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Missouri K. of C. To Conduct Annual Triple DDD "Tootsie Roll" Drive Weekends of Oct. 9-11 or 16-18 Lending A Hand to Those In Need

By Anthony "Tony" Jansen

October is Developmental Disabilities Drive (DDD) Month, and together we can make this our best year ever! Our goal for the 54th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is \$700,000, and that goal is well within reach if we all give our best effort. The impact of your work on behalf of the Missouri Knights of Columbus Developmental Center in St. Louis and Special Olympics Missouri is tremendous. These outstanding organizations provide vital support, services, and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout our state.

Councils are encouraged to conduct their drives on the weekends of October 9-11 or October 16-18. However, the insurance purchased by the Missouri State Council covers all weekends in October, giving Councils flexibility to expand their efforts. I encourage every Council to extend its drive whenever possible to help us reach our statewide goal. Please remember to print and display the council QR code in your parish, council hall, and other visible locations. The QR code can be used year-round, and your council will receive credit for all donations made through it.

To ensure a successful campaign, promote your drive through your Council newsletter, parish bulletin, website, and social media channels. If you were unable to place your official Tootsie Roll order in time, Tootsie Rolls may be purchased locally or through online retailers such as Amazon. The most important thing is participation and demonstrating to your community how much the Knights of Columbus care about individuals with developmental disabilities. Reporting and Fund Distribution Once your Tootsie Roll Drive is complete, please follow these important steps:

- Deposit all collected funds into your Council account.
- Submit a check payable to Columbian Charities of Missouri for the full amount collected.

- Complete both the DDD Final Drive Report and the DDD Disbursement Request Form.

These forms are available at mokofo.org under: Programs - Community Programs - Community Forms. After completing the forms, mail them to Jerry Herbert and email a copy to: anthony.jansen@toyodagosei.com. Please submit the DDD Final Drive Report as soon as possible after your drive is completed. The DDD Disbursement Request Form should also be submitted promptly once your Council has determined where its local share of the funds will be donated. To be eligible for state awards, all reports must be received by December 1, 2026. Please do not delay.

One-half of all funds collected through the Developmental Disabilities Drive is returned to your Council for use in supporting local programs that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. All funds must first be sent to Jerry Herbert, after which a reimbursement check will be issued to the charity designated by your council. Last year, more than 230 agencies across Missouri benefited from these funds. Councils that do not have a local agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities are encouraged to direct their turn-around funds to either the:

- Missouri Knights of Columbus Developmental Center, or
- Special Olympics Missouri

Please indicate your preference on the DDD Disbursement Request Form. The DDD Final Drive Report and the DDD Disbursement Request Form must be submitted no later than January 31, 2027. Thank you for your dedication and generosity. Through your efforts, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and demonstrate the charitable spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Annual Pitching For Priests Game

We had a great night of entertainment led by the Kansas City Chapter, one of the biggest baseball games of the summer took place at Legends Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas, on July 31: Pitching for Priests.

The long standing series pitting priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas against the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph in a softball game drew a record crowd of 4,958 people. Fans from both sides of the state line gathered before the game to tailgate as only they can, Kansas City-style.

The game did not disappoint. The priests showed off their athleticism on the diamond much to the crowd's delight. In the end, the Kansas side prevailed 23 to 19.



SD Lucas Volkman Meets With With Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

Recently State Deputy Lucas Volkman and Chairman Keith Beardslee had the honor of meeting with St. Louis Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski to discuss new programs and how the MO Knights of Columbus can better serve the St. Louis Archdiocese.

The Missouri Knights of Columbus consider it an honor to serve the four Diocese who lead the Catholic Church in our great state.

The Missouri Knights will continue to be on call at a moments notice to help in anyway who Catholic leadership in Missouri. We consider it a "blessing" to be the "right arm" of the Catholic Church in Missouri.

Take a moment to visit MOKofC.org and see the programs the Missouri Knights of Columbus participate in your diocese, Kansas City-St. Joseph; Springfield-Cape Girardeau; Jefferson City and St. Louis. We might have a program to assist you in your daily religious life.



Fr. Wenceslaus Klaric Council 11656 Packs Meals for Kids Against Hunger

Members of the Fr. Wenceslaus Klaric Council 11656 of New Melle participated in a Kids Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, August 8th at MidRivers Mall. The Knights joined dozens of volunteers in packaging nutritious meals to combat world hunger while sharing the Gospel message.

Council 11656 Knights who volunteered included Terry Schneider with his wife, son, and three grandchildren; Tom Meczowski and his wife; GK Tim Lebb; Andy Pope; Mike McDonald; Chris Cuddihee; Grant Smith; Tim McNiff; and Immediate Past FS Rich Neske. The volunteers worked at assembly-line tables packaging "Fiesta Rice Dinner" meals.

The Council's table packed 20 cases containing 36 meals each, contributing 720 meals to the day's total. Overall, volunteers at the event packed 15,000 meals that filled 5 pallets for distribution to areas of greatest need around the world.

Kids Against Hunger provides life-saving nutrition to starving children and families while sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The pre-packaged meals are distributed to regions where hunger is most acute.

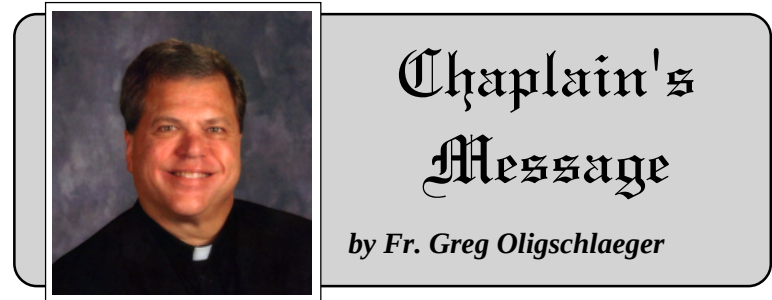
Council 11656 is affiliated with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle and is part of District 31. The Council continues to honor the legacy of its namesake, Father Wenceslaus Klaric, through acts of service and faith in the community. Photos far Right: Council 11656 Knights and family members working at food packing table and Welcome sign and Kid's Against Hunger boxes.



Knights of Columbus #2269 O'Fallon Attend Freedom Fest Parade

Knights of Columbus #2269 Show true patriotic pride during the Heritage and Freedom Fest Parade. In association with the Assumption Mens group the Knights assisted in handing out 2000 pieces of swag and 3,000 bottles of water during the event celebrating 250 years of our great country.





Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

As you all remember, during the Knights of Columbus Exemplification ceremony, a blessed rosary is formally presented to new members as a core symbol of their spiritual armor and devotion. As part of the degree, we hear from the Presenter on Charity: “As Knights of Columbus, we turn always to the gentle and glorious Virgin Mary, our Queen and our Mother. The Order is entrusted to the protection of the Blessed Mother under her title: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary’s love encircles us, drawing us closer to her Divine Son. Under the mantle of her protection, we take up her Holy Rosary.”

In formally receiving the Rosary of Mary our Queen, the new Knight is instructed, “Carry it [this rosary] always and pray it as often as you can.” The rosary represents the principle of prayer and spiritual warfare, reminding the new Knight and all Knights present to pray daily and stay close to the Blessed Mother.

Where is your Rosary that you were given at your degree ceremony? Remember to put it back in your pocket if it has gotten out of your daily routine. Some of us may have worn our rosary out. Then make sure a new rosary replaces it in your pocket so you may ‘pray the Rosary often’. I broke my rosary that I was given in 1991, but I carry my Dad’s Knights of Columbus rosary with me and it is in my pocket now as I write this column.

Wednesday, October 7th, is the memorial feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is traditionally known as the month of the Rosary in our Catholic Church because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls in this month. **I encourage each of you to pray the Rosary during October.** Pick a time of day and pray the Rosary at that time each day. Some of us pray at least one Rosary a day and some of us need to find where our rosary is and dust it off.

If praying the rosary is not something you do often, just start praying it. Often we feel like we have to have all the conditions just right... nope...just start. There are several Rosary apps that will help you with the Mysteries of the Rosary and the prayers.

While in the combine harvesting grain or while driving to work- many people find that time as a good opportunity to seek the Blessed Mother’s intercession. The repetition of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be to the Father prayers creates 15-20 minutes where one can offer prayer to God and seek God’s help & guidance.

If you are not accustomed to praying the rosary, pick a time of the week when you can pray with your family or someone else and offer this wonderful prayer to God through the Blessed Mother. During the month of October, pick a day and come to church to pray and while you are there -pray the Rosary.

Use this month of October to seek the Blessed Mother’s intercession to guide the voters in our state to choose the dignity of all human life and the protection of women and their babies as we strive to have laws that uphold Christian Morality by voting “YES” on Amendment #3 at the polls on November 3rd.

At the end of the praying the Rosary we say the prayer: “*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*” Every prayer through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. Let our Blessed Mother continue to introduce Jesus to you anew throughout this month of October and may we continue to grow in Christian Charity.

Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Greetings from District 27!

By DD#27 Mike West

The Councils are preparing for the Drive for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Council #846 Edina: The Council held an end of year picnic at the Financial Secretary's home in June.The Council had a steak sandwich stand at the 4-H fair. We are currently preparing for the Quails Unlimited Banquet in October. We held a combined degree and welcomed 3 new members to the Council at our September meeting. Additionally, one member advanced from First to Third Degree.

Council #2526 St. Patrick: We provided the Friday evening meal for Vacation Bible School. We are planning our annual Hayride/ Wiener Roast for October 17th. The parish and community are encouraged to attend.

The council is currently planning the fraternal year. Street bowling is always a big event to be held in March.

Council #3375 Kirksville: On Thursday, July 23, the Knights prepared 40 hamburgers and 30 hotdogs for the children and students for this year's Totus Tuus event held at Mary Immaculate. We held our annual Council picnic on August 13th. On Saturday, August 15, Knights erected a deck and stairs for another access to the schools new pod, which will be the new classroom for the 8th grade class. On Friday, August 21, the Knights prepared 75 hamburgers and 30 hotdogs for an event at the Newman Center to welcome the new students to Truman State University.

We are planning our annual fish fry for the Council at the Don Westhoff farm for our September meeting. We are also planning our 75th anniversary and clergy appreciation banquet for November 7th.

STATE DEPUTY LUCAS VOLKMAN SAYS:

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

I hope that this Mariner finds you well.

As we enter the second quarter of the fraternal year, things should be really moving for your Council or Auxiliary. If not, there is still plenty of time to get going and even if you can only offer a little bit of time, it can go a long way. But this part of the fraternal year is really when a lot of the fun goes on with our efforts furthering the great work of the Order in supporting the Church and our communities.

Each quarter I am issuing a challenge to the Councils and Auxiliaries in Missouri as a way for all of us to grow our faith and strengthen our family bonds. Since October is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, I am asking everyone to pray as many Rosaries as you can during the second quarter (October through December), and hopefully with your family, if you are able too. At the end of the quarter simply report these to your Grand Knight or Auxiliary President.

But our Brother Knight, the now Blessed Fulton Sheen, often talked about the importance of devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. Bishop Sheen considered the Rosary as the greatest sacramental – that is the answer to everything. As we seek to grow our Councils, Auxiliaries, and parishes, while helping our communities, devotion to the Rosary can help strengthen us in our faith and when we are troubled with things not going well. More importantly, Blessed Fulton Sheen saw the Rosary as a great devotion for the family. As the Holy Family was of mind, praying it together is an excellent way to strengthen the familial bonds.

At the same time, our State Life Director, Josh Neuweg, has a lot about Amendment Three in his article. Please read it, as it is so very important that we get the measure to pass. But sometimes, with something so large as a state-wide intuitive, we can think that our efforts can only lead us so far. But that is not the case. Remember that your individual efforts, in just reaching out to someone in your Council, Auxiliary, or parish about Amendment Three, can do a lot to help persuade them. As things ramp up, please remember to help, if you can, which really goes for a lot of our activities as an Order.

