



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter April 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 24 Brothers at-
tended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. to ~11:45 a.m. 13 March 2016. Roberts Martz Hall.**
- **Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 3 April, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 13 April 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **4th Degree Exemplification: Saturday, 16 April at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leawood, KS (see attached flier)**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: Sunday 10 April Major Degree - District 6 - Host: 3020 - Location: Kansas City**
Go to <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click on the calendar for detailed information.

Knight of the Month (February)

Brother Bill Butler

Summary: Selected based on his continued efforts in support of church activities, conducting annual Free Throw competition, and support to the 4th Degree activities.

Family of the Month (February)

Brother Ron Mazzio Family

Summary: Selected based on the couples continuous support to the parish to include their decorating the Church for the Lent period.

Membership: Current membership:

- o 160 Members
- o 84 Associate Members
- o 69 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance

Note: 4 new members, 1 suspension and 1 death from last report.

Reminder from previous Newsletter

- **Capital Campaign Pledge:** Please consider renewing your pledge. Additionally, anyone wishing to provide a donation or initiate a pledge should contact the parish office. 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. Saint Francis de Sales is a registered with the charity and members are asked to sign up for the opportunity. Parish has established a similar program with Dillon's.

Council Meeting Highlights



Grand Knight Message (Brother Gates Brown): Congratulations to **Brother Bill Butler** (Knight of the Month) and **Brother Ron Mazzia** and his wife Nancy (Family of the Month). Like previous Knights and

Families selected, it is not only a way of recognizing contributions to our council, parish and local community, but also provides a great example of how a Catholic Gentleman and a Catholic family lives our faith. Or as Father Bill would say, "lives Jesus". Several important events upcoming that require your support: "Chris Cakes Pancake breakfast this weekend (Sunday 13 March); for 4th Degree - marching in the St Patrick's Day pa-

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rade on 17 March; 3 April Council Rosary/Corporate Communion; and the 16 April 4th Degree Exemplification and Knighted into the Order. Details can be found in the bulletin. Additionally, annual elections occur in May. Request you consider how best you can serve the council by volunteering for one of the leadership positions. The combination of long time members and new blood provides the proper mix of tradition and new ideas to maintain a viable and vibrant council. Thanks for all you do to grow and strengthen our council and parish. **Brother Gates Brown**

- **District Deputy:** Nothing to Report.
- **Field Agent Report:** Nothing to Report
- **Financial Secretary (Brother Jim Scherer):** Reported we have 160 members – with four new members, one suspension and one death (passing of Brother Francis Thorn). He provide a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
- **Presentations:** The Deputy Grand Knight presented Knight of the Year to **Brother John Twohig**, highlighting the importance of this award for the council.
- **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Thank you note from St. Benedict's Abbey for earlier \$100 contribution to their fund raiser.
 - Thank you note from Katie Thorn and \$200 donation to the council for our support to the family and Brother Francis Thorn's funeral. Donation was distributed as follows: \$50 to Pro-life fund; \$50 Pennies from Heaven; and \$100 to Seminarian fund.
 - Request to support CASA's annual fund raiser that was considered under New Business.
 - Continued to receive requests from Second Harvest – not acted upon.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob**

Hall): Nothing to Report

- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Reminder of the 16 April 4th Degree "Degree of Patriotism" Exemplification at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish at the conclusion individuals will be Knighted into the Order. Registration documents and checks must be received NLT 14 March. They are turned into the **Faithful Comptroller Brother Bob Hall**, 123 Parkview Court, Lansing KS. 66043. The Ceremony will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish located at 14201 Nall Ave, Leawood, KS.
 - Relayed the need for 4th Degrees to participate in the annual St Patrick's Day parade on 17 March. Be at assembly 293 NLT 10 AM. Bring can good for distribution to local food pantry. Corn beef and Cabbage after the Parade.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Passed around Monthly Rosary and Corporate Communion sign up.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother Bill Butler** as the Knight of the Month for March based on his continued efforts in support of church activities, conducting annual Free Throw competition, and support to the 4th Degree activities..
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Requested funds from the Pro-Life account be distributed to Birth-rite. Council modified recommendation to increase the donation to \$500. Motion was unanimously approved.

