



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter February 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
January 13, 2016; ___ Brothers attended the
meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Rosary, Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 February, 2016.**
- **1st Degree Ceremony: Thursday 11 February, 2016 in Robert Martz Hall. (Start ~6:30 p.m.) followed by Council meeting**
- **Next Council Meeting: Thursday, 11 February 2016 at 7:30 p.m. (after 1st degree ceremony).**
- **4th Degree Exemplification: Saturday, 16 April at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leawood, KS (see attached flier)**

Knight of the Month (February)

Brother Mike Koehane

Summary: Selected based on his continued efforts in support of Brother Robert Martz recovery and support of monthly blood pressure checks for the parish.

Family of the Month (February)

Brother Jim Scherer Family

Summary: Selected based on their strong support of Leavenworth Catholic Schools and parish programs.

Membership: Current membership:

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

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Reminder from previous Newsletter

- **Capital Campaign Pledge:** Many of you may have received notices to renew your pledge. Please consider doing so. 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):

Brother Knights, later in this newsletter there is a picture of me giving our donation to the Leavenworth Special Olympics. They have five teams this year of about 10 players on each team. Our funds will help them travel to Hays this spring for the state tournament. Our Tootsie Roll drive allowed us to provide \$532, which is about 25% of their budget for the tournament. They provide transportation and lodging to their athletes at no charge. I appreciate your help to make this possible, your efforts to support our fund raising and community service projects are what make the Knights of Columbus a great organization that I am proud to be a part.

- **District Deputy:** Nothing to Report
- **Field Agent Report:** Nothing to Report

- **Financial Secretary (Brother Jim Scherer):** *Brother Jim Scherer* reported we have 158 members – with no adjustments from the previous month. 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 NLT EOM January. He provide a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
 - **Presentations:** The Council presented a certificate for Knight of the Month for January to *Brother Dave Young*.
 - **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Thank you note Catholic Charities for our continued support.
 - Thank you note from City of Lansing for support of Christmas Tree Program
 - Thank you notes from our sponsored religious Agustin Martinez, Michael Guastello, and George Rhoades. Brother Jim Scherer shared pictures of Agustin with Pope Francis.
 - Brother Gene Young shared an invite to the Salvation Army Appreciation luncheon on 5 February at the Heritage Center located at 109 Delaware Street, Leavenworth. If you plan on attending RSVP to the Salvation Army at 913-682-6523 or email rick_hamelund@usc.salvationarmy.org.
 - Council received a request to support Greenway Auction from Leavenworth Catholic Schools that was reviewed in new business.
 - **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Council unanimously accepted the Transfer Christian Hall from Council 900 and unanimously accepted the application for membership from Paul Hidalla who is moving from St Paul Minn to our parish. The 9 January 1st degree ceremonial was rescheduled to occur before the Thursday Feb 11th monthly meeting. This will be a Thursday meeting because Wed the 10th February is Ash Wed.
- Knights conducting the ceremonial are asked to arrive by 6:30 PM, remainder by 6:45. Ceremonial will start ~7:00 PM with the monthly meeting to follow.
- **Report of the 4th Degree: Faithful Navigator Brother Tom Johnson** from Assembly 293 provided a hand out on the 4th Degree “Degree of Patriotism” and highlighted that on 16 April there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification and 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. See attached sheet.
 - **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
 - **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Highlighted that corporate communion signup was complete for 7 Feb rosary and corporate communion; repairs continue on the church property to include parking lot and baptismal font. Epic cards and donations paid for the new phone system for the parish offices. Thanked Brother Tom Novak for his continued efforts to identify reasonable rate contracts for church maintenance.
 - **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to report.
 - **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** The council nominated and unanimously approved *Brother Mike Koehane* as the Knight of the Month for February based on his continued efforts in support of Brother Robert Martz recovery and support of monthly blood pressure checks for the parish.

