Drive for Pregnancy Resource Center and Roses for Life.

Bishop Leblond #5067 - We did the drinks and bar for the mouse races. Held our basketball free throw contest and sent several to districts. We have Bingo every Wednesday night and just finished our first full year. We are getting ready for our participation in the 40th annual "chili cookoff" supporting United Cerebral Palsy.

St. James #12463 - Helped the other Councils with our annual District Mouse races. We are getting ready for our fish fries and plan on having a sign up table for new members as well.

St. Francis Council #15126 - We had our free throw contest then hosted the district free throw competition. We also did our yearly 9 days for Novena and have been improving on our Cor program. Still having our monthly 10 point pitch tournaments; helped with mouse races; held a blood drive and had a Souper Bowl collection of non-perishable items for our House of Bread food pantry; and now getting ready to have a Baby Bottle Drive for PRC.

Assembly 569 Spring Report - Our February meeting was our annual pot luck dinner that was well attended with a flag presentation presented by the Son's of the American Revolution; in original colonial uniforms. Would like to welcome Mark Harshman as our newest Sir Knight.

Photo Right: Assembly 569 had a military themed meeting. Knights that were members of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors.



"Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7442 of Willow Springs was pleased to present the Howell County Special Olympics with checks totaling \$750.00 resulting from the Fall 2025 "Tootsie Roll Drive" for children with developmental disabilities. Presentation was made on February 9th in West Plains. Special Olympics in Howell County provides local opportunities for competitive and social interaction for their athletes that they would not otherwise have. The program is part of the broader Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) Southwest Area. Pictured with several athletes, the adults are from left to right, Mike Chaney, Grand Knight for Council 7442, Patrick Meszeros, Head Coach of Howell Co. Special Olympics, and Joe Leidy, District Deputy #15 for the Missouri State Council, Knights of Columbus."

From #2760 Mexico To Sussex England



For numerous years, Dr. Simon McKeown, a Mexico, MO physician, has been buying tootsie rolls from KofC Council 3760 in Mexico MO during the Triple D drive held in October.

He would then send the tootsie rolls to his sister, Madeline McKeown, in England. Madeline teaches at Lancing College, a high school, in West Sussex on the South coast of England. She would then give them out to her students for doing good work in the classroom.

The above picture is of Madeline at her school with a Knights of Columbus tootsie roll from Council #3760-. Madeline and her students know what the Tootsie Roll Drive is about and enjoy getting them.

District 53 Council will Host "Partygra"

By DD Andrew Garcia

St Ambrose #11182 Park Hills

- We have held two monthly meetings focused on community growth and brotherhood. Our members are actively leading initiatives at CCM, including T.J. Schulte's men's support group, a Natural Family Planning talk hosted by Peyton Comstock and Dylan Witthuhn, and a Men's Retreat in April coordinated by Connor Reinkemeyer.

Bishop Helmsing #8931 Bolivar - Fish fry proceeds funded the Alpha House and the Exceptional Pupils Coop. We also awarded two \$2,000 college scholarships at the Men's Conference and launched a Cor program at the

parish.

Trinity #10844 Marshfield - We hosted several Lenten fish fries and attended the 2026 Men's Conference. We welcomed 2 new members, and John Tieskotter continues building wheelchair ramps for those in need.

Holy Spirit #9533 Springfield - We are hosting a Ministry Fair and fundraising breakfast at Holy Trinity on March 7th and 8th. Recent achievements include growing our Cor group, purchasing ten wheelchairs, and hosting the first annual "Partygra."

We are nearing the acquisition of a Safe Haven Baby Box and will soon host Monsignor Don Wolf for our Speaker Series on the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma.

KNIGHTS GATHER TO SAY GOODBYE

Knights Honor Guard joined with family and friends to honor Sir Knight Peter Nicastro who made a major difference everyday of his way too short life. In attendance were fellow Knights Matt Gray, Augie



Johansen, Lou Liebermann, Joe Bureski, Dave Stukenberg, Ben Woodley, Eric Bruns, Sean Rieke, Ed Voukom, Paul Watters, Charlie Ehrhard, Robert Morgan, Mike Amad, Keith Beardslee, Kevin O'Sullivan, Mike Koehler, Tom Van Meirlo, Steve Topping, Gary Lottmann, Bruce Gardiner (coordinator, not in the photo)

District 9 News

By Bill Remshak DD#9

The fish fries have started for the Councils. Councils are busy with them and other fundraisers. District 9 was well represented at the Fourth Degree Exemplification held on February 21st. The Honor Guard looked amazing. Thank you to all the Sir Knights who participated, and welcome to all the new Sir Knights!

Archbishop O'Hara #4387 - Our chili cook-off went very well with 20 entries. We had a great evening, and the proceeds from the event went to Special Olympics Missouri.

Pope John XXIII #5586 - Our Council recently held the Free Throw contest with the winners advancing to the District tourney. We also held a Kookies and Krafts event for the youth of the parish, with 138 children

making Valentine cards for the local nursing homes.

Father Puetz #6550 - Our Council helped to staff the annual Turkey Dinner fundraiser for our parish in November. We held a very successful Christmas party. A great time was enjoyed by all who attended. In January several Brother Knights helped relocate the Shiloh Center (local Pregnancy Resource Center) and spent several days assembling furniture and other tasks.

St. Bridget's Sons of Mercy #13113 - We were notified by the local food bank that the shelves were nearly empty. The Council quickly organized a "Fill the back of DJ's truck" food drive, collecting a truckload of food donations. We also contributed \$1300 from our Cruise Night fundraiser and donated

50 turkeys, to help ensure the food pantry could continue serving the community.

St. Thomas More #14270 - The Knights of Council 14270 are presenting the "Into the Breech" program to the men of our parish. And, headed up by Brother Knight, Craig Borgmeyer, we are once again hosting the District and Regional Free Throw contests.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help #14972 - Our Council completed a membership drive recently, and with the help of our Field Agent, Silas Barlett, netted 7 candidates. We held our Free Throw contest with the winners receiving new basketballs and advancing to the District contest. Council Knight, Dan Gassen, constructed an octagon picnic table to be raffled off at our last fish fry.

Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!
Spring has sprung! A great reminder of the cycle of life and the how precious life truly is.



We have two huge opportunities in our Life activities in 2026. First is our political fight in the renewed Amendment 3 on the ballot in 2026. We have a chance at recovering some of the damage that was done with the passing of Amendment 3 in 2024. Amendment 3 2026 will restore some safety protocol to women, some parental rights, and some rights of the preborn. In addition, it will also protect our children from the ever-pushed gender transition debate. To be crystal clear, make sure you and your families vote YES on Amendment 3 2026!

So, our strategy will be much the same as in 2024. We must educate ourselves on the subject so we can educate our circle of influence being family, friends, and co-workers. The key difference is we are following up. I am still looking for leaders in each of the 8 Congressional Districts to follow up with Grand Knights and District Deputies to understand what resources we need to win in 2026. We must have 100% of our Councils active and educating voters in their Councils, parishes, and communities. We know it will look different in each Council based on their relationships with various Pro-Life organizations around the state. BUT do what works in your area. WE cannot be silent! If you or someone you know would be a good Pro-Life leader, please call me at 573-768-0294 or email me at anthony.jansen@toyodagosei.com. We all can do something.

Another opportunity that I am extremely excited about is our Special Olympics challenge. The Special Olympics Training for Life Center in Jefferson City is developing their “Back Nine” for Bochy ball, Pickle ball, softball, kickball, and many other activities. We have accepted the challenge to provide them with a “Knights of Columbus Pavillion”. This is a HUGE commitment but, as always, we are up to the challenge. This will provide the multiple necessary amenities several hundred feet from their main building. It will provide restrooms, shade, concessions, and some much-needed storage. Councils and individuals can help as much as they like. Councils will be recognized on a permanent plaque or paver that will show their Council’s commitment to SOMO. This is going to be a beautiful addition to help God’s special children. More information on how you, or your Council can help is located here in the Mariner.