Thanks for all that you do for the Order. May Our Lady be with you and your families, along with our founder, Blessed Micheal McGivney, and Blessed Fulton Sheen. Vivat Jesus!



Keith Shackmann Chosen Knight of the Month

Keith has been a Third Degree Knight for 18 years and immediately accepted the chairmanship for Council #1230 electrical and construction maintenance which was quickly expanded to Sacred Heart Parish electrical and construction maintenance. Keith is a certified electrician and all his construction meets ADA spec for compliance. He supervises all electrical phases of Council and parish Christmas lighting and construction of the new wheelchair ramp halfway around the perimeter of the St. Vincent DePaul Building.

Keith is responsible for all electrical and construction at the Council and Sacred Heart Parish. New Christmas decorations were purchased for the parish by the council and Keith made sure all codes were complied with during installation and display. To comply with mobility requirements for the disabled, Keith installed a wheelchair ramp halfway around the St. Vincent DePaul Building for Sacred Heart Parish with all ADA specs complied with, This construction will be evaluated for submittal as one of the council's service projects for 2026-2027 to Missouri State Council.

Keith is in on the Council and parish electrical and construction committees. As well as his projects previously detailed, Keith makes sure lighting and heating is functioning well in the council hall. He has directed the frying of fish at our Lenten fish fries. Fish fries help to fund St. Vincent DePaul at Sacred Heart and Church of Our Lady Parishes and Kenrick Seminary Assistance.

With his involvement in the council fish fries, 40 cans of food for Lent with 1060 cans of food were collected, local and district KC Free Throw with 2 state champions, Drive for Developmental Disabilities and Coats for Kids had the necessary funding to be totally successful. Keith was a good worker for these projects as well as his supervision in electrical and construction activities. Keith assists with the Kids Fishing Tournament at the annual Council picnic. Assistance as a junior football and soccer coach. He makes sure the heat and electricity functions correctly for our Council and district free throw contests, with two state winners this year.

Brother Keith Schackmann has been active since joining the Knights of Columbus 18 years ago. He is an excellent example of getting active as soon as you join. His participation in Council activities is documentation for this nomination. He is equally as active in the electrical and construction needs of Sacred Heart Parish. The results speak for themselves, State Prolife Award and three straight Star Councils for the past four years. His ability to design and install practical and beautiful structures is displayed every Christmas and with the wheelchair ramp around the St. Vincent DePaul building. For these reasons we want to nominate Brother Keith Schackmann for State Knight of the Month.

AUGUSTINE YAHALLY CHOSEN JULY YOUTH OF MONTH

Augustine is an Altar Server, works as a Counselor at Wespine Study Center summercamp for boys and volunteers with the Missionaries of Charity. He has served at Mass for 3 Supreme Conventions of the K of C.

Community Activities: He works as part of the maintenance team at the Parish, He also volunteers to coach players on a younger team, including his brother. He is also involved in leading Bibles tudies designed for teens.

School Activities: Augustine attends C.K. Chesterton Academy, a classic Catholic High School. He is an honor student and outstanding athlete playing on the basketball, volleyball and soccer teams. He is also in Scholar Choir and student council representative.

Finally, if that is not enough, he played the lead in the school drama. He is in the process of founding a school newspaper. His personal motto is"The world offers you comfort, but you were made for greatness." Pope Benedict XVI. Above: L to R Marvin Doerhoff, Augstine Yahally, Mr. and Mrs. Yahally and Grand Knight Rick Bardle



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Brother Knights and Ladies,
Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Brian Ziegler and I am your new State Secretary. I am married to my beautiful wife Kim and we have 3 daughters but more importantly 1 grandson.

I hope that many of you were able to attend the beatification mass as it was an amazing and life changing event.

What does a State Secretary do? Well one of my roles is to collect the State Per Capita from Councils. The per capita Councils pay funds the State and allows us to provide the help and support to Council, Assemblies and Auxiliaries through things such as the per diem for the State Convention. We have recently upgraded our state website www.mokofc.org through the help of per capita.

The month of October is Month of the Rosary I encourage each council to lead a rosary every day during this month in support of Pope Leo, your bishop, your priest and deacons along with the support of passage of amendment 3. Vivat Jesus



#38 Participate In St. Louis Procession

By Jim Paunicka for DD Robert Morgan

Msgr. Sprenke Council 12676 – Our Council members participated in the Festival of St. Louis Procession with a Relic of Saint Louis from the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine to the Apotheosis of St. Louis (statue) at the top of Art Hill in St. Louis Forest Park on the Tuesday 8/25/2026 Feast Day of St. Louis. We were one of multiple Knights of Columbus Councils from the St. Louis area carrying our banner in the procession.



We finished running the St. Louis Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal at our home parish, St. Ann Catholic Church in Normandy, this year for our pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Mark Madden, and we surpassed our Parish Fundraising Goal and our Challenge Goal. The Sprenke Knights held a blood drive at St. Ann Catholic Church with the ImpactLife organization in June and secured a grant from ImpactLife for St. Ann Parish Grade School based on a good number of blood donors at the drive.

We worked security details as a fundraiser at the St. Louis Energizer Park soccer stadium for the St. Louis City Soccer Club in the professional Major League Soccer (MLS) league. The Sprenke Knights supported the local St. Ann Parish Men's Club Golf Tournament, sponsoring a hole and volunteering by serving food and drinks. We continue to run a Queen of Hearts fundraiser weekly with proceeds going to St. Ann Church and to fund \$500.00 gifts to seminarians as part of the KofC Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

We presented a \$500.00 RSVP gift to seminarian Ben Eusterbrock. We ran a Donut Sunday event to honor Fr. Vincent Mwebe who is moving from St. Ann Parish after 2 years of service, and we provided ice cream and popsicles of our St. Ann Parish 170th Anniversary Feast Day and for the St. Ann School Popsicle Social at the beginning of the school year. Finally, we supported Fr. Mark Madden in leading a Corpus Christi procession around the grounds of St. Ann Church.

Ss. Gregory & Augustine Council 17355 – The Knights at Ss. Gregory & Augustine played a major lead role in organizing the Festival of St. Louis Procession from their Council meeting location at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine to the Apotheosis of St. Louis (statue) at the top of Art Hill in St. Louis Forest Park on the Tuesday (8/25) Feast Day of St. Louis. They were one of multiple Knights of Columbus Councils from the St. Louis area carrying their Council banner in the procession. Catholics from across the St. Louis area and other parts of the US took part in the Festival of St. Louis events. The Knights took part in a procession on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.

Also, the Knights at Ss. Gregory & Augustine Council continue their service by performing Unified Degrees and by providing a Church Cleaning Crew for their Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine fraternal home in Richmond Heights.

Bill Remshak - Hello to All From # 9!

Summer is a time for BBQ's and vacations, but in the middle of all this, the Councils of District 9 have still found time to help their communities.

ArchBishop O'Hara #4387- We've been busy fixing up our 20+ year old hall. We have new paint, new lighting and made improvements to the outside. Our monthly Happy Hour Dinners continue to raise funds for KC Hospice.

Pope John XXIII #5586- In a past Corporate Sunday the Knights of our Council attended Mass together and then hosted a coffee and doughnuts and recruitment for the parish. We also helped members of the community with clean-up and other things from a recent storm.

Father Puetz #6550- Our Council purchased and installed 10 tons of rock to repair the north entrance of our church complex. We had a crew volunteer to replace all of the cables to internet and camera as in the church complex that were damaged in a recent storm. In June we moved an elderly parishioner's belongings to an assisted living facility and then helped another member of the parish move into a new home.

St. Bridget's Sons of Mercy #13113- We are hosting a 1st Saturday of the month Prayer Breakfast that is open to all members of the community.

St. Thomas More #14270 - We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner around Columbus Day in honor of our namesake. Our Knights attend Mass as a group and usher on Corporate Sundays.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help #14972 - Our members participated in the 9 day Novena for Blessed Father Michael McGivney. We also participate in the weekly Wednesday Adoration at our parish. We completed a trash pick-up on 150 HWY in late August and will hold a fall membership drive in late September. I will be sending a couple of pictures in a separate email. I hope you had a great summer and I hope to see you in December.

IN MEMORIAM

Claude E. Ridens, Jr.	571
Kenneth S. Sifferman	698
James A. Cox	823
Richard E. Ellison	823
Richard R. Fahrner	823
David P. Wehmeyer	823
Donald J. Thiel	876
Melvin J. Bussen	995
Wallace F. Bauman	1037
Bradley C. Fahnestock	1037
Leroy C. Gidley	1037
Robert G. Roth, Sr.	1037
Robert "Bob" J. Keating	1054
Joseph E. Acton	1061
Martin "Marty" E. Bonin	1061
Gene Burton	1111
Harvey "Skip" Boland	1121
Louis B. Eckelkamp	1121
Brock S. Hohman	1121
Othmar J. Jasper	1121
Robert "Bob" Mauntel	1121
James A. Unnerstall	1121
Lester Unnerstall	1121
Joseph A. Vernaci	1121
Dave "Dawg" Triller	1263
Thomas Unterreiner	1263
Albert L. Rackers	1529
Joseph P. Abt	1848
Jerry J. Schieber	1931
Larry Schmitz	1931
Anthony B. Wessel, Sr.	2044
Edward C. Berra	2117
Michael G. Foy	2117
Gerald P. Meier, Sr.	2117
Darl H. Mattson	2244
Anthony "Tony" R. Havelka	2265
Howard L. Thurman	3760
Joseph L. Oldani	4454
Sydney H. Rodman	4751
Edward M. Flanigan, Sr.	5401
Mark C. Radetic	6018
Deacon Richard A. Von Gunten	6365
John A. Felter	6420
Jeff Banken	6515
John "Jack" M. Kochanski	6794
Felomino "Phil" Orita	6871
John D. Gentges	7194
Joseph (Joe) F. Kouba	7231
Norman A. Brodeur	7781
Mark H. Eveler	8399
William H. "Bill" Dunn, Sr.	8915
Karyl H. Marrow	8915
Ronald "Ron" D. Lee	8920
Robert J. Strobe, Sr.	10690
Martin "Mart" Ryan	12022
Francis H. Carrow	12332
Michael F. Koppels	12332
James R. "Bob" Asahl	12992
John J. "Jay" Jordan	12992
Floyd J. Letterman	12992
Edward B. Griesbaum	13681
James M. Rosselit	13681
Thomas W. Savard	13681
Jeffrey M. Ohmes	14266
Carl A. Salucci	14266
Richard Thieman	14266

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 PROGRAM DIR. ROCKY GAMBON SAYS:

A New Fraternal Year, A New Opportunity to Serve

Welcome to September! With the arrival of fall, schools are back in session, summer is winding down, and throughout Missouri our Councils, Assemblies, and Ladies' Auxiliaries are preparing for another year of fellowship, faith, and service.

As we begin this new fraternal year, I encourage each of you to ask a simple question: **"What more can we do?"**

The Knights of Columbus offers us countless opportunities to put our faith into action. Now is the perfect time to begin planning your **Drive for Developmental Disabilities, or Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting Cardinal Glennon Hospital**. Perhaps the excitement of the FIFA World Cup will inspire your Council to host a **Soccer Challenge**. You might also consider participating in the **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville**, the **Sporting Clay Shoot in Old Monroe**, or bringing the men of your Council together through our **COR program**.

These aren't simply programs on a calendar. **They are opportunities to make a difference**—to serve others, strengthen our brotherhood, and demonstrate what it truly means to be a Knight.

Stay Connected

Be sure to visit **MOKofC.ORG**, our Missouri Knights of Columbus state website. A tremendous amount of time and effort has gone into making it a valuable resource for Knights throughout Missouri.

