

Council of Palms #6673

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“A Knight is someone who steps into the breach with actions that exemplify charity, unity, fraternity, and the hope that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ, our King.”

SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR SO FAR

- **Veterans Mass and Recognition Breakfast**
- **Knights Annual Turkey Drive**

What happened in November 2022? Knights in Action

November 5 - 40 Day of Life - Holy Trinity has adopted Saturday, November 5th, 2022, to pray to end abortion in front of the Center For Women's Health located at 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Please sign-up for an hour to pray for the sanctity of life. Here is the link to the sign-up page for 40 Days for Life: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844aca822a0fe3-40days1>

November 5-6 – Knights' Food Drive – Let by Brother Dennis Green, the Knights held their monthly food drive. As a result of Holy Trinity parishioners' generous donations, we were able to provide the Catholic Charities Food Pantry with 3,418 pounds of food (one of our biggest collections ever) and \$4,073.44 which will be used to restock their food pantry. The Knights greatly appreciate Holy Trinity's

continued support of our monthly food drives and Catholic Charities.

November 8 - Knights' Monthly Council Meeting – The following are a few highlights from this meeting:

Kansas State Deputy, Michael J. Grothoff, attended our November meeting and presented the council with the Chaplain's Award in Memory of Fr. Tom Dolezal for the fraternal year 2020-2021 along with a Knights' vestment. This award is presented to the council in each state district that attained the highest percentage of new members during the fraternal year. Council 6673 completed the year at 180% of its goal. He also commented that he can tell from the many reports about Council activities that the Holy Trinity Council is a vibrant and enthusiastic Council doing tremendous good in the Parish and in the Lenexa community. He offered his sincere congratulations!

Our Council received a thank you note from Sister Mary Agnes Patterson, Director of Development at Keeler Women's Center, for our donation of \$10,000. The following is an extract from her letter: "Dear Knights of Columbus – As we enter into this beautiful season of fall, we are grateful for all its blessings, most importantly your continued friendship and support. Your kind gift of \$10,000 for the Keeler Women's Center will help us care for the needs of our ministry to the many women and men who come to the center seeking assistance and encouragement...Please feel free to contact me for your special prayer needs. You, our relatives, friends, and benefactors, are remembered in our Liturgy of the Hours, and our Eucharist on Wednesday is offered for you. We pray that you and your family will stay safe. God bless you."

November 13 – Special Veterans Day Mass - During the 9:30 a.m. mass at Holy Trinity, the Lenexa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7397 presented the colors, and 12 of our 4th Degree Knights provided an honor guard and a special veterans banner was displayed in the lobby of the church recognizing veterans for their service to our nation. At the conclusion of mass our 4th Degree Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight John Smith presented a heartfelt message of thanks to all veterans at mass for their time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country and the example they set for us all. The exit song for mass was American the Beautiful.

November 13 - Knights Pancake Breakfast: More than 25 Knights helped serve over 170 people at the breakfast during which a little over \$1100 was collected in free will donations. The net proceeds from this breakfast will be presented to the Commander of Lenexa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7397 to support their Veterans' Relief Fund. All veterans ate free at this breakfast and each one was presented with a small token of our appreciation for their service in the form of an American flag lapel pin.

November 12-13 - Church Delta (Membership) Drive – During the membership drive, three new members joined our council. Brother Steve Abels, the Knights of Columbus Kansas State Membership Director and Historian, was also present to assist during this drive.

November 19 - 20th - Turkey Drive - Led by Brother John Daugherty, this year we collected 196 turkeys, ten hams, one pork loin, a slab of bacon, several sacks/boxes of dry goods, and. cash/ checks totaling \$4,741.25. The Knights of Columbus thank the members of the Holy Trinity for their generous donations during our annual turkey drive and for their continued, faithful support of our Knights' programs and Catholic Charities. These donations will help many families in need this Thanksgiving.

