



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

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight  
on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017; over  
21 Brothers attended the meeting.**

**Meetings and Events**

- **Annual Remembrance Ceremony, Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 5 November, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 8 November 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: From District Deputy – Brother Gates Brown**

**Second / Third degrees within driving range (@1 hour) this Fall:**

- **Sun, Oct 29 in Leawood**
- **Sun, Nov 5th in Topeka**
- **Sun, Nov 12th in Sabetha**

**4th degree**

- **Sat, Nov 18th in Topeka**

**For More Information 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 (November 2017)**  
**Brother Terry Yoakum**

**Family of the Month (October 2017)**  
**Brother Gates Brown**

**Membership:** Current membership:

- o 155 Members
- o 76 Associate Members
- o 72 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



**Grand Knight Message:** I'll keep it short and simple this month. I just want to express my personal gratitude. THANK YOU to all who helped with St. Francis de Sales' participation in the Lansing Fall Festival, our Pancake breakfast and those who've volunteered to work our Tootsie Roll campaign.

The Lansing Fall Festival is a great opportunity for all parishioners to meet members of the Lansing community and show them the goodness of the St. Francis de Sales faith family. I'm glad to know that Knights of K of C council 10834 were part of that.

Our K of C Pancake Breakfasts, on the other hand, are a local event, and meant to present an opportunity for the members of the parish to sit and break bread, (Well pancakes, with sausage, juice and coffee) with each other while we all enjoy the camaraderie. The Council makes very little in the way of funds, but might be earning lots of good will from the parishioners who partake of the fun flipping and catching, or just watching the pancakes that fly.

Then there's the Tootsie Roll campaign, a national drive to raise funds to help support local organizations that provide assistance and opportunities for growth to those who may be less fortunate than us in the way of intellectual development.

All these programs are worthy of our support, and I am proud of how much support we give them. Each of you Knights should give yourselves a pat on the back for what we as a council do for our Church, our council and our community.

Thanks very much to all of you, and please keep up the good work(s).

**Brother Edd Hingula**  
**Grand Knight.**



**Chaplain's Corner:** Brother Knights, October sure is a busy month — filled with so much activity! Kids are working hard in

school and involved in class projects. After-school sports practices, too, keeps the schedule full. The nights become chilly, and the leaves will soon need to be raked. The baseball playoffs are not quite as fun without the Royals. But the undefeated Chiefs! Wow!!

October 4th we remembered the gentle patron saint of the environment and lover of all creation, Saint Francis of Assisi, and we asked his special intercession when we blessed the animals. October 7th was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrating Mary's intercession in saving Europe from Muslim Turks in 1571. October is Respect Life Month, calling us to embrace the dignity and sacredness of all human life. Finally, next week as October ends, we'll have Halloween— "All Hallows Eve," the day before All Saints Day!

It's really a challenge, isn't it, in the busyness of life to keep Christ always at the center? So during these crowded days make sure to carve out some time to pray. Remember to say Grace before meals, and a prayer of thanks after eating. Strive to Live Jesus by becoming the best version of yourself. As the sun sets earlier and earlier, you'll be spending more time indoors, at home. Let that remind you how blest you are to have your home and family, and remember to generously share with others what you have so that all may be warm, and fed, and accepted. May the rest of this busy and colorful month be filled with extraordinary joy and blessings for you and your household.

**Fraternally,**  
**Father Bill**



**Field Agent Report: Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not**

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

**Brother Dave Soukup**  
**Knights of Columbus Agent**  
**Office 913-680-0797**  
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**Council Meeting Highlights**

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective (\$14,689.48)
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Provided detailed report on membership, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. With a final balance of \$15,784.93. .
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
  - **Brother Neal Hanley Family** of the Month for October
  - **Brother Eugene Young** Knight of the Month August
  - **Brother Jim Cunningham** Knight of the Month for August
- **Correspondence:**
  - Archdiocese has established ICare as a new ministry in the Archdiocese that provides developmental opportunities for the intellectually handicapped. They are offering Councils the opportunity to support this new ministry by allocating a portion of the funds raised through the tootsie roll drive. The council will take this up a new business after the funds are distributed by State for this year's drive to determine if we should adjust our traditional allocation of funds.
  - Received \$400 check from Supreme as part of the RSVP Award for support to Seminarians.
  - Thank you note from Catholic Charities for contribution for Back Pack Buddies.