Take a moment to explore the **Calendar**. You may be surprised to see how much is happening across our state—and perhaps discover an event close to home that you and your Council can support.

If your Council has a special event coming up, don't forget to **submit it to the calendar** so other Knights can join you. The Submit an Event form is right there on the calendar page. It really is that easy!

A Challenge for the New Year

Finally, I would like to offer each Council one simple challenge:

Try something new.

I know our Councils are already doing tremendous work, but perhaps there is one more program you can add this year. Explore the opportunities listed on our website. You may find a new way to support scholarships, assist a Catholic school or PSR program, help a parish ministry, or serve a need in your community.

There are so many possibilities in **Faith, Family, Life, and Community**.

And remember, **every program is an opportunity—not only to serve, but to invite someone else to serve alongside us**. Every event puts us in contact with people who may be looking for a way to live their faith and make a difference. That person may be our next Knight.

So, as we begin this new fraternal year, let's continue doing what the Knights do best: **putting our faith into action, serving those in need, supporting our parishes and families, and building a stronger Catholic community throughout Missouri. Dare to try something new.**

Dare to serve a little more. And dare to invite someone to join us.

May God bless you, your families, your Councils, and all that you do in service to our Church and our communities.

Vivat Jesus!

Knights Make Agape House Presentation

I, Charles Lenau, Community Services Chairman met with the Agape House Of Vandalia Missouri board of Directors, at their facility Friday July 24, 2026, for the purpose of delivering a check in the amount of \$6,000. This represents the donations made by the members of the Missouri Knights of Columbus Councils, Assemblies, and Auxiliaries received for the 2025-2026 Fraternal year. Pictured from left to right below are board members Ruth Miller, Janet Heim, Rich Duffner – Board President & member of K of C Council #3760 Mexico, MO, Phil Pennington, Kay Robnett – Treasurer, and myself Charles Lenau.

Agape House of Vandalia provides lodging for visitors in the area who have come to visit with individuals' who are incarcerated in the State Correctional centers, the woman's facility in Vandalia and the men's in Bowling Green, MO. A nights stay over can be provided for a very affordable price in one of the twelve accommodations, two of which are larger for families.

Most donations are made with the suggested amount of \$50, but any amount is appreciated for this worthwhile charitable contribution. Donations made should be made payable to Columbian Charities and note Prison Concern on the memo line. Checks made payable directly to Agape House can not be credited to a Council, Assembly, Auxiliary, or individuals. The general appeal for this and The American Wheel-chair Mission are sent out in November/December time frame.

Thank you for your donations in the past and please consider future donations or start your future donations with this year.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR CHUCK PAQUETTE SAYS:

Growing Our Order: Inviting Men to the Knights of Columbus

As we move ahead in this fraternal year, we are focused on growing our membership and bringing new men into our Councils. Our State Deputy, Lucas Volkman, has given us a beautiful guiding motto for this year: “**Your Grace is Sufficient for Me.**” These words remind us that we do not have to rely only on our own strength to do this great work. With God’s grace, we can reach out to the men in our parishes and successfully grow our order.



We need to continuously invite men to join us. To make this happen, every Council should get their inviting drives scheduled as soon as possible. Once you have a drive planned, make sure to also get your next degree scheduled. Having a degree ceremony on the calendar gives new candidates a clear path and a date to look forward to when they officially join our brotherhood.

When we ask men to join, we are offering them a life-changing opportunity. We must pray for men to become Knights because we know what the order does for families. Being a Knight helps a man become a better Catholic, a better husband, and a better father. Through our fraternity, prayer, and charitable works, men find the support they need to lead their families in faith and build stronger communities.

To help your Council with this mission, the Supreme Council provides excellent, free resources. You can easily order **FREE Church Drive kits** online. Simply log on to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Website (kofc.org), navigate to “Supplies Online,” and order yours. Every Council can get two kits completely free, and they even come with free shipping. There is no reason to wait—order your kits today and start planning your next drive.

Finally, we want to say a big thank you to every Council that is already active in membership and working hard to grow our order. Your dedication keeps our faith alive in Missouri. Let us keep working together, trusting in God’s grace, to invite more men into our brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus!

Fast Start For The New Fraternal Year In #29

By Louis Raineri

I am proud to report that all Councils in the district are starting off the new fraternal year on a good note. I am also proud to say that all Councils in the district will be participating in our Developmental Disabilities Drive this year, (Tootsie Roll) and the district tootsie roll order has already been placed and already delivered to the Councils. And finally, all Councils will be either hosting or helping all their parishes with the fall picnics and/or Festivals this year. Busy, Busy, Busy. Keep up the good work Ladies and Gentlemen. Finally, Councils 9465 Gerald, 4667 St. Clare, and Council 7475 New Haven have all actively participated in the Journey for Charity Tractor Cruise to Washington Mo.

Council 9465 Gerald- with the everything mentioned above that this Council is taking part in. Members of the Council are currently doing maintenance and remodeling of the Council Hall that is also used for hall rentals.

Council 4858 Sullivan- This Council is still on a roll with its continued 5th Sunday Rosary Program, chairman Jeff Lock has led this program and attendance for this program continues to grow. This Council was also able to achieve 100% quota to the new Meet Life Campaign and another 100% quota for RIB for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. With the Lifeline Pregnancy Center fundraising banquet coming up on October 1st, the Council has already met its Meet Life Phase II quota by sponsoring a table for this banquet and future donations will also be made this fraternal year. St. Anthony’s Parish Festival was just held on August 22nd and 23rd and several members of the Council and ladies Aux. helped to make this event a huge success. The Council will continue to host blood drives throughout this fraternal year.

The Council is preparing for the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members at the council hall and this will take place sometime in November. Deputy Grand Knight Andy Prater continues to write the most outstanding Council newsletter I have ever seen. Finally On August 31st during Knights Sunday The Council had a church drive and with the help of District Deputy Auggie Johansen, the Council was able to sign up 7 men on line and on September 8th I hosted a live Unification Degree at Sullivan’s Council Hall and 5 of the 7 members were converted into the council.

Council 4667 St. Clare- This Council is continuing with Smash Burger Friday once a month open to the public as a Council fundraiser. Blood drives also continue with the next being. October 12 through Impact blood services. Council will be having a 2 day rummage sale on September 25th and 26th. Left overs from the yard sale will be donated to the Agape House.

Council 7475 New Haven- As the new District Deputy to the Council, I have not had the opportunity to attend this Councils meeting yet, but being in communication with Grand Knight Randy Berliner, currently this Council is doing a raffle for a whole Hog and there will be 2 winners for half of this whole hog and the drawing for this raffle will be right before deer season, tickets are a dollar a piece or 6 for 5 dollars. This year this Council will help not one but two Pregnancy Resource Centers, one in Hermann and one in Washington, more detail to come. Finally this Council made a monetary donation to help support the installation of a safe have box that will be located in Union Missouri.

STATE LIFE DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG..

With the Mid-term elections coming on Nov. 3rd, I have had a lot of people contact me about doing door knocking or making phone calls, so I’ve been in contact with Her Health Her Future and Missouri Right to Life to get this going. With the new laws in place about phone calls made for political purposes, it is best that we leave that up to the trained members of the PAC’s to do that part. You can work with your Parish office and parishioners and go through the church directory and call parishioners and talk to them about why you are voting yes for Amendment 3. You will have to get your Pastors permission to access the parish directory for this purpose. If you live in St. Louis, Springfield, Kansas City, or Boone County you can contact Her Health Her Future. They have the NUMIBAR program where you can download the app to your phone and use that to do doorknocking. The contact is Natalie Scholl, you can email her at natscholl76@gmail.com to get things set up. If you live outside these areas contact MO Right to Life office at 1-573-635-5510. I am working on the script for you to use for both of these organizations. **Use only our script** . Let either organization know that you are with the Knights of Columbus and would like to do door knocking in support of Amendment 3. They will ask you some questions and put together a “walk book” that has been set up for the community that you live in. They can either get this to you as a hard copy or electronic. I would suggest getting the NUMINAR app to make things easier so that the information is on your cell phone. Please wait till after Sept. 28th to contact Her Health Her Future or MO Right to Life. This way you will have the script and printable flyer to get things rolling. The best time to start doing door knocking will be in the first or second week of October. This way the information will be getting out close to the election so the voters don’t forget the conversation. There will be a reminder email sent out to all the District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries to help pass along the information to members. If you want you can reference the letter from the Bishops of Missouri as a talking point or just remind people that they need to get out and vote yes on 3.

The more people we can get to the polls for a mid-term election the better chance we have of winning the crucial battle for LIFE. I have been asked by members if the State Council will be having a letter or statement that could be read at Parishes. To ensure that we have a consistent message and not muddy the waters if you will, we will support the letter the Bishops of the state have sent out. If you would like a copy of the letter you can reach out to your Diocese Life office and they will have a copy of the letter, or it may also be on their website for viewing.

If any one is looking for Vote Yes on Amendment 3 signs you can contact Tom Estes at toместesabc@me.com. A load of approximately 50,000 signs coming to the Calvary Baptist Church in Versailles. An email was sent to all the District Deputies to let all the Councils know where the signs are and who to contact to get them picked up. If you get signs remember these signs go into the ground somewhere, they do no good sitting in someone’s garage or in someone’s car.

As we are protecting life in all stages we don’t want to forget about our commitment to helping the Pregnancy Resource Centers in the state that have our mission. We need the contributions from the Councils to help provide the ultrasound machines to these centers. These funds also go to help promote life programs throughout the state. Our Councils are doing a great job supporting the ASAP fund and that is such an awesome thing to see. We are doing what we said we would do. Protect all life from conception to natural death and that includes helping those in need who choose life for the child in a situation that they could have done something differently.

We have to get going on making council pledges for the Knights of Columbus Pavilion at the Special Olympics Training for Life Campus. Man, did we ever set up to help build their beautiful facility. The Training For Life Campus is used by so many athletes throughout the state and the Pavilion will be a great addition for them. They have already broken ground on the Pavilion and are getting ready to build. Contact your District Deputy for the pledge form for Councils to send in. You can also donate to the Pavilion by sending your donation to Gary Beussink or Jerry Herbert through Columbian Charities. Gary can be contacted at garybeussink@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.

District #2 News With District Deputy Mike Violett

Summer has been in full swing and unlike most, has been very busy for my Councils. We’re mourning the loss of Sir Knight Claude E Ridens, Jr. may he rest in peace. I have our Tootsie Rolls and all my Councils are gearing up for a successful drive.

St. Joseph Council #571 - We have been hosting the monthly Mariners luncheon for any Knight who wishes to come. We held a membership drive and got 2 new members. Held a blood drive, have finally got our COR program started, helped with the St. Pats Church yearly Fiesta and are getting ready to do the Cathedral Hill days for the Cathedral church.

St. Munchins Council #1110 in Cameron - We have a church breakfast every month on the second Sunday morning and use it as a recruiting opportunity. We Continue to say the Rosary before our meetings to help support our COR program. We co-ordinated Assembly 569 in attending our communities 4th of July parade.

Bishop Leblond Council #5067 - We host Bingo every Wednesday night, doors open at 4:30 P.M. We cooked and served hot dogs and hamburgers for the Special Olympics State Softball Tournament(photos right), always a great time. We helped with the St. Pats Mexican Fiesta and are frying chicken for the Cathedral Hill days. Just started collecting money for Coats for Kids and our Food for Families program.