Please consider attending the Midwest March for Life to show your support for life. The Midwest March for Life is our regional opportunity to advocate, demonstrate, and lobby for respect for all life, especially the vulnerable pre-born of our state. This year it will be April 30 in Jefferson City around our State Capitol. The Midwest March for Life features nationally recognized speakers and organization leaders as well as booths of statewide pro-life organizations, educational opportunities, a youth rally, and spiritual formation opportunities. You can register and find more information at midwestmarchforlife.com.

Charles Huey District #41 Is Getting Stronger Than Ever With Help From The Holy Spirit.

Well, it has been a long cold winter, but as the sun rises and we behold the tomb of our Lord empty gives us hope as it does every Easter that we can do all things with the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary by our side, so does the 41st district. When I took the office of District Deputy, I spent time with the Lord and Holy Spirit asking them to help and guide me in this office not for my will, but for the betterment of the Order and the glory of our Catholic Faith and Family. I set a challenge out to the members in the district that I would like to bring in 41 new members this year because I am 41, the district is 41 so let’s make it a third 41. They have done just that and more. One thing that I have done is that I have created a district newsletter that way we can support the different Council with project and events and make our district even stronger in the long term. As you can see the Councils in #41 have been busy and the Holy Spirit has been moving in all the Councils and Ladies’ Auxiliaries. I am so grateful to have been chosen to help this district. Everything that we do from the district level to a new brother Knight we do for the Glory of God and to so the world that the Knights of Columbus is and will always be a defender of the families and the faith.



DeSmet Council #742 Ladies Aux. - They have been very busy making sure that Christmas spirit is alive and well as they wrapped, boxed, and delivered gifts to adopted families at Saint Anthony of Padua and also gave cookies as well. *Photo Right Top*

Pope John XXIII #6018 Ladies Aux. - As a newly organized auxiliary and I had the pleasure of installing them at the first official meeting in January. They have been busy. They have already held the first of many fundraisers, while the Council was having the fish fry they were selling chances for a handmade quilt, two giant Easter Baskets and lotto tree. I am very proud to announce that they have donated well over 150% for the ASAP program. They have donated to the RIB program as well helping with the parish capital campaign fund. Well, done ladies and congratulations on all that you do. *Photo Right*



DeSmet Council #742 - This Council has done a great job. They have reached the 100% quota for the year with 5 new members, which means that life is coming back into the Council. They gathered the Roses for Life and got both parishes that they support, and the roses were delivered by the District Deputy to the state capital and federal offices of the representative and Senators. They continue to support catholic education with their scholarship program, and I just cannot believe how a small group can do so much. Oh, wait yes I can because they have faith of a mustard seed.

St. Francis of Assisi Council #5359: This Council has started their meat shoots, and it was a great time for the whole family. The council did the Roses for Life, and they brought in a great number as well. The Council has seen great success with online membership as they have brought in 6 new members by this process and are not at 100% for the year. They are looking at ways to bring in younger members, and they are starting to get new ideas from some younger men that have come back to the Council.

Pope John XXIII Council #6018: I could not ask for anything better from my home Council. The Council has not only achieved its membership quota but has exceeded it, reaching 129%. Members have demonstrated significant commitment by supporting the parish’s capital campaign for the new facility, providing food assistance to families within the community, and establishing a new ministry known as Fresh Friends. This program allows the council to give hygiene products to kids and teenagers that visit the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank on Sunday evenings. The Council carries out the mission of Christ when he said when I was at my lowest you cared for me. This Council embodies that aspects of the glory of God.



Queen of All Saints Council #10136: has been busy as bees, I turn around and they are doing a different event every time. Like everyone else they are doing the fish fries, but the weekend after Easter is a big event with 45 people attending the ACTS retreat. This is a great time to have that heart to heart with the men about not only their faith but, why they should be a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Council has already made it’s donation to food for families, supporting the RSVP programs as well as the ASAP. They are maybe a large Council and that does help but, it is the heart the man at that Council shows for the organization that any District Deputy could be proud of. Even when serving fish they have a great time just be brothers.

St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque Council #14719: Financial Secretary Mike Kelly and Grand Knight Damian Kopcha joined the parish ACTION group for a Valentine’s Day luncheon. ACTION leaders Judy Burns and Judy Ryan are also pictured.

The Council proudly support ACTION every year with funds raised through their Tootsie Roll Drive donations. This year, the Knights presented a check for \$1,020 to ACTION. Thank you for your generous support to the Tootsie Roll Drive, which helps make all of this wonderful work possible!



Knights of Columbus Back Nine



Donor Gift



- Recognize me as a Champion of SOMO based on my (\$250 minimum contribution)
- Recognize me as a Friend of SOMO based on my (\$100 minimum contribution)
- Enclosed is my one-time gift of \$ _____

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Mail Address: _____ Council #: _____

Please make check payable to Special Olympics Missouri. <Include Council Number on the memo line.>

Please mail this card and your contribution to: Special Olympics Missouri Attn: Carol Griffin, 305 Special Olympics Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101



Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Missouri Back Nine - Challenge Agreement



We, Knights of Columbus Council # _____, accept the challenge to achieve: *These Recognition Levels are to be achieved over the next 3 years.

- Platinum Level Recognition (\$100 per member) _____
- Double Gold Recognition (\$45.00 per Member) _____
- Gold Level Recognition (\$22.50 per Member) _____
- Silver Level Recognition (\$18.00 per Member) _____
- Bronze Level Recognition (\$15.75 per Member) _____

*Please include the number of Members that are in your Council: _____

Knights of Columbus Councils that achieve Platinum, Double Gold, Gold, Silver, or Bronze Level Status will receive permanent recognition in the Special Olympics Missouri Back Nine. The space that will display levels achieved will be named the Knights of Columbus Pavilion.

Please check the following strategies that apply to your Council:

- A) We are designating that a portion or all of our Tootsie Roll Drive turnaround funds go to Special Olympics Missouri and the building of the Back Nine Pavilion: _____
A1) If checked above, please write a percentage or amount given: _____
- B) We are hosting a fundraiser (eg. Dice Run, Horseshoes, Washers, Golf events, etc.): _____
B1) If checked above, please write an amount raised or that you hope to raise. _____
B2) Please give date of fundraising event(s): _____

Please sign and date this Challenge Agreement and return to: Special Olympics Missouri Attn: Carol Griffin 305 Special Olympics Drive Jefferson City, MO 65101

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____



If you have questions, please call Carol Griffin, Health Partnership Director at 573-469-7831

Special Olympics Missouri is proud to return 85% of every dollar directly to program services. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for your continued support for SOMO athletes and for helping to make the Back Nine a reality.

District 24 Continues Strong Service Across the Community

By Joseph Gubbels DD#24

District 24 of the Missouri Knights of Columbus continues to demonstrate the spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity through the active work of its Councils and dedicated members. Throughout the district, Knights remain committed to strengthening their parishes, supporting families, and serving their communities.

The Councils of District 24 have been active with a wide range of charitable programs and parish activities. Members have supported local food drives, parish events, youth programs, and community outreach efforts that reflect the core mission of the Order. These initiatives not only provide assistance to those in need but also help strengthen the bonds among parishioners and families.

Youth programs remain a strong focus throughout the district. Councils have hosted events such as the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest and other youth activities designed to encourage participation, sportsmanship, and faith-based community involvement. These programs continue to provide opportunities for young people to grow while building stronger relationships with their local parishes.

District 24 Councils have also continued to emphasize membership growth and engagement. Through parish membership drives and outreach, the Knights are inviting more Catholic men to experience the fraternity and service that the Order provides. New members bring fresh energy and ensure the continued vitality of the Knights of Columbus for future generations.

The strength of District 24 lies in the dedication of its Grand Knights, officers, and members who consistently step forward to lead and serve. Their willingness to volunteer time and talent allows the Knights to carry out meaningful charitable work while supporting the mission of the Church.

As the district moves forward, the focus remains on growing membership, expanding charitable outreach, and continuing to build strong Catholic families and communities.

The Knights of Columbus in District 24 remain proud to serve, guided by faith and committed to making a positive difference.

