



## Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834

### Monthly Newsletter

June 2017

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Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight  
on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017; over 23  
Brothers attended the meeting.

#### Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 4 June, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 14 June 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 (June 2017)

Brother Dave Young

#### Family of the Month (June 2017)

Brother Jim Fricke Family

#### Membership: Current membership:

- o 157 Members
- o 78 Associate Members
- o 72 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



**Grand Knight Message:** We had the Knights of Columbus State Convention in Topeka on the first weekend in May. One of the themes of the convention was the need to focus on our families. We need to ensure that the Knights is a welcoming place for men with young families to join. I am interested in any ideas you have about what events you think would support this outreach. Last month, I discussed a community service project and I am happy to report that Jim Cunningham reached out to the city of Lansing and they are going to provide us with a list of possible homes that we can help. This will include mowing the lawn, light yard work, and other light repairs. The purpose of the effort is to help us give back to the community and enjoy a day of working with our brother Knights. We will have more information next meeting and will start to talk about specific dates to work. As always, I am honored to be your Grand Knight. **Brother Gates Brown**



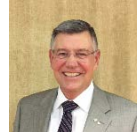
## Chaplain's Corner:

One of the perks in being a priest is getting a life-time membership in the Knights of Columbus. Being part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world is a wonderful thing, and I treasure my membership in the Knights for many reasons. Among those reasons is the sincere respect Knights pay to the clergy as instruments of God's care. The Knights were founded by a parish priest, Father Michael McGivney, who sought to make sure the Knights put their faith into action as a hallmark of the Order's identity.

Every priest knows he can rely upon his brother Knights. If there is a special project to be done, or a regular program to be conducted, he knows that mission is in good hands. The Knights help the priest in his mission to strengthen family life, promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacraments, defend life, encouraging recitation the the Rosary, promote vocations, and provide assistance to those in need — even those who are not members of the Church.

Thirty years since being ordained, my admiration for the Knights has only increased. I am awe-struck by the devotion of you, my brother Knights, for your generosity and willingness to assist me. So a big part of my prayer of thanksgiving as I celebrate three decades of Priesthood is gratitude for you. May God continue to bless you all, and through Father McGivney's intercession, may many more men step-up and become part of this great Catholic brotherhood.

**Fraternally,  
Father Bill**



## Field Agent Report: Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers — even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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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 \$6,426.90. **Brother Scherer advised** that notifications to suspend were received by Supreme.
- **Grand Knight's Report:** Takeaway from State Convention: Must stress to our younger men in the parish that the KofC offer a great way to get involved in the parish – Knights are involved in all parish ministries, committees and activities.
  - Awarded Family of the Month for May 2017 **Brother Bill Butler Family**
  - 2 Council received the following certificates from Supreme: Culture of Life Program 2016-2017 and Pennies from Heaven Program 2016-2017
- **Correspondence:**
  - Brother Jim Scherer received notification that his three year term as Financial Secretary would be completed in ~90 days and would require reappointment by the Grand Knight and Trustees.
  - Council received requests for funds from Focus, Catholic Charities (Breaking Bread) and St. Benedict's Abbey, and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality. No action was taken.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Council unanimously accepted the reapplication of **Brother Christopher S. Channell** of Lansing into our council, he has been out of the KofC since 1994.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing new to report
- **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Contact **Brother Bob Hall** if you want to attend an upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification in November in Topeka.
- **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 4 June and passed around the signup sheet. He thanked **Brother Terry Yoakum, Dave Young, Russell Craft and himself** for the mowing of the church grounds several times over the past month **Brother Edd Hingula thanked Brothers Mike Keohane and Jim Scherer** for taking his place at Corporate Communion – as he was at the State Convention.

- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Dave Young** as Knight of the Month for the month of June based on his consistent support of Church, rectory repairs, mowing and other church activities.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Jim Fricke Family** as the Family of the Month for June for their continued support to parish committees and ministries. Most recently the support to the Trivia Night and fundraising committee
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Nothing new to report.
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Standing Committees:** **Brother Dennis Huffman** discussed the fund raiser in the fall. It will no longer be Halloween Party but a Tasting Fair / silent auction Fund Raiser tentatively schedule for 14 Oct 2017. Asked everyone to help with auction items..
- The Grand Knight discussed the City of Leavenworth home repair project. Originally understood it to be focused on Lansing. Council will support a Lansing focused effort and allow Council 900 to support Leavenworth. Brother Jim Cunningham will approach City of Lansing reference their intent for a similar project and report back to the council.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** highlighted that the detailed council E-Filing report 990N to meet IRS requirements for our tax status has been submitted.
- Council conducted elections for Fraternal Year 2017-2018. Election Results follow.

