



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS COUNCIL #2269 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2026 Edition

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

Mark your calendars! The coming months are packed with opportunities for fellowship, faith, and community engagement.

- **Queen of Hearts Party:** Join us every Tuesday; doors open at **5:00 PM** and drawings take place at **7:00 PM**. Food and drink are available for all who attend and the jackpot is now over \$20,000!
- **Mother's Day Rosary Distribution:** Worthy Brother Bob Mueller is leading an effort to hand out rosaries and pamphlets after all masses on Mother's Day. Volunteers are needed to help distribute these—please reach out to Bob if you can assist.
- **Investing with Integrity Webinar:** Insurance Agent Justin Manion announced a fraternal benefit webinar on **Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM** focused on Catholic aligned investing.
- **5th Sunday Mass:** Please join your fellow knights and ladies auxiliary members for the **10:00 AM mass on May 29th!**
- **Patriot Day Run:** Get ready to lace up your shoes on **September 12th** for a 5K or 10K run at **Quail Ridge Park**.

Charitable Impact & Community Support

Charitable Donations for April 2026 included:

Our Lady's Inn (Golf hole sponsor)	\$250	Pro Life
The Flag People (700 flags for 4 th of July Celebration, O'Fallon)	\$500	Civic
National Fire Safety Council (fire safety education program for O'Fallon kids)	\$150	Civic
Vitae Foundation	\$100	Pro Life
Missouri Right top Life (banquet sponsorship)	\$150	Pro Life
Melody's Marchers (Down Syndrome support – sponsored by brother Knight)	\$100	Civic

Our March 22nd food drive was a success, netting **seven produce-sized boxes** of canned goods for those in need.

Looking ahead, our **Tootsie Roll Drive** will span two weekends this autumn:

- **Walmart Drive:** September 25th and 26th.
- **Schnucks Drive:** October 9th and 10th.
- **Parish Collections:** Following masses on October 10th and 11th.

Council News & Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the growth and leadership within our ranks.

Fourth Degree Honors Congratulations to the seven Knights from our council who recently attained the Fourth Degree. Please join us in welcoming our new **Sir Knights:** Dennis Chassaniol, Todd Kirchoff, Dennis Maher, Dave Moynihan, Mike Saali, and Matthew Schwarz. For those looking to follow in their footsteps, the next exemplification is scheduled for **June 12th** in Columbia, MO, with another planned for South St. Louis in October.

Leadership Opportunities Officer elections are approaching this June. If you are interested in serving our council in a leadership role, please make your intentions known during the nomination process. Nominations will be held at the **May and June business meetings**, with the official election taking place in June and the installation ceremony following in July.

Volunteers Needed!

Deputy Grand Knight Bill Bequette is seeking helping hands for the upcoming **Heritage and Freedom Festival Fourth of July Parade**. We need individuals and families to:

- Walk with our float.
- Pass out beads and water bottles.

We are especially looking for veterans to ride in the float. Last year, we handed out **3,500 bottles of water**, and we are now accepting donations of water bottles to help in this effort.

From The Ladies Auxiliary

The Auxiliary has been collecting books for Cardinal Glennon. Beth will need them by Thursday (4/23) to deliver to the KC convention Friday. Our "Blingo" fundraiser was a big success bringing in more funds than previous years. Thanks to all for helping and participating. A **STL Cardinals basket**, with 4 tickets, will once again be a raffle item this summer. Tickets will be sold at QH and meetings through the first of August. Thanks to Peggy Greiner for donating the tickets.