



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter November 2015

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Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on November 11, 2015; 21 Brothers attended the meeting.

Meetings and Events

- **Rosary, Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 6 December, 2015.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Council Christmas Party: Saturday, 5 December, 2015 after 5PM Mass in Robert Martz Hall..**

Knight of the Month (November)

Brother Tom Novak

Summary: Brother Tom Novak was unanimously selected. His efforts to assist the church in much needed repairs and securing a reasonable contract for brick repair were highlighted.

Family of the Month (November)

Brother Gates Brown Family

Summary: Brother Gates Brown family was unanimously selected. Besides Gates role and performance as Grand Knight and support of church activities, the nomination stressed Marty Browns role as head of the fund raising committee and success in running the Chili Cook-Off and Angle cookie sales that generated over \$1,500 for the parish.

Membership: The Council added one new member. Current membership:

- o 161 Members
- o 85 Associate Members
- o 69 Insurance Members

o 7 Inactive Insurance
We had one transfer out of the council.

Reminder from previous Newsletter

- **Capital Campaign Pledge:** Anyone wishing to donate to the church project can send their 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):** Brothers, what a great past few weeks for our parish and the Knights. First of all thank you for your help with the Tootsie Roll drive this year. Your efforts made it a great success, we will be able to donate \$1330.08 from council to local charities: 60% will go to SNAP and 40% to the Special Olympics of Leavenworth. Brother Jim also noted that since the 1993-1994 Fraternal year our council has raised \$59,348.15 with \$40,523.43 going to local charities. Additionally, your support of the 1 November remembrance of deceased Knights was a moving tribute to past Knights and well received by the parish and families of the Knights we recognized. On 11 November a number of our 4th Degree Knights marched in the Veterans Day parade, and as you can imagine, many of the Knights were veterans themselves. This past month our council clearly demonstrated the Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that are the hallmark of the

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Knights. Finally, please make plans to come to the Christmas party on Saturday 5 December after Mass. It will be a great time to socialize, enjoy a great potluck dinner, play bunko, and wrap up the year.

- **District Deputy:** Nothing to Report
- **Field Agent Report:** Nothing to Report
- **Presentations:** Grand Knight presented the Knight of the Month for October to Brother Tom Young.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Council received a thank you note from St. Francis de Sales for our support of the parish "Chili Cook-Off".
 - Council received thank you note from Second Harvest Community Food Bank highlighting our gift "will make a huge impact in the fight against hunger in our community."
- **Committee Reports:** Following committees had nothing new to report: Program Director, Church Director, Chancellor, Youth Director, Culture of Life, and Membership.
- **Church Director:** Brother Jim Cunningham thanked the Knights for support of corporate communion, thanked volunteers for support in servicing the HVAC system in the Robert Martz hall and the church. Identified completed repairs of cracks in the parking lot, ongoing work to repair small cracks in the concrete/brick walls of the church and plans to repair the baptismal font next spring. He thanked Brother Tom Novak for arranging a contracts for brick repair at a significantly reduced and reasonable price. Additionally the sign up list for December corporate communion was passed around.
- **Community Director:** Brother Tom Young confirmed that all Tootsie Roll funds have been

turned in and thanked the knights for their support. Brother Jim Scherer provided a summary of this year's effort noting that State will return \$1330.08 to our council for distribution to local charity. Brother Jim also noted that since the 1993-1994 Fraternal year our council has raised \$59,348.15 with \$40,523.43 going to local charities. The council passed a motion similar to last year where 60% will go to SNAP and 40% to the Special Olympics of Leavenworth.