- Supreme (New Haven) provided update ref law suit against KofC ref official supplier for web based support.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **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):** Reminded 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees of remembrance ceremony on 5 November and Veterans' Day Parade for color guard.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Council passed the signup sheet for the Sunday 5 November Pro-Life Rosary, Remembrance Ceremony and Corporate Communion and Pro-Life Rosary.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Tootsie Roll drive completed event at Lansing Home Coming. Sign up list filling out for Friday 13 October and Sunday 15 October at Walmart. On 14 October, will be at Petro-deli. Additionally, will also have representatives at Saturday's Lansing Fall Festival.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Terry Yoakum** as Knight of the Month for October based on his support to maintaining the parish grounds, support to parish ministries and other council, parish and community activities.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected Brother Gates Brown Family as Family of the Month for October based on their support to parish fund raising committee, church picnic, parish ministries and council, assembly and district activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Nothing to report
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Provided insight on the Columbus controversy – and defense of why he is our patron for KofC from recent article.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
  - **Tasting Fair: Brother Dennis Huffman** provided an update on the Tasting Fair fund raiser scheduled for Saturday 20 Jan 2018. Identified current committee members, identified need for additional support, and began to lay out responsibilities and recruited additional members. Additional volunteers still required. Brother Dennis will provide an email update with greater detail and identify where support is need. Need all knights to support. This is our major fund raiser of the year.
  - **Chris Cakes Breakfast Results: Brother Jim Scherer and Don Portice** provided update on Chris Cakes pancake breakfast. Net profit exceeded \$300. Don highlighted how the money will be used to support parish and local needs. Brief discussion on next scheduled breakfast and how to improve participation.

#### Old & New Business:

- **Brother Jim Scherer** provided update on Religious Education Raffle – all funds collected and tickets turned into State.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** provided update on assignment of seminarians for FY 2017-2018. Council will retain Josh and

George. State will identify an additional seminarian.

- **Brother John Twohig** made a motion to support the Parish Chili Cook-Off. Council unanimously approved a motion to provide \$50 to support this parish fund raiser.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** provided update on the annual remembrance ceremony that will be part of the pro-life rosary and corporate communion on 5 Nov. Rosary at 7:30 AM, Remembrance Ceremony at 7:45 AM, Corporate Communion at 8 AM Mass. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Guard. Knight being remembered include: **Brothers Leslie E. Garlington; Frank J Straith; James H. Townsend.**
- **Brother Mike Keohane** relayed that the Bio Hazzard – closed POD plan was passed to the public health department for review and approval.
- **Brother John Twohig** requested support for the Thursday community meal on 12 Oct in terms of clean up starting at ~5:30 PM to 6:15 PM at 6<sup>th</sup> and Osage.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** **Brother Dave Soukup** relayed the KofC was name most ethical Company world wide, there are less than 120 companies identified and very few insurance companies. Insurance program has a significant impact not only supporting Knights and their families but also provide over \$30M annually in charitable contributions.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Awarded the council the Columbian & Founders Award for Fraternal Year 2016-2017. He highlighted that this is member ship drive month and encouraged having a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony this month.

- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** Asked council members to display their rosary and lead the council in prayer for the victim of the Las Vegas Massacre.

## **Knights in Action**

### **Support to Catholic Charities**



**Shelly Barton, Case Manager for Catholic Charities** in Leavenworth accepts two boxes of new, warm winter coats from members of the Knights of Columbus, Lansing Council 10834, to help children who may need to stay warm this winter. Making the presentation for the council are **Edd Hingula, Thad Brzustowicz, Shelly, Gene Young, Dennis Huffman and Mike Keohane.**

## November Knight of the Month



**Brother Terry Yoakum** supports the parish in many ways, to include the heavy mowing on a weekly basis. Congratulations our Knight of the Month.

## November Family of the Month



**Brother Gates Brown Family** selected as Family of the Month - Brother Gates, with Marty, Anna and Garrison provide a great example to us all. Just this past weekend support to fundraiser at Lansing Fall Festival, Chili Cook-Off, Tootsie Roll Drive, and religious education teacher on Sunday. Every step of the way supported by Anna (sewed the Chili) and Garrison (help support the judges). **Congratulations.**

## Monthly Presentations

**Grand Knight** presentations for October

*Knight of the Month*

*Family of the Month*



**Gene Young**



**Neal Hanley Family**

And for August: Knight of the Month



**Jim Cunningham**

## Council Awarded Columbia Award



**Grand Knight Edd** receives from the District Deputy (**Brother Gates**) the council's Columbian & Founders Award for Fraternal Year 2016-2017.

