



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS COUNCIL #2269 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## 🔥 QUEEN OF HEARTS JACKPOT ALERT: \$23,090! 🔥

**ONLY 10 CARDS LEFT!** This is officially the **second-highest jackpot in our council's history!** Do not miss out on your chance to claim your fortune. Make plans to stop by on **Tuesday evening!**

- **When:** Tuesday Nights — Doors open at 5:00 PM | Drawings live at 7:00 PM.
- **Perks:** Delicious food and cold drinks are fully available. Come out, support the council, and bring a friend!

## 🙌 FAITH IN ACTION & CHARITABLE GIVING

Our council continues to put faith into motion through powerful local engagement and global stewardship. Here are our efforts for May 2026:

- **280 Hot Dogs Served:** The Faith in Action Committee hosted an end-of-year PSR barbecue, cooking up a delicious meal for the students and their families.
- **Mother's Day Rosaries:** Devotion was spread across our parish community as the committee successfully distributed rosaries after all masses.
- **Uganda Healthcare Mission:** The council approved a **\$100 donation** to the "Nun Run" to support global healthcare efforts.
- **Assumption Church Fall Festival:** Approved a **\$250 donation** (co-sponsored as a half-sponsorship alongside the Ladies Auxiliary) to support our parish's major autumn event.
- **IAABO Scholarship Golf Scramble:** Approved a **\$150 donation** supporting local student athletes.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Summer is here, meaning a sensational lineup of fraternal, spiritual, and competitive events is right around the corner. Get involved:

- **May 31 @ 10:00 AM — Fifth Sunday Mass:** All Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members are strongly encouraged to attend this beautiful liturgy together. Show our parish solidarity by wearing your Knights gear!
- **July 4 — Independence Day Parade:** Bring the whole family out! Friends, neighbors, and veterans are all warmly invited to march with Council 2269. We are seeking

volunteers for the parade, and **water donations** are highly requested to keep everyone hydrated.

- **July 18 — State Golf Tournament:** Taking place in Poplar Bluff, MO. Grab a partner and perfect your swing for this highly anticipated two-man scramble.
- **July 25 — State Barbecue Cook-off:** Head down to Perryville, MO, to support or compete! Top-tier pitmasters will face off in four delicious categories: brisket, ribs, pork, and chicken.
- **August 15 — State Horseshoe Tournament:** Hosted in Washington, MO. Looking further ahead, the **2027 State Horseshoe Tournament** has officially been awarded to our neighbors at the St. Paul Knights council, so local members are highly encouraged to practice up and participate.
- **September 13 — Patriot Day Run:** The 4th Degree event has found a fantastic **brand-new location** at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville. Registrations are officially open for both physical runners and "virtual" participants.

## FRATERNAL YEAR 2026-2027 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Leadership nominations for the fraternal year starting July 1st officially opened at our May 21st business meeting. Elections will take place in June, followed by our formal installation in July. Please review the outstanding slate of members who have stepped forward:

- **Grand Knight:** Bill Bequette (*Accepted*)
- **Deputy Grand Knight:** Matt Schwarz (*Accepted*)
- **Chancellor:** Ben Grossman (*Accepted*)
- **Treasurer:** Gerry Prinster (*Accepted*)
- **Recording Secretary:** Joe Landgraf (*Accepted*)
- **Warden:** Salvatore Sesti (*Accepted*)
- **First-Year Trustee:** Tom Zangriles (*Accepted*)
- **Financial Secretary:** Ron Gardiner
- **Advocate:** Dennis Chassaniol (*Absent; will be queried next month*)
- **Inside Guard:** Matthew Dominick (*Absent; will be queried next month*)
- **Outside Guard:** Matt Huhman (*Absent; will be queried next month*)
- **Second-Year Trustee:** Ron Schwane (*Absent; will be queried next month*)
- **Third-Year Trustee:** John Wiemann (*Absent; will be queried next month*)
- **Membership Director & Lecturer:** *To be formally appointed by the Grand Knight.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE & CITY ROUNDABOUT UPDATES

- **Parking Lot Project:** The Planning and Zoning Board officially approved our council parking lot project on May 7th. Final legal paperwork is currently pending.
- **Roundabout Construction:** The city will begin constructing a new roundabout starting this August, with an estimated timeline of 12–18 months. This project will temporarily impact our existing parking spaces.
- **The Silver Lining:** The city engineer intends to fully complete the new Mary Street parking before the west-side roundabout construction restricts our current parking, heavily mitigating any future parking issues. The parking new lot will boast 16 total spaces.

## STATE CONVENTION & STRATEGIC NEWS

- **Family Focus:** Returning from the State Convention, Deputy Grand Knight Bill Bequette announced the election of Lucas Volkman as our new State Deputy. Lucas is introducing a refreshing, vital focus on increasing direct family involvement in Knights activities.
- **High School Recruitment:** A brilliant membership panel idea was highlighted: hosting fast-tracked first-to-third degree ceremonies specifically tailored for graduating high school seniors.
- **Pro-Life Advocacy:** The council held constructive discussions regarding upcoming amendments and propositions supporting "life". Members emphasized that while the current amendment language isn't perfect, it represents a step in the right direction.
- **State Athletics Honor:** Let's give a massive round of applause to **Kevin Hudnut**, who will officially assume the role of **State Athletic Chairman** beginning July 1st!
- **4th Degree Exemplifications:** Dates have been established for those seeking to advance in their membership. Mark your calendars for **June 12th** in Columbia (Newman Center, University of Missouri) and **October 24th** in Ellisville (St. Clair of Assisi Church), with another event actively being planned for Kelso, MO.

### **GEAR UP IN STYLE: CUSTOM COUNCIL POLO SHIRTS**

Look sharp and represent Council 2269 wherever you go! Custom council shirts are officially available for order in two striking styles:

1. **Royal Blue Solid**
2. **Dark Navy with White Contrast Sides**
  - **Pricing:** Shirts range from **\$35 to \$37** (depending on size), with an option to add custom embroidered name personalization for just **\$5 extra**.
  - **How to Order:** Contact **Bill Bequette** immediately to secure your order and step out in style this summer!

### **FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary is in preparation mode for their **July 26 Quarter Auction**. All are welcome to attend. Children's books were donated to Cardinal Glennon at the State Convention. Our Auxiliary donated 109 books. Our next "**Field Trip**" is to **Jefferson City on June 10**. We will tour the Special Olympics building as well as the site of the soon to be built KC Pavilion. We will also be visiting the Capital Museum. **SVDP** asked our organization to be the next ministry to "**Feed the Hungry**". The date is June 17 at the Salvation Army in St. Charles.