November 29th – Fraternal Benefits Night - Our next Fraternal Benefit Knight webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. CST. Mr. Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC., CASL “The “Retirement Income Expert” presents, “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” He is one of the most popular speakers in the industry speaking at Million Dollar Round Table and many other industry groups to provide the most up-to-date information on annuities, life insurance, disability income, and long-term care. He always has a lot to say about the risks during one’s retirement years and how to remove or decrease those risks.” Login to this webinar at www.tinyURL.com/HegnaFBN. Remember, in order for our council to receive credit for this event at least seven members or candidates need to register, attend, and complete the survey at the end of the presentation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 3– Knights’ Christmas Party

December 3-4 – Toy Drive

December 8 – Shop with a COP Event in the Quigley (Renamed Blue Santa)

December 11 – Breakfast with Santa

December 17-18 – Food Drive

December 18 –Coats for Kids delivered to The Don Bosco School of English Holiday Shop.

December 21 – Move chairs to St. Thomas Aquinas for Christmas Mass

December 27 – Return chairs to Holy Trinity from Aquinas

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January 13 – Setup for Chili Fest (Mark Clark leads)

January 14 – Chili Fest at the Quigley and SJA for SJA

January 20 – Blood Drive at Holy Trinity

January 21-22 – Food Drive

February 5 – Knights Free Throw Contest – Holy Trinity School Gym

February 11 – Knights/Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Dinner at the Quigley

February 18-19 – Food Drive

February 19 – Knights Free Throw Contest - – Holy Trinity School Gym

February 24 – Knights Fish Fry (Tentative)

Other News of Note:

The Don Bosco School of English - On December 15, 2022, The Don Bosco School of English will host a Holiday Shop. On that day and night, their adult English as a Second Language (ESL) students will shop for their families. They will have stations for blankets, coats, household items, toiletries, clothes, toys, and other miscellaneous items. Each of the nearly 1,000 students is allowed to take an allotted number of items from each table to share with their families.

Their ESL school teaches English to refugees and immigrants from over 75 countries. They offer eight instruction levels and certification classes in Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Forklift Driving, Hospitality, Sewing, and Construction so students can earn a living wage to support their families.

Most of our refugees fled their countries because of religious persecution and work very hard to provide a better life for their children here in the U.S. They come to the U.S. with very little, and most come from warm weather climates. They have never experienced a winter as we have in Kansas City. The coat drive is important and will bring happiness and warmth to many!

During this year's Don Bosco School of English Holiday Shop, our Council will provide more than **120** new boys and girls coats to these refugees as part of the Knights Coat for Kids Program. These coats were purchased using the generous donations received from Holy Trinity parishioners and guests during our Knights Pancake Breakfast events in September and October.

Knight of the Month –November

Our Knight of the Month for November is Brother John Daugherty. John has been a Knight since 2002 and over the years has participated in a number of Knights related activities. This month he volunteered to lead the Knights' Annual Turkey Drive. As a result of his efforts and the generous donations of members of Holy Trinity Parish, our council collected 196 turkeys, ten hams, one pork loin, a slab of bacon, several sacks/boxes of dry goods, and cash/ checks totaling \$4,741.25 on behalf of Catholic Charities. These donations will help many families in need this Thanksgiving.. The Knight of the Month

Award is given each month to a member whose contribution to the Church, council, and community has gone above and beyond the norm. John, this award is our council's way of saying, "Thank you for your efforts!"

Insurance Agent

Your most valuable asset in most cases is not your home, car, boat, etc. it is your ability to continue to earn an income. Think about how much money you will earn between now and retirement. Is that worth insuring? We insure our lives, homes, and all our toys but we often overlook insuring the paycheck that covers all of these needs. Disability Income Insurance provides a monthly paycheck while you are sick or disabled and unable to do the material duties of your occupation. If you are fortunate enough to have group coverage and the company is paying for it take a look at a bridge which is a small policy that increases the monthly paycheck". The Knights of Columbus provides Disability Income Insurance with benefit periods of 2 years, 5 years and to age 67.

Membership

Our council has a membership quota of 15 for the fraternal year. So far, we have added seven new members to our council since the beginning of the fraternal year on July 1st. During the next month, I challenge you to speak with at least one potential applicant about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus. Joining the Knights is easy by using the following link - <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> . Please get in touch with Doug Feist at dougfeist@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the application process or need assistance.

District Deputy

Unavailable to attend this meeting

Fourth Degree News

There will be no Fourth Degree Assembly meetings in December 2022 or January 2023.

Special Intentions

Let's all pray for our Brother Knights that have fallen since the pandemic's beginning. Let's also pray for those who have contracted the disease. Finally, let's pray for those who have contracted other diseases while this pandemic continues.

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