

Council of Palms #6673

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exemplify charity, unity, fraternity, and the hope that comes from a
relationship with Jesus Christ, our King."*

SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY

**Council 6673 Earned Fraternal Year 2022-2023
Star Council Award!**

Knights in Action in October/November 2023

Harvest Gala – Holy Trinity's Annual Harvest Gala was held in the Holy Trinity School Gym this year on October 7, 2023. Several Knights assisted with vacuuming, cleaning, removing, and storing the carpet squares after the event.

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive – This year's annual Tootie Roll Drive was conducted on October 14-15. During this event, our council collected \$3,733.00 in cash donations. After deducting the cost of \$390.00 to purchase the Tootsie Rolls, and a \$668.00 donation to the Kansas State Council's Special Olympics Funds, we were able to donate \$2,674.40 to L'Arche Heartland in Overland Park, KS. Thanks to Brother Pat Thomas for leading this drive again this year.

Council Receives A Thank You Note – Our Council received a thank you note from the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick which read as follows: "Please accept my personal gratitude and the appreciation of the Sister Servants of Mary for your generous donation to assist in the work we do with the sick and the dying. We are so grateful to you for choosing our community to be the recipient of your Football Raffle Fundraiser this year."

With your four core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism you show our society the Christian values of love towards others.

We can see the great efforts you did to raise the funds. We know that at least 96 of your Knights bought or sold a total of 1,141 tickets to support our work as Ministers to the Sick. Your kindness and generosity through a donation of \$10,000.00 is greatly appreciated and will be applied in our healing ministry of caring for the sick of soul and body. Signed Sister Ema Munoz, Mother Superior.

Fraternal Benefits Night - A Fraternal Benefits Night presentation was held on October 24, 2023. This presentation was titled, "Aligning Financial Decisions with Your Catholic Values." During this seminar, the presenter, Mr. Anthony Minopoli, President and Chief Investment Officer, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, spoke about insurance, investments, and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values. A total of 19 Knights viewed this presentation which qualifies our council to receive the Founders' Award for the fraternal year 2023-2024.

Membership Drive Update – Our council held a membership drive October 28-29, 2023. Our membership quota for the year is fifteen. Since the start of this fraternal year, we have added thirteen new members, so we sit at 87% of the quota. We have another six who have signed up and are pending exemplifications (either online or in person). Thanks to everyone who helped in making this a successful event.

Coats for Kids – With the support of the Knights Supreme Council, our council purchased nine cases of children's coats and Supreme covered the cost of another nine cases. That is eighteen cases we will be able to distribute. Last year our council purchased and distributed thirteen cases of children's coats to the Don Bosco/Literacy KC organization in Kansas City in support of their refugee program. Catholic Charities will manage this year's coat distribution and coats will be distributed at four locations in our area at the Catholic Charities Family Support Centers. Our council is also working with Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul to ensure that we also provide coats to All Saints Parish and St. Mary's Parish in Kansas City, Kansas. We are also planning to provide coats to Don Bosco and Literacy KC this year. Adult coats collected during our annual coat drive this year will go to Operation Uplift.

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, coats were distributed at Christ Community Church in Olathe, KS. A total of 172 coats were distributed by representatives from Catholic Charities, and Knights of Columbus Councils from Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity (Brothers Pat Thomas, Gerardo Lopez, Mike Stompoly, Joe Crostarosa, and J.D Call). Our Worthy State Deputy Michael J. Grothoff, was also present to distribute coats.

A second Coats for Kids distribution event was held on Friday, November 9, 2023, at the Catholic Charities Family Support Center in Overland Park, KS. Approximately thirty coats were distributed at this location. Knights from our council who helped with the coat distribution included Doug Feist, Gerry Slavik, Randy Spade, Vern Walters, James Stach, and J.D. Call.

A third distribution of coats event was conducted at the Catholic Charities Family Support Center in Leavenworth, KS on November 17, 2023. Approximately forty coats were distributed during this event. Representing our council at this event were Ken Kleekamp, Larry Siebolt, and J.D. Call.

