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52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL TRIPLE DDD DRIVE ON  
OCTOBER 10-11-12 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
IS MISSOURI’S FIRST BIG PROJECT OF FY 2025-2026  
With Every Council’s Participation, The Triple DDD Drive Goal of  
\$700,000 Can be Reached And Topped As We Begin New Fraternal Year.

Entering our 52nd year for the Triple DDD Drive/tootsie roll drive, the Missouri Knights of Columbus in a very visible way, brought many of the citizens of the State of Missouri the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

The foremost principle upon which our Order is founded is Charity. The Knights believe the weekend of October 10, 11, 12 will long be remembered as the time all Knights and all Councils stepped up to achieve and top this year’s goal to raise \$700,000 to make a dramatic difference in the lives of our communities special individuals who will be the recipients of the Triple DDD funds.

Each Council across the state is asked to participate in this worthy endeavor. If you think about it, if each of our over 42,000 members worked just long enough to help our society’s most needed individual our goal would be “shattered.” What a great accomplishment this would be.

Up to 50% of the funds raised this year will be donated to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. (Editor note: if you have never visited the Center, please make a point of going for a visit. The lives this program has touched is unmeasurable) The remaining half of the funds to be collected are sent back to the Councils who shall distribute, in the discretion, to their local organizations working in their communities to meet the needs of their Developmentally Disabled citizens.

Much work needs to be done. 100% of Councils need to participate to make this key fund-raising event all it can be. In addition to the many blessings which will pass through our efforts to raise the much needed funds, there is also a silver lining in that events such as the Triple DD program strengthen our Order.

Please “pitch” in by contacting your Council Chairperson to get involved with the Drive. We know it’s not easy, your time might be stretched thin, but the most rewarding time we as Knights can spend is helping others in need with this worthy program. We pray for a successful, weekend, beautiful weather and count our daily blessings.



On July 27<sup>th</sup> the St. Louis Cardinals battled the San Diego Padres but unfortunately as the Cardinal season has gone, the Cardinals lost to the Padres 9-2.

Under the guidance of Chairman Michael Koehler, the Knights and families gathered to support this program by purchasing 173 tickets. Well done Knights!

We had an active group of cheering fans, along with our State Deputy Michael Auchly, at the game. Many Knights brought their family along to enjoy the game. The group received a special Cardinals commemorative hat, ballpark hotdog and drink as part of their ticket purchase.

Before the game our own Color Guard proudly showed the patriotism of the Knights of Columbus. The Color Guard were Gary Lottmann, Tom Lange, Gabe Jones, Dennis Buchheit, Eric Bruns and Paul Watters represented Assemblies #565, #571 and #3588.



Missouri’s own 4th Degree Honor Guard joined Former State Chaplain Fr. Tom Kiefer from St. Louis Ann Seton celebrating the Mass of Angels on October 1.



The First NEMO Knights of Columbus Journey for Charity Tractor Cruise was held Sunday August 24th. The 5 KC Councils putting the event on were Hannibal #907, Palmyra #1937, Monroe City #1165, Indian Creek #1971 and Shelbyna #2241. Food and money raised will be equally divided among the 5 KC Councils to be given to the food pantries, in Marion, Monroe and Shelby Counties in Northeast Missouri. Over 1 ton of food was raised. The total amount of money raised will be known in a few days once all the money is turned in. This was a Great way for the 5 KC Councils to work together to put on such a worthwhile event to help with the local food pantries of Marion, Monroe and Shelby Counties. Photos by Knight Martin Spilker.

PSD And Missouri Master Bob  
Hawkins Named Vice Supreme  
Master Of Father Padilla Province

On August 7, 2025 Worthy Knight and PSD Robert “Bob” Hawkins was appointed as Vice Supreme Master of the Father Padilla Province.

In a letter from Michael R. McCusker Supreme Master, it was noted Missouri’s own Bob Hawkins has been appointed to a term effective September 1, 2025 and concludes on August 31, 2027, or as soon thereafter as a successor is appointed.


Missouri continues to be the shining light of the Order. We congratulate PSD Hawkins on joining fellow Missouri Past State Deputy John Appelbaum on their positions representing Missouri on the Supreme Level.






80th Pint Donated by Peter Baxendale

St. Clement Council would like to honor their own Peter Baxendale who recently donated his 80th pint of blood at the August 23 Council Blood Drive.

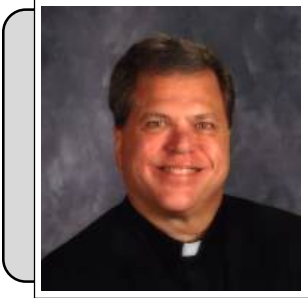
Overall DD Bill Meirink mentioned over 26 pints of much needed blood was donated during the event. A Big Thank You to Chairman Jim Miller who helped organize and has continually done an excellent job hosting this worthy event. Congratulations St. Clement Council #13604 in Des Peres located in the St. Louis area.





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





Chaplain's  
Message  
by Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Dear Brother Knights,

We are all on a journey together. A journey in our Catholic Faith that, we pray, leads to the unity of God's kingdom as we follow our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Many times in the Gospels, Jesus invites us to serve our God and our neighbor by being a good **Steward**. A good steward serves his master by efficiently taking care of and managing all the assets of his master. The steward owns nothing and yet so many gifts and resources flow through his hands to serve the community.

All of us, Brother Knights, and our families are asked through the power of God's Word to live discipleship in Christ's call to be a good and faithful steward of the gifts we have been given by God. Mass homilies, parish meetings, small study groups and the mission of our Catholic schools will help us to grow in continuing to embracing this Stewardship Way of Life. Prayer and Sunday Mass, participation in our parish life and the mission of our Catholic Schools, and in sacrificial giving/tithing the tools of stewardship. Our commitments are supported by the Four Pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Not unlike our order is supported by our pledge to Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Patriotism.

Starting our week off gathered together on the Lord's Day is one way we deal with all this misinformation in our world today. By gathering together to hear God's word, receiving Catholic formation through the homily, and in receiving Holy Communion- we are strengthened by Christ to endure and to be seen by the world as Jesus' active disciple. Instead of being caught up in the polarity, selfishness, violence, hatred and isolationism that is presented daily in our nation and world media, let us strive to embrace the **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy** in our daily interaction in the world. **The Corporal Works of Mercy** are a call from Christ to: Feed the Hungry; Give Drink to the Thirsty; Shelter the Homeless; Clothe the Naked; Visit the Imprisoned; Visit the Sick; and to Bury the Dead. In the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**, we are called to: Admonish the Sinner; Instruct the Ignorant; Counsel the Doubtful; Comfort the Sorrowful; Bear Wrongs Patiently; Forgive all Injuries; and to Pray for the Living and the Dead.

I attended the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. this past July. As Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, gave his annual report to all of us. I was honored and humbled to be a Knight in seeing all that the Knights of Columbus do throughout the world to support the ministry of Christ. Please take time to read the annual report. It will bolster your resolve to be a good steward. The Knights of Columbus fulfill so many of these Works of Mercy through our programs and fundraisers. Be attentive to the Works of Mercy as the reason we have our programs, fundraisers and social events.

Discipleship is counter cultural but we live as disciples of one Church. We are called to be a faithful disciple by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Stewardship is the **grateful response of a Christian Disciple** who **recognizes and receives God's gifts** and **shares these gifts** in love of God and neighbor. Strive to follow Jesus and not the selfishness, division and anger that we experience in our world today.

May you always know the peace and mercy of Christ in your hearts.

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

### THE WORKS OF MERCY

#### CORPORAL MERCY

FEED THE HUNGRY

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

CLOTHE THE NAKED

VISIT THE IMPRISONED

VISIT THE SICK

BURY THE DEAD

#### SPIRITUAL MERCY

ADMONISH THE SINNER

INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT

COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

COMFORT THE SORROWFUL

BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

FORGIVE ALL INJURIES

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

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MEMORIAM

Darrell E. Boschert .....	823
Mark G. Pallardy .....	823
Bobby L. Rector .....	823
Norbert W. Schierding .....	823
John "Jack" F. Schneider .....	823
Mark S. Schoene .....	823
Harley C. Mattox .....	995
Patrick P. Schulte .....	995
John C. Bertholdt .....	1037
Robert H. Eckenfels .....	1037
Robert J. Naeger .....	1037
Jonathan E. Thomal .....	1037
Daniel R. Roling .....	1054
Leo A. Kraus .....	1061
Vernon B. Zeller .....	1061
Kenneth P. Haas .....	1111
Harry S. Buersmeyer .....	1171
Frederick O. Rehagen .....	1171
William E. "Bill" Rensing .....	1185
Ed Ponder .....	1263
Joe Lottes, Jr. ....	1263
Leon Schumer .....	1263
Tom Elder .....	1263
Cletus Schnurbusch .....	1263
Neil J. Aherns .....	1270
Gregory A. Fennewald .....	1270
Robert E. Mette .....	1270
David L. Welschmeyer .....	1270
Robert L. Bohlken .....	1339
Deacon Martin Schieber .....	1339
Robert L. Dody .....	1376
David P. Mattingly, Sr. ....	1576
Vincent L. Grein .....	1848
Lawrence B. Lager, Jr. ....	1931
Elmer A. Lorenz .....	2261
Robert F. Lepping .....	2269
William E. Thomas .....	2269
Kenneth J. Cassani .....	3586
John P. Mayne .....	3586
Deacon Charles T. Ryder .....	3586
Michael T. Sullivan .....	3586
Lawrence R. Kessler .....	3760
Raymond J. Pursifull .....	3760
Frank Beller .....	4838
Michael G. Edwards .....	5359
Joseph M. Carlisle, Jr. ....	5898
Joseph H. Scharenborg .....	5898
Robert K. Miller .....	6365
Matthew M. Ternes .....	6515
John J. Laune .....	7475
Thomas M. Henderson .....	8620
Richard Kramer .....	8915
Robert J. Hiebert .....	9273
Edward "Leo" Cologna .....	10844
Earl C. Albers .....	12022
Joseph G. Lipic, Sr. ....	12323
Thomas B. Overall .....	12332

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

STATE DEPUTY MICHAEL AUCHLY SAYS:

My Brother Knights,

It is a great honor and privilege to continue serving as State Deputy of the Missouri jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. I would like to thank each of you for your past and continuing support and efforts on behalf of our Order. We have so much to be proud of here in the State of Missouri and there is so much more we can accomplish in keeping with my slogan "Honoring Faith, Serving Community".

