

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

- Brother Jeff Adams steps up and is elected Deputy Grand Knight
- Council donates \$10,000 to the Keeler Women’s Center

What happened in October 2022?

Knights in Action

Tootsie Roll Drive - Brother Pat Thomas coordinated and led our annual Tootsie Roll Drive that was held on October 8 and 9. Gross receipts from the drive were \$4,790. After the cost of the candy and the 20% that goes to the State Council, we received a check from the State Council in the amount of \$3,520.44, which will be donated to L’Arche Heartland, a sheltered workshop in Overland Park for individuals with disabilities.

Knights' Quarterly Mass and Exemplification Ceremony - Our Knights' Quarterly Mass was conducted on October 22, 2022, followed by an exemplification ceremony for five of our brother knights. During this ceremony, our exemplification team taught the lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity required of a Third-Degree member. The following Brother Knights participated in this ceremony: Tom Howe, Lee Stark, James Mulick, Patrick Mellard, and Tim Mahoney, Jr. Congratulations to our new Third-Degree Knights. Also, thanks to those Brother Knights who participated as members of the Exemplification and Reception Team: Our Chaplain Father Travis, Pat Thomas, Mike Stompoly, John Lorg, Steve Jackson, Mike Crosthwait, and Pat Gary for their excellent work in making this a highly successful event.

October 1 – Thank You Note from the Keeler Women's Center

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. A copy of this note was sent to the council via email, but in case you haven't seen it, here 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."

October 8 - Pew Restoration Team Breakfast with Father Mike: In appreciation for the work the Knights completed last summer restoring the pews at Holy Trinity, Father Mike invited all participants in the pew restoration project to join him for breakfast at the Quigley Center on Saturday, October 8, 2022. Sixteen members of the Pew Restoration Team were able to attend this event. We want to thank Father Mike for his generosity, appreciation, and recognition of the hard work of our council. Once again, the work completed by the Pew Restoration Team is a prime example of Knights in Action.

October 8 - Brother Jeff Adams Becomes Deputy Grand Knight - Brother Jeff Adams volunteered to and was elected by the council to become our Deputy Grand Knight. Brother Adams has been a member of HT Parish since 1994 and Knight since 2000. His children attended Holy Trinity School and St. James Academy. Brother Adams has been an educator for 35 years and is currently a football coach at St. James. He has been involved in many Knights' activities over the years including coordinating the Knights' annual Shrimp Dinner for many years. He has also served as the Inside Guard and Outside Guard for the Council.

October 11 - Results of the Football Raffle Sales: Brother Mike Crosthwait reports that Holy Trinity sold 1,220 tickets. These ticket sales will net Holy Trinity \$25,340 after expenses. The results for other Parishes participating in the fundraiser were as follows: Ascension: 1,117 tickets, \$23,825, St. Michaels: 825 tickets, \$16,750, Holy Spirit: \$14,575, 717 tickets, Nativity: \$31,285, 1526 tickets. The proceeds from

the raffle sales this year will be donated to the Keeler Women's Center in Kansas City, Kansas. Thanks to all those who participated in ticket sales. Special thanks to Brother Mike Crosthwait for managing the football raffle again this year. Excellent work!

October 15 and 16 – Knights' Coat Drive– Our annual coat drive led by Brother Ken Kleekamp. More than 200 parishioners donated coats and Holy Trinity School collected over 50 coats during their drive. Brother Tom Carter will take 251 to Operation Uplift and 85 children's coats will be dry-cleaned and sent to the Don Bosco Center along with 250 pairs of kids' socks.

October 30 - Knights Pancake Breakfast: Twenty-three Knights helped serve over 170 people at the breakfast during which a little of \$900 was collected in donations. 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 were used to purchase additional coats for the children. They will be distributed to needy children through the Don Bosco Community Center in Kansas City on December 18, 2020.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 8 - Knights' Monthly Council Meeting – Our Kansas State Deputy, Michael J. Grothoff, is scheduled to attend this meeting.

November 12-13 - Church Delta (Membership) Drive

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 will present the colors, and our 4th Degree Knights will provide an honor guard.

November 13 - Pancake Breakfast in Honor of Veterans. The proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to the Lenexa VFW's Veterans Relief Fund.

November 18 – Chalice/Memorial Dinner at Good Sheppard– all Knights invited.

November 19 - 20th - Turkey Drive

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 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

Other News of Note:

The Don Bosco School of English - On December 18, 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.

State Council's Religious Education Raffle

During the month of October, our council sold Religious Education Raffle tickets to fund the promotion of religious education in local parishes and in broad statewide initiatives. Tickets were \$100.00 each. Our council was allotted eight tickets which were all sold

Knight of the Month –October

Our Knight of the Month for October is Brother Pat Thomas. Pat has been a Knight since 2009 and has served as the council's recorder for the past several years. In this role, he has been responsible for keeping and maintaining an accurate and permanent record of the council's actions. He has also volunteered to manage the council's Tootsie Roll Drive, a program created to help people with intellectual and physical disabilities. He also orders and distributes Tootsie Rolls to several other parishes in our area for their drives. Under his leadership, our council sent net proceeds of \$4,400.55 to the Kansas State Council this year. Brother Thomas is also actively involved in various roles at Holy Trinity. Some of these include serving on the Parish Finance Committee, being a lector and altar server at daily and weekend Masses, and as a member of the Knights' Exemplification Team, to mention only a few. 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. Pat, this award is our council's way of saying, "Thank you for your efforts!"

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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 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.

Fourth Degree News

In honor of fallen 4th-degree members, there will be a 5:00 p.m. Mass and followed by a Chalice Dinner on November 19th at Good Shepard Church. All Holy Trinity Knights are encouraged to attend this event. For more information about this event, contact Brother George White.

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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