The final distribution of Coats for Kids will be held at the Catholic Charities Family Support Center in Wyandotte County, KS on Friday, December 1, 2023.

Veterans Day Mass/Breakfast – A special mass in honor of our veterans was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. The Lenexa VFW presented the colors at this mass, and our 4th Degree Knights also provided an honor guard. Immediately following mass, our council held a Knights Pancake Breakfast gathering to honor our veterans. Each veteran who attended the breakfast received a small gift from the Knights as a token of our appreciation for their dedicated service to our nation. Freewill donations received at the breakfast totaled a little over \$1000 gross and we are still waiting on VENMO calculations. As we did last year, the net proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to Lenexa VFW's Veterans Relief Fund. The Grand Knight will present a check to the VFW Post Commander during our January 2024 meeting.

Annual Turkey Drive - Led by Brothers John Daugherty and John Lorg, this year we collected 238 turkeys, six hams, several sacks/boxes of dry goods, and. cash/ checks totaling \$ \$2,827.00. 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.

Blue Santa – We will again this year partner with the Lenexa Police Department's Blue Santa event which will be held on December 7, 2023, in the Quigley Center. We will follow the same format that used last year, and we will be assisted by the Daughters of Isabella, Trinity Threaders, and others to help with wrapping presents, food preparations, games, etc.

October and November 2023 Food Drive Results – Our monthly food drives were held before and after all the Masses on October 14 and 15 and November 4 and 5, 2023. These drives resulted in the Knights collecting a combined total of **4,047 pounds** of food and **\$4843.56 in cash donations** for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

Wreaths Across America – The National Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember, Honor, and Teach. This mission is conducted by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 4,000+ locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. **This year's Wreaths Across America Day will take place on December 16, 2023.** On that day, more than two million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed at local, national, and military cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites.

This year our Council and the St. John's Assembly have combined efforts to participate in the National Wreaths Across America Day event on December 16, 2023, at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Lenexa.

2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 2	Knights Christmas Party
Dec 2-3	Toy Drive
Dec 7	Blue Santa Event with the Lenexa Police Department
Dec 10	Breakfast With Santa
Dec 14	Don Bosco Christmas Shop – Coats for Kids
Dec 16	Wreaths Across America – Resurrection Catholic Cemetery
Dec 16-17	Food Drive

Knight of the Month for October 2023 - Brother Mike Crosthwait

Brother Mike's dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and the community are truly exemplary. Attaining the fourth degree and serving in positions such as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight showcase not only his dedication to the order but also his willingness to take on significant responsibilities within the council. Mike's 15-year role in managing and organizing the Football Raffle is particularly impressive. The fact that this raffle has had such a significant impact on multiple councils, enabling them to donate thousands of dollars to worthy causes in the area, speaks volumes about the positive outcomes of his efforts. Mike's contributions have not only benefited the community but have also advanced the mission of the Knights of Columbus

Mike, selecting you as the Knight of the Month is our council's way of showing our appreciation for your exceptional contributions. It is through individuals like you that the Knights of Columbus can make a substantial difference in the lives of others and fulfill our mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Knight of the Month for November 2023 - Brother Doug Feist

Doug has more than 22 years of continuous service as a Knight and has been involved in various activities at Holy Trinity. Some of these include participating in Alpha and Journey for Men, belonging to a Living Our Faith Team Bible Study Group, participating in blood drives, volunteering to help with the parish celebration, serving as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, and is serving as the current chair of the Pastoral Council. Since September 2020, he has served as our Council's Membership Director. In this role, he has been responsible for our council continually meeting and exceeding its annual membership quota. Due to his excellent organization and management of our Membership Delta Drives this fraternal year, our council has already reached its annual membership quota in only four months; one of the few, not the only council in Kansas to accomplish this goal.

Doug, your dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus and the community are truly exemplary. It is through individuals like you that the Knights of Columbus can make a substantial difference in the lives of others and fulfill our mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Fraternal Year 2023-2024 Knights of Columbus Council #6673
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