St. James Council #12463 - We usually take the summer off, but came together to help with the annual picnic. We help with the Open Door food kitchen

St. Francis Council #15126 - We are still having our monthly 10 point pitch tournament with all the proceeds going to local charities. Our bi-monthly blood drive was held and we received 20 units of blood, we’re having another one October 1st. We’ve had good attendance for our COR program, have started collecting for our annual Coat drive. We are also planning to donate 60 Thanksgiving food boxes to Catholic Charities for those in need. We just recently held a Benefit dinner for our Precious Blood Priests and invited all the Priests who have ever served our Parish. It was well attended and everyone had a good time.

Ladies Auxilary #571 - We are getting ready to have a baby diaper drive to benefit Catholic Charities and looking forward to attending our area meeting in November.

Assembly #569 - We cleaned up our Santa Maria float and attended the Cameron, Mo. parade on the 4th of July to honor our countries 250th birthday. We’re planning our annual Veteran’s Mass at the Cameron Veteran’s Home at 2:00 p.m. on November 8th. Everyone is welcome and our Honor Guard will be there to support Father Tom Ludwig. We will be supplying an Honor Guard for all the Memorial Masses for the Councils also.



Fourth Degree Knights from Pope John XXIII Assembly 1863 Hermann, Msgr. Ralph Kutz Assembly #2811 Westphalia, and Bishop Leo J Steck Assembly #572 Mexico served as Honor Guard at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Annual Fall Pilgrimage Starkenburg, MO September 13, 2026. Knights gathered around the “White Lady of Starkenburg” L to R: Rich Duffner #572, Ron Bracht #572, Rich Wieberg #2811, Tom Bruckerhoff #1683, Tom Lee #1683, Tim Bower 1683 and Allen Speckhaus #1683.



FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Please Pray for a Second Miracle Toward Sainthood For more information contact Chairman Thomas Broadbent 314-971-6670 **Thomasb040@hotmailcom**

Greetings, Brother Knights and Your Families!

Winter is approaching quickly, which means now is the time to place your Coats for Kids orders. The Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program to help Councils provide new winter coats to children in need within their local communities. Since the program began in 2009, more than 2 million coats have been distributed to children across North America. Every Missouri Council is encouraged to participate. Coats may be ordered through KnightsGear.com, while some Councils may choose to work with local retailers. If purchasing a full case of coats is beyond your Council's budget, please contact your District Deputy or Chapter and consider partnering with a neighboring Council. Together, we can ensure that children in our communities stay warm this winter. After completing your event, please submit the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). Last year, some councils delayed ordering and Supreme eventually ran out of coats. Please place your orders early to avoid disappointment. To learn more about this outstanding program, visit kofc.org. For assistance, contact Bill Lueckenhoff at bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com.

The American Wheelchair Mission is another remarkable program deserving our support. Many individuals throughout the world, as well as here at home, face mobility challenges. Through this initiative, thousands of people gain greater independence and an improved quality of life. A donation of \$150 provides one wheelchair to a person in need. Please consider hosting a Wheelchair Sunday Drive during this fraternal year. Checks should be made payable to Columbian Charities with "Wheelchair" noted on the memo line. For more information, contact Charles Leanu at cmalenau12@spectrum.net.

The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest season is now underway. During August and early September, Councils and Assemblies should contact local schools and Parish Schools of Religion (PSR) programs to encourage participation.

From October through January, student essays should be written and judged at the local level. Councils must select and submit only their top one (1) essay per grade level for State judging no later than January 31, 2027. Essay requirements include:

- 350 to 500 words
- Original student work
- Reflection on the assigned topic
- Typed on 8-1/2" x 11" paper

All entries become the property of the Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned. State plaques will be awarded to the top three winners in each grade level. The 2026-2027 Essay Topic: "Why should the rights of unborn children be protected?" Please encourage eligible students in your area to participate. For additional information, contact Bill Lueckenhoff at bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com

Thank you for everything you do to support these important programs and to serve those most in need. Your dedication to charity, unity, and fraternity continues to make a lasting difference throughout our communities and across Missouri. Vivat Jesus!.

District Deputy David Grimes reporting in from District 13

By David Grimes DD #13

My District Number was changed from 11 to 13 at the summer DD meeting, but I still have the same Councils that I had before.

Councils **1125 in Montrose, 1896 Clinton**, and **8620 Warsaw** continue their good work to help their respective churches and communities.

Council 1125 - has elected Michael Henzlik as their Grand Knight for the 2026 – 2027 Fraternal year. They were winners of the Founders Award for the 2025 – 2026 year. The Council will hold an ice cream social event on Labor Day weekend and a fish fry on September 13th.

They are busy planning their annual turkey shoot on Thanksgiving weekend and a Valentine's Day dinner party. They continue to hold monthly events that include a pancake breakfast and a poker tournament.

They continue to work very hard to help sponsor their school, local

charities, a seminarian from the Kansas City – St Joe dioceses and programs including the Clinton Door of Hope Pregnancy Center.

Council 1896 - has reelected John Goth as their Grand Knight for another term. The Council achieved the Star Council Award for the first time in many years for 2025 – 2026 fraternal year.

They are currently running their annual Benchwarmers Football game and will again lead a fund raiser for their Coats for Kids program which will provide a much-needed warm coat for kids in need.

A plan is in being developed to work a Tootsie Roll Drive in the Clinton area. 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.

Council 8620 - won the Star Council Award for the 2025 – 2026 fraternal year. This was their 8th year in a row to achieve the Star Council Status. The Council continues to hold monthly fish fries through October.

They are currently planning their annual November Shrimp Boil and Christmas Day Dinner. Both are supported and attended very well by the local community. Poker tournaments and Corn Hole tournaments are held monthly.

They are currently setting up for the October Tootsie Roll drive. The Council makes donations to the local food pantries, Salvation Army, Warsaw Senior Center, Missouri Special Olympics and the ASAP programs in Sedalia and Clinton.

Their work and contributions to vocations recently saw Father Jacob Hartman being ordained after helping support him through the seminarian process in the Jefferson City Dioceses.



FAITH IN ACTION AT HELIAS #1054

Knights of Columbus Fr. Helias Council 1054 in Jefferson City was honored this year with the Missouri Knights' State Council's Faith In Action Program Award for Faith Activities. The award was announced at the 2026 State Convention in Columbia in April. The State Council presents one award each year for programs involving Faith, Family, Community and Life.

The Faith Award was given for Fr. Helias #1054's work to establish and promote the Men of Signum Crucis — a COR group of Catholic men ages 18 to 96 in the Central Missouri area. Cor is a Knights of Columbus program that offers a flexible frame work of prayer, formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood.

The Men of Signum Crucis's motto is "Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service." "Signum Crucis" is Latin for "Sign of the Cross." "As we trace the Sign of the Cross on our bodies and pray this most basic prayer, we recognize that we need to seek Study for our minds, seek Devotion in our hearts, and seek to wear our Faith gained from Study and Devotion on our shoulders in the form of service," the group's organizers stated. St. Joseph, foster father of the Son of God, is the patron saint of the Men of Signum Crucis. The Sign of the Cross, the Holy Rosary, the Litany of St. Joseph, the Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament provide the Men of Signum Crucis the necessary tools for spiritual warfare.

Fr. Helias Council 1054 member Mark Rehagen, a parishioner of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, organized the Men of Signum Crucis group in September 2022. From a small beginning, the number of men involved in the group has grown to over 400 unique individual participants in at least one event over the past four years. Monthly gatherings are held in the St. Pius X Chapel in Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, with an average of more than 80 men attending each gathering. More than half of those men are Knights of Columbus members, representing more than 20 Councils. Each month, dynamic speakers are on hand to reinforce and challenge men's perceptions of what it means to be a Catholic man in this time in history. Topics rooted in Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition inspire the group's members to live the life God is calling them to.

Mr. Rehagen publishes a dynamic monthly newsletter for the group. He and the Men of Signum Crucis also host an annual two-day Heart of a Hero Men's Conference. In addition to study of the Catholic Faith and devotion to God, the Men of Signum Crucis are also committed to serving others and to directing that service to the glory of God. As Jesus said: "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house," (Matthew 5:15, NRSV-CE).

In an effort to put all of the Corporal Works of Mercy into practice, the Men of Signum Crucis have actively taken part in the following service opportunities in the Jefferson City area:

- cemetery clean-up and repairs at St. Peter Cemetery;
- providing assistance at Immaculate Conception Parish's Mustard Seed outreach to people in need;
- preparing food for the Salvation Army Center of Hope and Jefferson City Room at the Inn(JCRATI), which are overnight shelters for people who are homeless that operate in January and February;
- prison ministry at local corrections institutions; and
- service in the Jefferson City diocese as requested, including service at ordinations and assistance at the annual Women's Night Out and Retreat. The group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, preceded by the Rosary at 6 p.m.

Photo (L to R): Bill Lueckenhoff, Knights of Columbus Missouri State Chairman for the state Essay Contest and Coats for Kids; Jason Kehl K of C state Chairman of COR activities; Mark Rehagen, organizer of the Men of Signum Crucis; David Kiesling, K of C State diocesan Chairman for the Jefferson City Diocese; and Fr. Helias Council 1054 members Kevin Stegeman and Nick Dolson display the Faith in Action Program Award the Council received at this year's Knights' State Convention in Columbia.



Council #995 Moberly Dedicate Marian Grotto On Council Grounds



After thought, prayers and hardwork, the Knights from Council #995 hosted a Marian Grotto dedication ceremony on Council grounds. Fr. Louis Nelen was chosen to bless the grotto for this wonderful occasion. The Knights from Msgr. John C. Mahoney lead with example of our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

As Missouri Knights, we continue to say 3 Hail Mary's for the end to abortion.

Charlie Hackmann's District #16 Steps Up After Fire

The first quarter of the new year has our District Councils are working on several projects and fundraising activities. Recruiting for the district is off to a great start with 36% of our goal attained by the end of August. All the councils are in the recruiting mode with events and church drives in the planning and implementation stages!

• **Council 6470** in Branson is doing a fund raiser with a goal of \$30,000 for Coats for Kids and has already reached over \$21,000 towards that goal. They are also planning a "Community talent show" fundraiser in November, and the traditional Tootsie Roll Drive in October and successful blood drives are ongoing.

• After 11 months, **Council 7588** in Kimberling City is prepared to serve breakfast on this past Labor Day Weekend! Pictured right are brother Knights Paul Lungulow, Al Digmann, and Mike Mahaney. The tables are set and expect to serve 200 plus on Sunday morning. The monthly breakfast has been a parish tradition for many years that was interrupted by a fire in the Kitchen last November. So glad to be "back in business" after being shutdown for almost a year. Also, Joe Wurtz is leading the COR initiative beginning with an in-depth study of St. Joseph, our roles model as the father on earth for Jesus!

• **Council 7680** is planning a fall church drive to follow up on the recruiting success that won Star for the first time last year. They are also planning and participating in a fundraising parish garage sale, a memorial event for our faithfully departed Knights and a month-long tootsie roll drive for the benefit of people with disabilities.

• **Council 13748** in Nixa has been working on kitchen improvements for the very successful benefit of their Lenten fish fries and had a large contingent help with the recent diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains.



FAITH DIRECTOR JOHN CLARKE SAYS

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and restful summer. As we continue this fraternal year, this newsletter highlights several opportunities to strengthen our faith, support Catholic education and vocations, serve our communities, and gather in fellowship. Please review the important updates below, share them with your Councils and Auxiliaries, and note the upcoming deadlines and events.

Father Mancuso Grants.

Providing a strong Catholic education for our youth has long been a priority of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus. In 1984, Msgr. Joseph Mancuso spearheaded a campaign to establish a \$1 million trust fund supporting Catholic education programs throughout the state. Since 1990, interest earned by the fund has provided more than \$780,000 in grants to Catholic schools and parish-based religious education programs. For the 2025–2026 fraternal year, the program will award \$40,000 in grants. We received a record 115 applications from education programs across Missouri’s four dioceses. Eligible programs include preschools, parochial schools, Vacation Bible Schools, high schools, and K–12 religious education programs. Applicants may request a grant of either \$500 or \$1,000. Applications are available in the Forms section of the state council website and must be submitted online by March 1; late applications will not be accepted. For help with the online form, please contact Fr. Weber. As PSR classes and Catholic schools begin a new year, please remind educators about the Father Mancuso Grants offered through the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus.