Visit Knights of Columbus Historical Museum

Fr. Helias Council #1054
1822 Tanner Bridge Rd.,
Jefferson City, Mo

Contact: Tony Dohmen, (573) 635-1898



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR ROCKY GAMBON SAYS:

Welcome to the Lenten season. I remember in 2024, Ash Wednesday came very early in February. In 2025, Ash Wednesday came in March. This year in 2026, Ash Wednesday seemed to fit snugly between the two. Different times but still the same purpose, spiritual renewal.



May I begin by congratulating many of the Missouri Councils as our Drive for Developmental Disabilities has reached a milestone. Currently we have surpassed the totals for all of last year! At this point, we have received \$643,559.63. Last year at this time we were only approaching \$600,000 which ultimately finished the year at \$634,000. Congratulations are in order and you should be proud. Job well done! However, we can still hit our goal of \$700,000. As the State Convention approaches, we are still working on getting all the Councils to send in their Developmental Disability Drive money and reports, if you are one of them, please do so as soon as you can. Approximately 45 Councils have yet to report so please get your money and paperwork turned in soon.

The Coats for Kids had a fantastic year, this year the Councils and chapters across the state ordered 268 cases of coats for kids. This was down from the year prior due to increased cost and decreased availability. Nonetheless, what a great program! For those who are looking for a program to assist with this is a great program that will help kids who need winter coats. Special thanks to Bill Lueckenhoff the Coats for Kids' Chairman who has been on top of this for the past year.

The need for wheelchairs has been high and people sometimes wonder who has chairs or who do we need to reach out to so as to get one. Here are areas with available wheelchairs that we are aware of. Please note that these are "relative" totals as of early March, 2026.

WHEEL CHAIRS LOCATION	WHEELCHAIR TYPE	QUANTITY
MATT GRAY ST. LOUIS	ASSORTED	15
LOUIS RAINIERI CUBA	ASSORTED	12
DAVID GOVERO SPRINGFIELD	ASSORTED	8
CHRIS BRADFIELD KANSAS CITY	ASSORTED	16
JOHN CLARKE NIXA/BRANSON	ASSORTED	1

If you are in need of a wheelchair and are in one of these regions, please contact the associated name if you know them. If you do not, please contact me, John "Rocky" Gambon and I will get you in touch with these people. We have been trying diligently to make these wheelchairs more accessible to everyone. Don't forget to make your donation if you haven't already.

Charles Leanu reports blood drives are going very well this year with more Councils reporting their participation. If you have participated in a blood drive or your Council held their own event, please report to Brother Charles, through the website form or email or IM or a phone call of your Councils holding of or participation in blood drives. Lastly, we are still accepting your donations to the Agape house/ prison concern program. Donations have been down a little this year. I challenged the district deputies to urge their Councils to, at least, match the participation rate of the Ladies' Auxiliaries. Thank you, ladies, for what you do. Questions on these programs contact Charles Leanu, Cmalenau12@spectrum.net



St. Jude The Apostle #14097 Oak Grove recently presented OGH'S Special Olympics a donation of \$2,000.00 to support their program.



After mass at Assumption Catholic Church celebrating St. Louis Archdiocese 200th Anniversary, the Honor Guard joined with main celebrant Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski with co-celebrant Rev. Tom Keller. The Sir Knights on this "special day" were Andy Dyslewski, Mike Hines, Eric Bruns, Ben Robben, Ron Meier, Damian Kopcha, August Johansson, Gary Lottmann, Pete Sperruzza, Paul Watters, John Dempsey, Frank Mantia, Tom Heller.

MOScholars Tax Credit Program

By: Brad Grill, PSD

In 2021 legislation was passed by the State of Missouri establishing the MOScholars Tax Credit Program. Businesses and individuals can redirect up to 50% of state income tax liability to an education organization, for example the Bright Futures Fund in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau & Joplin, www.BrightFuturesFund.org. The individual or business can purchase a tax credit to be used in the payment of state tax obligations. The tax credits may be carried forward for four additional tax years and are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability. All of these funds provide Catholic school scholarships to eligible families based on income or if the child has a learning challenge, furthering the legacy each student carries forward in their faith life. All across the State of Missouri efforts are underway to assist eligible individuals in parochial schools with the assistance of the MOScholars Tax Credit Program. The Msgr. Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant Program Fund under the "Perpetual Funds" will work hand in hand with the MOScholars Tax Credit Program in furtherance of a "Knight's Legacy". The following for each Diocese is the contact individual regarding information pertaining to the MOScholars Tax Credit Program for reference:

Archdiocese of St. Louis – Today & Tomorrow Foundation

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Diocese of Jefferson City

573-635-9127

2207 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914



Please make every effort to learn more about the MOScholar Tax Credit Program which does not cost a business or individual, but only allows for the transfer of tax payable funds to be used in furtherance of transforming lives through Catholic education.

DD #26 Ron Bracht Checks In With Numerous Activities

#1270 Martinsburg - held a fried chicken dinner in October with the proceeds going to the Martinsburg Community Church building project. They hosted a family community wide Halloween party. A Memorial Mass and dinner for deceased Brother Knights and their families was held in November. Council 1270 Tootsie Roll Drive raised funds for the Knights Developmental Center and Special Olympics. The Council sponsored a youth to attend NCYC in Indianapolis. A Prolife breakfast was held in January with proceeds going to Birthright of Montgomery City and Options for Women. A Sacred Heart Holy Hour at St. Joseph Church on February 4. The Annual Knights of Columbus Auction was held February 13. Proceeds of the auction support St. Joseph Parish and school, along with over 30 charities including high school scholarships.

#2044 Montgomery City - served breakfast for the local high school football team in October. Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds went to the Knights Developmental Center and the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Board to assist those with disabilities in Montgomery County. Coats for Kids program gave away 70 coats to local youth in need. The Council hosted and cooked BBQ pork steaks for Birthright of Montgomery City fundraiser in November. A Memorial Mass for the deceased Brother Knights was held November 25 at Immaculate Conception Church. The Council participated in No Hungry Holiday providing 40 turkeys and food for needy families. December 6 at the Knights Christmas party and awarded college scholarship to local high school seniors. The Annual Sausage Dinner was held for the community on January 25. The Council sponsored a Sacred Heart Holy Hour at Immaculate Conception Church on February 10.

#3760 Mexico - hosted a Vocations Breakfast after mass Sunday October 5. The proceeds went to the Vocations office of the Jefferson City Diocese. The October Tootsie Roll Drive raised funds for the Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and the other half was presented to the Children's Therapy and Early Education School in Mexico Missouri. Mexico Knights held their second annual Steak Night at the Knights on Saturday November 1 to raise funds for their scholarship program and they auctioned off left over Tootsie rolls for the Children's Therapy School.

The Food for Families drives netted 101 pounds of food and \$370.00 cash donations for the Help Center in Mexico, MO. The December Coats and 20 pairs of gloves. The coats were distributed by the Help Center on Mexico, MO. The Council blood drives held in November and February resulted in 36 units of blood collected for the American Red Cross. Council 3760 hosted a Sacred Heart Holy Hour at St. Brendan Church on January 20. The Icon was also exposed during weekend and daily masses

#4454 Fulton - The Tootsie Roll drive for developmental disabilities was a huge success. The proceeds went to the Knights Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and Kingdom Projects Inc, a sheltered workshop in Callaway County. The Council and Assembly held a fish fry to help raise funds to send several area youths to NCYC held in Indianapolis. The Council hosted a Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members on November 11 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with a meal following the mass. Several members of the Council volunteer each month to serve meals at Open Table, which is a nonprofit that provides free meals to those in need across Callaway County. The Council participated in Roses for Life over the weekend of January 17 and 18. The Knights hosted a Sacred Heart Holy Hour at St. Peter's Catholic Church on February 11. The Icon was also exposed during weekend and daily mass.

#7841 Centralia - The Council's November blood drive collected a record breaking 43 units. Tootsie roll proceeds went to the Knights Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Centralia School Foundation to support kids with disabilities. The Council's Coats for Kids program donated coats to the Methodist Church community coat drive, plus five cases were donated to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

They hosted the VFW/Knights Chili supper fundraiser with proceeds going to Esther's Pantry, a local food bank. The Council's Food for Families program held multiple food drives for Esther's Pantry. The Knights annual Shrimpfest was held January 31 and February 7. Proceeds of the event support multiple charitable programs of the Knights, local parish, and surrounding community including St. Raymond's House, Vitae, Agape House, Wheelchair Mission and Missouri Special Olympics. Council 7841 hosted the local and district Free Throw Competition on February 1.