We are off to a great start on inviting new members into the Order so far this year. We cannot relax on asking men to join the Knights of Columbus as we missed our intake number by only 40 members. They are the future of our Order and will be the ones that take our places someday. We are working very hard on sharing ideas and methods to help us accomplish getting back to the Circle of Honor again this year. It all still boils down to us as members asking the question to anyone not known to be a Knight.

We had a great year last fraternal year as we did bring in even more members than the previous year but still fell short of our higher membership intake goal. We did set a new record for Star Councils and Star Districts. The Missouri jurisdiction is now over 44,000 members strong which we have never had this many members before. Keep up the great work as this is how we will be able to continuing supporting the church and providing charitable works to our neighbors!

Ruth Ann and I have greatly enjoyed attending and participating in several of the activities around the state including the Golf Tournament, BBQ Cook-Off, Horseshoe Tournament, Trap Shoot Contest and the Tractor Cruises in Washington and Northeast Missouri, Council fundraisers and church picnics to name a few. These are always such a good time and a great opportunity to meet Brother Knights from across the jurisdiction and a chance to thank them for their hard work and dedication while having some fraternal fun in the process.

I pledge to you that I will continue doing my very best in service as State Deputy. I ask for your help and efforts to do the best that you can also as new members or old timers in support of your Brother Knights and their families along with all those in our communities which we help to support through our charitable endeavors.

Mark your calendars for the State Convention next April 24-26, 2026 as it will be our 125<sup>th</sup> State Convention. We will be kicking off our yearlong celebration that weekend that will culminate at the State Convention in 2027 when we will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Missouri Jurisdiction. The celebration committee has been working very hard at preparing special events and activities for these celebrations. Stay tuned for details as we get closer to these anniversaries.

Please take the time to read all of the articles from your State Program Directors in the Mariner as they have great information in them regarding their programs and what is going on in the State. As well, the District Deputies always have great recaps of the outstanding programs and projects that their local Councils have been doing. The Missouri jurisdiction has always been strong in programming serving our communities. As always, I ask you to Celebrate Everything!

Fr. Robert Stewart Council #13908 Activities!

Above: The brother Knights and their families took the time out of their busy schedules to cleanup Colbern Road. Below: After the Corpus Christi celebration, honoring the Holy Eucharist, the Knights gathered with their spiritual leaders in their parish.



Brother Knights and Ladies:

I hope that your falls are starting well. As we are entering October with this edition of the Mariner, we as Catholics particularly focus on the Most Holy Rosary this month. As you pray your rosary this month, please remember, if you can, to pray for the efforts of the Knights of Columbus to bolster the Church in Missouri.



As you have seen, this Mariner has been sent online, which is part of our goal for the State Council to limit expenses and more effectively utilize the money that the Councils pay for their per capita. Moreover, as most jurisdictions in the Order no longer send out paper newsletters and similar materials, it made sense to follow suit. As inflation has caused our expenses to rise since 2020, as has been the case for virtually everyone, it is important to limit costs when we can so we can better enhance our operations as a State Council to serve you. Over time, we will enhance this online Mariner. But in the meantime, thank you for all your contributions through the State Per Capita.

Using our material means to boost our State Council operations is but one part of what we do as Knights and Ladies. As I have in the past, I ask each of you to find one small way to improve what you are doing to support our Order and to support the Church this fraternal year. Likewise, many of you have seen the video our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, gave to our Supreme Convention in August. Pope Leo told us “to be signs of hope in your local communities, parishes, and families.” Each of us must be willing to take the steps needed to be that sign of hope, knowing that we can have a great deal of impact on our communities, parishes, and families. But too, we must keep our focus on the final goal, which is spending eternity with God in Heaven, and helping those we encounter to reach the same end. This was Blessed Michael McGivney’s hope in founding the Order and we must keep that end in mind as we do our good works as Knights and Ladies.

May the intercession of our founder Blessed Micheal McGivney and Our Lady of the Rosary be upon your Councils, auxiliaries, assemblies, and parishes. Vivat Jesus!

## Knights Assist With “Bed’s for Kids”

Proto Cathedral St. Peters in Jefferson City has a Saint Vincent DePaul Society. They are helping the families in the Diocese of Jefferson City and the counties of Cole, Osage, Miller and Calloway with urgent needs of funding and bedding. At one time, the need for beds exceeded the funding available.

The Knights of Columbus were asked to assist in the “beds for kids” program. The topic was presented to the Councils in Districts 20 and 21 who were asked to help provide funds to purchase a bed, mattress and the linens from a local supplier. The cost of the total single bed is \$150. Councils in Mary’s Home #3267, St. Elizabeth #6640, St. Anthony #12242, St. Thomas #2149, Wardsville #8399, Westphalia #1171, Linn #4838, Bonnots Mill #2027, Herman #1914, Taos #6430, and Immaculate Conception in Jefferson City #14906 and the St. Jude Assembly #1567 participated.

Ladies Auxiliaries all made donations to help purchase beds for kids. At the present time the funds are available to purchase beds without delay.

I would like to thank the Councils listed in their efforts to fund this program. This meets the goals set by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in the Faith in Action program. The programs support Family, Community, Life and Faith. The “Beds for Kids” program fit the programing for family, community and life.

One of the deliveries was to a 9-year-old boy who was overwhelmed to the point he latched onto the leg of the volunteer and thanked him for bringing a bed for him. The boy said that was his first bed ever and looked forward to sleeping in it that night.

## District 9 News By DD Bill Remshak

After a busy summer the Councils of District 9 continue to stay busy with Fall Festivals and the Triple Drive coming up. I would like to thank all the members of District #9 who have made my position as District Deputy a great one to have. I am amazed how our District continues to step up and tackle any problem or project as our Councils and communities need our assistance. Thank you to all who make our Order what it is today.

**4387 Archbishop O’Hara** - Our Council sponsors weekly “Happy Hour” meals and social events. From that we were able to donate \$4500 to Kansas City Hospice. We also sponsored and provided over 400 hot dogs in a School Supply Giveaway Day.

**5586 Belton** - We held a Night at the Symphony in July and raised over \$1400 for our parish offices remodel. Our very popular COR sessions, led by Deacon Mike Gates, will start again in September after a summer break.

**6550 Harrisonville** - In September we will be cooking hotdogs and brats for our parish picnic and we will also hold our soccer challenge that month. In October we will have our food trailer at the “Log Cabin Festival” in Harrisonville along with our Triple D Drive.

**13113 Pleasant Hill** - Our Council provided a breakfast for the Cass County Fair and it was very well attended. Speaking of breakfast, we have one coming up for the parish in Sept. We were able to donate \$1500 to Mother’s Refuge Pregnancy Center from our Baby Bottle Campaign.

**14270 St. Thomas More** - Our Council participated in the parish picnic with a Wine Toss. It was a huge success, and we had a great time doing it. In October we will hold our annual Texas Hold’em tournament.

**14972 Grandview** - We helped set up, prepare and serve for a parishioner’s 100 birthday party.

We are planning and preparing for the Triple D drive, a highway clean-up and for the Coats for Kids Drive.



## **STATE PROGRAM DIR. CHUCK PAQUETTE SAYS:**

What a wonderful time Bev and I had being the Missouri host couple at the Supreme Convention in Washington DC. We were honored to run the Missouri Hospitality Room for 4 days, and had a fantastic group of Knights and lovely ladies representing Missouri at the convention. Just to tell you a bit about our time, we decided to spend a few days in Washington DC before we had to do our responsibility and host the hospitality room.

Bev and I were most interested in visiting Arlington National Cemetery. We spent 6 hours at the cemetery, visiting everything we could see. Obviously, the changing of the guards was amazing, with perfect timing on every step, this did not disappoint.

Another highlight of the visit was at the Arlington House which at one point was General Robert E. Lee’s house for over 30 years until the Union forces took it over. Fascinating place worth the visit. Then on Saturday, Bev and I took in a National’s baseball game, nice stadium, side note Nationals were blown out by Milwaukee.

On Sunday, we starting to move things into the Hospitality room for the Missouri delegation, and by Sunday afternoon we were ready to entertain the group. As they started coming in to Washington DC, it was our job to have a place that they can come to relax, have a snack or meal and a beverage, which Bev and I had waiting for them, anytime they came to the room.