COR

COR continues to expand across Missouri, with many Councils helping men grow closer to Jesus through this initiative. Please report activities that fall under the COR umbrella—including parish men’s study groups and related faith-based gatherings—at www.kofc.org/cor. The short online report helps the State Faith Team identify where to focus its efforts and expand COR across the state. Please call, text, or email Jason Kehl with any questions.

Support Our Seminarians

As Councils meet, please continue to pray for and support seminarians throughout Missouri’s dioceses. We have prayed for an increase in vocations and are beginning to see more seminarians and deacons across the state. Please consider supporting these men as they prepare to serve the Church. To request a list of seminarians who need assistance in your diocese, contact the Diocesan Chairman listed on the state website.

- **Archdiocese of St. Louis:** 31 seminarians and deacons in formation this year
- **Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph:** 19 seminarians this year
- **Diocese of Jefferson City:** 17 seminarians this year
- **Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau:** 10 seminarians this year

State Pilgrimage — October 10, 2026

Join us for the State Pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 1805 West St. Joseph Street, Perryville, Missouri.

- **9:15 a.m.:** Coffee and doughnuts
- **10:00 a.m.:** Activities begin with a tour of the shrine; a second tour group will be added if needed.
- **Between tours:** Confession will be available.
- **Second tour:** Outdoor Rosary Walk
- **12:10 p.m.:** Closing Mass

We are also exploring new pilgrimage destinations. If you have a site to recommend, please let me know.

The 250 Challenge

On July 1, Worthy State Deputy Lucas Volkman issued his first quarterly challenge of the fraternal year to Councils and Auxiliaries. From July 1 through October 1, each Council or Auxiliary is encouraged to complete:

- **250 hours of service**
- **250 hours of adoration**

Hours may be completed individually or as a group, and the service and adoration goals may be pursued together or separately. Qualifying activities include adoration, Eucharistic devotion, Eucharistic processions, and works of mercy. Whether the goal is readily achievable or especially challenging for your council or auxiliary, every hour contributed is sincerely appreciated.

Reporting Your Progress

As the challenge’s second month draws to a close, please email Shannon Beecham with the number of hours your Council or Auxiliary has completed. Additional updates will be requested in August and September, followed by a final report before the challenge concludes on October 1.

Council 9522 Welcomes Biking for Babies Missionaries



The annual event raises money for Pregnancy Resource Centers and supports a culture of life. Again, this year, Knights of Columbus Council 9522 at St. Joseph Church in Manchester, Missouri, was blessed to help the parish host about 50 biking “missionaries” and their support teams as they ended 6-day, 600-mile journeys with a Celebration of Life. The bikers who converged at St. Joseph started their rides in Green Bay, Wisconsin; Plymouth, Michigan; Dublin, Ohio; Oklahoma City; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Rochester, Minnesota. The event is held to raise funds for several Pregnancy Resource Centers and to raise awareness of the scourge of abortion. A similar Celebration of Life occurred in Philadelphia. Knights and members of the Ladies Auxiliary served dinner for the hungry participants and parishioners who came out to show their support at the end of the ride on July 18. Parishioners donated desserts, and the Knights also prepared and served breakfast the next morning for the missionaries.

A total of about 250 people attended the celebration. In addition, parishioners donated the use of air mattresses and bedding so the bikers could sleep in the St. Joseph Parish Center (men) and gym (women). Biking for Babies proclaims the dignity of human life by uniting cycling with the formation of young adults into missionary disciples of Jesus Christ the young adult participants, ages 18-39, under go transformation by encountering Jesus through a lived experience of sacrificing their time and energy on behalf of the culture of life. These sacrifices deepen their love for God and neighbor. They discover the spiritual truth that loving sacrificially leads to fulfillment and joy.

Ellisville 4th Degree Exemplification - Saturday, Oct. 24th
 St. Clare of Assisi Church, Ballwin
 For More Information mokofc.org



A KNIGHT’S LEGACY

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION?

BY: Brad Grill, PSD

Since the perpetual funds were established as part of “A Knight’s Legacy” a number of senior Knights have requested information pertaining to how to make a contribution thru a qualified charitable distribution.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is an IRA withdrawal that is paid directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity. While income tax is normally due on each traditional IRA distribution, the account owner does not need to pay taxes on the amount transferred directly to the charity.

- IRA owners must be aged 70 ½ or older to make a tax-free charitable contribution and can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction. If you file a joint tax return, your spouse can also make a charitable contribution of up to \$100,000.
- Inherited IRAs may also do a QCD. The beneficiary must be age 70 ½ or older at the time the QCD is completed.
- QCDs must be made by December 31st each year to exclude that amount from taxable income.
- QCDs can only be made from IRAs, not from 401(k)s, or similar types of retirement accounts. You might need to roll funds over from a 401 (k)s to a IRAs if you want to make a tax-free QCDs as part of your retirement plan.
- An IRA charitable contribution satisfies the annual minimum distribution requirement (RMD) for your IRA.
- QCD funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to an eligible charity by the IRA custodian, and checks must be made payable to the charity to qualify for the tax break.
- A charity must be a 501 (c) (3) organization to receive tax-free IRA charitable contributions.
- You as the contributor must report the QCD to your tax advisor. There will be nothing provided by the IRA custodian for tax purposes.

In addition to the above the following is a brief comment as to

“WAYS OF PARTICIPATING”:

LIFE INSURANCE:

Beneficiary: Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc., a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, or its successor organization, for the _____ (designate one or more of the listed funds and how allocated) to be used pursuant to said fund’s provisions, as amended from time to time.

RETIREMENT GIVING:

Make a gift from your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b). The beneficiary gift can list a percentage or dollar amount. Doing so allows you to use and control your money during your lifetime while accomplishing your charitable goals in the future. Consider donating your annual Required Minimum Distribution (as noted above).

OTHER:

Other donations may include wills (Testamentary Bequest), cash, stock, and liquid assets.

Suggested Testamentary Bequest Form

I give to Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc., a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, or its successor organization, _____, (describe the bequest). This bequest shall be added to _____ (designate one or more of the listed funds and how allocated) to be used pursuant to said fund’s provisions, as amended from time to time.

Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc. has established an Investment Committee and Investment Policy regarding its investments and the subject perpetual funds which provides ongoing oversight for the Board of Directors to assure the security of each of the perpetual funds and preservation of each of the corpus of the specific fund. Annually the income earned for each specific perpetual fund would be distributed for the purpose of that fund and the subject funds would each be administered pursuant to said fund’s provisions, as amended from time to time. I look forward in the future to providing further details about the perpetual funds and in the future please contact your Knights of Columbus insurance field agent also for more details.

Knights of Columbus # 1121 Baby Bottle Campaign Raises \$6,059 for PSC

The Knights of Columbus #1121 recently presented a check for \$6,059.06 to the Pregnancy Assistance Center, representing proceeds from the annual Baby Bottle Campaign conducted in partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington, Missouri.



Donna Kluenzel, center, accepts a check for \$6,059.06 on behalf of the Pregnancy Assistance Center from Knights of Columbus Council #1121 in Washington, Missouri, members Mark Filla, Bob Elbert, and Grand Knight Rocco Gonzalez.

The successful campaign was made possible through the generosity of parishioners who supported the Knights' efforts to assist mothers, babies and families in need. Supporting Pregnancy Resource Centers is an important part of the Knight of Columbus commitment to serving mothers and children. The Order's ASAP program has provided millions of dollars in assist pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

The Knights extend their sincere appreciation to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Francis Borgia parishioners, as well as the members and volunteers who helped make this ear’s campaign a success.

Webster Groves-Knight at the Theater-White Christmas
 The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis
 Friday, December 4
 Check mokofc.org for more information

Ladies Auxiliaries, Athletics, and Brotherhood in Action Brother

Knights, families, and Ladies Auxiliaries,
It’s hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first quarter! As the old saying goes, “Time flies when you’re having fun,” and boy, have we had some fun so far.
Before we get into the highlights and winners from our athletic events, I want to share some excitement from the Ladies Auxiliaries around the state and brag a little on their achievements and activities.

Ladies Auxiliaries

The Ladies Auxiliaries have completed most of their area meetings, and the response has been amazing. There have been lots of great questions, and we have energized leaders who want to do the right thing and are looking for new and exciting ways to recruit members and raise funds.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also conducting monthly Zoom meetings to increase awareness of how the Knights operate. These meetings provide an opportunity to share ideas, learn more about the Knights, and give the ladies a place to ask questions. Each month will feature a different topic, and soon we will have guest speakers from various Directors and Chairmen speaking directly to the Ladies Auxiliaries.

The ladies are already getting ready for an awesome December District Deputy Meeting by gathering items for raffle baskets that will benefit the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis. Items being collected should be given to either the Ladies Chair Couple, District Deputies, or any State Chairman before the December District Deputy Meeting, December 11–13. Contact Andy and Amy Love for more information.

The ladies at Pope John XXIII have been instrumental in raising money for a Safe Haven Baby Box in Arnold, Missouri. They also held a very successful Music Bingo evening on September 19.

Auxiliary 2353 will host a Holiday Market in Kansas City on November 7. Holy Infant Ladies Auxiliary 10794 held a “Bullets in the Bath tub” Murder Mystery Dinner Party on September 26. Auxiliary 8588 in High Ridge held a Bunco Party on September 13. Auxiliary 7198 held a Night Out at the Mouse Races on September 18 to benefit Mary Queen of Angels and St. Joseph Seminars.

These are just a **few** of the many outstanding events our Ladies Auxiliaries are organizing to augment what the Knights are doing in our parishes and communities.

I also want to stress that there should be many Lady of the Year applications this year! We have too many things going on for these amazing women not to be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Please make sure the outstanding ladies in your Council and parish receive the recognition they deserve.

State Golf Tournament

Moving on to our athletic events!
The new fraternal year started with the State Golf Tournament, hosted by St. Jerome Council 1572 on July 18, 2026. I want to thank all the Knights, families, and friends who braved the extreme heat and rain to participate and support the event.

- Congratulations to our winners:
Morning Squad
- 1st Place – A Division: Chuck Paquette and Dalton Healy — Score: 67
 - 2nd Place – A Division: Jeff and John Renner — Score: 68
 - 1st Place – B Division: Joe Leahy and Randy Rahlman — Score: 69 (wonplayoff tiebreaker)
 - 2nd Place – B Division: Barry James and PJ Buttner — Score: 69
- Afternoon Squad
- 1st Place – C Division: Anthony Glass and John Gerard — Score: 68
 - 2nd Place – C Division: Bob Roth and Wayne Armbruster — Score: 69

Great job by Glennonville Council! Their hard work and coordination made the tournament a success. They will host the tournament again on July 17, 2027.

Tournament proceeds totaling \$10,000 were split between the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis and Special Olympics Missouri in Jefferson City.

15th Annual BBQ Contest

Moving a little farther northeast, we traveled to Perryville, Missouri, for the 15th Annual BBQ Contest, held July 24–25 on the St. Vincent de Paul Parish picnic grounds. What an amazing event! Not only was the food great, but the talent displayed throughout the competition was incredible. A special thank-you goes out to Ken Wehmeyer, Justin Amschler, Seth Amschler, and Dave Schumer.

Congratulations to all the participants, and a big thank-you to everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities.

