



# **Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter March 2016**

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on  
Thursday, February 11, 2016; 21 Brothers at-  
tended the meeting.**

## **Meetings and Events**

- **Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30  
a.m. Sunday, 6 March, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 9  
March 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification: Saturday, 16  
April at St. Michael the Archangel  
Church in Leawood, KS (see attached  
flier)**
- **MAJOR DEGREES:**  
**Sunday 21 February Atchison**  
**& Saturday 9 April District 18 - Host: 1372**  
**- Location: Lawrence - St. John's**  
**& 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 infor-**  
**mation.**

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

### **Brother John Twohig**

Summary: Selected based on continued support to Robert Martz recovery, Corporate Communion, parish ministries (AAA, EM, Lector), Thursday Community Meal, Recorder/Monthly Bulletin and support to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree activities.

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

### **Brother Thaddeus Brzustowicz Family**

Summary: Selected based on their tremendous and continuous support to adult religious education to include conducting and planning for adult bible study and support to parish ministries.

## **Knight and Family of the Year (2015-2016)**

At this month's meeting the council voted on Knight and Family of the Year. Congratulations to **Brother John Twohig** and the **Brother Gates Brown Family** for being selected.

## **Membership:** Current membership:

- o 158 Members
- o 83 Associate Members
- o 68 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance

*Note: does not include new members added on 11 February.*

## **New Members added on 11 February 2016**

The council conducted a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonial on 11 February. Congratulation and welcome to our newest Knights of Columbus:

- **Brother Todd Jackson** – arrived in 1998 married with 4 children.
- **Brother Dave Maggard** – married to the military for over 20 years, parish administrative assistant. Married with two children
- **Brother Paul Hudalla** – originally from Minnesota where he belonged to St. Francis de Sales parish. Married with two children

**[See photo under Knights in Action](#)**

## **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.

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## Council Meeting Highlights



### **Grand Knight Message (Brother Gates Brown):**

Brother Knights, both Marty and I would like to thank you for honoring us with family of the year. The contributions you and your family make to the parish and local community make receiving this award humbling. As Brother Jim Scherer collects your record of service for the past year, we begin to realize the impact our council and our families make on a daily and monthly basis on our parish and local community. In Brother Dave Soukup's column "did you know", he captures what the Knights do annually to make our world a better place – clearly the KofC live the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy as encouraged by Pope Francis. Three new members joined our ranks on 11 February, I encourage them to become active participants in our council and parish. To all council members, please continue to recruit the men of our parish to join our ranks of Catholic Gentlemen, to grow and strengthen our council.

- **District Deputy:** Encourage all to complete their record of service hours and turn information into the council financial secretary. This information is important to the district, state and national programs, encourages other Christian gentlemen to join our ranks and informs council awards. He relayed information on the 40 days of life. Again this year, the Basehor Council asked us to join them at the demonstration on 14 March (date where Knights of Columbus will participate). Briefly discussed the annual fund raiser for Kansas for Life.
- **Field Agent Report:** Encouraged members to submit their annual record of service to our Financial Secretary; reviewed the annual charitable contributions of the Knights of Columbus (See "Did You Know" column); reviewed the strength of the insurance program – one of three insurance programs worldwide to receive the Most Ethical Award; additionally, insurance program donated an additional
- **Financial Secretary (Brother Jim Scherer):** Reported we have 158 members – with no adjustments from the previous month. He will account for the 11 February 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights in next month's report. Gave status of receipt of dues and reports of service. Asked that all who have not done so, pay 2016 dues and submit report of service immediately. He provide a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
- **Presentations:** The Grand Knight presented Knight of the Month certificates for February to **Brother Mike Koehane**; Family of the Month for February to the **Brother Jim Scherer** family and 15 year certificate to **Brother Lane Soukup**.
- **Correspondence:** Council received
  - Thank you note from Catholic Charities for the donation of two cased on coats.
  - Continued to receive requests from Second Harvest – not acted upon.
  - Note from St. Francis de Sales for our donations to the parish over the past calendar year.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Welcomed the three new members of the Council that became members at the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonial held at 7:00 PM prior to the monthly meeting.
- **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
  - Reminder of the 16 April 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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Parish located at 14201 Nall Ave, Leawood, KS.

