



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834

Monthly Newsletter

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, July 12th, 2017; over 22
Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 6 August, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 9 August 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 (August 2017)

Brother Jim Cunningham

Family of the Month (August 2017)

Brother Peter Im Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 157 Members
- o 76 Associate Members
- o 71 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



Grand Knight Message:

**IT'S A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR! CARPE
DIEM, ONE AT A TIME**

Well here it is! A new fraternal year! As Catholic Gentlemen who all together give of ourselves to fulfill our personal responsibilities to family and friends, we should all recognize there are a number of great possibilities, and lots of opportunities to continue to serve our parish, our communities, our families, and each other over the course of these new 12 months.

One of the foremost we have to ourselves is to make it easier to accomplish the many activities we take on as Knights of Columbus. You are familiar, I'm sure, with the phrase, "Many hands make light work." And so, while we have many hands in our council, we see few, and want so many more that can help make the work light for all.

For those Knights who's hands we don't see often, I invite you to come back to attending meetings. Our business meetings are not

long, and they are each followed by a short social meeting. They are held every second Wednesday of the month, in the Robert Martz Hall. The next one is August 9th.

While it would be wonderful to see a great increase of current Knights at our meetings, we also need new, active, strong members. Most of us are not salesmen, but it doesn't take that to be an example of what a Knight is, and how a Knight acts, and to simply ask another Catholic Gentleman, "are you a Knight?" "Do you know what the Knights of Columbus do?" "Do you know who we are?"

We must try to overcome the stereotype that so many believe about the Knights of Columbus. Do you believe we are a "bunch of old guys who sit around and enjoy a few beers? OF COURSE NOT! Think of all the great works we do. The activities we participate in to help Fr. Bill and the Parish, the communities we live in, and those who need and deserve our help.

This fraternal year, we should find and offer the opportunity to other Catholic Gentlemen to join us, those young men (and those young at heart) who seek to be part of something greater than themselves, who might want to be part of a team of men, who like themselves, are men of our Catholic faith, men of family, and men of patriotism. They are out there. Let's find them and make light our work.

Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner: It was a joy last Sunday, after Communion, to pray for and to bless our new Knights of Columbus officers. Here is the prayer I recited, and I invite you, at least once, to recite it yourself for your new leadership:

Heavenly Father, ask Your blessing upon the chosen Officers of our Council, who will lead and administer the affairs of our Council in the days to come.

Help us to remember that all duly appointed authority stems from You.

And so, too, comes from You /the wisdom to exercise that authority with justice and charity.

Inspire them — and us — to always consult with You when important decisions must be made.

Imbue us with the strength to act always in a spirit of brotherly love.

Grant us the precious humility to acknowledge the ever present possibility of error inhuman deliberation.

Help us to conduct ourselves so as to reflect Your Will at all times in all our endeavors.

Help us to be the finest example of complete dedication to the practice of Christian principles.

We ask Your blessing now upon our Officers:

+ IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Fraternally,
Father Bill



Field Agent Report: Long-Term Care (LTC) is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Brother Dave Soukup
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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 **\$15,601.25**.
- **Grand Knight’s Report: Brother Edd Hingula:**
 - provided awards to the following council members:
 - **Brother Gates Brown:** Certificate and medal for serving as past Grand Knight; and Family of the Year 2016-2017 Fraternal Year
 - **Brother Tom Nowak** Knight of the Month earlier this year
 - **Brother Neal Hanley** Family of the Month July
 - **Brother Don Portice** Family of the Month July
 - 20 year Service: **Brother Otis Berglund**
 - Perfect Attendance 2016-2017 Fraternal Year: **Brothers Gates Brown, Edd Hingula, Jim Scherer, Don Studnicka, Bill Butler, Robert Martz and Teri Yoakum.**
 - Confirmed appointed positions as follows:

Office	Name
Chaplain	Fr William McAvoy
Program Director	Dennis Huffman
Church Director	Jim Cunningham
Vocations Director	Myron Reinke
Community Director	Tom Young
Culture of Life Director	Brad and Mary Cox
Health Services	Mike Keohane
Council Director	Russell Craft
Public Relations	Ron Mazzia
Family Director	Jim Fricke
Youth Director	Todd Giefer
Membership Director	Bob Hall
Retention Chair	Mike McCoy
Lecturer	Dan Ladd

- Will coordinate with **Brother Bob Hall** to identify dates for 1, 2 & 3 degree ceremonies for the first half of the fraternal year.