- **Support to Seminarians:** : Brother Jim Scherer provided an update on continuing to support four Seminarians/Novitiates. After researching the two incoming seminarians from the Leavenworth area, it was determined that they were not recognized in the system by the state coordinator. Brother Jim proposed two new Seminarians to be sponsored along with our continued support to Agustin Martinez and Catherine Brodersen. George Rhodes is a graduate of St. James Academy, comes from Prince of Peach Parish, and is attending Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Michael Guastello is a graduate of St. Pius X, Kansas City, Mo, comes from Sacred Heart Parish in Shawnee and is attending Mundelein Seminary. The council reviewed and passes a motion to add both George and Michael for us to sponsor this year. Additionally, the council approved a motion to send out the semi-annual checks for \$250 to each of our sponsored religious.
- **Annual Remembrance of Deceased Knights:** Brother Mike thanked Brothers Edd Hingula and John Twohig for conducting the 1 November remembrance ceremony as part of the Corporate Communion.
- **Update from Brother Mike Koehane:** Brother Mike provided an update on Brother Robert Martz. Robert is progressing well, appreciates all the card, letters, visits and prayers. Brother Mike also reminded us of the blood drive at St.

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Francis de Sales on Sunday 29 Nov
from 9AM to 1PM.

- **Catholic School Fund Raiser:** Brother Dan Ladd advised the council of a fund raiser for Leavenworth Catholic Schools being conducted by Speedway Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Ally. For every person that test drives a vehicle between 1 and 30 November 2015, Speedway will donate \$50 for every test drive to Leavenworth Catholic Schools. See attached flier.
- **Support to individual in need:** Brothers Jim Scherer, Gates Brown and Neal Hanley discussed the need to support an individual in distress. After significant discussion, the council passes a motion (17 For, 2 Against, 2 Abstain) to provide a one-time donation of \$500 to support the individual. Due to privacy concerns, no other information will be provided.
- **Chili Cook-Off:** - Brother Bill Butler thanked the Knights for the outstanding support of the Chili Cook-Off that generated over \$1300 for the parish.
- **Happy 240th Birthday USMC:** Brother Jack French noted that the USMC was celebrating its 240th Birthday and congratulated the council's Marine veterans. Brother Neal Hanley said he did not feel a day over 230.
- **Requirement for 1st Degree Ceremony:** Brother Tom Young discussed the need to set up a first degree ceremony. Two options discussed: #1 Prior to a monthly Council Meeting and #2 On a non-meeting day focused on not only the ceremonial, but also having a social event and update from the Field Agent. After discussion, a final decision will be made at the December monthly meeting.
- **Support to Prison Ministry:** The council received a request from Catholic Bethany Group that supports the Lansing Prison Ministry program for financial support of their Christmas gift bags for prisoners that lack family support. Similar to last year the council passes a motion to provided \$200.

- **Veterans Day Parade Support:** Brother Gates Brown discussed the 4th Degree Support of the Veterans Day parade. Twenty-two 4th Degrees (many from our council) marched in the parade. Additionally at last week's 4 degree exemplification, three members of our council joined the 4th Degree: Brothers James Fricke, Russell Craft and Al Bowne.
- **Annual Christmas Party:** Council members were reminded on the Christmas party December 5th. It will take place in Robert Martz Hall after the 5PM mass. Enjoy a pot luck dinner (bring lots of good food), compete at Bunco and bring a gift for the "Chinese Gift Exchange" (~\$10 to \$15).
- **Action Photos:**

**Corporate Communion and Remembrance of
deceased Knights at the November Corporate
Communion**



**Brother Bob Riese leading the Knights in the
monthly rosary for deceased Knights & military
serving in harm's way**



**Candles in remembrance of Deceased Brothers
Bill Budd, Leslie Garlington, Frank Strait and
James Townsend.**

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Brother Gene Young processing with the candle in remembrance of deceased Brother Bill Budd.



Gates Brown getting ready to march in the Veterans Day parade



Brother Bob Hall – getting ready to lead the 4th Degrees in the Veterans Day Parade



Council's 4th Degree Knights forming the honor guard as Father Bill processes in at the start of the Mass in remembrance of deceased Knights.

December Birthdays

Still researching.

"May the most you hope for on your birthday . . . be the very least you receive."

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