A very beautiful moment happened when Bev and I went to buy some food for the Hospitality Room, a beautiful soul made small talk with us about some fruit, and we told her we were on a budget for a Hospitality Room for a group of Knights of Columbus from Missouri. Her face had a much bigger smile on it, as she told us that she just came from mass and there were a lot of Knights of Columbus in attendance. After some more small talk, we continued our shopping. Within 5 minutes she approached me again and told me she was going to make “muffins” for our group. I asked “why would you make us muffins to a group of people you don’t know”, and she said that the lady of Fatima would want her to make the muffins, that was good enough for me. We exchanged numbers and I was sure I would not hear back, but I was wrong. About 4pm that day, she called me and asked me to come get the muffins. Kevin Casel went with me to her place and it was not long before she came out with a box full of muffins and a bag with two big pieces of Lasagnas that she just made. They were delicious, everyone enjoyed the muffins, this lovely lady truly has a beautiful soul.

We continued to enjoy the Missouri delegation to Washington DC. Bev and I had a wonderful time getting to know each one of them, and we are sure we made lasting friends. On Thursday after breakfast, Bev and I packed up with help from a few of the ladies, and worked our way back to Kansas City.

Now back to Missouri, as we know Knights do not take many breaks, as our programs keep coming and moving us forward. This summer, we have had a many Golf Tournaments, Horseshoe Tournament, BBQ contest, Road bowling (need to see this), Sporting Clay shoots, Royals Baseball game, Cardinals game, Pilgrimages, Soccer Challenge and our Drive for Developmental Disabilities coming in October. These programs and more are what keep the Knights always moving forward and staying in front of as many people as possible. We know, the more we stay out front and have these great events the more men we will inspire to join our ranks. If you have not got involved in one of our state programs, you are missing the boat! The easiest program to get involved with is our Drive for Developmental Disabilities program where we will as united brothers across Missouri stand in front of stores, on streets and in our churches handing our tootsie rolls, hoping for generous donations that will help us raise money, to help those with developmental disabilities that need our help. Each year we donate a huge portion to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, along with Special Olympic and many local centers around Missouri.

## 18th Annual Charity Tractor Drive Supports Local Knights of Columbus Initiatives

By Joe Gubbels DD #24

The Knights of Columbus in Franklin County continue to find creative ways to support charitable works, and this year’s Charity Tractor Drive has become a shining example of community partnership and fraternal outreach. The event was organized by District 24, consisting of seven local Councils, which collaborated with area businesses and individuals to sponsor the drive. The effort not only raised funds but also showcased the unity and generosity of our Catholic community. A total of 172 tractors participated, and the event also collected more than 8,000 canned goods for local food pantries.

The drive, featured in regional publications and parish bulletins, highlighted the ongoing commitment of the Knights to Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Proceeds are being directed toward key charitable programs, including the annual Tootsie Roll Drive for persons with developmental disabilities, parish youth activities, and emergency assistance for families in need. By working together, Councils ensured that every dollar raised will directly benefit those most vulnerable in our communities.

Beyond its financial success, the Charity Tractor Drive also served as an important promotional tool. Many residents learned more about the Knights’ mission and local involvement through the event, sparking new interest in membership and volunteer opportunities. Grand Knights reported receiving questions from parishioners eager to participate, further strengthening ties between Councils and their parishes.

District Deputy leadership, including local leader and former District Deputy John Jasper, has praised the effort as a model of collaborative fundraising. Rather than relying solely on traditional methods, the Charity Tractor Drive combined visibility, sponsorship, and community pride in one initiative. “It shows what can happen when we think outside the box and put our principles into action,” John Jasper noted.

As the drive continues to circulate in the community, the Knights of Columbus remain committed to ensuring that the funds raised are stewarded wisely and that the spirit of charity remains at the forefront. The success of this year’s effort is a reminder that when faith and community come together, even something as simple as a tractor drive can become a vehicle for hope and service.



## Preston Haglin Council #6018 Named Knight of the Month

Preston handled the Council fish fries over three months as the Chairman. When his Council needed someone to coordinate the Meet Them At The Well program, Preston stepped up and he was on the phone daily and he spent over 4 months on the great program.

He is the backbone of the Council as Financial Secretary, and he spends a lot of time on that office as any brother Knight knows how difficult the position is.

He is a Parish Council Chairman and member, serves on the Parish Picnic committee, Men’s Club President, and Chairman of the Donuts Sundays last year. He helps with the Thanksgiving meals for the needy with the local Rotary Club and Chairman for car show with the same group to help the Community.

He helps with the wiffleball committee for kids. He has held the position of Fire Board member for the local fire department for 6 years. He has been in insurance business for over 40 years. He is a Veteran of the US Coast Guard. He has held positions of Grand Knight from 2020-2022 and Financial Secretary since 2022. He has been married to his wife Wendy for 20 years. We congratulate Preston as a very worthy Knight of the Month.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR BRIAN ZIEGLER SAYS:

Greetings Brothers

The first quarter of our fraternal year is winding up. We have brought in close to 300 members to our jurisdiction which means our programs will be even stronger.

With the arrival of fall brings to us numerous opportunities to invite men to join our order. Fall brings hayrides and bonfires in October. November brings family gatherings for Thanksgiving and December brings us Advent, Novenas and the Christmas season. What better times than those to ask brothers to join.

Membership is more than numbers brothers. Without members who is there to help with the Special Olympics? Or who will be there for that child with developmental disabilities? Who will be there to support that parish priest?

Brothers, now is the time to start planning on the future of your Councils. Without bringing in new members our Councils will start to fail and eventually close down as members die off. When we do get new members in our Council's, brothers, we need to be inviting and welcoming and not make them feel like outsiders. I know of several Councils who have gotten members in only to not contact them for events or when they do show up they are ignored or given the worst possible job and when this happens that man becomes a former member and Councils suffer.

My challenge to each of you my brother Knights, is for this second quarter to not only invite a man to join our order but to take that man to meetings and events and introduce him and make him feel welcome and watch how that will help your Council prosper and grow.



STATE FAITH DIRECTOR JOSH NEUWEG..

Brother Knights

The RSVP program for supporting Seminarians has been a popular program for Councils to use to support Seminarians and get \$100 reimbursement from Supreme for every \$500 donated. By filling our Form 2863 and attaching the front and back of the canceled checks your Council is eligible for the reimbursement. I have gotten quite a few emails from Councils about not receiving their reimbursement from last fraternal year. With the help a FS trainer Louis Raineri, we have been informed by Supreme that the Councils that have been approved for the reimbursement that they are running behind with the large number of forms that have come in this year and the Councils should expect checks by the end of Oct. If your Council is looking to support a Seminarian and needs help, please reach out to the Diocesan Chairman for your Council's Diocese and they will be able to help you out. With that being said, the State Council has the MRVF that goes to support the formation of Seminarians and those choosing Consecrated Life. All the money that is raised is split equally amongst the 4 Diocese to be used for the purpose of the formation and educating of those called to Seminary and Consecrated Life. Chairman Tom Broadbent can help you out with any questions.

Here soon we will be mailing out the Fall Appeal for the Religious Information Bureau. This fund goes to provide financial assistance to the Diocese of Missouri for Evangelization and Faith formation. In many instances most local Parishes could not afford to provide the programs that we as Knights help provide with our financial assistance. The RIB program is very instrumental in helping to provide the needed Evangelization and Faith Formation programs to help build the faith of all of the Parishes in the State.

While we are building stronger Parishes in the State, we also need to build stronger men, husbands, and families. We are doing this through COR, COR programs are designed for just that purpose. When we gather as men of faith, pray together, have discussions of Scripture, and have fellowship, we grow stronger. We grow stronger in our Faith, our ability to share it with our families and others. In this 1 hour we can make significant changes. We will build Stronger Communities and Honor our Faith. This is how we as men make the positive changes necessary to be the leaders of our Families, Faith, and Communities. Chairman Jason Kehl is the man with the plan if your Council needs help with starting a COR program.



DD#18 Rich Wieberg Pitches In To Help the District And The Order

First off, I would like to offer a huge **THANK YOU** to the past District Deputy, Ron Schwintek, for his years of dedicated service to the Councils in District 18. That being said, I need help in finding a brother Knight to fill the role as District Deputy. The District Deputy position is a rewarding position learning about the great programs Missouri offers to our Councils. Our mileage and meeting expenses are paid by the state. The District Deputy files a few more reports than the Grand Knight. You will learn a greater understanding of the Knights programs and how we support our Faith, Community, Family and Life.

**6365 Camdenton** - is active with the St. Anthony Parish. This past month the Council was active in the annual Shoot Out at the Lake of the Ozarks. This serves as the Council's fundraising activity and charitable events. Annually the parish will hold a parish picnic with the Council members active in the day's event. Each month, on the first Saturday, the Council will hold a "Fun Knight" inviting the parish families to join in the fun. Each family will bring in a dish to share. Last year the Council invited 6 new members to this event. In August the Council held a blood drive. The goal was 33 pints of blood, but they collected 44 pints of blood. Outstanding!

The Council had the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with an adoration and vigil service. Supporting the community includes helping the elderly with grass cutting and general home maintenance. Coats for Kids program is supported by local stores with coats and funds to help over 100 youth in the lake area. Christmas time the Council will coordinate with the parish to support families in need. The Council will adopt 25 families providing a Christmas dinner.

**7133 Eldon** - is active with Sacred Heart parish. The annual parish picnic has most all the Council members helping to make the picnic a huge success. In October the annual apple festival / car show in Versailles is a major event to support the Versailles food pantry and shelter workshop. The annual turkey festival in Eldon is part of the Council's fundraising events. The Council has members at the county fair running the gate.

All the time spent is donated to support the local 4-H and FFA programs. Council members are active in reciting the rosary before Mass and before the monthly Council meeting. The Council had the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with an adoration and vigil service. Current projects are the Coats for Kids and the annual Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Many local businesses will donate money or goods towards supporting both programs. Future projects will be the annual Christmas Santa Workshop and the Lenten fish fry. All the proceeds raised support the needs of the community.