- BBQ Contest Winners
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| • Margarita: Sugar Ray Giesler | • Bloody Mary: CBOM – Scott City — Scott City |
| • Wings: Brew Crew – Jackson #6405 Chicken | • 1st: Brew Crew • 2nd: Sugar Ray • 3rd: Holy Smokers – Ozark |
| Ribs | • 1st (Tie): Bank of Mo Piggy Bankers / Scott City • 3rd: My Daddy’s – Jeff Bredahl |
| Pork Butt | • 1st: Can’t Beat Our Meat • 2nd: Brew Crew • 3rd: Cape 1111 |
| Brisket | • 1st: BBQ So Good – Perryville • 2nd (Tie): Cape 1111/Ray Giesler |

Congratulations to everyone who competed!
State Horseshoe Tournament August brought the heat back to summer—and to the State Horseshoe Tournament in Washington, Missouri!

The Horseshoe Tournament is the largest athletic event in the state each year, with approximately 750 throwers participating. If you have never attended, it is truly an amazing sight to see. The Fr. Seisl Council did an outstanding job hosting the tournament. Even though it was hot and stormy at times, everything went off without a hitch. Great job, Brothers! The tournament featured six men’s classes, two senior men’s classes, and four women’s classes. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and a huge thank-you to all the volunteers who made this tremendous event possible!

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Cardinals Baseball

There’s nothing quite like enjoying America’s pastime with family, friends, and Brother Knights!
The Cardinals baseball game held on August 29 was a fantastic time filled with laughter, fellowship, and great memories. And to make it even better, the seats were awesome! It was a great opportunity to get together, enjoy the game, and share some time with fellow Knights and their families. A special thank-you goes out to Mike Koehler for all his hard work organizing and setting up this event. His efforts helped make the day a great success!

If you missed out this year, don’t let it happen again! Make plans now to join us at next year’s Cardinal’s game. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come enjoy a great day at the ballpark with your fellow Knights. You never know what memories you’ll make—or who you’ll meet—when you come out to the ballgame! We hope to see you at the ballpark next year!

Looking Ahead

Before we wrap up this quarter’s edition, set a calendar reminder for the Missouri State Cornhole Tournament, which will be held January 29–30, 2027, in Lee’s Summit. Please contact Jeff DeMarco for more information. Registration information will be forthcoming. For more information on these events, please visit MOKofC.org.

Official flyers, schedules, and event times can be found on the home page. That’s all for now. We will highlight the events that happened in mid-to-late September in the December Mariner article. Until then, keep up the great work, continue supporting one another, and most importantly, keep having fun while serving our parishes and communities.
Vivat Jesus!



**STATE LADIES AUXILIARY CHAIRCOUPLE
AMY & ANDY LOVE**

Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary Chair couple. Amy and I are very excited to be working with the amazing backbone of the Knights of Columbus. We have completed most of our Area Meetings which are similar to the District Deputy Meetings. A lot of fantastic questions are being asked and hopefully answered. Amy and I are doing a full review of the documents the Ladies Auxiliary use. One of our biggest goals is to update the By-Laws and have them ready for vote at the convention. We have developed a proposed Mission Statement which we think clearly defines who the Ladies are and why we exist.



Missouri Ladies Auxiliary Mission Statement: (Proposed)

The mission of the Missouri Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is to serve Christ through our Catholic faith, the Values of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, charity, fellowship, and service. We support the Missouri Knights of Columbus, our families, parishes, and communities by working together to meet spiritual and charitable needs, strengthen families, encourage friendship, and make a positive difference in the lives of those we touch.

We have started a new program to help prepare new Auxiliaries and possibly current ones that may have had a decline in membership by mimicking the Men’s Round Table process. This will give potential Auxiliaries a chance to learn what it takes to be an Auxiliary through the paperwork, processes of working with the Knights Council and the parish and building a leadership team. All of this will help with the sustainability of a successful Auxiliary. If you think you would like some information about starting a Ladies Auxiliary at your parish, please let us know.

We also started Zoom meetings to help improve Leadership Development and to ensure information was getting out to the Auxiliaries. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM. If interested in attending the meetings please contact the Chair couple. We will begin having State Officers/Directors/Chairmen on the Zoom meetings to help explain programs. In October we will discuss Vote Yes on Amendment 3 and the Developmental Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll). Our Ladies are collecting items for the Convention April 30th-May 2nd. These items will be added to baskets for a Raffle to support the Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis. Our Baskets are for a Golf, Lottery Tickets, Kids Game, Spiritual, Football Tailgate, Dinner, Mexican Fiesta, Italian, Fishing, Tool, St. Louis Cardinals, KC Royals, Gift Card, Little Boy, Little Girl and Teenager Baskets. If you would like to support these, please give them to your District Deputy or contact us. We need them by the December District Deputy meeting Dec 11-13th.

We are active on Facebook. Ladies Auxiliary members can join us on Facebook at: MOK of C Ladies Auxiliaries You will need to answer a few questions to join.

Our ladies are also very excited about the monthly challenges given by our State Deputy Lucas Volkman. The faith and selfless service by these Auxiliaries is humbling. Thank you for what you do. Vivat Jesus.

Please let us know if you have any questions, our email is moladiesauxchaircouple@gmail.com Thank you.

Hello and Welcome from District 40

By DD Ron Meier
As District Deputy 40, I am so very blessed to have six awesome Councils that make up District 40. I am amazed at what each Council takes on as projects to benefit the Parish, School, the Knights of Columbus and our Community. As we enter the last quarter of 2026, I am anticipating we can get some church drives scheduled and invite those men for our parishes to join our Order. I always mention to be creative in ways of recruiting new members, always remembering to **invite** them to join the Knights. Also, many of our Councils are already in the scheduling mode preparing for the Developmental Disability Drive in the month of October.

Christ Prince of Peace - The Christ Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council and PTO held their Annual “Back to School Treat and Greet” on Saturday and Sunday August 15th and 16th. We welcomed back all of our students and staff with Pretzel Boy Pretzels and drinks on Saturday night and Donuts and drinks after all Sunday Masses. We served over 400 happy parents, kiddos and teachers.

Cardinal Ritter Council - On Sunday August 30th, the Council served Hotdogs and drinks after one of the Masses to all the St. Monica's Pre-Schoolers attending their Orientation Day. This event was a big hit for all the Pre-Schoolers and their Families. Everyone had a great time.

Ascension Council - Is finalizing their plans to hold a Ascension Knights Fall Bingo and our Fair Ascension Bingo, Blood Drive and a Veterans Breakfast in November. All hand have been on deck for our biggest Fund Raiser of the Year, Our “Children’s Charity Golf Tournament” on September 21, 2026 at Aberdeen Golf Course. Ascension Council has chosen two great Children Charities to be the benefactor of this years Tournament, The Ascension Little School and the Academy of St. Louis. Did I hear someone yell,....FORE...

St. Clement of Rome - The Knights of St. Clement of Rome are gearing up for two great events, the Parish Food Drive and the Walk for the Poor. Between September 14-18 the Knight and a group from St. Peter Claver will be visiting each classroom at the Parish School and discussing the upcoming food drive and the need to help those less fortunate families. Then on September 21st the Knights and SVdP will be talking to the school children about the Walk for the Poor taking place on Saturday September 26th. Last year's walk had over 350 individuals walk. Then following, the Walkers were treated to Snow Cones and free give-a-ways by the Knights. The Knights will coordinate the St. Clement of Rome Parish Food Drive is Sept 26-27 for St. Peter Claver Food Pantry.

REPORTING IN ON #24 RON BRACHT DD

#1270 Martinsburg - The Knights held their annual Seed Blessing this Spring. They invite area farmers to bring in a bag of seed to be blessed before the start of Spring planting. During Lent they held their annual family fish fry for Council members and their families. They hosted a fried chicken dinner in June to support Council and parish projects. Knights participated and carried the baldacchino in the Corpus Christie procession around the church grounds. The Knights hosted a fifth-year anniversary celebration dinner to the priesthood for their pastor Fr. Derek Hooper of St. Joseph Catholic Church Martinsburg. Council 1270 collaborated with Council 3760 and the Little Dixie Shrine Club to host Hot Dogs of Hope a free community lunch as a thank you for supporting their charitable fundraisers throughout the year. The Knights ran a concession stand at the annual Martinsburg picnic

#2044 Montgomery City - Each summer the Knights take turns mowing and trimming the Immaculate Conception Church and school grounds. Rev. Fr. Ernest Dike, a member of Council 2044, Assembly 572, and pastor of Immaculate Conception Montgomery City and St. Patrick Jonesburg was awarded Chaplain of the Year, the Blessed Michael McGivney Award at the 125th Missouri Knights of Columbus State Convention. In July the Knights of 2044 served as escorts for the welcoming mass of the Most Reverend Augustine T. Ukwuoma, Bishop of Orlu Diocese in Nigeria who was visiting his priest Rev Fr. Ernest Dike. The Knights worked at the concession stand one night during the Montgomery County Fair.

#3760 Mexico - hosted a Vocations Breakfast after mass Sunday March 22. The proceeds went to the Vocations office of the Jefferson City Diocese. On April 18 a Memorial Mass was held at St. Brendan for deceased members of Council 3760 and Assembly 572. The Knights read the names of the deceased Brothers and filled all the liturgical rolls for the mass. The Council hosted a Food for Families drive on Palm Sunday weekend with proceeds going to the local Help Center.

During the month of May the Knights held a community fundraising BBQ and put up flags around the town square prior to Memorial Day weekend. Council 3760 collaborated with Council 1270 and the Little Dixie Shrine Club to host Hot Dogs of Hope a free community lunch as a thank you for supporting their charitable fundraisers throughout the year. A Summer Family Day picnic and fireworks show was hosted by the Knights on June 27. On August 14 the Knights of Council 3760 held the Tony DiBlasi Veteran's Memorial Chicken BBQ for the residents of the Mexico VA Home. To build unity and fraternity within St. Brendan's Parish the Council hosted an Ice Cream social on August 8 after the Saturday evening English and Spanish Masses.

#4454 Fulton - has had a great start to the Fraternal Year. We were pleased to host the Silver Rose at our first monthly Mass for the Nation in July. We host a Mass for the Nation on the first Tuesday of the month. We welcomed three new members into the Council. We also filled all of the liturgical ministries at the fifth Sunday Mass on August 30th. The Honor Guard from Divine Mercy Assembly 3599 assisted at the mass as well. We are busy planning for a successful year with the Drive for Developmental Disabilities coming in October. We have set a calendar and a budget for the year. We are also exploring implementation of COR this year.

#7841 Centralia - During Lent the Council sponsored a Family Prayer Challenge. Over 30 kids participated and each received a free ice cream treat for their work. Several Brother Knights from Council 7841 along with parishioners from Holy Spirit Catholic Church went on a mission trip to Kentucky this summer for the Christian Appalachian Project. They spent several days doing construction and home repairs in three of the poorest counties of Kentucky.

The Council also donated funds to help with the Mission trip. Knights ran a concession stand featuring their famous bratwursts during Centralia Anchor Fest this Spring. On June 18, Council 7841 celebrated their 45th year as a Council with a family dinner and gathering. The Knights cooked hotdogs and help serve a meal for Lunch at the Park for the Centralia Ministerial Alliance. They also grilled hamburgers for the kids one evening during Vacation Bible School. Finishing up the summer the Knights held their Summer Shrimp Boil fundraiser on August 15.

The Christ Prince of Peace Council and PTO Host Annual Back to School Treat and Greet"



Tony DiBlasi Veteran's Memorial Chicken BBQ



L to R: Ron Bracht, Terry Maassen, Kevin Schafer, Dennis Becker, Dave Okenfuss, Joe Dubbert, and Matt Deimeke. Knights of Columbus Council 3760 grilled chicken halves for the residents and staff of the Veteran's Home in Mexico, Missouri. Council 3760 grilled the chicken in memory of Brother Knight and Navy Veteran Tony DiBlasi who passed away last year. Tony over saw many years of chicken grilling for the Council.