Family of the Month: January Robert Engemann #4429

Bob, Eileen and Bobby work tirelessly at every event the Council holds. Bobs son Bobby is special needs but Bobby is always wanting to help. Bob is able to do almost every job at our weekly bingo and is there every week. Eileen also helps out at the bar during bingo as well as Bobby, who makes the popcorn. Bob is also a Boy Scout leader for the special needs Boy Scout troop that meets at our hall. He is very involved helping the scouts achieve new heights. Bob has been the chairman for our DDD drive for years. Bob, Eileen and Bobby all even work at the store fronts collecting. Bob and Bobby do most of the bbqing for our outdoor events including our special needs Easter egg hunt and our car show.

The Family group wishes everyone a happy and spiritual Lenten season. As we head into Lent, I would like to take this opportunity to mention a couple of Family programs from the Supreme website. **Good Friday Family Promotion:** Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remain low at many Parishes. To change this and set an example for their community, Knights are encouraged to attend Good Friday services with their families and invite other parish members. Also consider attending Stations of the Cross or participating in the Easter Triduum. **Faith in Action:** The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Leo, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church. The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivate each family as a miniature domestic church. The program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, families can grow in holiness together. This is a flexible program that can be started at any time of the year and continues year-round. Councils can order physical booklets to distribute or direct parish families to program resources on kofc.org.



Looking for State Activities of fun and fellowship? Let me tell you about a recent activity and others that are coming up.

The State Cornhole Tournament was held Jan 31, 2026 in Lee's Summit. Thank you to our hosts Council 8334 in Lee's Summit and all those participating Councils from across the state. The winners of the tournament were:

1st Place — Billy Mandina and Nic Mandina — St. Robert Bellarmine Council #14745 Blue Springs

2nd Place— PJ Buttner and Berry I James — Good Shepard Council #6401 Hillsboro

3rd Place — Timmy Harmon and Darren Poltte — St. Rose of Lima Council #1185 DeSoto

4th Place — Nicky Politte and Brad Belew — St Rose of Lima Council #1185 DeSoto Participation Plaque (most teams entered in the tournament) State Council consisting of State Officers, Directors and Chairman*** Third year in a row for participation award ***

Following our successful Cornhole Tournament, we have several exciting events lined up. On March 28, 2026, join us at the St. Louis Repertory Theatre at 4:00pm for "Ring of Fire-The music of Johnny Cash". With a powerhouse creative team and world-class actor-musicians, Ring of Fire celebrates the music and legacy of The Man in Black. The high-spirited musical pays homage to his Arkansas roots and the love, faith, and grit that shaped his storied life.

After enjoying the musical at the St. Louis Repertory Theatre, don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming baseball games. We have the Royals Game on May 23 against the Seattle Mariners and the Cardinals Game on Aug 29 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bring your families to one or all as these events are full of fun and fellowship.

**STATE LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE
REGINA & RON MACKENBERG**

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very successful year marked by growth, service, and strong community engagement. Three new auxiliaries were established this past year: #2457 Our Lady of Sorrows, #15294 St. Thomas Aquinas College, and #1848 Bloomsdale. In addition, three auxiliaries were successfully restarted: #6018 Pope John XXIII Arnold, #5586 Belton, and #6506 Blue Springs.



The Ladies also demonstrated compassion and support by sending more than 15 sympathy cards to loved ones. Financially, the Ladies donated a total of \$272,395.00 to various charities, including \$20,951 specifically contributed to Vocations. Service remained a cornerstone of our mission, with members contributing a total of 222,401 volunteer hours. This dedication was further reflected in the nomination of nine Ladies for Lady of the Year.

Membership continues to thrive, with a total auxiliary membership of 3,460 and 180 new Ladies joining this past year. Regina and I truly enjoyed visiting area meetings, where meaningful conversations took place and many wonderful ideas were shared.



Bishop Edward Rice joined with the Honor Guard from the 3 Assemblies in Springfield for the Fr. McDevitt Memorial Mass.

Greetings from 40!

By DD Mike West

All the councils are busy with Lenten Fish Fries and other Lenten activities.

Council 846 Edina - recently hosted the Sacred Heart Icon.

Council 2526 St. Patrick is hosting the Sacred Heart Icon in conjunction with the St. Patrick novena. Street bowling is coming at the end of March. This is always a popular event.

Council 3375 Kirksville - recently hosted the Sacred Heart Icon. We are busy planning for our 100 year anniversary party in May. We are also looking forward to supporting the Special Olympic games in late May.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux 3824 - have lots of plans for the second half of the fraternal year including a clergy appreciation dinner in May.

**Fourth Degree Assembly Award
Winners for 2024-2025
Fraternal Year.**

By Mike Grudzinski, Missouri District Master

The following Assemblies were awarded the "Civic Award" by Supreme "For outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus."



- St. Louis Assembly 565
- St. Joseph Assembly 569
- Pope Pius X Assembly 1877, Springfield
- Fr. Edward F. Mallen Assembly 2075, Excelsior Springs
- St. John Paul II Assembly 3196, West Plains
- East Kansas City Assembly 3861

Missouri had one Star Assembly and, under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Ron Meier, that distinction goes to Holy Spirit Assembly 3588, Chesterfield. Hopefully we have triple the number of Civic Award and Star Assembly Awards this year!

FROM RAMPS TO FISH FRIES: #37 SERVING ST. LOUIS

By DD#37 August Johansen

The first half of the fraternal year has been exciting for District 37. The Councils have done an AMAZING job recruiting around St. Louis's West County area, so much so that they met or exceeded their objective by January — a huge accomplishment. Steve Lang from Holy Infant in Ballwin (Council 10794) has been instrumental in starting a district-wide exemplification held every second Tuesday of the month at Holy Infant's Church, supported by Fr. Stanger. It has gone so well that we have extended invitations to our neighboring Councils to bring new candidates and join us in celebrating completion of their degrees.

The district additionally hosted regionals for the Free Throw Contest at St. Alban Roe in Wildwood. Through the great attendance of many brothers across the region, we were able to efficiently run the contest and get participants and their families back to enjoying their weekend. Finally, the district supported the Coats for Kids drive during an extremely cold winter.

In specific Council updates, **St. Clare of Assisi in Ellisville #7119** - has announced their five wheelchair ramp building dates for 2026. Our brothers do an extraordinary job designing and constructing critical ramps across the St. Louis area. In addition to being an awesome group of men, they give their time and talent to ensure members of the community are able to live life to the fullest. The Council also supported St. Patrick's Center with much-needed hats, gloves, socks, and other essentials during a busy winter.

St. Joseph in Manchester (Marian #9522) - held their 31st annual Trivia Night, netting more than \$30,000 for area outreach organizations. A major community-building event for St. Joseph Parish, the February 21 event attracted 488 participants, more than 60 volunteers, and donations from 224 different sponsors. The Trivia Night proceeds support nonprofits that serve neighbors in need, students with cognitive disabilities, and adults with disabilities that evangelize the Catholic faith; and more. Key partners include the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph, Academy of St. Louis, Lafayette Industries, MaterMedia, and many more charitable organizations.

In addition to trivia, the event included an auction of more than 100 items, which this year was conducted online for the first time, allowing parishioners and friends not in attendance to participate. "Our Trivia Night is one of our Council's premier events and also a parish highlight. It's made possible thanks to huge contributions of time and talent by Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members, with tremendous support from the parish staff and parishioners," said Brother Knight Bob Hoffman, event chair. See photos for a glimpse at the amazing turnout! This is a dedicated group of men, and every event is a great time with them. In addition to Grand Knight Jack Schafers hosting the January district update.

