

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

More than 50 Knights attended our last meeting. This was one of our largest meetings in years. Let's try for 60 or more in October. Come and meet some of your brother Knights.

More than \$112,000 was raised and distributed by our council in our last fraternal year. GREAT JOB.

What happened in July and August 2022? – Knights in Action

2022 Holy Trinity Knights Football Raffle: Some of you have already sold tickets! Deacon Steve Lemons was the first one to sell this year! This year we had 1600 tickets to sell; of these, 552 have been handed out and 48 already sold in late July! **The deadline for sales will be September 9.**

The McGivney Project has been handed off to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Holy Trinity to supervise the handling of those funds more carefully. Our new Council Football Raffle beneficiary is the Keeler Women's Center. The Keeler Women's Center is a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas. They have been working to support men and

women with counseling, training, and support along their way to a better life.

The first drawing will be Saturday, September 10th, after the 4 pm Mass at Holy Trinity. One ticket will be drawn that day to determine the KC Chiefs Season Tickets winner and a parking pass! The seats are in section 120. Go Chiefs.

Blood Drive - July 22nd: The Community Blood Center held a blood drive at Holy Trinity Church in the Gast Social Room on Friday, July 22. Following the drive, the Community Blood Drive Manager sent the following note to Tina Kuhnoff – *“Thank you so much for coordinating the recent blood drive at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Mobile blood drives such as yours are essential in providing the blood needed to keep our hospitals adequately supplied. Without your help, it would be difficult to collect the 580 pints needed each day for our family, friends, and neighbors. At your Friday, July 22nd blood drive, the Community Blood Center staff registered 52 volunteers and collected 60 units of blood. There were four first-time donors. Pass on our gratitude to the volunteers who supported the blood drive.”* **Of note, of the 52 volunteers, 12 were Knights.**

July 28th-30th - Youth Group’s Annual Rummage Sale: Again, this year, the Knights helped the Youth Group in preparation for their annual sale by laying the carpet pads in the school gym, moving the old gym lockers out of the bathrooms, and bringing up and assembling clothes display racks. On the final day of the sale, the Knights also removed and stored the carpet pads and tables and helped with the overall gym cleanup. The youth group, sale organizers, and other volunteers greatly appreciated your time and efforts. Thanks to all the Knights for helping our parish youth group during their annual fundraising event. The sale resulted in the Youth Group collecting \$30,080.00

Baby Bottle Boomerang - Over 600 baby bottles were distributed on Mother’s Day 2022 and collected on Father’s Day 2022. Mary Kay Culp with Kansans for Life reported that Holy Trinity had collected more than \$6,500 in donations.

Food Drives - Brother Dennis Green reports that 4,364 lbs. of food and \$2,300.00 were collected and sent to Catholic Charities from our Parish in July. During the August food drive, \$2,708.06 in cash donations was received along with 2,742 lbs. of food.

August 9th: Sister Dickason Spoke at Council Meeting: Sister Bridget Dickason, OSB, Director of the Keeler Women’s Center, provided an overview of the Women’s Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. The Center’s mission is to empower women in the urban core through education, advocacy, and personal & spiritual development. Current offerings include parenting classes, financial literacy, nutrition classes, and English tutoring, to name a few. The Center, located at 759 Vermont in Kansas City, Kansas, partners with professional volunteers and other agencies to offer a wide variety of programs. Sister Dickason thanked the Holy Trinity St. Vincent DePaul and HT Knights for adopting the Center as the recipient

of the proceeds of this year's football raffle.

August 13th - Wine and Dine Event at the Quigley Center: The Knights showed up to support this event wearing black suits (some in tuxes) with white shirts and bow ties and served wine and appetizers to attendees at the event. There were heavy appetizers, door prizes, and an opportunity to sample various wines. . All had a great time, and the Knights looked great!

August 25 – Meeting with the Lenexa Police Department: The Council's Family and Community Directors and the Grand Knight met with representatives of the Lenexa Police Department (LPD) to discuss how the Knights might be able to assist the police department in their community outreach program. The Police were provided an overview of the various activities in which the HT Knights were involved and learned about ongoing projects associated with their community outreach program. One program of interest was "Shop with a Cop." There are nine public elementary schools in Lenexa. Nine police officers go and collect one 6th grader from each school to take them out shopping for Christmas. They are given \$300.00 to spend on their family. After the shopping trip, they go to a location to have dinner and have the presents they purchased wrapped to take home. HT could possibly provide the Quigley Center and, hopefully, have people wrap the gifts and serve dinner to the group. Between 30 to 40 people. The Lenexa PD was also interested in possibly participating Gears for Glory Car Show and could set up a static display of one of their SWAT vehicles. Additional information will follow as we anticipate future coordinating meetings with the LPD.

What's happening? A look ahead

September 10th - Knights of Columbus/ Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) Bunk Bed Building: On September 10, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the HT Knights will be teaming up with volunteers from the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization to build bunk beds for families in need. Please consider volunteering. A Parish wide sign-up site was established in Flocknotes and all available time slots filled up quickly.

September 15th - Fraternal Benefit Event – September 15th: Our first Fraternal Benefit Event is only a few weeks away, on **September 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.** The webinar featuring Ed Slott is informational and educational. Ed will provide retirement savings and distribution planning strategies that can benefit anyone participating. As you may already know, for a council to earn the Star Council Award, it must first earn the Founders Award. To earn the Founders Award, a council must promote two (2) fraternal benefit events and meet the participation requirement. The participation requirement is to have seven (7) knights or prospective knights (men) at least 18 years of age participate in the event. **They must first register, second watch the event, and third complete a quick survey after the event.** Information about this educational opportunity can be found at <https://www.kansas-kofc.org> . Please contact your General Agent, Field Agent, District Deputy, or state council leadership if you have any questions.