## **Flash Back**



My granddaughter Leona and I remember our time spent with **Sir Robert** at the Soup Kitchen, serving others. Leona not only enjoyed her time with Robert, but has been inspired by Robert to continue community service and as an altar server while the family is stationed in Italy. Who will be the next Sir Robert inspiring our youth?

## **Pro-Life Rosary-Corporate Communion**



**Our Grand Knight Brother Edd** prepares to lead the pro-life rosary. Notice future **Grand Knight Garrison Brown, Brother Gates and Anna** participation. Great way to inspire our youth to pray the rosary.



**Brother Jim Scherer** is a mainstay at Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion. Lecture and EM.



It would not be a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday without donuts and **Brother Mike Keohane's** checking **Ada's** blood pressure.

## **Preparing the Church Grounds Before . . . .**



**Brothers Russel Craft and Dave Young** getting started

..... After



Looking good – finally a picture of Brother Jim Cunningham who leads effort with Dave.

### **Legion of Mary**



A small yet very important ministry for our parish is the **Legion of Mary**. Regular works for the **Legion of Mary** include door to door evangelization, nursing home visitation, prison ministry, teaching RCIA and other religious education classes, visiting new parishioners and parish families with newly baptized babies, crowd contact and distributing Catholic literature, bringing the Pilgrim Virgin statue of the Blessed Mother to houses to consecrate them, and Enthronements of homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Here **Yoshi Bogard (Brother Walter)** and **Deb Twohig (Brother John is auxiliary member)** at Twin Oakes. Multiple time a week they bring the Rosary, communion and with **Fr. Bill** monthly Mass. Please consider joining to expand this parish ministry.

### **Chris Cakes Breakfast**

**Brother Don Portice** continues to organize our semi-annual Chris Cakes Breakfast as a opportunity for parish fellowship



**Brother Jim Cunningham** sells the tickets, the proceeds of which go to such activities and Lansing Project Graduation and Back Pack Buddies.



It takes about 6 to 8 Knights per shift to set up, serve (here **Brothers Mike Keohane and Bob Hall**), clean up and ensure down to the last pancake and sausage is consumed. Thanks to all for the support.



## Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



**“CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES”** The nickname is due to the nature of the fundraiser, in which Knights distribute specially marked Tootsie Rolls in exchange for donations used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, in particular, Special Olympics. It takes a significant number of Knights to man the doors, this year at Wal-Mart and Petro Deli. Pictured here are Brothers Don Portice, Gates Brown, Bill Butler and Mike McCoy engaging the local community, explaining the program and raising funds that are the major contributor to Special Olympics at the State level. Our funds support the Special Olympics of Leavenworth County and Special Needs Advocacy Partnership of Leavenworth.

## Support to Parish Fundraising

The Parish Fund Raising Committee, chaired by **Marty Brown**, led two efforts on 14 October. Each supported by members of the Knights of Columbus who serve on the committee or offer their support during the event.

## Lansing Fall Festival



Our parish booth provide an excellent choice of cookies, brownies, chips, hotdogs and **Ruth Butler’s** famous chili. **Gates Brown** mans the booth with **Elizabeth Bert (Brother Steve Bert’s daughter)** as an ROTC community service volunteer.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off



**Brother Bill Butler** cooks the hot dogs under the watchful eye of **Ruth**. Bill and Ruth have been involved in organizing and running all three cook-offs.

## Great Support



The event was well supported by the parish and local community, we even had three contestants from parishes in Kansas City.

## Here comes the Judge



Our Judges come from the parish and local community. Here **Sister Paul Rose** Announces the winners of the Beef Category.

## Winner-Winner Chicken Dinner



**Ruth Butler** receives the award for best chicken chili presented by **Judge George Harris**, with **Brother Edd** as the MC.

*Edd's one Joke: Why did Mrs. Murphy only put 239 beans in her Chili?*

*One more would have made it two-farty.*

**Sponsors included: Abe's; Luigi's; Ten Penny; Mama Mia's and the Knights.**

## Winners and Judges:



Front Row Left to Right: Richard Chase (Peoples Choice), Ruth Butler (Chicken), Brenda Mortell (2nd Place Beef), Amy Zimmerman (1st Place Beef), Fr Bill, Anna & Gates & Garrison Brown (Spicy but Nice) & Laura Marriott (Vegetarian)

Back Row thanks to our Judges Brother Dan Ladd, Sr. Paula Rose, Aaron Davis, Brother George Harris and Brother Stan Cherry.

**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*