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- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother Ron Mazzio** family of the month for March based on the couple's continuous support to the parish to include their decorating the Church for the Lent period.

- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Brother **Bill** continues to work with Sister Phyllis on recognition of altar servers. Currently considering a bowling outing.

- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Brothers Dennis Huffman provided update on the poster contest. Council reviewed and voted on winning posters for 1-2 Grade, 5-6 Grade and 7-8th grade categories. There was no submission for 3-4th Grade category nor special needs. Winners follow:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Brooke Brown
- 3rd & 4th Grade: No submissions
- 5th & 6th Grade: Mary Hanley
- 7th & 8th Grade: Lauren Howell,

Winners will receive gift certificate from Soul Supply & Hardware and have been submitted to compete at the district level. Note that Mary Hanley has one her category the past three years.

- **Old & New Business:**

- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Successful Audit was conducted on 8 March by the three trustees, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. No issues. Audit report was provided to attending council members for review.
- **Brother Don Portis** reminded the council to support this Sunday's (13 March) Cris Cakes pancake breakfast. Event starts with set up at 7:30 AM through ~ 11:45 AM. Need support from set up through clean up. Need to wear KofC shirt.
- **Brother John Twohig** advised members of a need to have a planning meeting in April/May to prepare for the annual Drawing our major fund raiser.
- **Brother Bob Hall** discussed upcoming elections for council positions and encourage

member to consider to fill leadership positions. Elections will be conducted at the May meeting.

- **Brother Dennis Huffman** made a motion to recognize the 4th Degree Assembly 293 for their support of the Francis Thorne funeral and continued support to parish and local activities as our patriotic degree. The council unanimously approve a donation of \$200 to assembly 293.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** reviewed a request by CASA for their annual fund raiser. The council agreed to sponsor CASA by contributing \$250. This is the Daily Double Sponsorship level. We have done this level since 2012. The council unanimously approved the motion to include naming the horse "Mercy Me".

- **Good of the Order:** Our council Thespian, **Brother Edd Hingula**, requested additional support for the 16 March Stations of the Cross. Council responded by filling all male positions. Brother Edd will work to fill female positions. He also highlighted the need to support the monthly rosary as well as corporate communion based on our commitment to Mary through praying the rosary.

Brother Dave Soukup's **Did You Know?**

(Repeated by popular demand)

When encouraging Catholic Gentlemen to join our ranks, let them know the impact our council and the Knight of Columbus have on our communities. Worldwide the Knights of Columbus accomplished:

CHARITY BY THE NUMBERS

- \$173.5 million donated to charity worldwide annually
- 71.5 million volunteer hours by Knights members annually.
- 644 ultrasound machines provided to

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pregnancy crisis centers in all 50 states to combat abortion at a total cost of over 33 million

- \$4.1 million for the elderly, \$3.1 million for hospitals, \$7.6 million for community projects
- \$47.3 million for catholic schools, seminaries, and church facilities
- \$6.4 million for seminarian support, \$1 million for college scholarships
- \$1.6 million to support Pope Francis personal charities
- \$19.7 million to children with special needs

Knights in Action

2015-2016 Vocation Poster Contest **Winning Submissions**

1st & 2nd Grade Category



Brooke Brown

5th & 6th Grade Category



Mary Hanley

7th & 8th Grade Category



Lauren Howell

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Patriotic Degree Supporting the Archbishop



Brother Bob Hall led 4th Degree Knights in supporting **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann** at this years "Rite of Election" held at Holy Angels in Basehor in February. The Archbishop is a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus and took time to have pictures taken with the Knights and all the individuals and families across the Archdiocese electing to join the Catholic Church.

Please send "Knight's in Action" photos and a brief caption to Brother Twohig for inclusion in future bulletins. We will even consider pictures submitted by Marine Veterans

Knight visits Italy



While visiting Vicenza Italy, **Brother Twohig** (center) had the privilege of being an altar server at the Sunday Mass with his grandkids Leona (former SFDS altar server) and Garrett Sanford.

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