- Relayed that the Basehor 4<sup>th</sup> degrees were establishing their own assembly that will bleed off member of assembly 293. He encourage 4<sup>th</sup> degrees to attend the monthly meetings for assembly 293.
- Relayed the need for 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees to participate in the annual St Patrick's Day parade on 17 March. Be at assembly 293 NLT 10 AM. 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. Thanked Brother Knights for their support. **Brother Mike Koehane** encouraged fellow Knights to support not only the Corporate Communion but the 7:30 AM Rosary that is said for Past and Present Knights of Columbus and Service Members.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Provided information that Lansing is conducting a search for a new superintendent of schools.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother John Twohig** as the Knight of the Month for February based on his continued efforts in support of **Brother Robert Martz** recovery and support to the parish ministries.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother Thad Brzustowicz** family for family of the month for March, highlighting their strong support to parish bible study programs, ministries and Knights of Columbus activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Thanked the Knights for their support of the annual free throw contest. The district deputy **Brother Gregg Beck** relayed that our council program for the free throw contest is the best run program he has seen in the area. **Brother Bill** discussed his current efforts to identify how to recognize the altar servers. He will continue to work with Brother Ernie Petite to finalize the recommendation to the council.
- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Vocation Poster contest remains on track to be completed at the Mar 2016 meeting to meet the district timeline. All coordination completed with the parish. Contest started 24 Jan with final submissions by contestants due by Monday 29 Feb to their religious education instructor or the parish office.
- **New Business:**
  - **Grand Knight** relayed that our council is responsible for the Wednesday 16 March Stations of the Cross. Knights volunteered to be cross bearer, candle bearers and reader.
  - **Grand Knight** identified **Father Bill's** request to support the parish and pastor by providing the manpower for spring cleanup at the residence and parish grounds. The council agreed to support with anticipated dates of early/mid-April.
  - Council made a motion to provide \$100 to St. Benedict Abby for their annual benefit that will honor Past Supreme Knight. Motion was unanimously approved.
  - **Brother Mike Koehane** encourage members to view the movie "Spot Light" that is the Boston Globe's coverage of the abuses in the Boston diocese.
- **Good of the Order:** Our council Thespian, **Brother Edd Hingula**, congratulated the new members, discussed purpose of the business and subsequent social meetings; and requested 3 volunteers to help him with a task. After three Knights quickly volunteered, he used that as an example to the new members of how the council as a group of Catholic gentlemen support the pastor, parish and Brother Knights.

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

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 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 Free Throw Contest Winners**



***Winners of the Free Throw Contest.***

***Front row: Caden Baragary, Liam Baragary, Tanner Kell, Kara Wessel. Back Row: Tyren Shelley, McKensey Kell, Samantha Moberg, Brett Zimmerman and Zac Moberg. Contest was held at the Lansing Activity Center on 24 January. Congratulation to our winners, and great job by Brother Bill Butler "for running the best KofC Free throw contest in the state." <sup>1</sup>***

***1. Quote from District Deputy Brother Greg Beck at this month's business meeting.***



***Winners with Brother Bill Butler and his supporting cast of Knights. Ya done real good.***

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### **Candlelight Vigil in memory of Roe vs Wade**



**Over 20 fourth degree Knights joined ~ 70 concerned local citizens in a silent candlelight vigil on Friday, 23 January from 5:30 PM to 6 PM. If you look closely, Brother Bob Hall head can be seen right behind the No Parking sign.**



**Making a statement – over 70 local citizens brave the cold – many from our parish and council. “Live Jesus”.**

### **Saying Goodbye to Brother Thorne**



**Faithful Navigator Brother Tom Johnson and Faithful Comptroller Brother Bob Hall, recognize Brother Francis Thorne by presenting 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree certificates to the Thorne Family at conclusion of the wake. We remember Brother Francis and other Knights each month during the Rosary/Corporate Communion, please join us 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 7:30 AM.**

### **Welcome New Knights on the Block**



**Grand Knight Gates Brown (short guy on the right) welcomes latest additions to our council (Right to Left) Brothers Todd Jackson, Paul Hudalla and Dave Maggard.**

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