**9273 Lake Ozark** - is active with Our Lady of the Lake Parish. In August, the Council helped with the annual Feast of the Queenship of Mary Novena. The evening consists of scripture, songs, and the praying of the rosary and the Litany of Loretto in the chapel led by Our Lady of the Lake commissions and various groups in our parish. Afterwards, a simple meal or refreshments will be shared with those who attend. All are welcome to sign up to attend one or every evening of prayer. The Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was held in with adoration and vigil. The annual Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities is underway next month. The Coats for Kids program is supported by the local businesses with funding and coat donations. For the past four months, the Council has organized breakfast at the parish, with donations being voluntary. They have two more months to go. A 50/50 raffle raised over \$1000 last year during breakfast meals. The lake activities include the annual motorcycle ride weekend. Many bikers enjoy breakfast after Mass.

The Ladies Auxiliary are busy helping with the DD drive, the Coats for Kids, Feast of the Queenship of Mary Novena and the upcoming Christmas Party. These ladies are really busy!

**10381 Laurie** - is active with St. Patrick with the National Shrine of Mary and St. Philip Benizi in Versailles. The state pilgrimage is slated to be held in October at the National Shrine of Mary. Along with Eldon Council, Laurie Council helped with the annual car show. This is one of their many fundraising events. October is a busy month for the Laurie Council with the pilgrimage, car show and the parish fall supper. Add to that list the second Sunday pancake breakfast each month and the Shop with a Hero program for the local youth where they shop with the local fireman and police officers.

Last year's the Past Grand Knight, Craig Huck, spearheaded the efforts to fundraise the needed funds to get a new ultrasound machine in the Pregnancy Help Center in Versailles. The Laurie Council was awarded the State Life Service Program Award at the 2024 State Convention. There were many more Council activities held by the Councils to participate in the annual state programs. Most all the Councils have completed the Safe Environment Program training. All the Councils have completed the required reports to Supreme.

Thomas and Kathy Deddens Chosen As Family of The Month

Thomas Deddens and Kathy Deddens from Council # 6018 Pope John XXIII in Arnold have been chosen as the Missouri State Family of the Month. The Deddens have worked every fish fry that the Scott City Council has hosted from 8am to 8pm. If you've worked your shift at a fish fry you know how long a day Thomas and Kathy have worked.

Tom has also been our maintenance manager for the hall for the past three years and anything that needs to be fixed he is right there ready to go at a moments notice.

Kathy can always be counted on to help make the hall look great for events and installations as well.

The Deddens can also be found working any of the following groups and organizations, Women of Faith, Holy Family Men's Club, Parish Picnic committee, Arnold Club, New Parish committee, Kombo Missions for our Christian brothers in Africa.

The Missouri Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Deddens family for "Keeping the Council pointed in the right direction" at Pope John XXIII. To all of our hall Chairman and hall volunteer workers, your dedication does not go unnoticed and we thank you for your time and efforts.



"Throwing horseshoes" at the Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament is a family tradition for the Peters family. The Peters family "hails" from St. Jerome Council #1572 in Glennonville. The Mother/Daughter and Father/Son team, L to R: Chris, Emily, Sheila and Riley.



District Deputy #2 Mike Violett and his District welcomed a recent member to the Order, Father John Kishore who joined St. Francis Xavier Council #15126 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Please Pray for a Second Miracle Toward Sainthood

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FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD



Greetings Brother Knights and Your Families!

I want to talk a little about our Roses for life program. Orders are due by September 15 but will be accepted until October 1. All orders must be in multiples of 100. Roses can be ordered with or without the KC emblem. Roses must be paid for at the time of ordering. Late orders after September 15 must add \$35 for shipping. There will be an order form in your State Directory or contact me and I will make sure you get one.

Sympathy cards is a way the State Council remembers Brothers that have passed away. The very simple form is on the website under Life Programs. Simply click on the form, fill it out, and send electronically to Sympathy Card Chairman Mike Deamos. You can also memorialize your deceased brother Knight by donating \$25 to the memorial board also on the form. All monies donated for the memorial board go to Msgr. Mancuso Catholic Education Fund. These names can be submitted to the chairman either through the form in the directory or may be submitted on line via the State website at [mokofc.org](http://mokofc.org).

In 2022, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office developed a new and exciting program called Aid and Support After Pregnancy or ASAP. This program is designed to support pregnant women, mothers and their babies by serving Pregnancy Resource Centers and maternity homes. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide assistance to nearly 2 million clients each year. These organizations, and the women and babies they serve, are in dire need of financial contributions, donations of material goods, and other volunteer services. Despite the essential services Pregnancy Resource Centers provide to women and their new children, 90% of funding for pregnancy centers is raised locally and 80% of centers receive no government funding. Through ASAP, for every \$500 a Council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit Pregnancy Resource Center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization. Learn more at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). Click on Programs and scroll all the way to the bottom.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Silver Rose Program, it's an opportunity to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote Respect for Life. The Rose arrives in Missouri from Illinois Sept. 21 and leaves for Arkansas Oct. 18 – a very short time leaving little wiggle room in the schedule. The Silver Rose Program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for Respect for Life. Accompanying the Rose are prayer booklets you can use to guide you through your prayer service including a rosary, act of consecration and final blessing. These materials can be adapted to fit your particular circumstance. You can learn more by clicking here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html>.



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR ROCKY GAMBON SAYS:

By the time you are reading this, either your Council's Tootsie Roll drive is fast approaching or it is completed. To those who will soon hold this event, I wish you the very best. The difference you make with the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center in St. Louis is immense and I'm certain your local charitable organization appreciates your efforts as well. Remember, if your council is unsure who to roll those extra funds over to, Missouri Special Olympics is an excellent organization doing fantastic things with the state's special need individuals.



To those who have completed their drives, I hope you have had a successful Developmental Disability Drive, a.k.a Tootsie Roll drive. As I just mentioned, this drive serves to help many children at the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. What a special feeling all of us as Knights should be feeling knowing we are changing lives.

Once you are done with your Tootsie Roll Drive, you should be making sure all monies are deposited in the Council account and a check made out to Columbian Charities of Missouri for **the full amount collected**. Complete the Drive Final Report and the disbursement report to find them go to [mokofc.org](http://mokofc.org), go to Services, state forms, community, and you will see the forms. Then fill them out and send them to Jerry Herbert in the mail, send a copy to me at [JGambon3645@gmail.com](mailto:JGambon3645@gmail.com). Please have the final report sent in as soon as possible. The Disbursement Request for the turnaround funds, needs to be sent in as soon as you know where your half of the money will be donated to. For any awards the reports must be received **by December 1, 2025**, so do not procrastinate and get them in ASAP.

Winter is coming up very fast, it is time to get the Coats for Kids orders sent out! I know that a major Coats Drive occurred in Springfield in mid-September at the Springfield Cardinals Training Center. The event was an unbelievable success and while the number of coats distributed has not been tallied, the results are instantly shown on the faces of children who walk out with a new coat.

If you plan to hold your coat drive later in the fall, don't wait like some did last year and Supreme ran out of coats. Coats may be ordered through [KnightsGear.com](http://KnightsGear.com) This program has been growing since 2009 and over half a million coats have been provided to those who need them. There are many more out there that will need coats this winter. Go to the Supreme website ([kofc.org](http://kofc.org)) and learn more on this fantastic program. Bill Lueckenhoff [bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com) can answer all your questions.

The American Wheelchair Mission is a great program. So many around the world and here at home need to have the ability to be mobile. These wheelchairs give thousands the ability to be mobile. Already two Councils that I know of have held a Wheelchair Sunday drive. Many thanks to St. Paul's Council 2440 in Fenton and Our Lady of the Pillar Council 4751 in St. Louis for their outstanding Wheelchair Mission drives both on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping. A donation of \$150 will help deliver one wheelchair to someone in need. Please consider holding a Sunday wheelchair drive this fraternal year. Make checks payable to Columbian Charities and write "Wheelchair" on the memo line. Charles Leanu [cmalenau12@spectrum.net](mailto:cmalenau12@spectrum.net) can assist you with this program.

Essay contest should be starting, October through January, student's essays should be written and judged at the local level. Councils must judge local entries and submit only their top one essay per grade level for the State judging. This year's topic is **"Given Pope Leo XIV was born and raised in the United States, how do you think that can inspire young men and women in the United States to consider the priesthood and religious life?"** Please get students from the local schools, PSR, to participate. For more information contact Bill Lueckenhoff at [bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:bill.lueckenhoff@gmail.com)



Four Generations For the Wessel's

Making the it four generations in Council #2044, The Wessel family and Council #2044 welcomed Tatum to the Order this spring as he graduated from high school. Father and son, Tony Jr. and Sr. both joined in 1994 Tatum said he is proud to be a Knight and has already received much from the organization from hanging with the "older" Wessel representatives. L to R: Tony Jr., Tony Sr., Tatum and Landall Wessel.



MOScholars Tax Credit Program

By: Brad Grill, PSD

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

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



Justin "Jay" Sebek Council #9533 Elected State Knight of the Month

Jay is a new member of our Council. He has helped with Special Olympics Polar Plunge with our Council. At a recent meeting we had a man walk in looking for a place to stay (the church runs a cold weather shelter that was closed for the season). Jay upon hearing this called his wife to confirm with her and then invited him to stay the night at his home!