- Advised council that the Tootsie Roll official dates will be October 13, 14 and 15.

- **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Copy of Catholic Monks Magazine from St. Benectine Abo and request for support, council took no action.
 - American Family Insurance notification of premium amount due in August for council liability insurance.
 - Thank you notes from supported seminarians/sister: **Fr. Michael Guastello, George Rhodes and Sr. Catherine Frances (Daughter Brother Steve Brodersen)** for our continued support.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Discussed need to schedule 1st Degree tentatively for Saturday 12 Aug after the 5 PM Mass. Will work with Grand Knight and District Deputy for a Major Degree (1,2,3) before the end of the calendar year.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing new to report
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Brother Bob Hall reminded 4th Degree members of the 7 PM monthly meeting on Thursday 20 July at Council 900 in Leavenworth.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced conducted sign up for 8 Aug corporate communion. Re-layed to council of a work session on Monday 17 July starting at 0900 to mow the selected areas of the parish grounds

– currently 4 volunteers. Requested council provide to Jeanne Im the dates St. Francis de Sales facilities are required to support KofC events for period of Aug 2017 to Aug 2018.

- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Jim Cunningham** as Knight of the Month for August based on his outstanding efforts as church director, leading many efforts around the parish to include maintenance, repair and grounds of the church and rectory grounds.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to Report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Perter Im Family** as Family of the Month based on their strong support to the parish, council and local community. This include not only official duties with the parish, but also included maintenance and repair work, include lector, EM, AAA and altar servers. Group highlighted Michael's and Andrew's participation as altar servers, along with Pete's frequent submission of pictures and captions for Knights in Action.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** **Brother Bill Butler** relayed the support to the Youth Group's Community Service Project in Osage City the week of 16-21 July. **Brother's Jake Gillian, Bill Butler and John Twohig** will act as chaperons

as well as participate in the religious and work related events.

- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):**
Nothing to Report
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Audit required by August 15th - **Brother Gates Brown** working to calendar.
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
Brother Don Portice relayed plan to schedule a KofC sponsored Chris Cake Pancake Breakfast in late Aug-Early Sep. The date to be determined. Brothers Jim Cunningham and Don Portice will coordinate with Jeanne Im and Sister Josephine to finalize date. Plan is to begin selling tickets prior to the day as well as on the day of the event.

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Jim Scherer** relayed request Leavenworth section of Catholic Charities for a donation to support purchasing of school supplies for needy local families. Similar to last year, the council unanimously approved a motion to donate \$100. Check will be presented to Catholic Charities late this week.
- **Brother Bill Butler** provided an update on local activities impacting the parish and council:
 - Lansing Fall Festival scheduled for October 14 along the Angel Falls walking path. Parish fund raising committee that includes a number of council members will have a booth.
 - Parish Picnic schedule for Saturday 9 Sept after the 5 PM Mass. Council will support as follows:
 - Friday 8 Sep at 6 PM: Move large tables from church basement to Robert Martz hall.
 - Saturday 9 Sep at 4:30 PM: Set up for picnic
 - Saturday 9 Sep during picnic: Grilling
 - Saturday 9 Sep at 8 PM support tear down and clean up.
- **Grand Knight** relayed a request from **Father Bill** to pick up ~39 good used pews donated by St. Gregory parish Merryville KS to St Francis de Sales in memory of FR Bertles. **Brother Bob Hall** agree to organize the effort, and will coordinate with the Parish office.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Beginning of the Fraternal Year with new officers in council, State deputy meeting in New Haven this past week and will provide this fraternal year packets for distribution to district deputies and councils later this month. Requested council leadership attend the 23 July session of state officials in Kansas City to better understand fraternal year requirements. Relayed from Supreme that for the past Fraternal Year the Knight of Columbus overall donated in excess of \$177 Million dollars to charities as well as over 75 Million volunteer hours, both an increase from previous years.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** State achieved the Circle of Honor status for membership; state continuing to push for continued membership drive and increasing number of 1,2,3 degree ceremonials. Packet for this fraternal year to be distributed later this month to the Grand Knights to help inform council

activities, and identified the change in requirements for star council.

- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** Passed on that this month's meeting is good, next month twice as good.



Our new Grand Knight and Brother Jim Scherer performed lector duties.

