



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter May 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
Wednesday, April 13, 2016; 28 Brothers at-
tended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 1 May, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 11 May 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: Go to <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click on the calendar for detailed information.**

Knight of the Month (April)

Brother John Karrach

Summary: Selected based on his continued efforts in support of church buildings and grounds – highlighting the beautification of the outside areas in preparation for the Easter celebration.

Family of the Month (April)

Brother Michael Bottary Family

Summary: Selected based on their strong support of parish activities and ministries – Altar Servers and AAA.

Membership: Current membership:

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

Note: No changes 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):

The months of March and early April were extremely busy for the Knights of Columbus. Your strong support to the Parish's Lent and Easter Triduum events made this a spiritually rewarding time. Your contribution in preparing the grounds/church, palms, participation in the choir, lectors, EM, AAA, ushers, sacristans, Stations of the Cross and other areas were very visible. Additionally, special thanks to **Brother Bob Hall** for not only organizing our 4th Degree support to the Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade, but their honoring **Father George Bertles** at his wake/funeral and supporting the St. Francis de Sales Confirmation on 6 April. The success of the Vocation Poster Contest continues with our council winners, winning at district level and continuing on to state. Sr. Josephine's support of our program has help it grow. Special thanks to **Brother Dennis Portis** for making the "Chris Cakes Pancake break-fast the weekend of Sunday 13 March a success. Finally, elections are taking place at next month's

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- meeting (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 (Brother Gregg Beck):** Recommended we all read the reprint in this week's Leaven of a Supreme article reference the abortion debate. It is a very compelling argument and shed light on the issue such as 80% of the US is against unrestricted abortion – much different than what the liberal press would have you believe. He thanked the council for the support over the past month to include the 2nd degree ceremony at St Agnes Parish.
 - **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** For the third year in a row, the KofC Insurance Company was selected as a most Ethical Company in a National Assessment. It is only one of 2 insurance companies of the over 1200 US based insurance companies to earn the award and the only one to receive it for the past three years. The Council has met our insurance quota and only need 2 more new members to achieve this fraternal year's membership goal.
 - **Financial Secretary (Brother Jim Scherer):** Reported we have 160 members – with no change from the previous month. He provide a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
 - **Presentations:** - The Financial Secretary, **Brother Jim Scherer**, provided **other Gates Brown** the framed certificate for Council **Family of the Year** for the 2014-2015 fraternal year. The Grand Knight awarded 10 year certificates to **Brothers Dennis Huffman** and **Duane Tunink**. He awarded the Knight of the Month for April to **Brother Bill Butler**.
 - **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Thank you note from Birthright for our “generous” donation of \$500 and support to the “Annual Baby Shower.”
 - Received requests from St. Benedicts Abby and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital-ity for additional support. Council agree to not consider additional donations.
 - Cordially invited to the Mass of Thanks Giving for the Ordination of **Agustin Martinez Delgado** Saturday 28 May 2016 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City Kansas. He will subsequently celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 Masses on 29 May. 12PM at St. Agnes (5250 Mission Rd, Roeland Park, KS 66205) and in Spanish at 5PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe (134 NE Lake St) in Topeka.
 - **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Application for membership of **Matthew A. Suppes** was unanimously accepted.
 - Transfers to our council for **Alan R. Bockrath, Gregory H. Penfield, and Matthew F. Rutt** were reviewed and unanimously accepted.
 - Identified the need to recruit 2-3 new members to meet our goal for this fraternal year.
 - Suspensions were discussed and timing adjusted to impact the next fraternal year.
 - **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Reminded council that on 16 April there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification and at the conclusion individuals will be knighted into the Order. The Ceremony will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish located at 14201 Nall Ave, Leawood, KS. **Brother Dan Ladd** will be knighted at the ceremony. Parish located at 14201 Nall Ave, Leawood, KS. He also thanked the 4th degree members of the council for the significant support o ceremonials, services and parades over the past month.

