



# **Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter October 2015**

**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on October 14, 2015; 26 Brothers attended the meeting.**

## **Meetings and Events**

- **Rosary, Corporate Communion & Annual recognition of deceased members of the Council: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 1 November, 2015. This is the annual mass where we recognize Brothers who have passed away recently – 4<sup>th</sup> degree are asked to wear their regalia.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification: Saturday, 17 October, 2015 at Overland Park – Contact Brother Bob Hall.**

## **Knight of the Month (October)**

### **Brother Robert Martz**

Summary: Brother Robert Martz was unanimously selected. Brother Robert was a key player in the success of this year's drawing. Besides his normal good deeds for the parish, he participates in the fundraising committee to include the recent angel cookie fund raiser during autumn in the grove & Chili Cook-off, spent multiple hours for the tootsie rolls, serves as AAA for the weekday masses, and is an overall inspiration to younger Knights of Columbus - which probably means all of us.

## **Family of the Month (October)**

### **Brother Gene Young Family**

Summary: Brother Gene Young family was unanimously selected. He and Ada are mainstays for Birth Right, food pantries, right to life, and 40 days of life. Inspires his sons and daughter – in laws to

do the same. Extended family helps maintain the rectory and parish proper, runs the tootsie roll drive, helps at the church picnic and church choir.

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

- o 162 Members
- o 86 Associate Members
- o 69 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance

There were no new applications for the Council to consider.

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## **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.

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## **Council Meeting Highlights**

- **Grand Knight Message (Brother Gates Brown):** Brothers, first, thanks for your participation in the Tootsie Roll fundraising, it was a great success. I would like to specifically thank Russel Craft and Tom Young for their help in coordinating and supporting that weekend. We were one of the five sponsors for the First Annual Parish Chili Cook-Off on 17 October. Brothers Butler, Hanley, & Twohig were part of the fund raising committee. Brothers Huffman and Young were the MCs, and Huffman even

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won a prize. It was a great event and raised ~\$1,000 for the Parish's maintenance fund. The Christmas party will be on 5 December. We will discuss specifics at the next meeting on 11 November.

- **District Deputy:** Brother Greg Beck informed the Council that 80% of the tootsie roll proceeds would be returned to the Council for us to provide to a local mentally handicap charity of our choosing. He reminded the Council to return funds or tickets for the state religious education program. Brother Greg congratulated and provided the Council the Columbia Award given annually to Councils that meet the requirements in area of programs. He discussed an article in Columbia Magazine covering the KofC annual meeting held in Philadelphia. Brother Gregg attended the meeting and provided a summary to include a discussion of the bishops of Iraq and Syria presenting the challenges facing the catholic faith in that region of the world.
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- **Field Agent Report:** Brother Dave Soukup note that in this month's Columbia Magazine the Knights of Columbus insurance program will grow to over \$1B and that our annual charitable contributions exceeded over \$30M.
- **Presentations:** Grand Knight presented the Family of the Month for August to the Brother Thaddeus Brzustowicz family.
- **Correspondence:**
  - Council received thank you notes for our support provided to Backpack Buddies Program from both the Backpack Buddies Coordinator and Second Harvest Community Food Bank.
  - Council continues to receive requests for additional donations from Focus based on our earlier contribution. Council decided to not support additional requests at this time.

- Received request to support the Mayor's Christmas Tree program this year. Council approved motion to provide \$275 to this program.

- **Committee Reports:** Following committees had nothing new to report: Church Director, Chancellor, and Membership.
- **Culture of Life Director:** Brother Gene Young provided summary of participation in the "40 Days for Life" and announced our participation in the Salvation Army Bell ringing later this year. He will provide signup list next month. Brother Gene also stressed the need to continue support of the local food pantries.
- **2015 SFDS & KofC Drawing:** Brother John Twohig provided a close out report from the SFDS & KofC 2015 Drawing. The fund raiser generated over \$12,000 (50% went to BOR; 50% to KofC). The Council thanked Speedway Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, and discussed briefly areas for improvement for next year. Drawing for next year. Council agreed to have a meeting in Feb/Mar 2016 to develop plans for the 2016 Drawing.
- **Parish Pancake Breakfast:** The event raised ~\$272.33 for the Council and served as a social event for the Parish.
- **Annual Audit:** The audit was completed on 1 Oct 2015, results were passed out to the Council members attending the meeting.
- **Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Catholic Charities:** Brother Bill Butler made a motion to provide up to \$300 in food baskets to Catholic Charities, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Lansing Christmas Tree Program:** Council approved a motion to provide \$275 to the Lansing Christmas Tree Program.

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- **Support to Seminarians:** Council approved a motion to retain the two remaining religious (seminarian & novitiate) and to add two additional seminarians. Names of two local new seminarians were identified. Brother Jim Scherer will work with the State Council to gain approval for a total 4 religious for the Council to support this year.
- **Annual Remembrance of Deceased Knights:** Brother Mike Koehane discussed the November 1 Remembrance Ceremony at the monthly corporate communion. Purpose is to honor deceased Knights. Four candles will be brought forward this year. Council agreed to have the mass dedicated to the 4 individuals and approved a motion to provide \$40 to the parish (\$10 per individual) that is customary for Mass Cards.
- **Chili Cook-Off:** Brother Bill Butler provided update on the Parish Chili Cook off on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Need for volunteers and support to the event. Passed around sign-up sheet and requested support for Friday set up at 6:30 pm and Sat at 4pm. The Council approved a motion to donate \$100 to defer the initial costs of the Chili Cook-off.
- **Bowls and Goblets for the Parish:** Motion to upgrade the pewter goblets and bowls for the parish was discussed and table to the next meeting.
- **Annual Christmas Party:** The Council Christmas party is schedule for 5 Dec as a pot luck and Bunco. More details at the November meeting.
- **Tootsie Roll:** Council raised over \$800 this year – final totals will be presented at the November meeting.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremony scheduled for 7 Nov in Overland Park:** Contact Brother

Bill Hall at 290-0699 for forms and additional information.

- **Veterans Day Parade:** Assembly 290 will participate in the Veterans Day Parade on 11 Nov. Request all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree be at Council 900 building between 9-930 am on that Saturday to participate in the parade.
- **Action Photos:**

**Brother Neal Hanley at a Church Fundraiser during "Autumn in the Grove"**  
Our fallen angel – Sister made him do it.



**Brothers Steve Bert, Gates Brown and Dennis Huffman competing in the Parish Chili Cook-off**



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**Brother Robert Martz – Recovering from Surgery**  
**and doing well – keep him in your prayers**



**November Birthdays**

Billy Miller – 1  
George Grimm – 4  
Gary Bently – 5  
Daniel Gilligan – 14  
Clinton McClain – 17  
Tom Smith – 18  
James Scherer – 19  
Rev Michael Stubbs – 23  
Robert Mock – 28  
Joseph Schafer – 29  
Raymond Sherley -30  
David Gaumer Jr. – 30

*“May the most you hope for on your birthday . . . be  
the very least you receive.”*

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