Jay is exactly the kind of Knight we should all want to emulate, and I think he is deserving of the honor of State Knight of the Month.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Christmas Season will be here before you know it. Councils can offer multiple activities that promote Christmas and the Season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the inn, Light up for Christ, Creche, or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ



# “Double Duty” DD Rich Wieberg Notes District 20 Starting Off On The Right Foot

**Westphalia Council 1171** - continues to grow in membership, community activities and in faith. Westphalia Council serves two parishes at Westphalia and Folk and the parish school at St. Joseph in Westphalia. The Men's Prayer group meet on the first Wednesday of each month at church. Fr Schrader is leading the Men's Prayer group, which goes hand in hand with the COR program by Supreme. The annual tractor pull was a great success. Council activities include the annual golf tournament, several blood drives during the calendar year, the Baby Bottle Campaign supporting Meet Life Phase II and ASAP campaigns, free throw contest, state essay contest.

The Soccer Challenge is on the calendar this fall. The State Soccer Challenge will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at the Council soccer grounds. Youth soccer is starting back up this fall with close to 200 local boys and girls playing soccer on the grounds. The RIB Dinner and Dance is one of the many activities serving homecooked meals to the community.

**Herman Council 1914** - continues to serve the parishes of St. George and Risen Savior in Herman and Rhineland. The Shrine at Starkenburg is part of the Council activities with ground cleanup, pavement repairs, PA system replacement and other general maintenance. The annual rummage sale was a huge success again this year. The parishioners donated clothes, bedding, appliances, furniture and whatever is no longer needed.

Each year the grade school kids at St. George received a new t-shirt and the class studying for first communion will get their own personalized Bible. The Council is involved with the Ministerial Alliance in the Herman community. They work hand in hand with other denominations of faith to support the needy, supplying money to pay bills, food to eat and even appliances on a case-by-case basis. What better way to support your community? The Council celebrates the fifth Sunday by alternating between Herman and Rhineland Parishes where a special collection is taken up to support the Ministerial Alliance. Four boxes of coats were purchased to assist the needy youth in the communities. The Council raises and sponsors a graduating senior with a scholarship towards college tuition. This year the council will hold their annual sausage sales as one of their many fundraisers.

**Bonnots Mill Council 2027** - serves two parishes at Loose Creek and Bonnots Mill and the parish school at Immaculate Conceptions in Loose Creek. The Council earned Double Star Council award with their recruitment of new members in their parishes. They are actively inviting men to join their Council again this year. The Council has 3x5 display board showing all their Council fundraisers. This makes it easy for the parish members to see how many activities the Council is involved in and where the funds are shared in their communities.

Before each meeting the Council will recite the rosary for the unborn. Special prayer cards have been made and given to the parishes when saying the rosary. Each month the men's group will join in Bible discussion or a prayer session with the number of men attending increasing. This prayer group is part of the COR program by Supreme. The Council is involved with many blood drives for the Red Cross during the calendar year. The fundraisers include raffles, chicken dinners, and their famous fish fries during Lent. Each year the Council will have a Mass for deceased members and a breakfast afterwards for the two parishes. The annual Toys for Tots drive help collect much needed toys for the youth in the county. The annual Coats for Kid's Drive will be held at both parishes to collect coats. Both parishes donated many coats to help the needy youth. Each month, Fr. Tony Rinaldo will say a Mass during the week for Seeking Christ for the Nation. Three RSVP checks were sent to three seminarians studying for the Diocese of Jefferson City.

Let's not forget the Ladies Auxiliary who are getting together supporting the parish and school. They hold several activities supporting the Council's fundraising events. Bake sales and the annual Christmas party are just a sample of their activities. During the Christmas season, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsor the Giving Tree for the needy in the community.

**Linn Council 4838** - serves two parishes at Linn and Frankenstein. Both parishes have a parochial school with grades up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Council just completed the annual welcome back to school BBQ celebrating the start of the school year. The annual truck & treat is on the calendar to be held at Thriftway for Halloween kids. The Council supplied candy and support for the local youth. During the year they host Chile/Soup dinners at the school. The Council helped funding the security fence along the street to limit access while school is in session. The Council held several fundraisers to make this happen. Both parishes participated in the Coats for Kids program by collecting donated coats from the families at the county food pantry. Each week a handful of dedicated Council members will haul donated food from the stores in Jefferson City to the Osage County food pantry, assist with the distribution of the food each week. Each month, before the Council meeting a Mass is offered for Seeking Christ for the Nation. The Linn Council is active in the Red Cross blood drive with several blood drives held during the calendar year. The council's annual raffles and fried chicken dinners help with the funds needed to do most all the activities. The trivia night fund raiser is on the calendar again this year. With State Tech in Linn, the Council participated in several membership drives from the student population. The response has been positive and has great potential for growth across the state.

**Taos Council 6430** - is active in supporting St Francis Xavier Church and parish school. The annual backyard golf event helps to support the Pregnancy Help Center in Jefferson City, which is a part of the ASAP program. The KCCC organized youth baseball teams and hosting the tournaments during the summer months. The annual Winter Wonderland is on the docket for this year. Each Council meeting starts with the rosary. Twice a year the Council will participate in placing memorial wreaths on the graves of Veterans at the parish cemetery and a special Mass for our Veterans, living and deceased. The Council hosts two prayer support groups for the fathers and mothers that have lost a child suddenly. The men will meet on a separate night from the ladies. The annual fish fries are growing each year supporting the parish school and various Council programs. Let's not forget the Ladies Auxiliary and all they do supporting the parish and school. They hold their annual spring appreciation dinner. During the fish fries the ladies sponsor a silent auction and a Salvation Army meal. Bake sales and the annual Christmas party are just a sample of their activities. During the Christmas Season, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsor the Giving Tree for the needy in the community. A day of health and healing is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Immaculate Conception Council #14906** - is very active with the parish and the parish school. The school is one of the biggest schools in the Diocese of Jefferson City and is slated to be replaced with a new facility. Their annual pork steak BBQ help raise funds for the parish school. The birth right program in Jefferson City received funds from the Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by the Council. Knights of Columbus rosary prayer cards are made available for those that need a prayer card to pray the rosary. As a program to raise funds for the Council, the Council made 100 cards to sell with the MIZZOU football games. These tickets are sold out in no time. Working with the parish, the Council will honor the Knight of the month, Family of the month and youth of the month as selected by the parish council. If the selected person is a Knight, the Council will then submit them to the state for honors as well. The Council assisted with the annual fundraising event for Catholic Radio station. The Council will be holding their annual soup supper after the stations of the cross during Lent. Three Council members made soup and it is made available to everyone.

Donations are free will to support the council ASAP program. The council has joined with St Vincent DePaul Society to help with the need to “beds for kids”. Through their efforts, St Vincent DePaul Society can offer a bed to youth in the Jefferson City area. These are the highlights of each Council. There were many more Council activities held by the Councils to participate in the annual state programs. All the Councils have completed the Safe Environment Program training. All the Councils have completed the required reports to Supreme. It has been my honor to serve as the District Deputy of my council in District 20. Our goal for this year is to bring new members into our Councils and new opportunities to serve our church, our communities, our families, and our country.



## Assembly #572 Donates New Vestments

Claire Lowry, widow of deceased Knight Ed Lowry, stands next to two new Vestments donated by Assembly #572 to St. Brendan's Catholic Church in memory of Brother Sir Knight Ed Lowry. Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!



**Council #3760** grilled 187 chicken halves for the residents and staff of Missouri Veterans Home Mexico, Missouri on August 15. The VA Home supplied the chicken and the local VFW post donated the charcoal and the Knights grilled the chicken.

## Busy Time for Knights & Ladies in District #2

By Mike Violett DD#2

Although we usually slow down in summer months, we were able to have installation of officers at our five Councils and ladies auxiliary. We had a Priest Appreciation dinner in which all the parishes in our deanery was invited with 300 people expected, and each Council supplied food and man power. We lived through a District Deputy update meeting and had our first meeting about our February mouse races. We had a couple of members we had to lay to rest; but volunteer work goes on, it's what we do.

**St. Joseph Council 571** - We installed our officers and went to work setting up the new year's calendar, so every member has the time to help with our projects. One of the first was a district dinner for our Priests, we fixed the green beans and supplied the cole slaw. We host a Mariners luncheon each month.

A pork loin fundraiser for the seminarians is planned for September 6<sup>th</sup>, we're fixing side dishes for the annual Cathedral Hill's Day coming up, and helping with the Ancient Hibernians Street Fair September 13<sup>th</sup>. Helping with Our lady of Guadalupe Octoberfest. We have tootsie roll drive, and our regular activities.

**St. Munchins Council 1110 in Cameron** - Getting ready to start our second weekend breakfast's and have our annual Pat O'Connor bingo night. Continue to say the Rosary before our meetings to help support our COR program. Gearing up for Coats for Kids, tootsie roll drive, and Roses for Life.

**Immaculate Council 8063** - Newly re-activated #8063 has struggled to get any member participation and has suspended operations until we can figure out a direction for this Council to go (perhaps a round table).

**Bishop Leblond Council 5067** - Like every Council we held installation of officers. We help with the

open door food kitchen year round so some of our calendar never changes. We supplied cheesey potatoes for the Priest Appreciation dinner and did the drinks.

We helped with the St. Patrick's Mexican fiesta, going to do tootsie rolls, coats for kids, and help with Cathedral Hills day. We also host Bingo every Wednesday night, doors open at 4:30 P.M. Making plans for our Memorial Mass.

**St. James Council 12463** - Would like to welcome new Grand Knight Tim Cox to spearhead our endeavors this year. We usually slow down in July and August for vacations, but came together and did rolls for the Priest dinner. Working on plans for fundraiser to bolster our seminarian fund.