Holy Infant in Ballwin #10794 - spent the cold winter keeping the community active. The brothers and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a monthly BINGO evening for the community. It is a great time for all and is solidly attended every month. We especially enjoy the "Birthday" game they play during the second intermission. The Council also wouldn't let that "small" January snowstorm stop their Chili Cookoff, but for safety they turned it into an awesome Super Bowl Chili Cookoff — and a great time was had by all.

Finally, I bring excitement from the fish fry front. **Sacred Heart Valley Park #8887** continues to have one of the most impressive turnouts — as you drive by, the entire parking lot is packed and they do a phenomenal job. St. Alban Roe (Council 12022) has had a year of change as the venue was moved to the school and gym. The brother Knights truly unified and not only had two successful evenings, as of the date of this submission, under the direction of Grand Knight Gary Schroeder, but also built a new Fry "Mansion" through the talents of their construction gifted members. The new structure is strong enough to withstand any mini tornado (noting that the 2025 storms caused sizeable damage during the fish fry to both the grounds and the Fry Shack).

I would like to thank Steve, Jack, Fr. Stanger, and Fr. Philipp for their support during the first half of the fraternal year. We invite all of you to share in some of our exciting second-half events, which we update on the state calendar, whether for an exemplification or an evening of BINGO.



St. Joseph's 31st Annual Trivia Night - Just look at the attendance



Left: St. Alban Roe - First Fish Fry using the School and gym.



Right: The Fish Fry Crew in the newly constructed Fry Mansion



Reactivation of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council #2353



We welcome back Council #2353 in Kansas City who recently reactivated. Kevin Casel states many thanks to all who assisted in this exciting opportunity and would like to thank a great team effort! The Knights look forward to working with Our Lady Of Perpetual Council as we move forward doing the great works of Fr. Michael McGivney.

Separate but United: Understanding the Distinct Roles of Councils and Home Associations

In recent years, many Knights across Missouri have heard renewed discussion about the importance of clearly separating the operations of a Knights of Columbus Council (a subordinate unit) from those of its home association. For some, this raises questions: Why does this separation matter? What exactly is a home association? And how can both entities work together while remaining distinct?



This article aims to clarify the purpose of that separation and to outline the proper roles and responsibilities of each organization, so that Councils and home associations may function effectively, transparently, and in harmony with the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

A Shared History, Distinct Purposes

Historically, Councils and home associations often grew up side by side. A Council needed a meeting place, and members—motivated by fraternity and practicality—formed a separate legal entity to purchase or maintain a building. Over time, these home corporations or home associations became integral to Council life.

Despite this close relationship, it is critical to remember that a Knights of Columbus Council and a home association are two distinct associations, each with its own mission, governance structure, financial responsibilities, and obligations under civil law and the Laws of the Order.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has long emphasized this distinction, not to create division, but to protect both entities and ensure sound governance.

What is a Council?

A Knights of Columbus Council is a fraternal organization chartered by the Supreme Council. Its primary purpose is to carry out the Order's mission through charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Councils are responsible for charitable works, parish support, faith formation activities, community service, and fraternal engagement of members and their families. Councils operate under the Knights of Columbus Charter, Constitution, and Laws, and are accountable to the State Council and Supreme Council. **A Council's funds must always be used in a manner consistent with the charitable and fraternal purposes of the Order.**

What is a Home Association?

A home association is typically a separate nonprofit corporation formed under state law. Its purpose is practical: owning or leasing real property, maintaining a building and managing expenses such as utilities, insurance, repairs, and capital improvements. Originally, home associations were designed to be recognized under IRC 501(c)(2) and exist for the exclusive purpose of holding title to property, collecting income from it, and **turning over its entire income, less expenses, to the local Knights of Columbus Council that formed it.** While many home associations are composed largely of Knights, they are not subordinate units of the Knights of Columbus.

Why Separation Matters

The separation between a Council and a home association serves several vital purposes: legal protection, financial transparency, regulatory compliance, and good governance.

Working Together the Right way

Separation does not mean isolation. Councils and home associations can and should work together cooperatively through written agreements, fair financial arrangements, distinct leadership roles and clear accounting practices.

A Call to Stewardship

By respecting the distinct roles of Councils and home associations, we strengthen both. We reduce risk, increase transparency, and ensure that our charitable mission remains front and center.

As Knights in Missouri, let us approach this topic not with frustration or fear, but with clarity and fraternity—always guided by our shared commitment to serve God, the Church, and our neighbor.

Seminarian John Paul Maguire Receives Support

Joe Dubbert, Grand Knight of Msgr. Patrick Gavan Council #3760 Mexico and Rich Duffner, Financial Secretary, present a \$1,000.00 check to John Paul Maguire on Christmas Day at St. Brendan Church in Mexico, MO. John Paul is currently a student at Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois and will use the money for his Seminary studies.

The Knights have and will continue to support our clergy with our time, talents and energies through local support and the Missouri Religious Vocations Fund.



DD Richard T. Wieberg Mentions Very Busy Councils In #20

1171 Westphalia Council - is busy with the Lent fish fries. The first one was a record setting for the Council in number of meals served. The annual fishing tournament is being planned for the local Maries River. Lots of sponsors and prizes are being offered again this year. The baby bottle campaign has been given out to the local parish school and will be collected at the end of the month. The school will be awarded a pizza party afterwards when the bottles are collected. The school is looking forward to this event. Something new this year will be a golf outing at the State Tech driving range to recruit new members for the Council. Grand Knight, Russel Voss, has committed to meet the goal for Star Council this year. Everyone in the Council is on board to make this happen. Spring Youth soccer program is in full swing, getting the area youth to learn and play soccer games. The local Boys Scout Group has their activities at the Council hall. The free throw contest was just wrapped up, and the Essay contest winners were selected and presented to the state. Cor is active in the parish and the Council with the first Wednesday Men's Prayer night and Signum Crucis in Jefferson City. On a sad note, the Council lost two active members of the Council and a Ladies Auxiliary member. Their presence will be missed for a long time.

1914 Herman Council - continues to do the same "old" thing and making a HUGE difference in their parish and community. The Ministerial Alliance is an activity supporting the community with the fifth Sunday special collection money supporting the needy. Council activities include Breakfast with Santa, Bibles for those making First Communion, T-shirts for the parish school children, the pork sausage sales, Chile weekend during the super bowl, prayerful pretzels for the school children of the parish and after Mass. The food drive and the "Coats for Kids" programs are much needed to support the families in the area. Community activities include Christmas Bell Ringing with other local churches to assist with local housing needs, the parish school rummage sale, and assisting the VFW with their Worst Stand during Oktoberfest in Herman. Each year the council offers a scholarship to a college student from the parish. The free throw contest and the state Essay contest are part of the council activities each year. The Council worked on upgrading the speaker system at the Shrine at Starkenburg. Cor is active in the Council with praying the rosary each Monday evening at church. Before each meeting, the Council participates in Mass and a Rosary in Church and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary prayer service.

2027 Bonnots Mill Council - has already earned Star Council award again this year by meeting membership growth. Bonnots Mill Council has been very busy with several raffles, twice annual blood drives and sponsoring "Mass for the Nation" at the three local churches. As many Councils, they start the evening activities and meeting with the rosary. In the spirit of "Leave No Neighbor Behind" the Council collected toys for adopted families in the community. The "Wheelchair Mission" and the "Drive for Disability" are part of the fall activities sponsored by the Council. RSVP program sponsored two seminarians in their studies for vocations. The annual steak night is on the agenda for this year again. Poster boards were made to highlight the Council's annual activities and fund raisers. This is their recruitment tool for all to see. The Council celebrated family life with a special dinner and meeting in February. Husbands and wives attended the meeting that held awards presentations to local schools. The Ladies Auxiliary has been reactivated by the Council as well. Cor is active with their men's prayer group, building their faith in the council and their families.

