



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

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

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 5 March, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 8 March 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 (March 2017)
Brother Tom Young**

**Family of the Month (March 2017)
Brother Bill Butler Family**

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

**Family of the Year (2016-2017)
Brother Gates Brown Family**

Membership: Current membership:

- o 161 Members
- o 84 Associate Members
- o 70 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance
- o Note: Transfers Out – 3



Grand Knight Message: Brother Knights, I know it is still cold outside but it is not too early to start thinking about elections this summer. We are

going to start building a roster of officers for the next fraternal year. I want to ask that you consider serving as an officer if you have not done so yet. We need leadership in the Council and your efforts will help us continue our charitable mission in the parish as well as support the broader Knights of Columbus charitable activities. If you want to serve as an officer please let me or Edd Hingula know.

Brother Gates Brown



Chaplain's Corner: Almsgiving

LENT is rapidly approaching, and almsgiving is one of the pillars of that season of penance. Almsgiving simply means to give

mercy, to give charity. It means to give over and above what you're giving now. People come into our life and situations become apparent when our Christian response should be giving alms.

As a parish we're taking on a special project of almsgiving: raising funds to help build the Leavenworth Interfaith County of Hope new facility at 3rd and Kiowa. This building will house a larger homeless shelter, a day center, and the rooms for Welcome Central.

Special envelopes will be available throughout Lent, and you will also be able to give online via the parish website.

Please plan now to join in this important effort. Let's all give alms generously to help our homeless neighbors find shelter in a safe, warm place.

**Fraternally,
Father Bill**



Field Agent Report: Ask Eligible Men to Join March is Recruitment Month

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks

for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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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):** 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 \$18,215.58. Brother

Scherer continues to work suspensions and intent to suspend notifications for those delinquent members who showed no intent to remain in the council. Identified that the process will begin for 4 other delinquent members. Identified that there are still a number of council members who have not yet paid 2017 dues.

- **Grand Knight's Report:** Announced that as part of a Patriotic pillar of being a Knight of Columbus, the council would begin collecting men's and women's clothing at subsequent monthly council meetings to be provided to the domiciliary at the Leavenworth VA. Residence at the domiciliary often arrive with just the clothes on their back. Knights are requested to bring good used clothing on hangers to the next council meeting. The council will then deliver to the domiciliary that weekend for distribution.

- Awarded the following certificates:
 - Knight of the Month for February – Brother Russel Craft
 - 5 Year Certificate - Brother Mike McCoy
 - 20 Year Certificate – Brother Larry Vanderhoff
- Announced the upcoming election for officers and asked that Knights consider volunteering for a council position.

- **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Thank you note from Bethany Prison Ministry
 - Thank you note from Birth Right

- Thank you note from Deacon Michael Guastello, and Seminarian George Rhodes for our semi-annual support
- Thank you note from Lansing High School for donation to operation graduation.
- Letter cataloguing the 2016 donations to Leavenworth Catholic Schools
- Focus Support Request – no action taken
- Abbot Table request from Benedictine College
- Thank you note from Knights of Columbus Catholic Relief Fund \$500 donation
- Letter from Benedictine College cataloguing last year's donations
- Statement from St. Francis de Sales cataloguing last year's donations
- Letter from Leavenworth Catholic Schools ref annual pledge - discussed under old business.
- CASA request for support - considered under new business.

- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.

- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Approved the transfer into the council of Brother Scott Angello from council 900. Scott had been a member of our council previously.

- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**

- 4th Degree exemplification at Holy Trinity in Lenexa on 18 March.
- Monthly 4 Degree meeting will take place on Thursday 16 February at 7 PM at council 900 building.

- 4th Degree Honor Guard will support the 9 February mass celebrated by Cardinal Burke at 9:30 AM at St. Mary's & St. Anthony's Parish.
- **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 5 March and passes around the signup sheet. Agreed to be the coordination lead with the parish for scheduling future council events to prevent disconnects.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Tom Young as Knight of the Month for March** based on his support to parish ministries, parish maintenance and support to his son as a member of the KU nationally ranked basketball team. Brother Tom Young highlighted his main contribution over 20 year ago. The council selected **Brother John Twohig Knight of the Year.**
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Thanked the council for support to the Play Pen contributions for Birth Right.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Bill Butler Family as the Family of the Month for March** for Bill's and Ruth's significant support to a number of parish functions, ministries, community meal, free throw contest and community support. **The Brother Gates Brown Family was selected as Family of the Year.**
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Thanked council members for support to the annual Free Throw contest and recognized **Brother Mike Keohane** for finishing a distant second place in the Senior Citizen age group. See photo of winners in Knights in Action section.
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** **Brother John Twohig** update the council on this year's vocation poster contest theme was "Passing on the Faith." The contest concludes ~ 28 February with voting at March meeting.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Identified the need for an audit the month of February.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** **Brother Don Portice** announced the next Chris Cakes Breakfast on Sunday 19 Feb, set up 7:30 AM concludes by 12 noon. Council passed a motion to pay the required expenses for the breakfast. Brother Mike Keohane also noted that there will be a blood drive on that same day.

Old & New Business:

- **Greenway Auction: Brother Don Portice** requested support for the Greenway Auction on February 25, 2017, between the hours of 4PM to 7PM. You would be assisting Mr. Leo Fink, in the Catered Food Section helping with set up and replacing items as needed on the serving line. If you are interested in volunteering please Contact Donald or

Denise Portice at 913 250-0232 or 913 775-3363 or the Leavenworth Regional Catholic School Development Office at 913 682-6020.