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- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):**
 - Discussed and passed around the sign-up sheet for the 1 May Corporate Communion. Identified the need for 3 gift bearers in the future.
 - Council discussed the purpose of the Rosary at Corporate Communion. The original purpose was for Right to Life and the council takes credit for that as part of our Culture of Life Program and award submission. After discussion, the council passed a motion to change from the current purpose of praying for fellow Knights and Service Members to refocus on Right to Life. **Brothers Twohig, Koehane and Reese** will refine the script for the 1 May Corporate Communion and Rosary.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother John Karrach** as night of the Month for April based on his continued efforts in support of church building and grounds – highlighting the beautification of the outside areas in preparation for the Easter celebration.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Once again thanked the Council for the support to Birthright, appreciated the refinement to the monthly Rosary and request Knights consider other ways to support this important worldwide effort.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother Michael Bottary family** for the month of March based on their strong support of parish activities and ministries – Altar Servers and AAA.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** **Brother Bill** Continues to work on recognition of altar servers.
 - Confirmed Bowling (3 Games) and Pizza on a Sunday afternoon. Council approved a motion to provide up to \$400 for the event and to also follow-up with awarding of certificates at a Mass. Purpose will be to recognize the Altar Serves in front of the priest and parish they server and use as a means to encourage other youths to follow their example. It will occur on a Sunday afternoon Date TBD.
 - Discussed a Knights outing to a T-bones game. Council agreed to pursue a date from the following games: 11, 12, 25, 26 June. Cost per ticket ~\$13. .Currently considering a bowling outing.
- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** **Brothers Dennis Huffman** provided update on the poster contest. Our Knights of Columbus Council # 10834 proudly announces the winners of this year's Vocation Poster Contest: "Called Before you Were Born."
 - 1st & 2nd grades: **Brooke Brown**
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 - 7th & 8th grades: **Lauren Howell**
 Additionally, all three won at the district level and are now entered at the state level. Shown are the winners receiving a \$25 gift certificate from "Soul Supply and Hardware", framed copy of their winning poster and district level certificate. Participating in the awards ceremony were the **District Deputy Greg Beck, Council Grand Knight Gates Brown and Sister Josephine**. The Council greatly appreciates sister's continued support of the Vocation Poster Contest through the parish's religious education program.
- **Old & New Business:**
 - **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
 - The **Grand Knight Brother Gates Brown** relayed that **Father Bill** requested the upright piano be moved from Robert Martz Hall to the basement. A grand piano had been donated to the hall. Immediately following the meeting a number of strong, tall, dark and handsome Knights of Columbus quietly moved the piano

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to the church basement without physical damage to the piano, Robert Martz Hall, Church basement or any Knights. A lone possum may have been scared to death. Note **Brother Neal Hanley** was not present to supervise due to USMC duties.

- **Brother Don Portis** greatly appreciated the strong support for the Kris Cakes breakfast. Raised \$363.03 for the council and as important served as a social for the parish. He also encourage others to support the Parish Community Meal the 2nd Thursday of the Month. SFDS and Trinity Lutheran Church at the corner of 6th and Osage feed ~400 meals between 4-6PM to the local community. He also stressed the need to continue to support the 4th Saturday of the month at the Gil Soup Kitchen in Kansas City. He also thanked **Brother Jim Scherer** for being an outstanding "Green Eye-shade" accountant.
- **Brother Ernie Petite** thanked the council for its support to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) – he announced he races are sold out and they are near (94%) achieving their goal for the event. The Council decided to offer two of our four tickets (those we received as part of our \$250 sponsorship) to **Sisters Phyllis and Josephine** and return the others to CASA for resale.
- Council approved two checks to support our participation at this year's state convention. One as our "Pennies from Heaven" for \$500 and a blank check to meet or state assessment fee.
- **Brother Terry Yoakam** thanked the council and the 4th degrees for helping make this year's Confirmation celebration so meaningful.
- Council approved the semi-annual checks for the four religious we sponsor. Checks will be mailed out early to arrive prior to end of the school year. Each will receive a check for \$250.
- **Brother Mike Koehane** provided an update on **Brother Robert Martz** – he is doing well, moved into the assisted living side of Twin Oaks room 202.
- **Brother Don Studnicka** requested support to improve the cleanliness of the aluminum

can recycling container. Brother Dave Maggart will provide assistance from the parish office.