**St. Francis Council 15126** - Although we usually slow down for the summer we are still having our monthly 10 point pitch tournament with all the proceeds going to local charities. We are getting ready for an Octoberfest, tootsie roll drive, coats for kids, and our annual Thanksgiving food basket drive.

We smoked 200 pounds of brisket for a District #2 priest appreciation dinner. We also continue our COR program with hopes of getting more members in attendance; we did gain a new member through COR, Father John Kishore who received his unified degree on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Ladies Auxiliary 571** - We had our installation of officers and enjoyed being able to have it in conjunction with Knights Council 571. Then went to work getting desserts ready to serve at the District Priest Appreciation dinner.

**Assembly 569** - We have been active with the Honor Guard supporting the Bishop when he comes up, and have had several Rosaries and funerals. Planning for a annual memorial mass at the Cameron Veterans home. We also want to welcome our new Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Richard LaFollette.

## David Grimes Reporting From District 11

District 11 Councils 1125 in Montrose, 1896 in Clinton, and 8620 in Warsaw continue their good work to help their respective churches and communities.

**St. Henry's Council 1125/ Montrose** - brought in 6 new members last year and are looking for opportunities for more this year. They are planning their yearly activities and events that include pancake breakfasts, poker tournaments, fish fries, a turkey shoot in November and a Valentines Day party. They work very hard to help sponsor local charities and programs including the Clinton Door of Hope Pregnancy Center.

**Holy Rosary Council 1896/Clinton** - has John Goth as its new Grand Knight and is holding an exemplification ceremony for new members in September. They do fundraisers for the Coats for Kids program, and they help parish school attendees 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 as the Parish School.

**Jay Harris Council 8620/Warsaw** - is gearing up for their annual November Shrimp Boil and Christmas Day Dinner for the public. They hold monthly fish fries and poker tournaments and make breakfast for the parish on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Members from the Council participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benton County Cancer Fund Charity Golf Tournament. The Council has also recently started a COR program.

All three Councils are currently planning for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the kids with learning disabilities and Roses for Life programs.



Family activities kicked off the fraternal year with several events. We started with the State Golf Tournament July 19<sup>th</sup>, the State BBQ Competition July 25<sup>th</sup> and the State Horseshoe Tournament on August 15-17 at Guardian Angel Council 4311 in Oran.

The Knights of Columbus State Golf Gournament was held July 19, 2025, at Mozingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville. The tournament, hosted by Maryville Council 13369, enjoyed wonderful weather on Saturday with blue skies highlighting the beautiful Mozingo Lake Golf Course. The winning score of 59 by Jeffrey and Jesse Schott was an impressive performance, setting them well ahead of the competition. Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jeffrey Schott & Jesse Schott – 59 (Council 1111)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: James Mattson & Scott Walk – 67 (Council 1339)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Patrick Jordan & Steve Klotz – 67 (Council 1339)

The Knights of Columbus State BBQ Contest was held in Perryville at the beautiful picnic grounds hosted by Wm. J. Barnwell Council #1263 on July 25-26. There was a great gathering of families at the get together Friday night with lots of great food. The smell of smoke and aroma of BBQ filled the air Friday night and Saturday morning. And for the first time we had a team from the west side of the state compete this year, Council 10200 of Ozark MO.

**RIBS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kingsway Knights – Council#11205
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Really Darn Delicious – Council #1121
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie – Brew Crew – Council #6405
- My Daddys BBQ – Council #3911
- BBQ So Good – Council #1263

**PORK**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Really Darn Delicious – Council #1121
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Disciples of the Holy Smoke – Council #10200
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie – St. Vincent’s – Council #1111
- BBQ So Good – Council #1263

**CHICKEN**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Kingsway Knights – Council #11205
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Brew Crew – Council #6405
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Really Darn Delicious – Council #1121

**BRISKET**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – BBQ So Good – Council #1263
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – St. Vincent’s \_ Council #1111
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brew Crew – Council #6405
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION - Kingsway Knights – Council #11205
- GRAND CHAMPION - BBQ So Good – Council #1263
- Winners of the Friday night categories were:Margarita – Kingsway Knights – Council #11205
- Bloody Mary – Kingsway Knights – Council #11205
- Wings – Kelso/Scott City – Council #6420

The State Horseshoe Tournament held on the weekend of August 15-17 was hosted by Guardian Angel Council 4311 in Oran. There were 291 teams competing this year on a very hot weekend. A big thank you to the Council for providing free water for all attendees due to extreme temperatures. A complete list of winners is on Page 8.

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May 17 was our Knights night at the Royals. The game was attended by approximately 154 Knights. We met before the game for a tailgate party that included good food cooked by Council 13908 out of Lee’s Summit and lots of good fellowship with Knights from across the state. We had a group of 30 travel up from the Springfield area by bus and some drove from as far away as St. Charles. From the looks of the jerseys around the tailgate, I think we were close to evenly split between Kansas City and St. Louis fans. We all saw a pitching duel with the Cardinals able to pull out a 1-0 win thanks to a solo home run in the sixth inning by right fielder Jordan Walker.

The St. Louis Cardinals game held on Sunday July 27 was a great success. We had a total of 173 Knights, family members and friends brave the heat at the game. We had more attendees this year resulting in a total donation of \$1,088.17 toward the State Council annual donation to the K of C Development Center at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center. The Cardinals graciously helped with a free cap for adults and kids entering the stadium, a free hot dog and beverage, and the kids running the bases after the game. Our new online option to order and pay for tickets exceeded conventional mail-in and in-person sales.

Building Strong Families is our slogan for this year and one way Councils can bring together families of their Parish is by implementing the Faith in Action Program. The Knights programming framework emphasizes welcoming families, engaging with the parish, and building programs that attract, support, and build families creating a place where each member of the family has an important role. These programs are “The Family Fully Alive”, “Family Prayer Night”, Good Friday Family Promotion” “Family Week” and “Keep Christ in Christmas” All of these programs are explained on the State Website, [www.mokofc.org](http://www.mokofc.org), under Family Activities and then under “Faith in Action”. Consider implementing some of these activities in your own Parish, it can be a great way to bring families together and recruit new members that yearn for a strong family connection to their faith. The best way to honor our families and brother Knights is by submitting your Knight, Youth and Family of the month applications.

**DD Michael West Sends Greetings from District 40!**

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

**Council #846 Edina** - The Council had a sandwich stand at the 4-H fair. We are currently preparing for the Quails Unlimited Banquet in October,.

**Council #2526 St. Patrick** - Welcome to new Grand Knight, John Wheeler.A combined degree was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the end of Mass. Ten new members were welcomed to the Council, and four members advanced from First to Third Degree. The degree was held in honor of long-term Council members Sam Wheeler and Charles (Doc) Alber.

We provided the Friday evening meal for Vacation Bible School.We are planning our annual Hayride/ Wiener Roast for October 12<sup>th</sup>. The parish and community are encouraged to attend.

The Council is currently planning the fraternal year. Street bowling is always a big event.

**Council #3375 Kirksville** - We held a “Welcome” retreat in our parish the weekend of August 9th and 10th. This is also known as Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). 8 members and 4 prospective members participated in this retreat. This was an opportunity for the men of our Council and parish to grow spiritually and form lasting friendships. This is a great retreat and should be considered in all of the Councils and parishes in the state. We anticipate becoming a seed team to share our experiences with other parishes in our area. The similarities between the Men’s Welcome Retreat and the Knights of Columbus COR program start with a Christ centered group of men coming together in prayer, formation and fraternity to strengthen their relationship with Jesus and to better serve our families, our church and our community.

The Knights recently assisted the local boys scout troop in a successful blood drive. We held our annual Council picnic on August 14th. We are planning our annual fish fry for the Council at the Don Westhoff farm for our September meeting.



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

We are excited to say the Auxilia-  
ries are doing well. There are 3 new  
Auxiliaries,#1848 Bloomsdale,#2457  
in KC and #15924 in Cape Girardeau,  
our first college Ladies Auxiliary. A  
hearty welcome to the new Auxilia-  
ries!

As Regina and I traveled to the  
area meetings across the state we  
could not help but notice the enthusi-  
asm.

Attending the area meetings is a requirement for Outstanding  
Auxiliary. I will say there is so much shared at these gatherings. Each  
Auxiliary shares their events and programs pertaining to their area.  
Many of the ladies told us they made notes on events they could make  
use of.

At the last convention the ladies participated in round table  
discussions. This will be part of the 2026 convention. The challenge is  
finding a meeting place large enough.

We look forward to meeting with you in the future.

Ron & Regina



**District #38 Participates In Festival of St. Louis**

by DD Robert Morgan & Jim Paunicka

**Bishop’s Council 10490** – celebrated Family Week with a Pizza Party on August 8, then held a Church Drive at the Cathedral Basilica later that weekend. Grand Knight Harry Gaab coordinated the drive with Beau Blanchard of the Lister Agency. Several Council officers were on hand to greet prospective members.

**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 Monday 8/25/2025 Feast Day of St. Louis. We were one of 3 Knights of Columbus Councils from the St. Louis area carrying our banner in the procession. *See Photos Below.*

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. 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, and for the St. Louis Battlehawks at The Dome at America’s Center in the United Football League (UFL). The Sprenke Knights supported the local St. Ann Parish Men’s Club Golf Tournament, sponsoring a hole and volunteering by serving food and drinks.

**Sts. Gregory & Augustine Council 17355** – The Knights at Sts. Gregory & Augustine Council played a lead role in putting together 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 Monday 8/25/2025 Feast Day of St. Louis. We were one of 3 Knights of Columbus Councils from the St. Louis area carrying our banner in the procession. Council members did a cleanup at St. Luke Catholic Church, the site of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine. The Council is proud to report that they received the Star Council Award for the second year in a row.