4838 Linn Council - has been busy with fundraising for the Special Olympics with the Drive for Disability, helping the two parish schools and churches with common microphones used during Mass. The St. George Parish School completed and dedicated a prayer/flower garden in front of school. Over the years the council assisted with the parking lot renovations at church and school. The next phase of this project is assisting with the renovations of the lower lot area making more parking spaces. The Council completed the renovations of the fencing around the school building and replacement of the wall between the church and the rectory. Most all the labor and equipment were Brother Knights. Pre-Lent pancake breakfast is on the calendar for the students at St. George Parish School. The annual fried fish and fried chicken dinners, and trivia night, and fund-raising raffle support the Council's activities. The parish schools at Loose Creek, Frankenstein and St. George at Linn all received donations from the council. The Council held their annual back to school BBQ for the students at St. George. The twice annual blood drives are back and running because of the help from the Council members. The annual essay contest winners are selected and sent into the State. The annual free-throw contest is on the books and districts will be held at the St. George School gym. Cor is active in the Council with the council sponsoring "Mass for the Nation" at St. George Parish before the monthly council meeting.

6430 Taos Council - has been quite busy with their 26th annual Winter Wonderland raffle and their annual \$13K raffle. The "Wheelchair Mission" and the "Drive for Disability" were part of the fall activities as well by the Council. Other activities include the Council's golf tournament, and the annual family feed. Backyard golf tournament was held again this October. The participation was great, as usual, and the funds raised support the local parish school. The local baseball diamond is busy with youth ball players again this year. Each year the Council honors their veterans by placing wreaths at the graves of our deceased military Veterans. The parish school participated in both the free throw contest and the essay contest. The Council upgrades the chrome books for St. Francis Xavier students. The Council members offered their time and talent with the renovations of the parish church. Many hours and manpower were used to trim the cost of this project. The church looked beautiful before the renovations, but now it is even more beautiful after the work has been done. Cor is active in the council by participating in Sigum Crucis, a men's prayer group meeting and talking about their faith before the monthly Council meeting. Afterwards the council will pray the rosary before the Council meeting as well.

14906 Msgr. John Pleus Council in Jefferson City - is in the planning stages for the annual spring BBQ pork steak dinner. The parish school is the sole beneficiary of the funds raised. The parish is in the planning stages for the replacement of the school facilities that were built back in the late 60's. Groundbreaking will begin this spring with the removal of buildings next to the parish. The Council participated in the annual teacher appreciation dinner held at Helias. All three Councils join forces to cook and serve their famous chicken dinner. Afterwards funds are presented to the three parish parochial schools and one high school in Jefferson City. Special Olympics torch run, the Vogelweid Center and the AGAPE house are just a short list of activities supported by the Council. The Grand Knight and officers composed a letter to the parents of students inviting them to join the Knight's Council. Many parents are joining the Knights in support of their school and their children. St Vincent DePaul Society has asked for support to provide beds for kids. The Council and adjoining Councils have stepped up to the challenge and raised funds for this program. Cor is active in the Council with the Signum Crucis program on the third Wednesday of the month at Helias High School. This is a condensed list of the activities at each one of these Councils. Many of the Councils have had many more activities that are not listed. These are the highlights of their Council's work serving their church, their communities and most of all their families. It has been an honor to serve these councils as their District Deputy. I look forward to each Council meeting to see all the activities at each Council and how they serve their families, their churches, and their community. The role as Diocesan Growth Chairman only helps me to understand the potential on how we support our families, our community and most of all our churches.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight of Columbus!

#876 MARSHALL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Father Dan Reardon (L) of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Harrisonville, presents S.K. Byron Sidney with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Fr. Edw. Hamill Council In Marshall welcomed 10 new members to the Order with a recent Unified Degree. Missouri State Council would like to wish congratulations to the new members and we look forward to working with you as we continue the great works of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney.

Pat Greenwell Says Councils Have Big Plans in District #29

KC District 29 Councils Monroe City Holy Rosary Council 1165, Indian Creek St. Stephen Council 1971, Shelbina St. Mary Council 2241 and Macon Immaculate Conception Council 3769. All 4 KC Councils held various activities during the Christmas Season. Plans are being made for the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon. March 15th 2026 to April 19th 2026 in KC District 29.

Each KC Council is working in their own parishes helping with Lent 2026 Activities. All 4 KC Councils are having Cor Meetings. Holy Rosary & Indian Creek Councils meet together bi-monthly. St. Mary & Immaculate Conception Councils meet together monthly.

Monroe City Holy Rosary #1165 - has been busy with their spring 2026 youth basketball league. Money raised will help with the Knights of Columbus Buildings. Helped with the Annual Holy Rosary Fall Dinner. Held their Annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party inviting the Indian Creek KC Council.

Also, at the Christmas Party dedicated the Holy Rosary KC Meeting Room in the Holy Rosary KC Hall to Parker Kendrick who served both the Holy Rosary KC Council & Parish for many years as KC Grand Knight 4th Degree Faithful Navigator.

The Holy Rosary and Indian Creek KC Councils worked together and had several Holy Rosary school students enter the KC Essay Contest. Holy Rosary & Indian Creek Council members held a live 1st-2nd-3rd Degree Ceremony in December following a Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Rosary. Held their Annual Daddy Daughter Dance in February. Have been having a meal at their meetings helping to increase members coming to the meeting.

Helping to work on various Holy Rosary School & Parish Projects in 2026. Held a KC Fish Fry during Lent.

Special Thanks to Aaron Benson and the Holy Rosary KC Council for hosting the KC Free Throw Local, District & Regional Contest at the Holy Rosary KC Gym. Several local winners moving on to the KC State Free-Throw Contest.

Indian Creek St. Stephen #1971 - had a very successful Fall Football Raffle. Money raised will help with various Knights of Columbus Council projects during 2026. Having a whole hog sausage sale. Discussed other projects to work on in 2026. Worked with Holy Rosary KC & Holy Rosary School on the KC Essay Contest. Held their Annual Chilli Dinner inviting Holy Rosary KC Council Members. Making plans for spring & summer 2026 KC Council Activities. Plan on working with the Indian Creek Parish on various projects in 2026.

Having their Annual Palm Sunday KC Breakfast, after the Palm Sunday Morning Mass. Will be hosting their Annual Indian Creek Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Sunday Morning Mass.

Shelbina St. Mary #2241 - hosted a KC Fraternal Benefit Night for members of several KC Councils in the fall. Held their Annual Farm Toy Show in December 2025. Funds raised help fund various KC Council Projects. Hosted a joint St. Mary & Immaculate Conception KC Council Football afternoon in December. Have served several meals this spring of 2026 to raise money for various KC Projects.

Member Martin Spilker sold 2026 Calendars that he produced. Money raised goes towards various Pro-Life Causes. Donated money to Ray of Hope for its Pro-Life Activities. He also produced a picture that the KC

Council is raffling off. The KC Council is also raffling off 1/10 oz gold coin. Both raffles having tickets being sold at all 2026 KC Lenten Fish Fries. Money raised from these raffles to help fund various KC Projects. The money raised from the 2026 Lenten Fish Fries will be used to fund the KC Council Scholarship Program.

Held the KC Free-Throw Contest in January. Several winners going on to the State KC Free-Throw Contest. Held their Annual KC Wild Game Dinner, inviting KC Members from the Macon Council along with perspective KC Members. Will be holding their Annual KC Communion Breakfast Palm Sunday following the Sunday Morning Mass. Working on getting the St. Mary Community Garden cleaned up and ready for 2026.

Working with the Shelby County Food Pantry in Shelbina. Donated money to the Shelby County Food Pantry. Will sponsor several KC Blood Drives in 2026. Helping with other various St. Mary Parish Projects. Special thanks to St. Mary KC Council for hosting the Winter KC District 29 & 40 Meeting in January 2026.

Macon Immaculate Conception #3769 - held a Fish Fry during Lent. Will be giving away KC Scholarships this spring. Has been working with the Macon County Food Pantry. With members working with it. Along with donating money during the year. Helping and donating money to the local Ray of Hope Pro-Life Group.

Making plans for the Annual Maloney Dinner in the early summer. They have been working with the Immaculate Conception Parish on Repairs to the Parish Rectory. That will be going on for several months.

David Grimes reporting in from District 11

Councils 1125 in Montrose, 1896 in Clinton, and 8620 in Warsaw have all been busy as they continue their good work to help their respective churches and communities.

