



**Lansing Knights of Columbus
Council 10834
Monthly Newsletter
January 2017**

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Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016; over 23 Brothers attended the meeting.

Meetings and Events

- **4th Degree Christmas Party; Robert Martz Hall; 6 PM, Saturday, 17 December after mass.**
- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 8 January, 2017.**
- **Council Better Late than Never social Saturday, 14 January 6 PM, in Robert Martz Hall**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 11 January 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 (January 2017)

Brother Don Studnicka

Summary: Selected based on his proficiency as the Council Treasure, support to the remembrance, pro-life rosary, corporate communion, and to parish ministries that include EM, Usher and lecture.

Family of the Month (January 2017)

Brother Gates Brown Family

Summary: Selected based on Marty's and Gates' significant contribution to our council, parish and local community to include fund raising committee, Christmas Star Program, pro-life rosary, corporate communion, EM, and duties as Grand Knight. Even **Anna and Garrison** help out to include cleanup at the recent Chili-Cook Off, Christmas Star Program and Christmas caroling

Membership: Current membership:

- o 163 Members
- o 85 Associate Members
- o 71 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance
- o Note: Honorary – 2
Honorary for Life - 8



Grand Knight Message: Brother Knights, thanks for a great year. Because of you we were able to raise money to support local area Special Olympics teams with our Tootsie Roll drive, buy two cases of coats for local kids this winter, sponsor the parish vocations poster contest, sponsor the free throw contest, support regional Catholic schools in our county, and countless other causes in our community and

parish. Our council is a great asset to the parish and our community. If you think of anyone who would be a good member of our team, just ask them. Have a Merry Christmas and I am excited to see what we can do for the Church, our parish, our town, and our families next year. **Brother Gates Brown**



Chaplain's Corner: I was very much heartened by the statement of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, right after the 2016 election results were in. He challenged us to find ways to create unity and healing after such a tumultuous political campaign. He proposed six ways where the Catholic Church in the US can grow and promote unity:

First: the renewal of parish life as a true Eucharistic community," with a greater appreciation for the Eucharist as the source and summit of unity, charity and Christian life.

Second: a "renewed evangelization of family life" is needed, "centered upon the calling of every Catholic family to be a domestic church which, in solidarity with other families, would be a source of unity, charity and reconciliation."

Third: Catholics should grow in their devotion to Mary who is the Patroness of our nation, seeing in her a model of "understanding our responsibilities toward our neighbors and for the common good as citizens."

Fourth: a "deeper understanding of those moral principles and issues that are non-negotiable for us as a faith community," which leads to a deeper understanding and application of the Church's Social Doctrine.

Fifth: A greater commitment to authentic Catholic education that forms the entire person at every academic level is also important for Catholic identity.

And sixth: the Church needs "a greater appreciation of the office of bishop as the source of unity for the local church" and deeper communication among clergy, religious and laity.

Our Supreme Knight is calling us Knights to be very mindful and charitably deliberate in expressing and living our our Catholic Faith in a society that is so painfully divided. Let us join Jesus, with His Holy Mother, and each of us be an instrument of God's Peace.

A blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones.

**Fraternally,
Father Bill**

Field Agent Report: Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.



Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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. Brother Scherer will send out Form 1845 to individuals contacted earlier that are 3 or more years in the rears. Annual dues notifications will be sent out after the first of the year to include beginning the process on intent to suspend on those owing 3 or more years dues at that time.
 - **Grand Knight's Report:** Grand Knight provided the following awards:
 - Knight of the Month for December Brother John Twohig
 - 10 year pin, and honorary membership Brother Thad Brzustowicz.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Second Harvest Request – no action taken
 - Focus Support Request – no action taken
- American Family Insurance information request
- Lansing Operation Graduation Request
- Thank you note from Katie Thorne and the Thorne family for the remembrance ceremony that honored the late Brother Francis Thorne
- Note and check for \$25 from the Leavenworth Regional Schools NFL Playoff week 11 3rd place award.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Received application to reactivate membership of J.B. Holtgreffe in our council. He is a current resident of Leavenworth and member of SFDS. He is 1st degree Knight from Tennessee. Council unanimously approved by the council.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Reminded of the 4th degree Christmas Party on 17 Dec after the 5 PM mass in Robert Martz Hall. Bunco, Gift Exchange, bring finger foods, and BYOB.
 - 4th Degree exemplification at Holy Trinity in Lenexa on 18 March.
 - Sir Knight Thomas Johnson, the Faithful Navigator at the Holy Angels Assembly invites current 3rd degrees and their spouse to a dinner at Holy Angels on 29 January (5:30 PM social, 6 PM dinner). They will review the benefits and purpose of joining the 4th Degree. Holy Angels has extended the invitation to our council.

- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Noted that 3 Knights assisted in maintenance on the church by helping to replace the HVAC filters. Announced that Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for January would be held on 8 January rather than on the 1st January. Sing up sheet was passed around.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Don Studnicka** as January Knight of the Month.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Gates Brown** Family of the month for January.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Free Throw contest scheduled for January 22, 2017 at the Lansing Activity Center. Set up at 12 PM, doors open for warmup at 12:30 PM, contest starts at 1PM should be completed by 2:30 PM. Ages 9-14. Will advertise at local school and through church bulletin.
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** Brother John Twohig announced that this year's vocation poster contest theme was "Passing on the

Faith." The contest would start the Sunday of 8 January and conclude ~ 28 February. The council will vote to establish this Fraternal Year winners at the 8 March business meeting. Council unanimously approved a motion to allocate no more than \$125 for prizes (\$25 gift certificate from Soul Supply for each age group) and supplies.

- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Completed and submitted audit.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report.

Old & New Business:

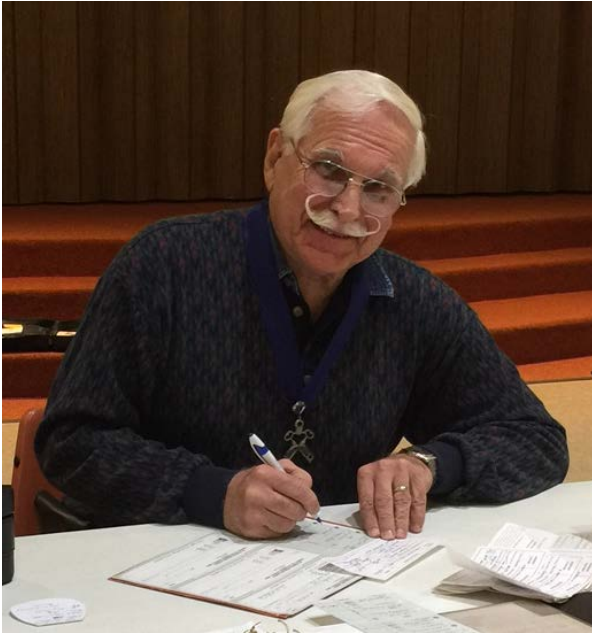
- **Christmas Party:** Grand Knight announced a **Better Late than Never Social** on Saturday, 14 January after the 5 PM mass. Pot Luck and Bunco.
- **Brother Neal Hanley** failed to show up and announce the results of this year's Army Navy Game (as he has done for the past 6+ years). Probably because the score was Army 21 Navy 17. Appears that Marines are good at dishing it out, but not at taking it.
- **Brother Don Portis:** Provided a note announcing the Next Chris Cakes Breakfast on 19 February. Same set up and tear down times
- **Brother Dave Young** confirmed Christmas caroling for 19 Dec at 5:30 PM at Golden Living Center (behind Speedway). Be there at ~5:20PM

- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** simply wished all a very Merry Christmas.

New Portrait of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Knights in Action

Knight and Family of the Month



Brother Don Studnicka following up on financial decisions as our council treasure. Selected Knight of the Month for January.



Father Bill, Sr. Arthel Cline and Katie Frandsen admire the latest addition to the church. The portrait of Mary graces the back of the church and offers hope to those suffering from addictions.

Call To Share



Brother Dennis Huffman and Myron Reinke congratulates **Brother Gates Brown** for being selected Family of the Month for January.



Brother John and Debbie Twohig were selected as honorary Chairpersons for the 2017 Arch-Bishop's Call to Share. Shown with Arch-Bishop Joseph Naumann. He continues to be a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary.

Pro-Life Rosary



Brother Mike Keohane leading the monthly Pro-Life Rosary on 1 December. He strongly encourages all Knights to join us for this monthly Pro-Life event.

Blood Pressure with Brother Mike



Brothers Al Bowen and Brad Cox laugh along with **Brother Mike** over **Brother Edd Hingula's** explanation of how he maintains a low blood pressure (avoids Mike).

Christmas Wishes from Brother Robert Martz

Enjoy Donuts & Blood Pressure Check



Knights Bill Butler and Jim Cunningham supervise Alice Keohane doing all the work and the 1st Sunday donuts.



