



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834

Monthly Newsletter October 2017

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017;
over 26 Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 1 October, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 11 October 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 15 in Manhattan**
- **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 (October 2017) **Brother Gene Young**

Family of the Month (October 2017) **Brother Neal Hanley Family**

Membership: Current membership:

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



Grand Knight Message: Here we go again! It's a very busy time of the year, but aren't they all?

With school starting back up and all the events from sports to parent-teacher conferences to theater and/or music performances, to fundraising activities. Then there's family visits to be planned for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays, whether you're doing the traveling or the folks are coming to visit you.

Then there's parish activities like our recent parish picnic. Many Knights were out there

supporting our parish to make it a good time that was had by all. My personal THANK YOU to each of you for your work, and especially to all the wives who contributed their efforts.

There's still all the excitement of planning, practicing, and participating or attending special liturgies that will be coming up. At least one of our Brother Knights is already hard at work putting lights on trees that will help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. We all have a lot of tugs on our sleeves to help do this or help do that, and we all try to make good decisions about where to contribute our time, talent, and treasure, especially at this time of year, and more so in the season not too far in the future.

Our Knights of Columbus council also asks of a little of your time, talent, and maybe a little treasure to help us accomplish our mission(s). We are fortunate in having some really good leadership (not me) in this council, Brother Knights who take on tasks of organizing, planning and executing many of our activities. Some of them are mostly fun, some are perhaps a bit tedious or boring, but all take a just little effort when there's people to do the work. This year as we hear calls from the committee chairs or other Brother Knights to help them, whether in the planning or execution phase, don't be shy. Volunteer to give a little time handing out Tootsie Rolls, or filling in for liturgical ministers, or maybe putting together and delivering food baskets, or putting together our Christmas party and gift exchange. Even further out there'll be a hand needed to move those Christmas trees from the basement to the sanctuary, and still later, the Tasting Fair.

Some would say that we need more people to do these things, and they would be right. So let's start drumming up some help.

New members are always a good source of help to accomplish the many things we do. This October, the K of C wants us to put on a push for new members. Let's be part of that push. If each of you would just talk to one or two guys about becoming a member, we could contribute to the effort.

Thanks again to all of you who work so hard to help so many.

Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner:

I hope you get tired of hearing this and reading this, but I can't tell you enough how grateful I am to the Knights Council #10834.

Just admiring your generous help with the picnic last weekend — we couldn't have done it without you. You give a definite and meaningful service to the parish, and you make me proud to be your pastor and chaplain.

We are all blessed with a very lively parish. We're not large, just 500 households, but we're very active all throughout the year. St. Francis de Sales has a great family spirit, and you, my brother Knights, are an important part of that. Keep up the good work!

Fraternally,
Father Bill



Field Agent Report: Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable

works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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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, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. With a final balance of \$15,062.53. .
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):** Announced the appointment of Brother Ron Mazzia as council historian. He provided awards to the following council members:
 - **Brother Bob Hall:** Knight of the Month of September and 15 Years of Service certificate.
 - **Brother Thad Brzustowicz:** Family of the Month for September.
- **Correspondence:** Council received the following emails from State:
 - In order for State and councils to qualify for Circle of Honor and Star Council – must ensure safe environment for the fraternal year by Grand Knight and Youth Director completing required training and for youth director completing an Knights of Columbus background check.
 - Grand Knight will receive packet on youth protection that will provide requirements that must be completed.
- **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 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Discussed the 4th Degree Exemplification to be held 18 November in Topeka. And relayed that the Assembly 293 Color Corps would support the 19 September Silver Rose Prayer service at Holy Angles Church in Basehor.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Council reminded that the sign-up sheet for the Sunday 1 October Corporate Communion and Pro-Life Rosary was completed at the August meeting and will be sent out the week prior to the event.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Tootsie Roll weekend will be Friday 13 October and Sunday 15 October at Walmart. On 14 October, will be at Petrolini. Additionally, will also cover the 29 September Lansing Homecoming football game. Brother Tom Young initiated a sign-up sheet and we will email to council members to ask for volunteer to fill up the time slots.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Gene Young** as Knight of the Month for September based on his multiple efforts in support of the Knights, Parish and local community such as support to Flag Day, pro-life, corporate communion, and many community activities and support organization. (Also has had to put up with Tom and Dave all these years).
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Holy Angles in Basehor will conduct a “Silver Rose Prayer Service” on Tuesday, 19 September at 7 PM. Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. It has been linked to the our culture of life terms referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe – One Life, One Rose Program. Consider attending, anticipate the 4th Degree Color Corps will support.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Neal Hanley Family** as Family of the Month for October based on their support to parish fund raising committee, church picnic, parish ministries and community activities to include pet shelter. Members stressed the contributions of Diana and Mary were the major contributing factors for this selection.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Council will be responsible for the district free throw competition on 28 January and must conduct the council competition prior to district level. **Brother Todd Giefer** was not present, and needs to be notified.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** **Brother Myron** encourage council members to join the parish bible study program on Monday evenings at 6 PM. Currently studying the gospel of Matthew and will start a 20 week program in January on the Acts of the Apostles.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report

- **Report of Standing Committees:** Chris Cakes breakfast is confirmed for 8 October, need assistance for set up at 7:30 AM, help serve and clean up throughout the morning – completion time projected to be ~1130 AM. Council unanimously passed a motion to provide a check to pay for the Chris Cakes breakfast costs.