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- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Encouraged support of Birth Right “Baby Shower” for the month of January. List of items needed can be found in parish bulletin.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** The council nominated and unanimously approved **Brother Jim Scherer family** for family of the month for February, highlighting their strong support of Leavenworth Catholic Schools and parish programs.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Reminded members to support the Sunday 24 January Knights of Columbus free throw contest. Set up will begin ~1215 with the contest running from 1 to 3 p.m. The district level will occur in the first two weeks of February. We revisited on how best to implement our bi-laws that indicate we should recognize the youth of our parish that serve as Altar Servers. We confirmed the intent to restart providing certificates to the Altar servers and Brother Bill will work with Sr. Phyllis on how best to recognize them in a second way for their service to the parish. Brother Bill identified the weekend of 11-12 June for taking in a T-Bones game as a council activity. We will finalize details at a future meeting.
- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** **Brothers Dennis Huffman and John Twohig** provided an update on the Vocation Poster contest that is on track to be completed at the Mar 2016 meeting to meet the district timeline. All coordination completed with the parish. Contest starts 24 Jan with final submissions by contestants due by Monday 29 Feb to their religious education instructor or the parish office.
- **Catholic School Fund Raiser: Brother Dan Ladd** relayed that the Speedway fund raiser to support Leavenworth Catholic Schools raised \$3,450. He thanked those that participated and identified a goal of \$5,000 for next year. The council through the Grand Knight relay our appreciation to Brother Dan and Speedway.
- **Support to Parish Blood Pressure Checks: Brother Mike Koehane** requested the council support a request for new blood pressure equipment to support the monthly blood pressure checks done after masses on the first Sunday. The council considered and unanimously approved allocation of \$75 towards funding the equipment.
- **Coats for Kids: Brother Jim Scherer** provided the 2 Cases of Coats (1 case girl, one boy) purchase by the council for distribution to catholic charities. **Brother Ed Hingula** will take to catholic charities for local distribution. (see photo)
- **Support to Greenway Auction:** The council considered a request to support this year’s Greenway Auction. The council unanimously approved providing \$500 to the event and will give the two tickets to Sisters Phyllis and Josephine to attend.
- **Brother Mike Koehane:** Provided information reference handmade caskets from the monks of New Melleray Abbey that are made from Oak, hand carved, reasonably priced Knights of Columbus option (~\$3K) and can be shipped in 3 days. Web site: www.abbeycaskets.com or call 888-433-6934.
- **Assembly 293 Fund Raiser “Mouse Races”:** **Brother Kevin Reed** from Assembly announced the 3rd Annual mouse races to raise funds for the assembly. Described the event. Feb 6, at St. Joseph’s Parish in Leavenworth. Tickets are \$10, provide packet of tickets to the council for distribution, asked for support, must be 21 to attend. Six races, 6 mice per race, winners move on to the 7th “championship race.” Bring your own food. Betting on races, mouse roulette wheel and purchase of drinks. Council later considered and unanimously approved sponsoring a mouse race for \$100.
- **Good of the Order:** Our council Thespian, **Brother Edd Hingula**, highlighted the picture of Pope Francis in the Columbia Magazine that started the year of mercy – to “push open the doors of the church”. He used this graphic description to inspire council members to carry a Knights of Columbus membership form with them and as you are leaving mass approach the

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men of the parish that are not members and encourage them to join our council.

- **Brother Neal Hanley (Marine Veteran)** continued his harassment of **Brother John Twohig** over the defeat of Army at this past year's Army Navy game by presenting him a Navy jacket and requiring him to wear it at the monthly meeting. Brother John did so graciously. The slashing of Brother Neal's tires later that night is not a related incident.

- **Knights in Action:**

Supporting our Community



Grand Knight Gates Brown provides our donation to the Leavenworth Special Olympics.



Speedway raises \$3,450 for Leavenworth Catholic Schools

Fellow Knights toast Brother Dan Ladd and Speedway for their continued support to Leavenworth Catholic Schools. Way to go Brother Dan.

Father and Sons – “Dynamic Trio”



Brothers Dave and Gene Young led the way during the Salvation Army “Ringing the Bell” and are now supporting Birth Right’s January 2016 “Baby Shower”. Brother Tom Young (not pictured) led the “Tootsie Roll” effort.



Brother George Harris, Dennis Huffman, Neal Hanley and Dave Young inspect the two cases of jackets being donated to Catholic Charities. Dave you look good in pink.

Yes Marines were issued a sense of humor



Brother Neal Hanley continues his taunting of Brother John Twohig

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Rosary and Corporate Communion



Our focus - Brother Edd Hingula leading the Rosary for deceased Knights & Service Members and their Families serving in harm's way. Join us at 7:30 AM on the first Sunday.

Showing Support for our Pastor and the Parish



Lining up for Corporate Communion - consider joining us.

First Sunday of the Month



Knights are like policemen – we love our donuts. Brothers Jim Cunningham and Bill Butler distributing donuts after the 8AM Corporate communion. Alice Koehane ensuring they do it correctly.

Preparing for Robert's Return



Yes, Brothers Mike Koehane and Edd Hingula can actually do manual labor – preparing Brother Robert Martz home for his return.

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