

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

[Knights Free Throw Contest](#)

What happened in January 2023? - Knights in Action

January 3, 2023 - Our Grand Knight received a letter and a check from the Kansas State Council's State Deputy, Michael J. Grothhoff. The letter read: "Congratulations to you and your council for earning the state council incentive for councils who earned the Founder's Award by the December 1st deadline. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$500 to reward your efforts...."

January 8, 2023 – Donut Sunday – Several Knights participated in the Parish's first "Donut Sunday" gathering in the Gast Social Room after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses. From now on, this will be a once-a-month event. Holy Trinity will supply donuts, coffee, and juice; but will need help. The Parish asks the various ministries or faith groups to "take a turn" in hosting a Sunday. The Knights are signed up to participate in this event on May 7th, July 2nd, and October 1st. More details to follow.

January 8, 2023 – Winter Tailgate Event – Holy Trinity held its first kick-off event for their newly launched marriage and family ministry at Holy Trinity - Communio. This program aims to walk alongside singles, those preparing for marriage, those married, and those who might be in a struggling marriage. Several of our brother Knights assisted with laying the carpet pads, serving as food preparers and vendors, and cleaning after the event.

January 10, 2023 – Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) - David DeWitt, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7397 in Lenexa, Kansas, attend our monthly council meeting to accept thanks from

KofC Council 6673 for his post's honor guard presenting the colors at Holy Trinity's Veterans Day Mass on November 13, 2022. Mr. DeWitt thanked the Council for allowing them to participate. He was presented with a check for \$725 to support Post 7397 Veteran's Relief Fund as a token of our Council's appreciation.

January 10, 2023 - Mary Queen of Angels parish in Fr. Scott had a devastating fire in mid-November and solicited donations from Knights Councils in Kansas to help rebuild the church. The Council members in attendance approved a \$500 donation to Mary Queen of Angels.

January 20, 2023 – Blood Drive - The Community Blood Center held a blood drive at Holy Trinity Church in the Gast Social Room on Friday, January 20th. Following the drive, the Community Blood Drive Manager sent the following note to Tina Kuhnoff – “Thank you so much for supporting our community by 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, January 20 blood drive, the Community Blood Center staff registered 67 volunteers and collected 68 units of blood. There were two first-time donors. Please pass on our gratitude to the volunteers who supported the blood drive... Thank you for your commitment to the Community Blood Center and patients in need.” **Of note, of the 67 volunteers, 16 were Knights.**

January 21, 2023 – Knights' Quarterly Mass and Exemplification Ceremony – On this date, we held our Knights' Quarterly Mass followed by a Rosary and an exemplification ceremony for eight 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: John Meiers, Bill Nees, John Kearney, Joe Schageck, Gary Morrison, Jeff Vanek, Tom Wise, and Larry Siebolt. 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, George White, Steve Jackson, Ken Kleekamp, and Pat Gary for their excellent work in making this a highly successful event.

January 21-22 – Food Drive – As a result of the generous donations from Holy Trinity during our January food drive, we donated 2,948 lbs. of food to help stock Catholic Charities' eight different food pantries. We also received \$2,713.68 in cash donations for Catholic Charities.

January 29, 2023 – Knights Free Throw Contest - A total of 40 girls and boys, ages 8- 14, participated in the annual Knights Free Throw Contest held at Holy School Trinity School Gym this year. Congratulations to all our participants, and a special shout-out to the 12-year-old boys who had 10 participants. What a great showing by our community on a very busy Sunday afternoon. The winners from this event will now move on to the District 11 competition to be held on Sunday, February 5th, at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit. District 11 includes Ascension, Holy Cross, Holy Spirit, and Holy Trinity. District winners will then move on to Regionals (to be held Feb 19, site TBD), and subsequent winners on to the state competition, which will be in Salina, KS, on March 5th. Special thanks go out to Brother David Robinson for leading this special event and to the four members of the Lenexa Police Department who assisted in scoring the competition.

[2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR](#)

February 6 – Knights Monthly Council Rosary and Council Meeting

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

February 12 – Knights Valentines Breakfast

February 18-19 – Food Drive

March 5 – Holy Trinity’s Volunteer Appreciation Weekend

March 12 – Life Saver Sunday

March 18-19 – Food Drive

March 31 – Knights Shrimp Dinner

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

Brother David Robinson skillfully planned, advertised, organized, and managed our highly successful Knights Free Throw Contest at Holy Trinity School on January 29, 2023. What a great showing by our community on that busy Sunday afternoon. With a crowd of family and friends watching, forty girls and boys, ages 8- 14, of which 10 were 12-year-old boys, participated in this annual event. To manage this large group of kids, he coordinated with St. James Academy for four students to assist him during the event. Additionally, he arranged to have four members of the Lenexa Police Dept to help with scorekeeping, so there were no instant replays or disputed calls. Winners in each age category received a special Knights basketball and will move on to represent Holy Trinity in the Knights District Free Throw competition. David, thanks for your hard work in making this event a tremendous success and a great experience for the youth of our parish.

Brother Ken Kleekamp is co-winner of Knight of the Month for January for his accomplishments during December 2022. Ken was extremely busy in December. He participated in our Breakfast with Santa event, This Man is You, Adoration, ushering, and our monthly food drive. He coordinated the participation of various Holy Trinity volunteer groups to host and assist the Lenexa Police Department with their Blue Santa community outreach program, a program developed to help underprivileged children in our community. He also organized and led our Coats for Kids program and coordinated with the Don Bosco organization and Literacy KC to provide more than 300 coats to refugee families during their annual Christmas shop. Ken, this award is our council's way of saying, "Thank you for all your hard work!"

[Insurance Agent](#)

“One of the areas that has really changed in the last six months is the interest rate on our new annuity

products. Our Vantage plan now has a 4.3% 5-year interest rate lock for deposits over 100k and 4.1% for those deposits less than 100k. If you are looking to safeguard part of your portfolio, give me a call, and we can review your financial objectives and see if this product is a good fit as part of your overall financial plan". Please call Ray if you have any questions.

Membership

Our council has a membership quota of 15 for the fraternal year. So far, we have added **14** new members to our council since the beginning of the fraternal year on July 1, 2022. 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.

Annual Membership Dues

If you have not already done so, please don't forget to pay your annual membership dues of \$35.00. There are several ways to pay membership dues:

1. You can mail your check, payable to KofC Council 6673 and mailed to Stephen Jackson, C/O Holy Trinity Parish 9150 Pflumm Lenexa KS 66215.
2. You can pay the Financial Secretary or the Treasurer at a Knights' meeting.
3. You can pay online with a credit card or by bank draft by going to the website htknights.org and selecting the tab for Pay Dues. When the page displays, click "Credit Card" or "Check." All fields marked with an * must be completed. The council will pay the fee; however, the bank option is only 1%, while the credit card is a 3% hit to the Council; choose wisely.

Fourth Degree News

There was no Fourth Degree Assembly meeting in January 2023. The next Assembly meeting is scheduled for February 28th, when annual dues will be collected.

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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