St. Ann's Pastor and Former State Chaplain Fr. Daniel Robles is joined by Bishop Edward Rice and several diocesan seminarians who attended Marian Days. See Steve Harvey article page 9



## DD#29 Pat Greenwell's District Is Golden With Toy Show And Fundraisers

KC District 29 Councils Monroe City Holy Rosary Council 1165, Indian Creek St. Stephen Council 1971, Shelbina St. Mary Council 2241 and Macon Immaculate Conception Council 3769 are all working on their KC Tootsie Roll Campaign for 2025.

All the Councils attended the KC District 29 Summer Meeting in Shelbina on Wednesday July 30th. Other KC Districts 28 & 40 had KC Councils attend the meeting too. They asked many questions to KC State Officers and discussed plans for the coming year.

Monroe City KC 1165, Indian Creek KC 1971, and Shelbina KC of KC District 29 along with Hannibal KC 907 and Palmyra KC 1937 of KC District 28. Teamed up to do the NEMO Knights of Columbus Journey for Charity Tractor Cruise on Sunday August 24th. Over 1 ton of food collected and the money raised from the event was given out to food pantries in Marion, Shelby and Monroe Counties. Plans are for the 5 KC Councils of Northeast Missouri to do it again in the coming years.

Monroe City Holy Rosary KC 1165 & Indian Creek St. Stephens KC 1975 both gave going away presents to Father Greg Oligschlaeger as he moved to Boonville, Mo. They also welcomed Father Christopher Hoffman with a welcome gift at each of their KC Council Meetings in July. Both KC Councils are holding joint COR Meetings each month.

**Monroe City Holy Rosary KC 1165** - has been busy this summer with their Annual Holy Rosary Golf Tournament. Also working around the Holy Rosary Parish with repair and maintenance. Planning for fall basketball tournaments as a fundraiser for KC Council Activities.

**Indian Creek St. Stephen KC 1971** - Was busy helping with various work projects around the Indian Creek Parish. They helped with the Annual Swiney Picnic on July 20th. Getting all the grounds and horse shoe pits ready for the big event. Started their annual Indian Creek KC Football Raffle. Making plans for other activities in the fall of 2025.

**Shelbina St. Mary KC 2241** - Members have been working at the St. Mary Community Garden this summer. Helping the Shelby County Food Pantry in Shelbina during distribution day each month. Are working on helping with various projects around the parish. Holding a raffle to win a 1/10 of an ounce gold piece to raise money for Council projects. Helped with Parish Back to School Parish Picnic. Starting to plan for the Annual Shelbina Knights of Columbus Farm Toy Show. Helping raise money for Wray of Hope in Macon. Macon Immaculate Conception KC 3769 members held their Annual Maloney Fundraiser for various Council needs. Will hold their annual golf tournament for Immaculate Conception School. Help with Annual October-Fest for Immaculate Conception School. Have been working on various projects around Immaculate Conception Parish and School. Work at the local food pantry in Macon each month. Working with Ray of Hope in Macon too.

These are some of the various projects that the Missouri KC Councils in KC District 29 have been working on this summer.

## 2025 Clay Shoot Results

Director John Clarke and Athletics Chairman Ennis Hinkebein

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### A-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Brian Niedbalski – 45

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Steve Legrand -44

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Walt Schneider – 44

### B-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Carl Bordering – 39

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Alex Niedbalski -39

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Jerome Kleekamp – 39

### C-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Tony Friedrichs – 32

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Johnathon Leitman -31

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Matt Nowak – 31

### OPEN SHOOT

#### A-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Don Schieffer – 43

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Gary Kimbel – 41

#### B-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Larry Hensley – 38

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Paul Sattler – 34

#### C-CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Pat Shannon – 22

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ross Marquart – 15

### TEAM EVENT

1st place Council #3267 Mary's Home Henley score of 168

Brian Bruemmer – Brice Bruemmer

Aaron Schueler – Loren Belsche

2<sup>nd</sup> place Council #8399 Wardsville / Osage Bend score of 158

Wayne Bernskoetter – Jim Dallas John Kraus – Rich Fisher

3rd place Council #1927 Dutzow score of 149

Jerome Kleekamp – Dean Holtmeyer

Larry Heggemann – Carl Borgerding

### LADIES CLASS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Cheryl Dowill – 42

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Alicia Friedrichs – 19

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Amy Hensly – 18

### YOUTH

1<sup>st</sup> place – Dean Martinek - 29



On August 9-10, Councils #1111, 6405, #6420, and #11205 were instrumental in helping Notre Dame High School (Cape Girardeau) celebrate it's 100 year Centennial Celebration. On Saturday the Councils operated the snack tent offering food and drink for sale.

On Sunday the 4th Degree Honor Guard was present for the Centennial Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Rice. A pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by the Knights was served after mass. It was a great celebration for Notre Dame and fraternal event for the Councils.

The State Horseshoe Tournament held on the weekend of August 15-17 was hosted by Guardian Angel Council 4311 in Oran. There were 291 teams competing this year on a very hot weekend. A big thank you to the Council for providing free water for all attendees due to extreme temperatures. A complete list of winners follows:

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1<sup>st</sup> Place – Casey Koller and Adam Oberle #1037 Ste. Genevieve

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Blake Stomberg and Jeff Jokerst #1037 Ste. Genevieve

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Shane Okenfuss and Ryan Winston #1037 Ste. Genevieve

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Bryan Young and Scott Davis #1185 St. Rose of Lima

#### “F” CLASS MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nicholas Navatto and Robert Navatto #6415 St. Paul

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Andrew Grieshaber and Tyler Shuh #1037 Ste. Genevieve

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Andrew Kincaid and Hunter Kincaid #5936 Old Mines

4<sup>th</sup> Place – James Lambert and Evan Jennings #1185 St. Rose of Lima

#### “B” CLASS MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lloyd Boyer and Floyd Sansoucil #1185 St. Rose of Lima

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Trevor Klump and Ryan Klump #1848 Bloomsdale

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Joe Forck and Ken Forck #6430 St. Francis Xavier

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Brian Bruemmer and Jason Buschjost #3267 Mary's Home

#### “A” CLASS WOMEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jennifer Gegg and Michelle Basler #1037 Ste. Genevieve

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Anna Johnson and Marcia Meyer #1037 Ste. Genevieve

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Melanie Zerr and Angie Davis #6415 St. Paul

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Taylor Shuh and Lacie Ritter #1037 Ste. Genevieve

#### “C” CLASS MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pat Seyer and Steve Ressel #4311 Guardian Angel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Todd Viox and Carter Viox #1848 Bloomsdale

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Gerald Huslage and Daniel Battle #6525 Sacred Heart

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Danny Vandeven and Wyatt Vandeven #5898 St. Isidore

#### “B” CLASS WOMEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jennifer Peterson and Samantha Heberer #1376 Bishop John N. Wurm

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sonya Weidenbenner and Shana McBroom #1572 St. Jerome

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emily Buehrle and Amy Buehrle #11205 Fr. Jacques Marquette

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Terrie Rose and Melody Williams #5898 St. Isidore

#### “D” CLASS MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Curt Rettke and Dan Mantle #1121 Fr. Seisl

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Keaton Graviett and Michael Webb #4311 Guardian Angel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brett Shuh and Andrew Bader #1037 Ste. Genevieve

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Joseph Degonia and Howard Kincade #5936 Old Mines

#### “C” CLASS WOMEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Debbie Stolzer and Pam Basler #1037 Ste. Genevieve

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jodi Huber and Darianne Barnett #1037 Ste. Genevieve

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Angie Weidemann and Abbey Katzung #8073 Msgr. George Hildner

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Rachel Oberle and Claire Koller #1037 Ste. Genevieve

#### “E” CLASS MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Devin Ziegler and Garrett VanGennip #6405 Bishop Timon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lawrence Schuettenberg and Michael Conzoles #2951 Duchesne

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kevin Lappe and Jon Blattel #1111 St. Vincents

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Adam Basler and Justin Kuehn #1037 Ste. Genevieve

#### “D” CLASS WOMEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Amy Basler and Jean LaRose #1037 Ste. Genevieve

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Addie Carlyle and Gaynell Kielhofner #4311 Guardian Angel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jennie Sandefur and Jessie Perry #1185 St. Rose of Lima

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Ashley Wehner and Rachael Naeger #1037 Ste Genevieve

#### SENIOR MEN

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pat Bielsmith and James Klump #823 St. Charles

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ron LeGrand and Jim Koechner #6515 Fr. Slay

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Robert Shelton and Scott Vogt #7198 Fr. William Petzold

4<sup>th</sup> Place – George Kremer and Michael Eatherton #823 St. Charles



# DD#26 Ron Bracht's Crew Continues To Lead By Example

**#1270 Martinsburg** -sponsored a trip to Top Golf on May 3 for St. Joseph Catholic Church servers. Knights held a fried chicken dinner June 13 with proceeds going to St. Joseph's Early Learning Center. The Council ran a fried fish concession stand during the Martinsburg Community Picnic. They held a second fried chicken dinner on September 5 with proceeds going to help the Martinsburg Community Church rebuilding program.

**#2044 Montgomery City** - hosted blood drives on May 8 and September 2. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for working the blood drives. The Council gave three \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors of Montgomery County High School. Knights prepared and served a meal at the home of State Deputy Michael Auchly for Missouri State Council officers and directors.