#41 Begins the New Fraternal Year in Faith, Service and Unity

By Charles Huey, District Deputy #41
The 2026–2027 fraternal year is off to a strong and faith-filled start in Missouri Knights of Columbus District 41. From the beginning of July through mid-August, the five Councils and two Ladies Auxiliaries that make up the district have demonstrated what can happen when Catholic men and women work together in faith, family, fellowship and service.

District 41 is made up of **DeSmet #742, St. Francis of Assisi #5359, Pope St. John XXIII #6018, Queen of All Saints #10136 and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque #14719**, along with the Ladies Auxiliaries at DeSmet Council and Pope St. John XXIII Council.

The new year began on the foundation of an outstanding accomplishment from the previous fraternal year: **all five District 41 Councils earned Star Council recognition**, helping District 41 achieve All-Star District honors. That success has given the Councils a strong foundation as they begin another year of service to the Church and their communities.

District 41 Comes Together in Arnold - One of the highlights of July was the **District 41 Organizational Meeting** held Saturday, July 25, at Pope St. John XXIII Council #6018 in Arnold. Council #6018 welcomed Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Ladies Auxiliary leaders and other members of the district with breakfast and fellowship before the meeting.

The gathering began in prayer and focused on making sure each council entered the new fraternal year with a clear mission. Membership, Star Council requirements, programs, safe-environment requirements, financial benefits and the importance of keeping families involved in Council life were among the topics discussed.

Assistant General Agent Tim Buback, State Online Chairman Richard “Dick” Kobylski, and State Family Involvement-West Chairman Mike Koehler joined district leaders in providing information and encouragement. A major emphasis was placed on a simple message: Catholic men are needed now more than ever to support our priests, defend the unborn, strengthen families and stand publicly for the Catholic faith.

District 41 also announced the formation of a **District Exemplification Team** willing to travel to Councils and parishes, making it easier for prospective members to become fully initiated Knights. A district exemplification is being planned for September. Later that same day, the momentum continued at DeSmet Council #742, where a membership drive was held and a presentation on Father Pierre-Jean De Smet provided an opportunity to celebrate the Council's Catholic heritage while reaching out to prospective members.

DeSmet Council #742 and Ladies Auxiliary - Has entered the new year with a renewed focus on membership, parish visibility and Catholic brotherhood. The Council is working to personally invite Catholic men to become part of the Knights rather than simply waiting for prospective members to come forward.

The Council's partnership with its Ladies Auxiliary continues to be one of its greatest strengths. The **DeSmet Ladies Auxiliary #742 received the Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary Award and also placed first in the state for money raised for vocations**. Their recognition is a tremendous testimony to what dedicated Catholic women can accomplish through service to the Church. The Auxiliary remains an active partner in making council and parish life welcoming to families and helping make the charitable mission of the Knights visible in the community.

St. Francis of Assisi Council #5359 - began the new fraternal year already adding to the Order. By the July 25 district meeting, the council had recorded its first new member toward its annual membership goal. District leaders encouraged St. Francis to build on that success through personal invitations, parish activities, family involvement and local exemplifications. The goal is not simply to increase a number on a membership report, but to bring new Catholic men into a brotherhood where they can strengthen their faith and serve their parish and community.

Pope St. John XXIII Council #6018 and Ladies Auxiliary - has experienced an especially active start to the new year. The Council entered the year after earning **6-Star Council recognition** and reached 177 members while already receiving five members toward its nine-member goal for the new fraternal year. The Council and Women of Faith also raised **\$9,000 for the new parish**, demonstrating the impact that cooperation between parish organizations can have.

On July 13, the Council hosted a community blood drive. The Council continues to make blood donation an important part of its commitment to life and community service. Regular Queen of Hearts drawings and weekly poker gatherings also continue to provide fellowship while helping support council charitable work.

New Council and Ladies Auxiliary officers have also been installed for the 2026–2027 year. The Council recognized **Preston and Wendy Haglin as Family of the Year, Tom Deddens as Knight of the Year, and Ron Moellman as the Tony Braun Officer of the Year**.

The reorganized **Pope St. John XXIII Ladies Auxiliary** has quickly become an important partner in Council activities. Its largest current undertaking is working along side the Knights to raise funds for a **Safe Haven Baby Box** to be installed at Rock Community Fire Protection District Fire Station #1 in Arnold.

A Music Bingo fundraiser is scheduled for September 19, with sponsorships, donations and community support already being organized. The project reflects one of the most important principles of the Knights of Columbus: defending the dignity of every human life while showing compassion to mothers and families facing difficult circumstances.

Queen of All Saints Council #10136 - the largest Council in District 41, also began the year with membership growth already underway. By the July organizational meeting, three new members had been credited toward the Council's annual goal. With its large and active parish community, Queen of All Saints has a tremendous opportunity to reach Catholic men and families through parish visibility, personal invitation and exemplifications. District leadership has encouraged the Council to build a steady membership pipeline through ongoing parish involvement rather than relying upon a single recruiting weekend.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Council #14719 - likewise started the new year with positive membership momentum, recording two new members by the July 25 district meeting. The Council also provides important leadership beyond its own parish through Mike Kelly, who serves as District 41 Warden. His willingness to assist Councils throughout the district reflects the spirit of fraternity that makes District 41 stronger.

Council #14719 is continuing to focus on personal recruitment, family-centered activities and opportunities for prospective members to meet active Knights and see firsthand what the Order represents.

One District, One Mission
Although each District 41 Council has its own parish, traditions and programs, the first weeks of the new fraternal year have shown an increasing willingness to work together. The district has challenged its Councils to place **faith first**, strengthen membership through personal invitation, include families in activities, support their parish priests, defend life and make the Knights visible within their communities.

The five Councils are also preparing for upcoming community and faith programs, including the Developmental Disabilities Drive, future exemplifications, blood drives, Catholic youth programs and additional pro-life and parish initiatives. Our Councils fail because of awards, membership totals or completed forms. Those things are important, but they are the result of something much greater.

We succeed when a brother Knight helps a family in need. We succeed when a Lady Auxiliary member gives her time to support vocations. We succeed when Catholic men stand beside their priest. We succeed when a Council welcomes a new member and his family. And we succeed when we have the courage to defend the unborn, serve our neighbors and publicly live the Catholic faith we profess.

The first weeks of the 2026–2027 fraternal year are only the beginning. District 41 has already demonstrated that when our five Councils and two Ladies Auxiliaries work together, we can accomplish far more than any one Council could accomplish alone. As Blessed Michael McGivney taught us through his life and example, our strength is found in our faith in Christ and in our willingness to serve one another. **Five Councils. Two Ladies Auxiliaries. One District. One Catholic Mission. Vivat Jesus!**





Please use QR codes to receive information or watch the recently released video in regards to KNIGHT'S LEGACY Program.



DD 20 Faith In Action By All Brother Knights

Richard T. Wieberg DD #20

1171 Westphalia - Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Russell Voss, congratulation to the Council earning Star Council Award. There is a commitment to repeat again this year. For the **Community**, the Council members assisted with the annual blood drive at St. Joseph School. This year the total was 124 pints. Again, this year, the annual DDD drive collecting funds by handing out tootsie rolls will be held in October. For the **Family**, the annual family fish fry will be October 2. Also, the annual family thanksgiving dinner will be held the end of November and the annual Christmas Party with Santa will be held in early December. For the **Youth**, the local Boy scouts program has come to the Council for their monthly meetings and events. The youth soccer program is ongoing teaching the youth the finer details of soccer. The local high school continues to use our soccer facilities for their competition and tournaments. For the **Faith**, the Shroud of Turin Display will be open to the public from September 27 to October 1.

The **COR** program is active in the Council with the Wednesday evening men's group Bible study and participation in the Sigum Crucis program held at Helias High School in Jefferson City. Before the Council meeting, the members enjoy a light meal. Cold drinks and more fellowship after the meeting.

1914 Herman Council - Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Mike Whithaus, congratulations to the Council earning the Columbian Award. For the **Community**, the Council continues to support the Ministerial Alliance with the fifth Sunday special collection money supporting the needy. For the **Faith**, the Council activities include Bibles for the parish school students making their First Communion, T-shirts for the parish school children, and the annual pork sausage sales. The Council completed the upgrade to the speaker system at the Shrine at Starkenburg. The council assists with the annual pilgrimage at Starkenburg. For the **Community**, the Council holds an annual food drive and the "Coats for Kids" programs are much needed to support the families in the area. Other council activities include the annual DDD drive in October, annual Christmas Bell Ringing with other local churches to assist with local housing needs, the parish school rummage sale, and assisting the VFW with their Wurst Stand during Octoberfest in Herman.

For the **Youth**, 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. **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. After Mass and before the Council meeting the members enjoy a light meal and cold drinks.

2027 Bonnots Mill Council - Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Troy Pinkerton, congratulations to the Council earning Star Council for the third year in a row. For the **Community**, 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. For the **Youth**, and 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. For The **Faith**, RSVP program sponsored two seminarians in their studies for vocations.

The Council has poster boards highlighting the Council's annual activities and fund raisers. This is their recruitment tool for all to see. For the **Family**, the Council celebrates family life with a special dinner and meeting. Husbands and wives attended the meeting that held awards presentations to local parish schools. The local parish priest and religious are also supported by a check supporting their commitment to the parishes. Both Bonnots Mill and Loose Creek parishes hold annual spring dinners, summer picnics and fall suppers. The Council members support these activities held by the parishes.

COR is very active in the Council with the men's group meeting on the second Wednesday to grow in their faith and fellowship. The Ladies Auxiliary has been actively assisting with the Council activities and fundraisers. The evening ends with a meal and cold drinks enjoyed by all.

4838 Linn Council - Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Justin Bowden, congratulation to the Council for earning the Columbian Award. For the **Community**, the Council holds a twice annual blood drive. This October they will be participating in the DDD drive raising funds for the Special Olympic. For the **Family**, the Council holds their annual fried fish and fried chicken dinners, and trivia night, and fundraising raffle support the Council's activities. The parish schools at Frankenstein and St. George at Linn receive donations from the Council. The Council has started the renovations of the lower parking lot for additional parking. Excavating has been completed and the gravel lot has been smoothed out. The project is not complete, and additional plans are in the works to finish it. For the **Youth**, the Council held their annual back to school BBQ for the students at St. George.

The annual essay contest topic has been presented to the teachers at both schools. The annual free-throw contest is on the calendar. For the **Faith**, the Council assisted with renovations of the rectory with a new deck for Father. **COR** is active in the Council with the Council sponsoring "Mass for the Nation" at St. George Parish before the monthly Council meeting. The evening ends with a meal and cold drinks enjoyed by all.

6430 Taos Council - Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Ross Teman, congratulations to the Council for earning the Columbian Award. For the **Family**, the Council is busy organizing their 27th annual Winter Wonderland raffle and the final touches annual \$13K raffle and family feed at the end of September. Each year the Council honors their veterans by placing wreaths at the graves of our deceased military veterans. For the **Community**, Council activities include the "Wheelchair Mission" and the "Drive for Disability" were part of the fall activities as well by the Council.

The annual backyard golf tournament is held each year with the proceeds going to support the Special Olympics in Central Missouri. For the **Youth**, the Council's baseball diamond is busy with youth ball players again this year. The parish school participated in both the free throw contest and the essay contest. The Council assisted with upgrades to the chrome books for St. Francis Xavier students. For the **Faith**, 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, and a men's prayer group meeting and talking about their faith before the monthly council meeting. Before the monthly Council meeting, the members will pray the rosary. The evening ends with a meal and cold drinks enjoyed by all.