Montrose #1125 - held their annual turkey shoot on Thanksgiving weekend and again it was well attended. They also held a sold-out Valentine's Day dinner party that included a game show for the crowd to participate in. They continue to hold monthly events that include a pancake breakfast and a poker tournament. Fish fries are planned for the Lent season, and they have started a Cor meeting group with Rev. Fr. Jason as the leader. They continue to work very hard to help sponsor their school, local charities and programs including the Clinton Door of Hope pregnancy center.

Clinton #1896 - has had to work through losing Recording Secretary Michael Goode as he passed away suddenly. They have brought in two new members and are looking for more. They held a wonderful fund raiser for their Coats for Kids program and really helped the kids in the area that needed a warm coat for the winter season. They help their parish school when needed and help the kids participate in the Missouri Knights Essay Contest. They have also made contributions to the Clinton Door of Hope pregnancy center and help sponsor local charities and programs as well.

Warsaw #8620 - held their annual November Shrimp Boil and Christmas Day Dinner for the public. Both were attended very well by the local community. Donations were made from these events to local food pantry's, the Sedalia Pregnancy Support Center, Salvation Army, Senior Center and Missouri Special Olympics just to name a few. They also held their 27th annual Memorial Mass and dinner honoring all deceased members of Jay Harris Council 8620 on February 17th. This year's Mass was presided over by Missouri State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger. Lent season fish fries and poker tournaments have begun so the Council has a busy schedule.

All three Councils participated in the annual Tootsie Roll drive and Roses for Life programs.

District #38 Handles It All, MISL Soccer Even "Turkey Bowling" Festivites

By Jim Paunicka for DD Robert Morgan

Msgr. Sprenke #12676 - donated their 100% quota contribution to the Missouri State Religious Information Bureau (RIB), which we've done every year since our founding in the Jubilee Year 2000. They held a successful blood drive on March 1st, 2026 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Normandy with the ImpactLife blood drive organization and recruited enough donors to earn a cash grant from ImpactLife for the St. Ann Parish Grade School.

The Council held the Roses for Life event at St. Ann Church in January and continued working security details as a fundraiser for the St. Louis City Soccer Club games at the St. Louis Major League Soccer stadium. Thanks to our brother Knights from the Bp. Wurm Council #1376 for providing us the opportunity to work these soccer games to support our philanthropy. We held a Memorial Mass for deceased Sprenke Knights in November at St. Ann Church, which was celebrated by our Council Chaplain and St. Ann Pastor, Fr. Mark Madden.

We had a fun "Turkey Bowl" trivia night the Saturday before Thanksgiving as a Council fundraiser at St. Ann, capped off by 3 participants bowling a frozen turkey at 10 bowling pins for Thanksgiving dinner prizes! Our Council ran a Donut Sunday at St. Ann Church with the Serra Club to support vocation awareness, and we made a cash donations to the nearby UMSL Catholic Newman Center, for which Fr. Madden is Director, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference operating out of St. Ann Parish, the St. Louis Archdiocese Annual Catholic Appeal Affordable Housing Fund, to St. Ann Parish for their support and their upcoming dinner dance fundraiser, and to the Columbian Charities Wheelchair Mission.

We have been working with the nearby St. Rita Food Pantry and were able to secure a Food for Families grant to the pantry. Every week on Thursday evening, Sprenke Knight Joe Sanfilippo and his wife Pam lead a Queen of Hearts fundraiser, with all proceeds going to St. Ann Parish. This is a fun event with a cash bar and a chance to win thousands of dollars each week.

Sts. Gregory & Augustine #17355 - The Knights at Sts. Gregory & Augustine Council held a Unified Degree Exemplification on Saturday February 14th, 2026. They also participated in Coats for Kids and collected 32 coats and 4 hats delivered to St. Vincent de Paul in Creve Coeur. In support of their church usher committee, the Council has been having critical incident training, including first aid and CPR / AED training.

The Council did Christmas Card sales and they had a fundraising trivia night on February 7th, 2026 in Boland Hall at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, in an event in collaboration with the Bishop's Council 10490. The Council is having monthly Family of the Month and Knight of the Month Awards and is also having a monthly rosary challenge. They continue to provide ushers and participate in cleaning activities for St. Luke Catholic Church.

As part of their philanthropy for this past quarter, the Sts. Gregory & Augustine Knights provided funding for a someone planning a Rome pilgrimage and a woman traveling to the Catholic SEEK Conference.



The Missouri Knights of Columbus welcomed 11 Springfield Catholic High School Seniors to the Order during a March Unified Degree. Back row: Jerry Domann, Andy Love, Jackson Samsel, Dawson Henley, Drew Tackett, Matthew Gerety, Bishop Edward Rice, Mike Calliotte, Bob Calliotte, Phil Rinkoski, Craig Henley, Dylan Henley, Rhett Layne, Front row: Tyler Fischer, Christian Silva, Ethan Moellering, Kyle Rues, JR Garza, Ronnie Bohrer.

*Everyone pictured with the yellow and white exemplification baldrics are part of the Exemplification Team. Jerry Domann Financial Secretary for Council 13681, Andy Love Knights College Council Chairman, Mike Calliotte Knights Diocesan Chairman, Bob Calliotte Member of 13681, Phil Rinkoski Grand Knight at Council 13681, Craig Henley District Deputy 50, Ronnie Bohrer Chancellor and Director of Family Life at Council 13682; Asst. Principal at SCHS.

Father Hager Council #7064 Shines Bright



A meaningful and annual tradition outside the Fr. Hager Council Hall is to remind all of the true meaning of Christmas.

**Remember
They
Will
Not Join
Unless
They
Are
Asked!**



Chris Teel, Missouri State Council Religious Information Bureau Treasurer, was the winner of the 1900 era antique sword raffle that was recently put on by Assembly #3080 in Harrisville. Thanks to all that participated and congratulations Chris! R.I.B. Treasurer Chris Teel (Left) presented the historic sword by District Deputy #9 Bill Remshak.

Greetings From DD#55 Jeff DeMarco

We have been busy in the district. In January the district hosted the state corn hole tournament. A big thanks goes out to Council #8334 for having the tournament at their church, Holy Spirit - It was well attend. The District will present a check to Special Olympics at the state convention in April. Council 14097 presented at check to special olympic Quite a few of the Councils are holding fish fries. All of them are seeing increased numbers.

Assembly 3930 - hosted the 4th degree in February. What a great turn out. 46 new Sir Knights and 50 4th degree honor guard. The assembly also served us a bbq lunch. which was very good. Job well done Sir Knights.

2026 MO Bowling Tourney in O'Fallon Sees Largest Participation In Years

By Kevin Hudnut Chairman

Charity donations from O'Fallon #2269 wound up being \$5100. These funds came from 50/50 raffles, bowling ball raffles, and sales of lane sponsorships. The proceeds are being split between the Special Olympics of Missouri and the local Center for Autism Education.

We had a total of 25 5 person teams, 86 singles and 45 doubles participants. I'm pretty sure this is the largest tournament in the years I've been running it, so it is growing and bringing in new folks.

Congratulations to our champions: Singles – Denny Hoff – St. Paul #6415; Doubles – Bill and Pat Deters – St. Clement #1928; Team – Golden Eagle – St. Clement #1928 / O'Fallon #2269 / Fr. Pezold #7198 Craig Luebrecht, Gary Leverenz, Gary Scherder, Pat Deters, Dillon Labarge; All Events / High Scratch Game / High Scratch Series – Tim Horst Pope John Paul II #13762; Women's All Events – Melissa Horst

Some great games and series were shot during the tournament this year. Tim Horst had the high game of 279 and shot a scratch 700 series in ALL 3 EVENTS!! A little excitement on Sunday as well as Kory Kluesner (Oran #4311) shot a 278 with the front 9 strikes in his 2nd game of the team event. The 2027 tournament will again be hosted by O'Fallon #2269 on the weekend of March 6-7, 2027. Hope to see you all again, and have some new folks join us.