September 17th-18th - Holy Trinity/Council 6673 Food Drive: Our monthly food drive will be held on September 17th from 9:00 am until 11:00 a.m., and before and after all the Masses this weekend. All food and monetary donations will go to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

September 25th - Knights Pancake Breakfast: The proceeds from this breakfast will be used to support the Coats for Kids initiative sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. The Knights of Columbus launched the Coats for Kids program to ensure every child in need would have access to a warm winter coat. No child should be without a coat in the winter, and no parent should have to decide between a coat for their child or putting food on the table. The proceeds of this breakfast will be used to purchase coats for children and distributed to needy children by the Don Bosco Community Center in Kansas City.

October 1st - Holy Trinity Harvest Gala

October 8th – Pew Restoration Team Breakfast

October 8th – Knights Quarterly Mass / Mass for People with Special Needs

October 8th and 9th - Tootsie Roll Drive

October 11th - Knights' Monthly Council Meeting

October 15th and 16th - Monthly Food Drive

October 15th and 16th - Coat Drive

November 5th and 6th - Monthly Food Drive

November 5th - 40 Day of Life

November 8th - Knights' Monthly Council Meeting

November 12th and 13th - Church Delta (Membership) Drive

November 13th - Pancake Breakfast

November 19th and 20th - Turkey Drive

December 3rd – Knights' Christmas Party

December 3rd-4th – Toy Drive

December 11th – Breakfast with Santa

December 13th - Knights' Monthly Council Meeting

December 17th-18th – Food Drive

Other News of Note:

Our council has received a **Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)** certificate signed by the Supreme Knight for support to seminarians during the fraternal year 2021-2022. (For those new Knights unfamiliar with this program, councils and parish families raise funds to support seminarians. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council refunds the council or assembly \$100. Our council currently supports five seminarians.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love [theatrical release] - Calling all to the 2-night-only theatrical release of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love. Mother Teresa is one of the most inspirational figures of the 20th century. In honor of the 25th anniversary of her passing, the Knights of Columbus has produced a feature-length documentary film on the life and legacy of this beloved humanitarian and the singular vision she and her sisters have embraced to serve the poor. Far more than a documentary, this film is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon and a guidepost for all who seek hope today. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to see this definitive film on a modern saint and be inspired to put your faith into action. This film will be shown on October 3rd^h and 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

AMC Studio 28 KC with IMAX, 27075 S. Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66602
AMC Town Center 20, 11701 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS 66211
Cinemark 20 and XD, 5500 Antioch, Merriam, KS 66202.

For more information, visit motherteresamovie.com.

Family of the Month -July The Resa Family

A few highlights of Pete's many involvements in Parish life include the KofC Baptism Ministry, KofC Perpetual Adoration, set-up/tear down for activities in HT gym, monthly food drives, annual turkey, tootsie roll fundraiser, and coat drives. Pete was a pew restoration team member and a Value them Both phone caller. Sheri was present at the meeting, and as many Knights know, she serves our Parish as the coordinator of volunteers and outreach ministries. Sheri adds her personal touch to monthly senior luncheons and was the primary coordinator of the new Parish pictorial directory. Both Sheri & Pete are GREAT Ambassadors for Holy Trinity and our Knights of Columbus Council.

Knight of the Month -July
Phil Wegman

Knight of the Month for July was Brother Phil Wegman. Brother Wegman provided invaluable assistance working several afternoons before the Youth Rummage Sale by inspecting, testing, and ensuring all equipment and electrical items donated were operational and determining their value for resale. One of his fellow volunteers shared the following comments with me: “He went above and beyond what he was asked to do on the days he volunteered. It was especially helpful that he knew what items were used for and, more importantly, whether or not they had missing parts or didn’t work...” Another volunteer wrote, “Phil is a great guy and was so easy to work with. He was so helpful and knowledgeable about the things we needed tested. It made it so much easier to sell items when we knew they could run. He was a Godsend! Hope to see him next year.”

Knight of the Month – August
Pete Curtis

Knight of the Month for August is Pete Curtis. During the past several months leading up to the August 2nd election, Pete worked tirelessly, teaching hundreds of volunteers the required techniques to contact voters via the phone and provide information about the Value Them Both amendment. Earlier this year, he also provided phone technique training at the Knights of Columbus Kansas State Convention. Additionally, he conducted multiple training events for volunteers on how to run a targeted door-to-door campaign in the neighborhoods. His hard work and dedication have had a lasting impact on those volunteers involved in the campaign, and his dedication and efforts were greatly appreciated.

District Deputy

Our new District Deputy is John Weber. He succeeds Richard Warwick, who, in addition to his role as Grand Knight at Holy Cross, has accepted the position of Social Media Chairman for the Kansas State Council.

Insurance Agent

Ray Garretson reports that although we are known for protecting the lives of our members with our various life insurance options, it is important to protect the erosion of your estate from the expenses associated with home health care, assisted living, and nursing home care (long-term care insurance) as well as protecting your most valuable asset-your ability to earn an income (disability income insurance). Give Ray a call at 541-360-8386 for an analysis of your life, disability, or long-term care coverage.

Membership

Our council has a membership quota of 15 for the fraternal year. So far, we have added three new members to our council since the beginning of the fraternal year on July 1st. During the next month, I

challenge each of 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-the-knights.html> . Please contact Doug Feist at dougfeist@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the application process or need assistance.

Fourth Degree News

The next 4th Degree Assembly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gast Social Room.

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 has been going on.

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