Elected Officials	
Office	Name
Grand Knight	Edd Hingula
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike McCoy
Chancellor	Myron Reinke
Recorder	John Twohig
Treasurer	Don Studnicka
Advocate	Russel Craft
Warden	Don Portice
Inside Guard	Jack French
Outside Guard	Mike Keohane
Trustee 1 year	Duane Tunik
Trustee 2 year	Dennis Huffman
Trustee 3 year	Gates Brown

- The Grand Knight completed submission of the council for the Columbia Award.
- **Brother Robert Martz** announced the disposal of his property at 203 E. Carrol, Lansing through an online process and physical auction run by Lindsay Auction & Realty Service. Information to be posted in local papers and at the firm's web site.

### Old & New Business:

Anticipate on line portion will begin starting 25/26 May and conclude on 20 June at 6 PM. Auction of the property will take place at the 203 E. Carrol location on 21 June at 6 PM. Link <http://www.lindsayauctions.com>.

- Rosary honoring the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima will take place on Saturday 13 May at 12 noon at St. Joseph's in Leavenworth.
- **Brother Bill Butler** thanked those who supported the Trivia Night fund raiser. Raised over \$1,200 for the Parish. Thanks to the fund raising committee for a great effort. Council members on the committee include **Brothers Butler, Fricke, Hanley, and Twohig**.
- Council unanimously approved sending the 2nd installments of support to the three seminarians and one novice we support. Each will receive \$250 for a total of \$1,000.
- **District Deputy Update: Brother Greg Beck's** second to last meeting as District Deputy. Thoughts from convention:
  - Great KofC activities across the state of Kansas- however need for new and younger members.
  - Next 2nd & 3rd Degree Sunday 21 May at St. Agnus Parish
  - 4th Degree November in Topeka
  - Convention stressed formalizing activities that enhance building the domestic church with focus on the family.
  - Aging KofC population. More Knights over 80 that between the ages of 20 to 40.
- Find a way to support young families and Knights of Columbus.
- Work to connect with younger members to get new ideas.
- Our candidates for Knight and Family of the year won at district and competed at state. The state winners appeared to be better-rounded because their packet covered six areas Church, Community, Council activities, Youth, Family and Culture of Life. Additionally they were involved in some sort of construction project for the parish.
- **Field Agent Report:** Provided insights from the annual state convention:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree discussion reference support to military chaplains. KofC providing funds to encourage potential seminarians to agree to serve in the military after ordination and a three year stay in their diocese. Funds would pay for half of the cost of the seminary in return for 3-5 years of military service – requires release by the Bishop. Intent is to address the significant shortfall (300 of 800 required) military priests.
  - KofC continue to be a major contributor to the Syrian relief efforts by donating over \$14M through Catholic Charities. Please continue supporting.
  - Council has exceeded our insurance quota for the fraternal year.
  - Significant increase in seminarians in the state of Kansas – currently 104. We are headed in the right direction.
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for two members of the council in distress.

## Annual Elections

- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** asked how many KofC in the State of Kansas? Answer ~38K. Highlighted that at the State Convention, Brother Jim Scherer was recognized by a number of state officials for the timely, accurate and complete reporting of our council activities & report submissions. Encourage all to be aware of state legislation and emerging bills that impact abortion. Need to ensure we engage our representatives and senators with our guidance on pro-life.

### *Knights in Action*

### Happy 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sir Robert Martz



May the most you hope for on your 86<sup>th</sup> birthday be the very least you receive.



