



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS COUNCIL #2269 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE COUNCIL?

Council leadership is putting renewed emphasis on **membership and communications**.

- **Membership Director Needed:** Grand Knight Bill Bequette announced a critical need for a new membership director to help the council grow. If you are interested in helping bring new members into the Knights, please contact Bill.
- **Welcome, Ben Grossman!** Ben has been appointed **Communications Director** and will coordinate council communications, improve event promotion, manage internal and external communications, and help keep everyone informed.
- Committees are encouraged to provide information for the council **events page and calendar**, along with post-event photographs, so we can better promote activities and showcase the great work being done throughout Council 2269.
- **Tootsie Roll Drive** Collecting at Walmart on Sept 25 and 26, Schnucks Oct 9 and 10 & after mass on Oct 10 and October 11. Signups will be distributed soon.



CHARITY IN ACTION

Council 2269 continues to put its charitable mission into action.

Recent charitable commitments included:

- **\$500** — St. Dominic High School Golf Tournament, supporting Catholic education through an Athletic Association lunch/dinner sponsorship
- **\$100** — Gabriel's Retreat Ministries, supporting women experiencing unexpected pregnancies
- **\$100** — Vitae Foundation, supporting women contemplating abortion
- **\$250** — Deacon Richard's *Great Cycle Challenge*, supporting children's cancer research

The council also approved **up to \$500 in financial support for the PSR Christmas Pageant**.

A BIG WIN FOR CHARITY!

The recent council golf tournament was a tremendous success, generating an impressive **\$19,400 profit for the charity account!**

Brother Ron Schwane expressed his appreciation to everyone who made the tournament possible:

-  Players
-  Volunteers and workers
-  Sponsors

Looking ahead, the Golf Committee is considering **The Falls Golf Course** as a future venue and potentially moving the tournament to **June**, when cooler weather could make for an even better day on the course.

FAITH IN ACTION

Service to those in need remains at the heart of Council 2269.

Feeding the Hungry

On **August 19**, the Faith in Action group served **26 homeless people at the Salvation Army**. A special thank-you goes to all the volunteers and to **Mike McCleish** for leading the effort.

Mark Your Calendar

September 20 — Food Drive

The Faith in Action Committee will hold a food drive in the **church parking lot**, coordinated with the Parish and St. Vincent de Paul. The school will also participate.

September 26 — Walk for the Poor

The Walk for the Poor will take place at **Quail Ridge Park**. Organizers anticipate approximately **250 walkers** and are looking for volunteers to help cook.

November — Holiday Outreach

Faith in Action will once again conduct:

-  **No Hunger Holiday turkey collection**
-  **Coat & Toy Drive**

There are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand—whether you can donate, cook, organize, or simply show up and serve.

ATHLETICS & FELLOWSHIP

The state **Horseshoe Tournament** was a tremendous success! Next year's tournament will be hosted by **St. Paul KOC**.

Coming Up:

-  **State Sporting Clay Shoot — September 19**
 - Blackhawk Valley Hosted by the Troy Council
 - \$70 individual / \$280 team Contact **Kevin Hudnut** to participate.
-  **State Bowling Tournament — March**
 - Council 2269 will once again host the state bowling tournament.

Bocce Is Almost Ready!

The bocce facility is nearing completion, with **one court remaining** at the time of the August meeting. The facility was expected to be completely finished by the end of August, with practice nights beginning once the lights are installed.

QUEEN OF HEARTS — \$10,000+

The **Queen of Hearts** pot has surpassed **\$10,000!**

Come out every **Tuesday** for the Queen of Hearts Party:

-  Doors open: **5:00 PM** Drawing: **7:00 PM**
-  Food and drinks available for purchase
-  Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales

Bring your friends, enjoy the fellowship, and take your shot at the growing jackpot!

FOURTH DEGREE & PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Patriot's Day Run — September 12

Volunteers are needed! This event requires a substantial number of people to conduct successfully, so please consider lending your time.

Exemplifications

Two upcoming opportunities were announced:

- **October 3** — Ozark, Missouri
- **October 24** — Ellisville, Missouri

The October 24 exemplification in Ellisville is particularly convenient for those looking for a nearby opportunity to participate.

The annual **Veterans Home trip** will also partner with the **Missouri Veterans Museum**.

One change for the future: the **Celebration of Lights display has been discontinued**.



SUPPORTING OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Community Director Dennis Chassaniol reported that there will be **three kindergarten classrooms this year** and recognized the council's continued support for the school.

He also highlighted the upcoming **Assumption School golf tournament** and thanked the council for its cooperation in installing a school security camera on the council building.



AROUND THE HALL

There's plenty happening behind the scenes as well!

- **Parking Lot:** The City-funded vacant-lot project has been delayed until October.
- **Consolidated Lot:** A consolidated lot agreement will merge the properties.
- **New Steps:** Concrete steps from the lower lot to the new parking lot have been approved.
- **New 65-inch Samsung Smart TV:** Installed in the lower hall, generously donated by **Tim Schwane**.
- **Security:** The Parish installed a security camera to cover a campus blind spot.
- **Maintenance:** Plans are underway to re-stripe the parking lot and touch up handicap spaces.
- **Hall Rentals:** Business is exceptionally strong, with nearly every weekend booked through New Year's. Rental contracts and photos are being updated, with possible additional charges for complex setups.



FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted the **Area 3 meeting** on August 30. Approximately 60 representatives across the St. Charles and St. Louis counties participated. We were honored to have a number of KC dignitaries attend as well. A lot of information was shared by the State Couple to assist us in having a successful year. Thanks to Ben for bartending and general help, Todd for tech help, and Bill for tech help and helping to clean up. Plans are in the making for the **15th annual Fashion Show**. Get your gangster and flapper costume ready for the "Roaring 20's" fundraiser scheduled for **November 5**.