14906 Msgr. John Pleus Council at Jefferson City - Under the leadership of Steve Komaromi congratulations to the Council earning Star Council Award. For the **Youth**, the council is planning the annual spring BBQ pork steak dinner. The parish school is the sole beneficiary of the funds raised. The parish school students are participating in the essay contest, the free throw contest and the soccer challenge. This will be the first year for both the free throw and soccer programs. 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.

For the **Community**, the Council participates in the annual teacher appreciation dinner held at the Helias council hall. All three Knights Councils in Jefferson City 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. For the **Faith**, the Council assists with the Anointing Mass with a light meal. Handmade string rosaries are made by the Council members and are offered to the congregation at no cost. Prayer books, prayer cards and the Religious Information/CIS booklets are all available for anyone. In support of our seminarians, the council hosted a family dinner for the seminarians and their family to celebrate the start of the school year.

For the **Family**, the Council supports the St Vincent DePaul Society program that provides 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. Before the Council meeting, the members enjoy a light meal and cold drinks. Many of the Councils have 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. All the Councils are participating in the Amendment 3 vote this November. It is our civic duty to vote. It is not the time to set back and let someone else make a decision that can affect generations to come. We have suffered under the laws allowing the killing of the unborn for too long. It is time to put your faith in action and vote this November. 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!

NEMO Tractor Cruise Leads District #26 Events

By Pat Greenwell DD#26

KC District 26 Councils Monroe City Holy Rosary #1165, Indian Creek St. Stephen #1971, Shelbyna St. Mary Council 2241 and Macon Immaculate Conception #3769. All 4 KC Councils held various activities during the summer. 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 summer activities. Held their Annual 5K run at the Annual Holy Rosary Golf Tournament. Held workdays working on cleaning, painting and repairs on their KC Hall. The Ladies of Holy Rosary School are helping with this project too. Working on list of other repairs needed to the KC Hall and events to raise money to pay for them. Working on various projects for the Holy Rosary Parish and School. They are holding whole hog sausage sale this summer & fall as a fundraiser. Fall KC Youth Girls Basketball will start in September. Winter KC Youth Boys Basketball will start in the winter ending in the spring of 2027. Funds raised will be used for various Council projects. Planning on doing a fall membership event. Starting in October 2026 will have their KC Council meetings the 1st Sunday of the Month after the 9:30am Mass. Having a breakfast for the KC Council Members before the meeting at their KC Hall.

Indian Creek St. Stephen #1971 - has had a busy spring and summer of 2026. Helped with the Indian Creek St. Stephen Parish with the Annual Swinkey Picnic July 19th 2026 Will be hosting a Band and Dance on Saturday, September 26th 2026. As a way to bring Indian Creek St. Stephen KC & Parish members along with others for a good evening of food and fellowship. Holding their Annual Indian Creek Knights of Columbus Football Raffle, this is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Making Plans for other council events to help fund various Council projects.

Shelbina St. Mary #2241 - To celebrate the 250th Birthday of America held a free BBQ on Friday July 3rd to everyone in the community. At the Father Buhman Center estimated over 200 people came. From several other parishes and communities, thinking about doing this again next year. Served several meals as fundraisers for various KC Projects. Members have been working in the community garden behind the Father Buhman Center. Total of about 20 KCCouncil hours per week, will continue this until first major killing frost. Will be having a St. Mary KC Pro-Life Rock-in-Roll 60-70-80 Dance Saturday, October 10th at the Father Buhman Center. Free-Will Donation, money raised to go to fund Pro-Life Activities. Will be helping with Annual St. Mary Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th. Will also be helping with the St. Mary Annual Altar Society Turkey Dinner Sunday November 1st. Working with St. Mary Parish with various Parish Projects. Members have been working monthly at the local Shelby County Food Pantry. Along with donating money during the year. Thanks to the St. Mary KC Council for hosting the annual KC District Deputy Meeting on Wednesday, July 29th. 9 KC Councils from KC Districts 25, 26, 27 attended.

Macon Immaculate Conception #3769 - Members have been busy helping the parish with repairs to the Immaculate Conception Rectory after water damage this spring. Repairs will be ongoing during this summer and fall. Have been working with the Macon County Food Pantry. With members working at it. Along with donating money during the year. Helping and donating money to the local Ray of Hope Pro-Life Group. Held their Annual Maloney Dinner this summer. Making plans for other KC Council Projects for 2026. Helping with other Immaculate Conception School & Parish Projects too. Will be working with the Immaculate Conception School on October Fest Sunday October 4th. They will be holding their Annual KC Golf Tournament to help raise money for the school too.

The Annual NEMO Knights of Columbus Journey for Charity Tractor Cruise was Sunday, August 30th 2026. Monroe City Holy Rosary KC Council 1165, Indian Creek St. Stephens KCCouncil 1971 and Shelbyna St. Mary KC Council 2241 of KC District 26 along with Hannibal Holy Family KC Council 907 and Palmyra St. Joseph KC Council 1937 of KC District 25 hosted this event. Food and money raised during the event will be divided between the 5 KC Councils to go to local food pantries in Marion, Monroe & Shelby Counties in their local KC Council areas. This will be a project they will continue to do going forward for years to come.

These are some of the actives and events that the KC Councils in KC District 26 have been doing. Also, with their KC Council plans in the future. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks for all you do for the Missouri KC Members. Stay Safe & Healthy
GOD Bless you!

Brother Knight Helps Bring the Meeting to Order

Tri-County Council 3414 member John Hiatt (right) assisted Grand Knight Tony Batrez (left) in bringing the first meeting of their activated Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 2353 to order. John built the lectern in the Council's woodshop and graciously donated it to the Brothers in the new Kansas City Council.



Something is Cooking At Tri-County #3414

Tri-County Council 3414 serves both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Gabriel Churches in Kansas City. Each summer, the Brothers from one church serve a steak dinner to the other and invite their priest. Shortly after, the other church reciprocates with a dinner for the other church and its priest. During each evening, the priest can inform what is happening at the parish and how the Knights can assist.



Results Of the 2026 State Horseshoe Tourney

By Director David Kandlbinder
Congratulations to all our winners and participants.

Men’s Class A

- Casey Koller / Adam Oberle — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Keith Bahr / Steve Bahr Jr. — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Nathan Rayoum / Brad Hogenmiller — Bloomsdale #1848
- Kevin Grass / Eric Roth — Ste. Genevieve #1037

Men’s Class B

- Dale Dietrich / Scott Dietrich — Old Monroe #10144
- Kevin Boyer / Jeff DeClue — DeSoto #1185
- Jason Portell / Cody Portell — Old Mines #5936
- Chase Fallert / Ryland Fallert — Bloomsdale #1848

Men’s Class C

- Kory Huck / Scott Ringwald — Bloomsdale #1848
- Eric Gretzmaker / Kellen Basler — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Joe Kopman / Bob Kleekamp — Fr. Seisl #1121
- Brad Bruemmer / Bernie Bruemmer — Taos #6430

Men’s Class D

- Andrew Kincaid / Hunter Kincaid — Old Mines #5936
- Brayden Young / Brendan Young — St. Rose of Lima #1185
- Rick Brandt / John Zielman — Duchesne #2951
- Gary Smith / Chuck Richie — Wentzville #10154

Men’s Class E

- Richard Molitor Jr. / Carl Borgerding Jr. — Fr. Bertens #1927
- Todd Webery / Dale Webery — Bloomsdale #1848
- Rob Navatto / Nick Navatto — St. Paul #6415
- Frank Pescha / Keith Schene — Fr. Pezold #7198

Men’s Class F

First and second place may not be in the correct order, as I left while the finals were still in progress.

- Randy Heggemann / Mike Wessell — Fr. Bertens #1927
- Evan Grein / Daniel Vaeth — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Brad Boyer / Zach Boyer — Bloomsdale #1848
- Andrew Ricketts / Tyler Juliet — Old Mines #5936

Men’s Senior Class A

- Ron Legrand / Jim Koechner — Fr. Seisl #1121
- Don Gillette / Walter Karase — New Melle #11656
- Norbert Nenninger / Francis Nenninger — St. Isidore #5898
- Tom Brake / Joe Finley — Ste. Genevieve #1037

Men’s Senior Class B

- Randy Senciboy / Larry Glastetter — Guardian Angel #4311
- Mark Callier / Dan Siegler — St. Charles #823
- Danny Williams / Darrell Vandeven — St. Isidore #5898
- Greg Lippert / Jim Feldman — Wentzville #10154

Women’s Class A

- Jennifer Gegg / Michelle Basler — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Pam Meyer / Abby Roth — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Anna Johnson / Chris Yarbrough — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Taylor Shuh / Lacie Ritter — Ste. Genevieve #1037

Women’s Class B

- Kayla Schilly / Erica Rayoum — Bloomsdale #1848
- Jennifer Peterson / Sam Heberer — Bishop Wurm #1376
- Rebecca Cooper / Brooke Bahr — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Sheila Brinker / Donna Klatt — Fr. Seisl #1121

Women’s Class C

- Sandy Belew / Nancy Sansoucie — St. Rose of Lima #1185
- Jessica Vossen / Stephanie Braemmer — Fr. Helias #1054
- Rachel Oberle / Claire Koller — Ste. Genevieve #1037
- Colleen Nickelson / Kelsey Gettinger — Ste. Genevieve #1037

Women’s Class D

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- Jennie Sandefur / Jessie Perry — St. Rose of Lima #1185
- Andrea Rickets / Ashley Kinkaid — Old Mines #5936
- Jaime Kluba / Cori Kluba — Msgr. Westhoff #16213
- Bella Donna Newbury / Emilie Newbury — St. Rose of Lima #1185



Marian Days In Carthage
Participating during Marian Days in Carthage, #1877 Pope Pius X Assembly and #578 Assembly in Joplin were honored to represent the Missouri Knights of Columbus.

#14972 Highway Clean-Up

Knights from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council #14972 patrol a stretch of 150 Hwy keeping their community in great shape.

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



2027 Golf Tournament
July 17, 2027
Poplar Bluff, MO
Contact: James Deken
1-573-778-6682



Teddy Bear Drive
TBD
For More Information
website: Msteddybear.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



2027 BBQ Contest
July 23-24, 2027
Hosted by: Wm. J Barnwell Council
#1263 Location: Perryville Picnic
Grounds Perryville, MO
Contact: Ken Wehmeyer
Phone: 1-573-846-6162



2027 Horseshoe Tournament
August 20-22, 2027
Hosted by: St. Paul
Location: St. Paul, MO
Contact: Mark Fields
Phone: 314-280-0116



2027 Sporting Clay Shoot
September 18, 2027
Hosted by: Dutzow
Location: Blackhawk Valley
Contact: Jerome Kleekamp
Phone:
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:
Kevin Hudnut – State Athletics Chairman1-636-856-3296
E-mail: khudnut2269@gmail.com

Missouri Knights Honor State Chaplain Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger



1Missouri Knights of Columbus hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification held on June 12, 2026 at St. John Henry Newman Catholic Church in Columbia Missouri. The chosen and very worthy Honoree was our own Rev. Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger Worthy Missouri State Chaplain.
1Front Row: Michael Auchly PSD and member of Assembly572, Honoree Rev. Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger State Chaplain, New Worthy Sir Knights of Assembly 572 right to left Chris Dryden, Adam Slayton, Colin Kemble, Kennedy Deimeke, Kyle Oligschlaeger, Eric Ingram, A.J.Jensen, Michael Jennings, Derek Bohr.

Prayer Service and Veneration of the Silver Rose

The St. Louis Chapter conducted a Prayer Service and Veneration of the Silver Rose at St. Justin the Martyr. Those present in the photo are Tom Heller, Charles Huey, Fred Lueckenotte, John Dempsey, Fr. Brian Hecktor, Frank Mantia, Dave Stukenberg, Ron Greminger, Andy Dyszlewski, Gary Lottmann, Eric Bruns, Gene Fallert