Event
Team Event - 1st Place (Golden Eagle) - St. Clement #1928 / O'Fallon #2269 / Cottleville #7198
Team Event - 2nd Place (Mine's in the Gutter) - Fr. Bertens #1927 / Villa Ridge #8073
Team Event - 3rd Place (Live From the Gutter) - Oran #4311
Team Event - 4th Place (Horst Unlimited) - St. John Paul II #13762
Team Event - 5th Place (St. Cloud's Bootheel) - Oran #4311
Team Event - 6th Place (Harry's Army) - O'Fallon #2269 / St. Paul #6415
Team Event - 7th Place (Any Knight) - Duchesne #2951
Team Event - 8th Place (1321 Team 1) - Fredericktown #1321
Team Event - 9th Place (Nuckin' Futs) - O'Fallon #2269
Team Event - 10th Place (Old Monrollers) - Old Monroe #10144 / Flint Hill #9023
Singles - 1st Place - Dennis Hoff - St. Paul #6415
Singles - 2nd Place - Tim Horst - St. John Paul II #13762
Singles - 3rd Place - Steve Bruce - Duchesne #2951
Singles - 4th Place - Steve Mueller - St. Paul #6415
Singles - 5th Place - Ian Whitehead - St. Clement #1928
Singles - 6th Place - Pat Schwierjohn - Duchesne #2951
Singles - 7th Place - Duane Timme - Duchesne #2951
Singles - 8th Place - Gary Scherder - St. Clement #1928
Singles - 9th Place - Stef Conoyer - St. Paul #6415
Singles - 10th Place - Ken Bruce - Duchesne #6415
Singles - 11th Place - Kevin Hudnut - O'Fallon #2269
Singles - 12th Place - Jim Thele - Leopold #5898
Singles - 13th Place (Tie) - Rich Horst - Pope John Paul II #13762
Singles - 13th Place (Tie) - Neal Hembrock - St. Paul #6415
Doubles - 1st Place (Bill Deters / Pat Deters) - St. Clement #1928
Doubles - 2nd Place (Mike Borgerding / Noah Borgerding) - Fr. Bertens #1927
Doubles - 3rd Place (Scott Deters / Ian Whitehead) - St. Clement #1928
Doubles - 4th Place (Tim Battles / Pat Schwierjohn) - Duchesne #2951
Doubles - 5th Place (Mike Deters / Brad Deters) - St. Clement #1928
Doubles - 6th Place (Pat Schellman / Dustin Pohl) - St. Thomas #2149
Doubles - 7th Place (Tim Horst / Lindsay Horst) - Pope John Paul II #13762
Doubles - 8th Place (Dana Wiele / Lindsay Allmeyer) - Duchesne #2951
All Events - 1st Place - Tim Horst - Pope John Paul #13762
All Events - 2nd Place - Pat Schwierjohn - Duchesne #2951
All Events - 3rd Place - Noah Borgerding - Fr. Bertens #1927
High Scratch Game - Tim Horst - Pope John Paul #13762
High Scratch Series - Tim Horst - Pope John Paul #13762
All Events - Ladies - Melissa Horst - Pope John Paul #13762

One More Photo of the Seniors from Springfield Catholic Unified Degree with Bishop Edward T. Rice

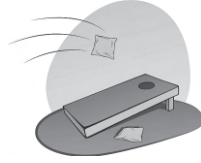


L to R: Drew Tackett, Christian Silva (Blue pullover), Dawson Henley (white shirt behind), Tyler Rischer (Blue pullover), Kyle Rues (white shirt behind), JR Garza (Blue pullover next to Bishop), Bishop Edward Rice, Matthew Gerety, Rhett Layne, Dylan Henley, Jackson Samsel, Ethan Moellering.

ATHLETICS 2026-27 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Participating in the sporting events sanctioned by the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus is a wonderful way to re-kindle old friendships and start new ones. It's a great family get away for a weekend not to mention the bragging rights for placing in the event. **The Following Is A List Of Scheduled Events, Dates and Locations:**

2027 Cornhole Tournament
 January 29-30, 2027
 Hosted by: Holy Spirit Council
 Lee's Summit, MO
 Contact: Jeff DeMarco
 Phone: 1-816-286-9795



2026 Golf Tournament
 July 18, 2026
 Ozark Ridge Golf Course
 Poplar Bluff, MO
 Contact: James Deken
 1-573-778-6682



Teddy Bear Drive
 TBD - 2025
 For More Information
 website: Mstedybear.com

2027 KC State Bowling Tournament
 O'Fallon Bowl
 O'Fallon #2269, MO
 March 6-7, 2027
 For More Information
 Contact: Kevin Hudnut
 Phone: 1-636-856-3296

2026 BBQ Contest
 July 24-25, 2026

Hosted by: Wm. J Barnwell Council
 #1263 Location: Perryville Picnic
 Grounds Perryville, MO
 Contact: Ken Wehmeyer
 Phone: 1-573-846-6162



2026 Horseshoe Tournament
 August 14-15-16, 2026
 Hosted by: Fr. Seisl Council #1121
 Location: Washington, MO
 Contact: Kyle Mantle
 Phone: 1-636-221-1313



2026 Sporting Clay Shoot
 September 16, 2026
 Hosted by: Sacred Heart Troy #6525
 Location: Blackhawk Valley
 Contact: Jacob Weinand
 Phone: 1-636-358-7116
 Location: Black Hawk Valley
 Old Monroe, MO



Entry Forms Due Approximately 30 Days Before Most Tournaments. Call Host Chairman for Details

For Information or Questions about Hosting a Tournament Contact:

Ennis Wm. Hinkebein II – State Athletics Chairman
 342 Hidden Meadows Drive, Jackson, MO 63755
 Phone: (home) 573-243-3367 or (cell) 573-450-4719,
 E-mail: eenie9@yahoo.com



Tri-County Council Serves It Up On Knights Weekends!

A Perfect Knights of Columbus Weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Kansas City. It begins with breakfast for the parishioners during a Membership Drive and ends with a Degree the following weekend.

2026 Bowling Tourney A Great Time for All Participants



Food For Families
 Contact: Chairman Steve Rozier
 (573) 517-3084
 srozier@sbcglobal.net

2026 Cornhole Tourney In Lee's Summit Is In The Bag!

By Ennis Hinkebein State Athletics Chairman

The State cornhole tournament was held in Lee's Summit hosted by Holy Spirit Council #8334. Jeff DeMarco chairman of the event did an excellent job along with the Council members and ladies. Friday night activities were well attended with an open tournament. Saturday morning opening ceremonials were kicked off with prayer and welcoming by State Deputy Michael Auchly, along with Ennis Hinkebein II, Kevin Hudnut, and Jeff DeMarco. The Pledge of Allegiance recited by our friends from Special Olympics. 25 teams were entered into the tournament. We had great food and cold drinks supplied by the host Council. All money collected from silent auction, gift bag drawings both days and entry fees and lane sponsors are donated to Special Olympics Training for Life Center. Winners from the event are:

- 1st place — Billy Mandina and Nic Mandina— St. Robert Bellarmine Council #14745 Blue Springs
- 2nd place — PJ Buttner and Berry I James — GoodShepard Council #6401 Hillsboro
- 3rd place — Timmy Harmon and Darren Politte — St. Rose of Lima Council #1185 DeSoto
- 4th place — Nicky Politte and Brad Belew — St. Rose of Lima Council #1185 DeSoto

The traveling participation plaque for most teams entered in the tournament for the third year in a row the State Council had the most teams.



**Council #1263 Perryville
Host 2nd Run For The Roses
For Life
Continues to Raise Money For
SEMO Pro-Life Groups
While Having A Great Time**



For 10 years St. Clement of Rome Council #10604 in Des Peres on Super Bowl weekend has been selling delicious ribs and pulled pork after mass. They have turned this into a very successful event and "fun times" for a good cause.

Is This Heaven? No, It Is Fish Fries In Smithville!



Smithville Council #9272 hosts a Fish Fry EVERY FRIDAY for over 500 guests. Lots of fun inside and even more outside in the newly remodeled Fish Shack!

Exemplification At Holy Spirit Honors Clarence "Book" Lawrence



March 7th
Missouri Knights
"Head To The Ice"
With The
KC Mavericks
To Benefit
Special Olympics

