



**Lansing Knights of Columbus
Council 10834**

Monthly Newsletter

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017; over 29
Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 2 April, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 12 April 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: Go to <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click on the calendar for detailed information.**

Reminder from previous Newsletter

- Capital Campaign Pledge: Please consider renewing your pledge. You can also send donations to:
[Saint Francis De Sales](#)
Attn: Building Fund
900 Ida Street
Lansing, KS 66043
Consider renewing your pledge
- Amazon Smile Program: Members of the parish are encouraged to sign up for the [Amazon Smile](#) program that will donate .5% of a purchase to a designated charity. Parish has established a similar program with Dillon's.

Knight of the Month (April 2017)

Brother Brad Cox

Family of the Month (April 2017)

Brother Jacob Gillen Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 161 Members
- o 84 Associate Members
- o 70 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



Grand Knight Message: Brother Knights, the city of Lansing is looking for some people to help local folks make some simple home repairs. I

think this would be a great opportunity for us to help out some people in our city. We will open this to the parish so we can get as many helpers as possible and also so we can, possibly, get some men who are not Knights to consider joining. I will more information as I get it. Let me know if this is something that you would support. **Brother Gates Brown**



Chaplain's Corner: The Fifth Station

When I became pastor here back in July 2010, I made it a personal priority to read the writings of St. Francis de Sales as part of my daily meditations. Over the years I pulled out memorable sections from his great works and homilies and letters and compiled them into The Way of the Cross with St. Francis de Sales.

I want to invite you to look at Station 5: Simon Help Jesus Carry His Cross.

St. Francis wrote: "Look at the Passion. You will find our Lord unable to carry the

cross since He was over-whelmed with suffering. So they had a certain man, Simon, help him. Simon carries the cross on his shoulders behind Jesus. All Christians who aspire to Heaven must take up the Lord's cross and follow Him. So be ready to carry all the crosses you will be asked to bear, especially the small ones. Many people are willing to suffer for the Lord, provided that they are not inconvenienced."

Brother Knights, suffering is always inconvenient. But when suffering comes our way, let's be loyal and faithful men of God. Let us always unite our suffering with that of Jesus. May this Lent strengthen us so we may be willing to pick up our crosses no matter what. Let's follow Jesus all the way to Calvary, and to Resurrection.

**Fraternally,
Father Bill**



Field Agent Report: A Founding Notion - Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2017 accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the job site or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's

death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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Council Meeting Highlights

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective.
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Provided detailed report on membership, notifications to suspend, dues status and a breakdown

of funds in each of our accounts. With a final balance of \$17,204.57. **Brother Scherer** continues to work suspensions and intent to suspend for those delinquent members who showed no intent to remain in the council. Identified that there are still a number of council members who have not yet paid 2017 dues.

Brother Scherer also provide a historical record of the council's Family and Knight of the Year recipients dating back to fraternal year 1994/1995 to include District, Diocesan and State award winners

- **Grand Knight's Report:** Relayed that the City of Lansing is looking for volunteers to help local families in need to help make simple home repairs. This appears to be a great opportunity for us to help out some people in our city. We will open this to the parish so we can get as many helpers as possible and also so we can, influence some men who are not Knights to consider joining. Grand Knight will provide more information as it becomes available from the City of Lansing. When asked for a show of hands of those interested in supporting, many of the council members present expressed interest. Additionally, **Brother Gates** relayed that he had provided to Leavenworth Special Olympics our check for \$500 from the Tootsie Roll Drive. They were extremely excited and will use the funds to purchase new warmup and basketball jerseys.
 - Awarded the following certificates:
 - Family of the Month for February 2017 **Brother Ron Mazzia Family**
 - Family of the Month for March 2017 **Brother Bill Butler Family**

- Knight of the Year 2016-2017 **Brother John Twohig**

- Awarded by Financial Secretary. Family of the Year 2016-2017 to **Brother Gates Brown Family**, additionally **Brother Gates Brown Family** were drawn by Supreme to receive a special gift as our Council Family of the Month.

- **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Special Olympics Request for sponsorship. Based on Councils significant Tootsie Roll support to Leavenworth Special Olympics – no action was taken.
 - St. Benidicts Abby Table Annual Appeal request– no action was taken.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Identified need for a 1st Degree ceremony.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing new to report
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - 4th Degree exemplification at Holy Trinity in Lenexa on 18 March.
 - Monthly 4 Degree Assembly 293 meeting will take place on Thursday 16 March at 7 PM at council 900 building.
 - 4th Degree Honor Guard will support the 17 March St. Patrick's Day Parade. Show time ~9:30 AM Parade starts at 11 AM followed by corn beef and cabbage lunch at Council 900.
 - 4th Degree Honor Guard to support confirmation at SFDS on 27 March. Show time is 6:30 PM with confirmation starting at 7 PM.

- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that next Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion would be held on 2 April and passed around the sign-up sheet for minister duties. Requested volunteers to support a “mowing detail” that will take care of the SFDS southern boarder vicinity of the pasture and eastern boundary vicinity of the parking lot / Lansing bike path. This will occur about every three weeks – during a week day morning. **Contact Jim Cunningham (727-2868), Dave Young (727-1395) or Russel Craft (727-2447) for more details.**
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Relayed that he is working with **Brother Gates Brown** on the Columbia award submission for the council. Council unanimously selected **Brother Brad Cox** as Knight of the Month for the month of April based on his support to parish ministries to include choir, Eucharistic minister and RCIA. He was recently selected “Barbershopper of the Year” for Leavenworth County.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Thanked the council for support to the Play Pen contributions for Birth Right that totaled over \$2,000 in clothing and baby supplies. Council approved a motion to provide \$500 to Birth Right.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Jacob Gillen Family** as the Family of the Month for March for **Jake’s and Angela’s** significant support to a number of parish functions with emphasis on the outstanding efforts to lead the parish youth group.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Nothing new to report.
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** **Brother John Twohig** update the council on this year’s vocation poster contest theme was “Passing on the Faith.” Council vote on the winning posters for three age groups. Winners follow:
 - 1st & 2nd grades: Adalyn Maslowski
 - 3rd & 4th grades: Meghan Felix
 - 5th & 6th grades: Mary Kathleen Hanley
 - 7th & 8th grades: No posters submitted
 - Special Education: No posters submitted
 Check out the winning posted in the Knights in Action section.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Completed audit and provided results to the council members present.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** **Brother Dennis Huffman** discussed the Halloween Party / Tasting Fair / silent auction Fund Raiser tentatively schedule for 28 Oct 2017. Asked and received names to help form the committee. Developing letter of instruction and will discuss in more detail and subsequent meetings.

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Don Portice** thanked those who volunteered to support at the Greenway

Auction in February. He also noted the support for Chris Cakes has raised almost \$7,000 for the council since we first began conducting them after the new SFDS church was built.

- **Brother Jake Gillen** provided an update on the youth group. Youth group is alive and well, there are regularly 15 to 20 parish youth that meet four times a month. Each month they do one service project, and there are two instructional programs each month. He requested the Council's support to help procure a projector to support the instructional program.

Brother Larry Vanderhoff stated he has a projector that attaches to a computer and will provide to the youth group. Should that projector be insufficient, the council conditionally approved a motion to provide \$500 to the youth group for a projector. Condition is that the donated projector is inadequate.

- **Brother Bill Butler** relayed the following:

- Parish will have the next BINGO night on 1 April after the 5 PM mass. The last BINGO night had over 70 participants.

- Parish Appreciation Social will take place after the 5 PM mass on 8 April.

- Parish will hold a Trivia Night fundraiser at 7 PM on 6 May.

- First Communion will be 7 May at 7 PM.

- **District Deputy Update: Brother Greg Beck:** Nothing to Report.

- **Brother Edd Hingula** made a motion that the council donate \$500 to support the effort of local churches, that includes St. Francis de Sales, to build a homeless shelter in Leavenworth – Welcome Center for the Homeless. The council passed a motion to donate \$500.

- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for the Bristow family.

- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** reviewed the Corporal Works of Mercy (Feed the Hungry, cloth the naked, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). He encourage council member to perform those acts during the month of Lent.

Knights in Action

Knight and Family of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS: Brother Jacob Gillen Family selected Family of the Month, **Brother Brad Cox** selected Knight of the Month for March.

Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion



Brother Duane Tunic and his wife **Peggy** at it again, sacristan duties prior to mass.



Brother Ron Mazzia, Brother Edd Hingula and **Rob Varney** leading congregation in the recessional hymn.

Leading the Procession



Brother Mike McCoy readies the altar servers and Knights to process in at the start of Corporate Communion mass.



Father Bill and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Brothers Edd Hingula and Jim Scherer perform Lector duties.



Father Bill releasing the RCIA candidates to meet with the Archbishop on their journey to join the Catholic Church and our parish.

Chris Cakes Breakfast



Brother Don Studnicka and Don Portice manning the serving line at Chris Cakes pancake breakfast.

Leading Bible Study



Brother Thad and his wife Tama leading Monday night Bible Study. Many Knights and their wives participate.

4th Degrees In Action – Confirmation



4th Degrees from Assembly 293 and Basehor Assembly supporting Confirmation at Immaculate Conception.



Brother Don welcoming parishioners.

Support to Special Olympics



Brother Gates Brown provides a \$500 check to Leavenworth Special Olympics. Money will be used for new warmups and Basket Ball jerseys.



How many Knights does it take to get Brother Edd ready for Color Guard? At least four.

Council Support to VA Domiciliary



Brother John Twohig accompanied by **Chaplain Sam Sanford** (VA Chaplain) distribute council clothes donations to men and women residence at the domiciliary. Veterans greatly appreciated the support – especially the cowboy boots, black dress and new socks.

Vocation Poster Contest Winners

Theme: Passing on the Faith

1st & 2nd Grade Category
Adalyn Maslowski



3rd & 4th Grade Category
Meghan Felix



5th & 6th Grade Category
Mary Hanley



Mary has won at the council and district level four years in a row.

Brother John Twohig

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