- **Pledge of Support to IMAC: Brother Jim Scherer** addressed the letter from Leavenworth Catholic Schools reference our original pledge of \$1,000 per year for 5 years tied to the existence with IMAC. LCS requested a letter letting them know the council motion was tied to IMAC existence and that our pledge is being withdrawn.
- **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 fund raiser at 7 PM on 6 May.
- **District Deputy Update: Brother Greg Beck:** Nothing to Report.
- **Brother Dennis Huffman** discussed plans for council fund raiser. Since parish will run a Trivia Night, Dennis recommended returning to a Tasting Fair dependent upon getting a committee of 5 or more Knights to plan the event to include auction items. To be discussed at the next council meeting.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** discussed the Leavenworth Health Department Initiative to use **SFDS Robert Martz Hall** as

a "Closed Pod for Bio-Hazard Medication Dispensary. The parish asked Mike to determine if the council would support with at least 5 volunteers. Mike received 7 volunteers to help run the facility in case of an emergency that drives the need to activate the Pod in Robert Martz Hall. Mike will help schedule the required training.

- **Brother Ernie Petite** announce the annual CASA Night at the Races fund raiser. Council unanimously passed a motion for \$250, named the horse "Charley Horse," asked Ernie and his wife to represent the council at the event and returned the other two tickets to CASA for resale.
- **Brother Don Portice** recommended the council support Green Way Auction with a donation to \$500, similar to previous years. Council unanimously passed the motion.
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for a number of Knights of Columbus in poor health and on the way to recovery.,
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** relayed Pope Francis message that everyone is welcome to communion, that we are all sinners and encourage the more frequent use of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Knights in Action

Knight and Family of the Month and Fraternal Year Selected



CONGRATULATIONS: Brother Gates Brown and Family selected Family of the Year, Brother Tom Young selected Knight of the Month for March; Brother Bill Butler Family selected family of the Month for March; and Brother John Twohig (wearing the Ugly Patriotic sweater) selected Knight of the Year. Congratulations to the spouses and families for making them look so good.

Congratulations



Brother Tom Young is beaming (like one of his signs) upon being selected Knight of the Month for not only his support of council, parish and community, but also for inspiring his son on KU's nationally ranked football basketball team.

Years of Service Awards



Grand Knight Gates Brown congratulates **Brothers Mike McCoy** (5 years of service) and **Larry Vanderhoff** (20 years of service) on receiving their certificates. Time flies when you are helping others.

Annual Free-throw Contest Winners



Front Row: Girls 9 and under Sadey Meyer; Boys 10 and under Jerod Zimmerman; Boys 12 and under Caden Baragary; and Boys 13 and under Carson Zimmerman. Once again **Brother Bill Butler** did a fantastic job running the contest, some of the Knights helping out

included **Brothers George Harris, Grand Knight Gates Brown and Brother Mike Keohane**. Mike finished a distant second in the senior citizen age group to some short guy from Massachusetts.

Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion



Brother Duane Tunic and his wife **Peggy** perform sacristan duties prior to mass.
Leading the Pro-Life Rosary



Always in proper Knights of Columbus attire,
Brother Edd Hingula leads the growing group of participants in the Pro-Life Rosary.



There are normally about 15 to 20 Knights/family members at the start of the Pro-Life Rosary at 7:30 AM. This rosary has a very powerful Pro-Life Message. The next Pro-Life Rosary is 5 March – consider making the commitment to attend.

As the Knights Go Processing In for Corporate Communion



Brother Mike McCoy serving as Adult Altar Assistant and the Altar Servers lead the procession of Knights and **Father Bill** (also a Knight of Columbus)



Brother Jim Scherer as the first lector is followed by the procession of Knights. Over 20 council members participated.



Brother Mike counseling **Brother Edd** about his blood pressure and the positive effect of donuts, coffee and the Pro-Life Rosary. **Brothers Al Bowen, Gene Young and Bob Riese** agree with Mike.

Refueling after Mass



Brother Bill Butler checks the coffee and donuts after the 8AM mass on the first Sunday. Just like the New England Patriot (they run on “Dunkin Donuts”) our council runs on 1st Sunday Donuts.

4th Degree In Action – Candle Light Vigil 44th Remembrance Roe v. Wade



District Deputy Brother Greg Beck leads 4th Degrees from Leavenworth, Basehor and from state, along with local parishioners and some state congressional leaders in a silent candlelight vigil. Greg relayed “Today we gathered here while the National March for Life gathered in Washington DC. We had a van full of kids from the Fort’s St Ignatius Youth group. They joined with the 5 buses of

College youth from Benedictine College in Atchison. They were greeted for the first time ever by a vice president of the United States, Vice President Pence specifically sent by President Trump to represent him at the Pro-life March. He greeted the marchers saying: "It's the best day I've ever seen for the March For Life."



Greg continued: "So our pro-life work continues and we need to educate and share information with friends and family and neighbors. The good news is that for the 1st time since Roe v Wade the number of abortions in the country has dropped to under a million. On the other hand the total number of abortions in the US topped 56 million in the US in the 44 years of Roe and over a billion worldwide."



After the Vigil, Greg offered the following prayer: "We thank You for the precious gift of human life from our first parents, Adam and Eve and to every human being down the centuries till today.

In Your Divine Providence, You have made us your collaborators in the transmission of this gift and in preserving it from the moment it is conceived till it is transformed into life eternal.

We beg pardon for those who suffocate human life in unborn babies, who eliminate it violently with enmity and hatred, or who suppress it prematurely in the elderly and the terminally ill.

Grant us to cherish human life that we shall always respect and defend it, especially within the sacred shrine of the family where it is born and nurtured. We promise to use the gift of life with gratitude and care at all times and in every place."

Brother John Twahig

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