Knights in Action

Starting the New Fraternal Year on the Right Foot

The 9 July Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion began the Council's Fraternal Year in Grand Style



Father Bill provided the spiritual energy and sage council to the council and . . .



Brother Mike McCoy (as the AAA) leads the procession of Knights at the start of Mass.



Father Bill provided a blessing to the new council officers: "Help us to be the finest example of complete dedication to the practice of Christian principles."

Pro-Life Rosary



Brother John Twohig led the Pro-Life Rosary, over 30 Knights and parish member participating, consider joining us.

Knight of the Month



Brother Jim Cunningham continues to support the church and council is so many ways. Congratulations Jim.

Family of the Month



Brother Peter Im Family

Family of the Month, Peter, Jeanne, Michael and Andrew Im along with Grandma pictured at Peter's retirement last year. Great example to us all of a strong Catholic family and strong supporter of the Parish and Knights of Columbus.

Invasion of the Teenagers



Brother Jake Gillen prepares to transport and chaperon six members (Abby, Vincente, Stephen, Faith, Gabe and William) as part of the Archdiocese Prayer and Action Teams program in Osage City the week of 16-21 July. Brothers Bill Butler and John Twohig will join them as chaperons later in the week. Expect more action photo's next month and check out the July 7 Leaven for an article on this program.

Working Hard in the Rectory Yard



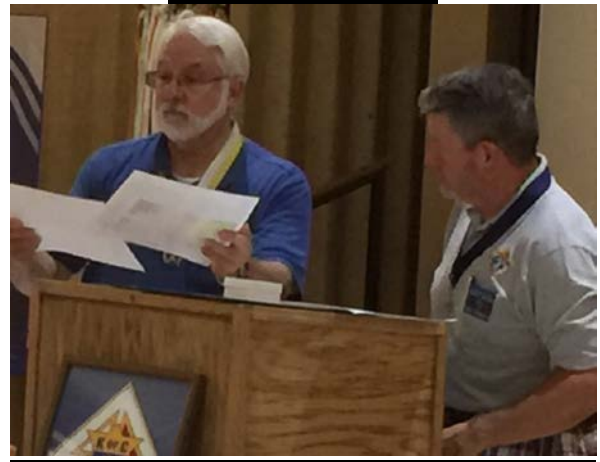
Brothers Bill Butler, Russell Craft, Dave Young, Edd Hingula, Jim Cunningham and John Twohig clear the jungle in the back yard of the rectory. They found a number of golf ball scattered in the yard from errant shots from the Leavenworth Country Club.

Thank you Brother Gates Brown



Grand Knight Edd Hingula presents a pin and certificate to **Brother Gates Brown** in recognition as our past Grand Knight.
“Gates ya done real good.”

Getting Started



Council Financial Secretary Brother Jim Scherer begins the daunting task of training our new **Grand Knight Edd Hingula**.

Perfect Attendance



Grand Knight congratulates **Brother Robert Martz** on another year of perfect attendance. Sir Robert serves as an inspiration to us all. Others recognized for perfect attendance included **Brothers Gates Brown, Edd Hingula, Jim Scherer, Don Studnicka, Bill Butler, and Teri Yoakum**.

Support to Community Meal

Over 430 Meals served this past Thursday.

Brother Bill Butler and his wife Ruth and Don Portice and his wife Denise supporting the Thursday community meal.



Ruth is the chef, plans the meals and organizes the preparation of the meal, Denise helps to include with the serving, while Bill and Don do what Knights do best - clean up afterwards. Many other parish members support with food donations and their time preparing, set up, serving and cleanup.

Seminarians & Novitiate We Support

Continue to keep them in your prayers

Sister Catherine Frances



Sister Catherine Frances is daughter of **Brother Steve and Mary Brodersen** of our parish. SR. Catherine recently returned to the mother houses in Connecticut from St. Louis – where she will complete her final vows this year.

Geoffrey Calvert



Geoffrey was born July 6, 1991; Holy Spirit Parish; St. Thomas Aquinas High School; St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

George Rhodes



George Rhodes was born August 8, 1996, Prince of Peace Parish; St. James Academy; Kenrick-Glennon Seminary; 3rd year; favorite Saint – Saint Peter.

**Please remember to send you
photo's of Knights in Action.-**

*Thanks to all for being a Knight of Columbus
and Keep doing good.*

Brother John Twohig

Editor, publisher, & photographer