The Council sponsored and hosted a dinner for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Ordination of Father Ernest Dike, pastor of Immaculate Conceptions Catholic Church. Knights cooked and served hotdogs for Immaculate Conception Parish School back to school gathering on August 17. Several Knights of Council 2044 spent the summer mowing and maintaining church and school grounds.

**#3760 Mexico** - welcomes new Grand Knight Joe Dubbert and new Deputy Grand Knight Ross Becker. Thank you to outgoing Grand Knight Bryan Maxwell and Deputy Grand Knight Daniel Norman. Council 3760 along with Assembly 572 held a Memorial Mass for deceased members on April 5. The Knights awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors of Mexico High School. Fourteen Knights put up flags around the Mexico town square for Memorial Day weekend. The Council hosted a Blood Drive on June 3.

Members of the Council lead the Corpus Christi procession and car-

ried the baldacchino around St. Brendan parish grounds. On June 28, a Family Day was held at the Hall grounds with a picnic and fireworks display. The Knights held a fundraising BBQ at Moser's Foods parking lot on July 19. The Council's Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$1,105.00 for Missouri Knights of Columbus "Meet Life" Phase II campaign and \$500.00 for St. Raymond Society Maternity Home of Jefferson City and Columbia.

**#4454 Fulton** - welcomes new Grand Knight Brian Schweiss and thanks to PGK Joe Prullage for his two years of service leading the Council. The Council is busy planning the Fraternal year. We held a "Welcome" retreat in our parish the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This is also known as Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). 12 members and one prospective member participated in this retreat.

This was a great opportunity for the men of our Council and parish to grow spiritually. Thanks to the members of the team which included St. Peter Parish in Fulton, as well as St. Andrews Parish in Holts Summit (Council 8400). This is a great retreat and should be considered in all of the Councils and parishes in the state. We are in the early planning stages for a potential ladies retreat and another for the men early next year.

We are hosting a combined degree on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We expect at least 5 new members to join the Council. We are planning to cook at the golf tournament sponsored by the Home and School Association as well as sponsoring a hole. We look forward to hosting the Silver Rose in our Council on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will then conduct the annual Drive for People with Developmental Disabilities in town and parishes.

**#4454 Ladies Auxiliary** - is conducting a cookie dough fundraiser.

They provide support to the various programs of the Council including providing desserts for the various dinners conducted through the year. New Ladies Auxiliary officers are: Carolyn Risch-Darron, President Susan West, Vice-President. Linda Malinski, Secretary. Shelly Zerr, Treasurer

**#7841 Centralia** - Seven Brother Knights from Council 7841 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. Knights ran a concession stand during Centralia Anchor Fest May 30 to June 1. They hosted blood drives on July 19 and September 3.

The Knights held a Shrimp Boil dinner and auction fundraiser on August 16. The Council hosted a fifth Sunday Holy Hour and filled liturgical rolls for Mass on Sunday August 31. On the second Monday of each month the Council hosts a COR meeting.

**Bishop Leo J. Steck Assembly #572** - A memorial mass for deceased members of Assembly 572 and Council 3760 was held on April 5. The names of the deceased Knights were read prior to the start of Mass. During the Mass Father David Veit, pastor of St. Brendan's blessed and put into service two vestments purchased by Assembly 572 for St. Brendan Catholic Church in memory of deceased Brother Sir Knight Ed Lowry.

Assembly continues to provide American flags for participating councils, parishes and schools. They give a yearly donation to the Archdiocese for Military Service, USA. Divine Mercy Assembly 3599 The St. Peter 4th Degree Assembly provided Honor Guard for fifth Sunday mass in August. Members of the Council and Assembly also assisted with other liturgical services.

## Missouri Knights And Somo Blaze Through Hot Summer Activities

From heated competitions to meaningful moments of service, the Knights of Columbus have stood proudly alongside Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) throughout the summer of 2025.

In June, SOMO athletes came together for the State Summer Games in Kirksville. More than 1,000 athletes competed in track and field, volleyball, swimming, and powerlifting. Knights from across Missouri were there to cheer, volunteer, and celebrate the power of inclusion. During Summer Games, SOMO also held an ALPs graduation ceremony, celebrating athletes who completed the Athlete Leadership Program and recognized their achievements as leaders. Later in the month, the Summer ALPs Weekend at Missouri Military Academy gave athletes the chance to grow as leaders, with the support and encouragement of the Knights. That same month, the Team Missouri Selection Camp provided athletes with the opportunity to train, improve skills, and earn spots on Team Missouri for the 2026 USA Games. The season also featured community events like SOMO Night with the Jefferson City Renegades, which brought athletes, families, and fans together for a fun-filled evening of baseball. We even enjoyed a Missouri Reign soccer match in Columbia, where athletes and supporters cheered on as part of their efforts to support Team Missouri.

Things really heated up in Oran at the Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament. With temperatures soaring above 95 degrees, athletes and Knights showed their resilience as horseshoes were thrown and raffle tickets sold to benefit SOMO. Special Olympics Missouri athlete Lisa Berryhill joined KC State Representatives Gary and Cindy Buessink on-site, helping make the day a true example of community spirit and partnership.

Looking ahead at SOMO's upcoming events, on Sept. 27, athletes and supporters will gather for the World's Largest Truck Convoy in Joplin, a bi-annual fundraiser that brings together truckers, law enforcement, and the community to raise critical funds for SOMO athletes. The same weekend, athletes will join the University of Missouri's Homecoming Parade in Columbia. The season culminates with SOMO's marquee fall event, the State Outdoor Games, set for Oct. 17-19 in Springfield, where the Knights will have a big presence.

"We are so grateful for the Knights of Columbus and their continued partnership," said SOMO President & CEO Larry Linthacum. "Their dedication, whether at tournaments, fundraisers, or parades, helps ensure our athletes have the chance to shine."

As SOMO looks forward to a busy fall, the organization celebrates a summer season filled with competition, camaraderie, and gratitude for those who make it possible.

For more information on upcoming events and how to get involved, visit [www.somo.org](http://www.somo.org).



## MARIAN DAYS 2025 With Council 9190 Carthage, MO

By Steve Harvey

With the fall of the South Vietnamese government in 1975, a mass exodus of Catholic Christians began. Often referred to as the "Boat People" many were rescued by US vessels and made their way to the US. Several Vietnamese refugee families were welcomed into the homes of "sponsoring families" in southwest Missouri. Among this group coming to America was a group of priests and monks, members of the Congregation of the Redeemer's Mother, CRM.

Bishop Bernard Law of the Springfield/Cape Girardeau Diocese of southern Missouri was active in getting sponsoring families in the area, and learning of the plight of the CRM community, was instrumental in helping them settle in the vacant former monastery and boy's school located on a 28 acre campus in the south end of Carthage, MO.

Soon after settling there the very first reunion of Vietnamese refugees was hosted by the monks with about 500 attending. It became an annual event and eventually Bishop Law asked the newly formed Council of the Knights of Columbus to operate a food tent and introduce the attending folks to "American Food". So, some 35 years ago Council 9190 began operating a quick serve food operation in a large tent to serve the growing numbers of pilgrims coming each year. For the pilgrims it was a combination family reunion and a time of spiritual renewal with daily masses, confessions and numerous spiritual programs and seminars.

It was a huge challenge for the Knights and the CRM Brothers, as the monks were called. To provide

water, electricity, fuel for huge grills and fryers, food storage, refrigeration, ice for cold drinks was a monumental task. But it all came together and in the beginning a menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries as well as snow cones, cotton candy, cold drinks and bottled water was served. By 2025 the leaders of the Council have it down to a science.

Planning begins months ahead. The brothers provide a massive tent and the knights get set up to serve the evolved menu that features burgers, chicken tenders, foot long corn dogs, french fries, cold beverages and water, and the latest in dessert items—deep fried Oreos and Twinkies. The tent houses adequate cooking and storage facilities as well as a comfortable shaded dining area. It is a very pleasant respite for the families who gather from all across the US and even from foreign countries including Viet Nam.

The task of planning is headed by Grand Knight Joe Swearingen and PGK Tony Hulfeld and a willing committee that meets months in advance to nail down all the details.

Set up for the four day event begins about 10 days earlier and serving the faithful starts on Wednesday, arrival day for many hundreds who camp under a collection of huge tents erected all around the monastery campus. Thousands of others camp out on the lawns of many accommodating neighbors of the monastery. Holy mass is celebrated several times each day. Confession is available all day each day beginning on Thursday, and many programs and seminars are featured each day. The culmination is Saturday evening with a celebration mass

to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to whom the Vietnamese people have a special devotion, ending with a glorious parade in her honor. The festival closes with a final mass on Sunday morning and by noon most all the pilgrims are gone.

This year being a Jubilee Year and the 50th anniversary of the people's exodus from their homeland brought an estimated 80,000 pilgrims. Besides the folks that camp on the grounds and in the neighborhood, all available motel rooms in a 30 to 40 mile radius of Carthage are filled. No official registration is done but all one has to do is roam the extensive campus filled with religious vendors, and several Vietnamese cuisine vendors, needed to serve the crowd, and you can believe the numbers.

For Council 9190 it is the biggest event of the year, taking most of two weeks with preparation and execution. While many of the knights are retired, other younger members schedule a vacation to help serve. Serving begins around 10 AM and can last until 10 PM. Council members, their families, and many friends have routinely helped make the event a successful fundraiser and a time of great service and camaraderie. It is a great annual effort and the cleanup time after the Sunday mass is often referred to as "The best day of the year!"

In a celebration of Thanksgiving the Knights, their families, and friends gather at nearby Stockton Lake for 3-4 days of R & R, a well deserved reward for long days of hard work and dedication fulfilling Blessed Michael McGivney's exhortation to be "of service".