

# 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

## [What happened in May and June 2023? - Knights in Action](#)

[Knights' Scholarship Contest](#) – The winner of the Knights of Columbus \$3000 Scholarship Contest this year was Ms. Emily LaBarge.

[May 2023 Food Drive Results](#) – Our monthly food drive was held on May 20th from 9:00 am until 11:00 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Mass and on May 21<sup>st</sup> before and after all the Masses. This drive resulted in the Knights collecting 2,393 pounds of food and \$2,311.00 in cash donations delivered to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

[Kansas City Women's Conference](#) – The Kansas City Women's Conference was held at Holy Trinity from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. More than 280 women from various parishes in the Kansas City area attended the conference. Several Knights assisted by providing parking control, set-up of the Quigley Center, and tear-down after the event. Special thanks to Brother Rich Boynton and all the Knights who helped make this event a success.

[Election of Officers for Fraternal Year 2023-2024](#) – Our election of council officers for fraternal years 2023-2023 was held at our May 9th Council meeting. The elected officers were Grand Knight – J.D. Call; Deputy Grand Knight – Jeff Adams; Chancellor – John Smith; Recorder – Pat Thomas; Treasurer – Roger Lawrence; Advocate – Calvin Todd; Warden (Vacant); Inside Guard- Don Goertzen; Outside Guard – Joe Crostarosa, and the

Board of Trustees – 1st Year Ken Kleekamp, 2nd Year Mike Crosthwait and 3rd Year Kim Bienhof.

**Annual Father Tom Dolezal Memorial Golf Classic** – Our annual golf tournament was held this year at Falcon Lakes Golf Course on June 2, 2023. Proceeds from this tournament benefit St. Vincent DePaul (SvDP) of Holy Trinity. SvDP serves as a bridge to help those needing a better tomorrow. Our annual tournament has been in place for over 20 years, and all proceeds benefit the St Vincent de Paul ministry at Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa, KS, which helps local citizens in temporary distress with one-time financial support, usually in \$50 or \$100 increments. The tournament has generated well over \$30K annually for SVdP for the past three years.

**Parish Celebration - Holy** Trinity's Parish Celebration was held on Friday, June 9, 2023. Several Brother Knights assisted in the planning, organizing, and managing the celebration. Many others helped set up tables, chairs, and tents for the event and helped with the post-event clean-up.

**Knights' Quarterly Mass** – Our Knight's Quarterly Mass was held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Our celebrant for this mass was Father Travis, and this was his final mass at Holy Trinity as our council's chaplain. Many Knights and their families celebrated with mass with Father Travis

**Baby Bottle Boomerang** – Our baby bottle Boomerang drive concluded on Father's Day, June 18, and we collected **\$7,563.12** in donations supporting the Wyandotte County and Olathe Advice and Aid Offices. This was one of the largest donations we have ever received. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations this year.

**June Food Drive Results** –During our June food drive, we collected 2,043 lbs. of food and \$ 2469.25 in cash donations that were delivered to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

**Installation of Officers Ceremony** – Council #6673 held its installation of officers' ceremony on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Holy Trinity Church. Newly elected officers and appointed directors for fraternal year 2023-2024 are listed at the end of this newsletter.

### **2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**July 2 – Knights Host Donut Sunday**

**July 11 – Knights Council Meeting**

**July 15-16 – Food Drive**

**July 25 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting – A Guest Speaker Precedes the Meeting**

**July 29 – Knights Remove and Store Carpet Pads after Youth's Rummage Sale**

**Aug 8 – Monthly Council Meeting**

**Aug 12 – Holy Trinity Devine Wine Tasting – Knights Help**

**Aug 19 – Knights Host Luncheon/Reception for Sr. Kenosis**

**Aug 19-20 Monthly Food Drive**

**Aug 19-20 – Football Raffle Ticket Sales**

**Aug 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting**

**Aug 26-27 – Football Raffle Ticket Sales**

**Sep 12 – Monthly Council Meeting**

**Sep 16 – Knights Quarterly Mass**

**Sep 16-17 Monthly Food Drive**

**Sep 23 – Bunk Bed Build (Tentative)**

**Sep 30 – Bunk Bed Build (Tentative)**

### **Knight of the Month –May 2023**

Our Knight of the Month for May is our Worthy Chaplain, Father Travis Mecum. We thank him for all that he has done for Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the members of this council these past three years. Because of his efforts, we now have the Knights Quarterly Mass, the Book of the Dead, a Prayer for food collection, and the Tenebrae service. His homilies affirming the Knights have been a call for all of us. He has been an amazing Priest and Chaplain for our council and will be missed at Holy Trinity.

## [Knight of the Month –June 2023](#)

Our Knight of the Month for June is Brother Mike Stompoly. Again, this year, he has done an excellent job in organizing, planning, coordinating, managing, and directing the Fr. Tom Dolezal Memorial Golf Classic. Under his leadership, this year's tournament generated **\$33,482.95.** for the St Vincent de Paul ministry at Holy Trinity Parish and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. This financial support is vital in helping local citizens in temporary distress through one-time financial assistance. The funds raised from this tournament are used to support those in need. The Fr. Tom Dolezal Memorial Golf Classic not only brings the community together for a day of golf but also serves to support a worthy cause. This event has and continues to positively impact the lives of individuals facing temporary financial difficulties. Mike, thanks for your hard work in making this event a tremendous success!

## [Membership](#)

Our council had a membership quota of fifteen for the 2022-2023 fraternal year and we were able to add **sixteen new** members to our council. As we enter the new fraternal year 2023-2024, 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 contact Doug Feist at [dougfeist@yahoo.com](mailto:dougfeist@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the application process or need assistance.

## [Fourth Degree News](#)

On Tuesday, July 25th, we will be visited by the Curator for Faith and Religion at the WWI museum, Patricia Cecil, a Holy Trinity Parishioner. She will give an informative talk about the museum, the war, and how our faith and the Knights of Columbus supported the troops. Please invite everyone. The 4th degree meeting will start after her presentation.

## [Special Intentions](#)

Let us all pray for our Brother Knights that have fallen since the pandemic began and those who have contracted the disease. Finally, let us pray for those contracting other diseases while this pandemic continues.

Fraternal Year 2023-2024 Knights of Columbus Council #6673  
Officers and Directors

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