**Brother Robert Martz** enjoys a piece of his birthday cake

### **Grand Knight**



**Edd Hingula**

### **Chancellor**



**Myron Reineke**

### **Treasurer**



**Don Studnicka**

### **Warden**



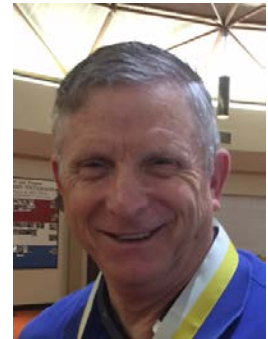
**Don Portice**

### **Deputy Grand Knight**



**Mike McCoy**

### **Recorder**



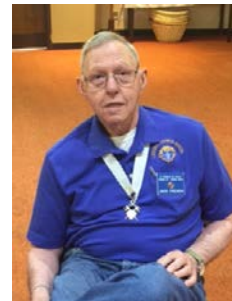
**John Twohig**

### **Advocate**



**Russel Craft**

### **Inside Guard**



**Jack French**

**Outside Guard**



**Mike Keohane**

**Trustee 3 Year**



**Gates Brown**

**Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion**



Church just prior to the Start of the Pro-Life Rosary



**Brothers Mike McCoy (AAA), Duane Tunink and his wife Peggy (Sacristans) prepare for Corporate Communion.**



**Brother Mike Keohane leading the Pro-Life Rosary.**



Approximately 25 Knights of Columbus and parishioners attend the Pro-Life Rosary, consider joining us.



**Father Bill** in the prayer before the mass with **Brother Jim Scherer (lector)**, and **EMs Peter Im and Mike Keohane (better side)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Blood Pressure Checks**

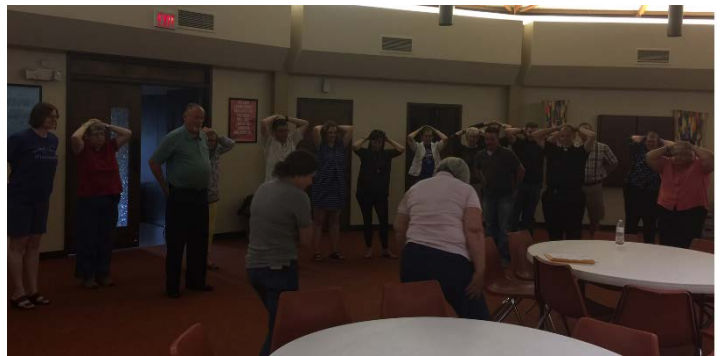


**Brother Jim Fricke (family of the month)** has his blood pressure checked before enjoying a donut. The council's Health Services Advisor **Brother Mike Keohane** provides his expert advice: "everything in moderation except moderation."

**Trivia Night – Parish Fund Raiser**  
**Over \$1,200 raised to support SFDS**



**Brother Bill Butler** explaining the rules for Trivia Night.



Between rounds **Ruth Butler** led games of "heads or tails" and "dead or alive" to add additional excitement to the evening. A good time was had by all.



**“Three Mowers of St. Francis de Sales”**



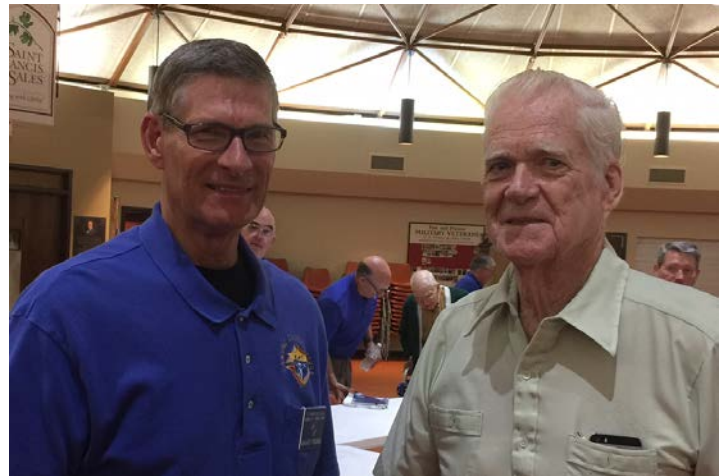
They may not be pretty, but they sure make the parish grounds look good. **Brothers Russell Craft, Dave Young and Jim Cunningham** getting ready to cut some grass.



**Russell and Dave** admiring their handy work “we done real good.”

**Knight of the Month**

**& proud Papa**



**Brother Dave Young** is congratulated for being selected Knight of the Month by **Brother Gene Young**

**Family of the Month**



**Brother Jim Fricke and his wife Jeannette** selected Family of the Month.

*Brother John Twohig*

*Editor, publisher, & photographer*