- **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.

- **Initial Slate of Officers for Consideration Fraternal Year 2016-2017 Follows:**

Position

Initial Slate

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| ○ Grand Knight | Gates Brown |
| ○ Deputy Grand Knight | Edd Hingula |
| ○ Treasurer | Don Studnicka |
| ○ Warden | Brad Cox |
| ○ Chancellor | Thad Brzustowicz |
| ○ Recorder | John Twohig |
| ○ Inside Guard | Jack French |
| ○ Outside Guard | Mike Koehane |
| ○ Trustee 3 Year | Dennis Huffman |
| ○ Advocate | Bob Hall |

If you want to add your name for consideration, contact Brother Bob Hall or Edd Hingula.

Good of the Order: Our council Thespian, **Brother Edd Hingula**, thanked the council to the support of the Stations of the Cross sponsored by the Knights. **Sister Phyllis** complimented the group on the moving event.

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Knights in Action

2015-2016 Vocation Poster Contest Awards Ceremony



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5th & 6th Grade Category



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7th & 8th Grade Category



Lauren Howell

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Patriotic Degree Supporting Father George



Guarding the good Padre after over 60 years of service to our Arch-Dioecese



Processing in honor of a fellow Knight of Columbus, Faithful Friar and longtime servant of the Lord.

Patriotic Degree Supporting Confirmation



Brother Bob Hall leading the Confirmation procession.



Brother Ernie Petite carrying the cross after Confirmation. Knights stand in support of Abbot and in honor of the Confirmed.



4th Degree Supporting Confirmation 2016 – Note **Brother Ernie** as the AAA

Patriotic Degree Leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade



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Knights Leading Stations of the Cross



Brothers Tadd, John and Jim leading the way.

Brother Edd Hingula was the Producer / Director for the KofC sponsored “Stations of the Cross” – orchestrating multiple facets and performers. Sister Phyllis sang his praises. Brother Edd volunteered for next year



Bothers Gate Brown, Bill Butler and his wife Ruth



Brothers Bob Hall, Mike Koehane and Mike McCoy

Corporate Communion



Brother Jim Cunningham trying to get Brothers Gene Young and Duane Tunink under control at Corporate Communion

Feeding the Hungry KofC in Support of Thursday Community Meal



The two parishes feed ~ 400 Meals at the Thursday Community Meal.



What Knight's do best cleaning up the mess. Brothers Dennis Portice, Chris Howell and John Twohig pitching in. Don is in charge of supervising John. Chris just joined our council and is already involved. – way to go Chris.

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Moving on Up

*Congratulations to **Sir Dan Ladd** on his Fourth Degree Exemplification. Sir Dan cannot wait to wield the sword and begin supporting the patriotic degree.*



Sir Dan being Knighted with **Linda** by his side & **Sir Bob** congratulating **Sir Dan**



Even Pope Francis took time out to congratulate Sir Dan and discuss the Divine Mercies with Linda.



Grand Knight Gates Brown congratulates Brother Dave Maggard on making his 3rd degree this month. Pope did not make the 3rd degree ceremony.

Support to CASA



Brother Ernie Petite presents a check for \$250 to CASA to support their annual fund raiser. With Brother Ernie are Kelly Meyer director of CASA, and on the right president of the Board of Directors.

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Future Knights in Action



Brother Leif Sanford's children and **Brother Brad Cox'** grandkid following grandpa's example supporting our ministries. Eric, Zack and Gracie serve at the 5PM. Brother Edd Hingula has already drafted the paper work for two future Knights in ~ 2022.

Three time Winner of Poster Contest



Brother Neal Hanley and wife Diana are beaming after Mary was announced as the Vocation Poster Contest winner for the third year in a row at both the council and district level. Neal attributes Mary's talents to his choosing his bride so wisely. (Marines always taking the credit)

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

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