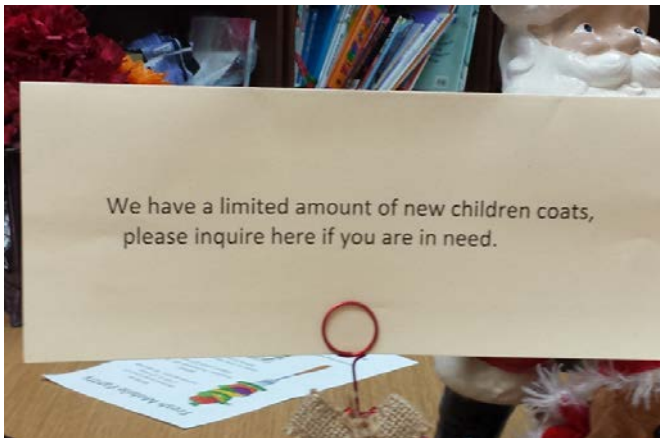
Enjoying the Donuts



Brother Gene, Ena & Ada Young and Brother Jim Fricke enjoying each other's company over a cup of coffee and donut.

Brother Robert Martz with Brother Don and Mary Theresa pose for a Christmas picture. Brother Robert wishes all the Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

Winter Coates for Catholic Charities



For many years our council has contributed two cases of winter coats to Catholic Charities for distribution to local youth in need of a warm winter coat. Grand Knight Gates Brown represented our council, presenting two cases again this year.

Supporting Church Maintenance



Brother Bill Rettele, Brady Cummins, Brother Jim Cunningham and Brother Dave Young brave the cold to help with changing HVAC filters on the church roof last week. Thanks for keeping our Advent and Christmas celebrations warm and comfortable.

Brightening Christmas at Golden Living



Over 20 Knights and family members lead residence of Golden Living in a round of Christmas Carols. Note that Ada Young supervises the carolers and helps keep Brothers Mike, Gene, Tom and Dave under control. Residence commented on the improved quality over previous years (thanks to Ada).

KofC Mount Calvary Cemetery Recognition Program

Brother Neal Hanley continues to mature the council's efforts in recognizing veterans buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. He authored a recent articles about **Army Veteran Frank Young** (SFDS) who fought in WWI with the tank corps. He is the father of **Brother Gene Young**. The second article was about **Elmer Martz**, father of **Brother Robert Martz**. Elmer also served in WWI with the Auxiliary Remount Station 319th.

Articles Follow

Veterans' recognition — Frank Young



By **NEAL HANLEY**
Special to the Times

Francis Thomas (Frank) Young was born March 13, 1884, in Litchfield, Kansas.

He was the son of Thomas and Margaret Jane Young.

Coming to Lansing with his parents from Pittsburg at the age of 14, he had lived in Leavenworth County for 64 years.

At the age of 34, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Tank Corps in World War I.

He received his training at Camp Colt, Pennsylvania, and was honorably discharged at Camp (later Fort) Dix, New Jersey, where a newly breveted Maj. Dwight David Eisenhower signed his discharge papers on Dec. 6, 1918.

On May 12, 1920, at the Old Cathedral, he married Miss Edith Westhorpe.

He was a member of the St. Francis de Sales Church of Lansing.

He was employed at the Kansas State Penitentiary for 44 years as a hoisting engineer and custodial officer.

Frank T. Young, died on Feb. 6, 1963.

He was 78 years old. He is buried in Section 15 at the northeast corner of Mount Calvary Cemetery, 1011 N. DeSoto Road

Veterans' Recognition

Elmer A. Martz

Elmer A. Martz was born February 19, 1895 in Lafayette, Indiana. He was the son of Joseph Jacob and Leanna Snyder Martz.

On March 29, 1918, at the age of 22 he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fowler, Indiana and served in the Auxiliary Remount Station No. 319 during World War I. He was honorably discharged June 9, 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky.

On April 15, 1926 in Lansing, Kansas, he married Miss Agnes Matera from Great Falls, Montana. She was a member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish.

Elmer A. Martz, died on May 4, 1973. He was 78 years old. He and his wife Agnes are buried in Section 2, Block 6, Lot S1/2-58, Mount Calvary Cemetery, 1011 N. DeSoto Road.

Prayer for Service Men and Women this Christmas



This Christmas take time to thank and pray for our service members worldwide, use our monthly prayer or perhaps the following:

Almighty God

***We stand before you in supplication,
Asking Your Divine mercy and protection,
To envelop with Your invincible armor,
Our loved ones in all branches of the service.***

***Give them courage and strength
Against all enemies,
Both spiritual and physical,
And hasten their safe journey,
Back to their homes and families.***

***If it be Your Holy Will
That they be gathered to Your bosom,
With the eternal vanguard of the saints,
Let their journey to Your everlasting arms
Be swift and painless,
Where they may stand in honor and glory,
Praising You for all eternity.***

Amen.

*May the most you hope for this Christmas
and in the New Year . . . be the very least
you receive.*

Brother John Twahig

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