

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

Council 6673 earned 2022-2023

Star Council Award!

What happened in July 2023? - Knights in Action

Star Council Award – Holy Trinity’s Knights of Columbus Council 6673 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization’s top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-oriented activities.

Results of the Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament - The Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus golf tournament was held on Friday, June 2, 2023, at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. Brother Mike Stompoly reported that the tournament generated \$33,482.95 in profit for Holy Trinity’s St. Vincent DePaul Ministry. The Holy Trinity St. Vincent DePaul ministry is vital in helping local citizens with one-time financial assistance. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the event such a success.

July 2023 Food Drive Results – Our monthly food drive was held on July 15th from 9:00 am until 11:00 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Mass and on July 16th before and after all the Masses. This drive resulted in the Knights collecting **2,056 pounds** of food and **\$2,584.00 in cash** donations for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

Knights Host Donut Sunday – On July 2, 2023, the Knights hosted the monthly Donut Sunday event at Holy Trinity.

Knights Help with Youth Group's Rummage Sale – A special thank you to all the Knights who help during the youth rummage sale with the gym by testing equipment, pricing and displaying items, setup of the carpet pads in the gym and/or the after-sale cleanup and vacuuming, removal, and storage of the carpet squares. In recognition of this outstanding work, the Knights received the following "Thank You Note" from the Youth Group which stated, *"Thank you so much for all your help with the gym floor as well as clean up after the rummage sale. We really could not do it without you. Thank you again and we will see you next year."*

Our New Chaplain – Holy Trinity's Associate Pastor, Father Keith Chadwick, began his new role as our council's chaplain at our installation of officers' ceremony held on June 29, 2023.

Knights' Quarterly Mass – Our next Knights Quarterly Mass will be held at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Mass will immediately be followed by a Rosary and a Knights Exemplification Ceremony.

Our New Warden – At our monthly council meeting on July 11, 2023, Brother Christopher (Chris) Cecil was sworn in as our council's new Warden. Congratulations.

Faith in Action - Cross Catholic Outreach is approved by the Holy Father as an official Catholic charity and has received multiple Vatican endorsements. Around the world, they bring food, water, shelter, education, orphan support, medical care, microenterprise, and disaster relief to the poorest of the poor. During our July meeting, the council voted to donate \$500 to Cross Catholic Outreach.

Coordinator for St. Vincent DePaul Society at Holy Trinity - Brother Tom Carter has agreed to replace Brother John Smith as coordinator of the Holy Trinity St. Vincent DePaul ministry.

New Ministries - Council's Board is looking into several new ministry programs including a Funeral/Bereavement Ministry for deceased Knights of our Council and an

RCIA Gifts program that would be like our existing Baptismal gifts program. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

Return of the Chili Festival – The Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Chili Festival will return on January 27, 2024, led by our Deputy Grand Knight Jeff Adams

Knights Donate to Holy Trinity School - The annual Knights of Columbus Shrimp Dinner netted \$5,601.58 for Holy Trinity School. Brother Calvin Todd recently presented Holy Trinity School principal, Scott Murfen, with a check.

2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Aug 19 – Knights Delta/Membership Drive

Aug 19-20 Monthly Food Drive

Aug 19-20 – Football Raffle Ticket Sales

Aug 22 – 4th Degree Assembly Meeting

Aug 26-27 – Football Raffle Ticket Sales

Sep 12 – Monthly Council Meeting

Sep 16 – Knights Quarterly Mass and Exemplification Ceremony

Sep 16-17 Monthly Food Drive

Sep 24 – Knights Pancake Breakfast supporting Coats for Kids

Sep 30 – Bunk Bed Build (Tentative)

[Our Knight of the Month for July 2023 is Brother John R. Smith.](#)

Father Tom Dolezal and John started the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Holy Trinity in 2003 and he served in the role of Director of the St. Vincent DePaul Society until July of this year. Holy Trinity's St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry supports the poor and needy within our parish boundaries and strives to meet the needs of the homeless and those in need as they contact our parish. St. Vincent DePaul Society helps provide temporary housing, food, and clothing or assists in finding the appropriate social services agencies. John has also served in the role of Deputy Grand Knight from 2005 to 2007, as our council's Chancellor since 2007, and last year served as the 4th Degree Faithful Navigator. John, thank you for all you have done for our council, St. John's Assembly, our parish, and the community.

[Our Family of the Month for July 2023 is Trudy and Rich Boynton.](#)

Rich and Trudy have been members of Holy Trinity since 1996, although Rich is a more recent convert to the faith in 2008. Trudy has been a catechist in the RCIA process almost from their arrival and both Trudy and Rich participated in one of Msgr. Ray Burger's Atchison retreats in 1998; they remain active in the faith group that formed from that retreat. Rich and Trudy each have Adoration hours and in addition, they share an hour together every week. Trudy began the Seven Sisters Apostolate at Holy Trinity which supports each of our parish priests with an hour of adoration every day. Rich and Trudy are both spiritual mentors to many mentees at Holy Trinity and throughout Johnson County. Trudy first proposed the idea of a church gift shop to Fr. Tom 20 years ago and has managed it since the beginning. She was instrumental in establishing Holy Trinity's version of Advent by Candlelight which has drawn 200+ women for the past 7 years in December and has raised thousands of dollars for our local pregnancy centers. Trudy had a vision for a Catholic Women's Conference in the archdiocese and spearheaded the first event for almost 300 women which was held at Holy Trinity in May 2023 and will again return in September 2024. Rich became involved in the RCIA process soon after joining the Church and has been the overall coordinator for the last 10 years. He is part of the 4th Degree Honor Guard, a communion minister, Lector, altar server, and Sacristan, serving at the spaghetti dinner and shrimp dinner, That Man is You, helped with the logistics for the Women's conference also donated his time to the build-a-bed event. Thank you both for all you have done and continue to do for our council, our parish, and the community.

Membership

Our council membership quota for the 2023-2024 fraternal year has been set at 15. As we enter the new fraternal year of 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 if you have any questions about the application process or need assistance.

Fourth Degree News

On Tuesday, July 25th, Ms. Patricia Cecil, the Curator for Faith and Religion at the WWI museum, provided an excellent informative talk about the museum, the war, and how our faith and the Knights of Columbus supported the troops.

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
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