Old & New Business:

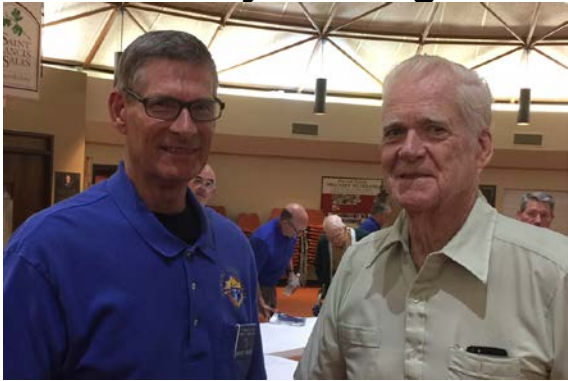
- **Grand Knight** confirmed coordination with **Fr Bill** to take no further action reference moving the pews until he completes his assessment. Brother Mike Keohane withdrew his previous motion from the August meeting reference funding the movement of the pews.
- **Grand Knight** reported that the KofC Supreme is pushing a membership drive this fall. **Fr. Bill** indicates he will support. **Grand Knight** will get with **Brothers Bob Hall and Thad Brzustowicz** to set up the membership drive.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** discussed status of Seminarian support. He contacted with State. Still waiting for final list. **Brother Jim** indicated our intent to continue support for **Sister Catherine Frances** (Brodersen) and desire to retain **Seminarian Geoffrey Calvert and George Rhodes** along with one other seminarian.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** advised council of status of State Religious Education Fund Raffle Tickets. Council received 9 tickets. Council unanimously approved a motion to purchase 5 of the 9 tickets (total of \$500). Three were purchased by individual council members. One

ticket will allow 5 council members to go in on a group ticket for \$20 each.

- **Brother Bob Reese** made a motion to provide \$500 to Supreme or the Hurricane Relief Fund. Motion was unanimously passed.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** discussed the Catholic Charities Coats for Kids Campaign. Council unanimously passed a motion to spend not to exceed \$500 on two cases on children's coats. one case of boys and one case of girls coats.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Noted that the possibility that the Fort Leavenworth council will tag along with our councils free throw contest this year to include providing volunteers to support the event : Nothing to Report
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** checked to ensure member had in their possession their rosary.

Knights in Action

Monthly Meeting



Brother Dave Young congratulates his father **Brother Gene Young** for being selected Knight of the Month for October.



Grand Knight presents Family of the Month for September to **Brother Thad Brzustowicz**.



Brother Neal Hanley – Knight of the Month for October (photo not from post office)



Brother Jim Scherer, Past Grand Knight & Financial Secretary, presents “20 Years of Service” certificate to **Brother Otis Berglund**, at his home.



Grand Knight presents Knight of the Month (September) and 15 year Service certificates to **Brother Bob Hall**.

Pro-Life Rosary-Corporate Communion



Brother Mike Keohane assists our beloved **Brother Robert Martz** to the September 3rd Rosary and Corporate Communion.

Preparing the Church Grounds Before



Brothers Russel Craft and Dave Young hard at work.

. . . . After



Looking good for Church activities and Lansing Fall Festival.

Support to Community Meal



Brother Knights Tom Novak, Pete Im, Jim Fricke, Steve Brodersen, Thad Brzustowicz, Ron Mazzia, and Mike Keohane line up serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the September 3rd Corporate Communion.



Nearly 500 meals served on 14 September, consider supporting next month.

Parish Picnic



Brothers John Twohig and Ron Mazzia manhandle an ornery "portable" lunch table, wrestling it down the sidewalk and out onto the grass to serve as a picnic table for our St. Francis de Sales parish picnic.



Brother Mike McCoy makes his way through smoke from the grill to "supervise" as other knights are burning burgers and heatin' up hot dogs – guess **Fr. Bill** could stand the heat nor Edd's jokes any longer.



Brothers Bill Butler, Bob Hall, Don Portice and Edd Hingula under the watchful eye of **Father Bill**.



Great Food, Great Fellowship, Great time had by all. **Brother Walt Bogard and his wife Yoshiko** sampling deserts.



Brother Jim Fricke and his wife Jeannette selling 50/50 tickets, Jim is a member of the parish fund raising committee.

And the Lucky winner is . . .



St. Francis de Sales that split over \$1,000 with the lucky winner.

Brothers Bill Butler and Jim Fricke announce the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Ticket drawn by **Fr. Bill**.

**St. Francis de Sale
“Pickle Ball Ambassador”**



By the end of the evening, **Brother Mike Keohane** declared himself the St. Francis de Sale “Pickle Ball Ambassador” – a legend in his own mind. This simply means he gets to set up the court at next year’s picnic.

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 Twahig

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