



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter February 2018

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, 10 January, 2018; over
27 Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate
Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sun-
day, 4th February, 2018.**
- **Next Council Meeting: 1st
Wednesday of February to
deconflict with Ash
Wednesday. February
Meeting Wednesday, 7 Feb-
ruary 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

MAJOR DEGREES:

**For More Information Go To:
<http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click
on the calendar for detailed infor-
mation.**

Reminder from previous Newsletter

- Capital Campaign Pledge: Please consider renewing your pledge. 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. Parish has established a similar program with Dil-
lon's.

Knight of the Month (February 2018)
Brother Edd Hingula

Family of the Month (February 2018)
Brother Ron Mazzia Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 155 Members
 - o 77 Associate Members
 - o 71 Insurance Members
 - o 7 Inactive Insurance
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Grand Knight Message:

To begin the year, I want to thank the many Knights and their wives who have provided so many hours of service to the council, the parish, and the community. Some are unsung heroes who just go about serving others without expecting thanks, but deserve a show of appreciation. When you next see them, try to remember to shake their hand, or give them a pat on the back and tell them how much you're glad they are a part of the Knights and the parish.

The first one that comes to mind is Bob Riese. Every Tuesday after daily Mass, a few souls work to load up Bob's truck with all the food and other donations made each week, and then Bob drives it all down to Catholic Charities for their use in helping those less

fortunate than some of us are.

Another is Alice Keohane. Most folks know that purificators* and corporals** are used at Sunday and daily Masses. Not too many folks are aware of how those items are cared for. They get soiled during Mass and are laundered by Mrs. Keohane each week and brought back to the church for use again. Thad Brzustowicz (and his better 1/2, Tama) should also be shown a little appreciation for all the work they do for the parish. Both are instrumental in the organization and presentation of the frequent Bible studies that are conducted on Monday nights here at St. Francis.

Thad and Mike Keohane are also the most frequent alter servers at the daily 8:30 Masses.

A Thank You also to Jake and Angela Gillen, with the work they've put forth, they have been able to build up the youth group that offers an opportunity for our young people to study and strengthen their Catholic Faith. Also Thanks to Todd and Diane Giefer for their help with the youth CCD on Sunday mornings.

Last but certainly not least. Stop and give a show of appreciation to my better 3/4, Teresa. She's not only become more active in the parish, but also is busy down there at Catholic Charities every Wednesday morning, along with other wonderful volunteers such as Brother Knight Ralph Nichols' wife, Pauline, helping in the food pantry and wherever else they are needed. (Also, she puts up with me all the time. Some folks think that puts her in line for Sainthood.)

Certainly the list could go on and on, and I'm missing someone who's also deserving of a Thank You. Let me know what Knights I've missed that are also "unsung heroes." We need people like them to be involved in our activities that help their fellow Knights and

their families, parishioners, and the community.

*Purificator - The white cloth that looks a bit like a napkin that's used to cleanse the chalice.

**Corporal - The white linen cloth on which are placed the vessels containing the bread and wine during Mass which will become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Brother Edd Hingula Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner:

Brother Knights,

The Work of Christmas: This is a good reminder that the work of Christmas really begins now. These verses were written by Rufus Jones, a preacher active in the civil right movements of the 1960's:

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,**

The work of Christmas begins:

**To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.**

Brothers, as we bow our heads each Sunday when reciting the Creed, coming to the section of the Incarnation of Christ, let that remind us that we are always about the work of Christmas.

***Fraternally,
Father Bill***



Field Agent Report:

Reminder that Brother Soukup will be out for a medical procedure and will return in March. When you call his office (**913-680-0797**), you will be connected to the Topeka office to address any of your needs. Please keep Dave and his family in your prayers during his recovery period.

***Brother Dave Soukup
Knights of Columbus Agent
Office 913-680-0797
Mobile 913-240-4545***

Council Meeting Highlights

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective (\$12,697.69).
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Provided detailed report on membership, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. With a final balance of \$13,123.69.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
 - Awarded the following certificates:
 - Knight of the Month for January 2018 **Brother Neal Hanley**
 - Family of the Month for January 2018 **Brother Pete Im Family**
 - Grand Knight attended the district meeting at the District Deputy's house. Asked the Council to think about how we can get younger members to join, particularly those between the ages of 18-35. Grand Knight recommended that we seek out active members of the parish and encourage them to join the Knights if they are not already members.
 - Scrapbooks are due to state by 1 April. Intent is to capture Brother Neal Hanley led 3+ year effort to recognize veterans buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery.
 - There will be a March recruitment drive, the theme is "Spring into the Knights."
 - There are also opportunities for volunteering with the state Special Olympics program in Hays and Topeka, if you want more information see the Grand Knight.
 - The 2018 State Convention will be 4-6 May at Overland Park.
- **Correspondence:** Received
 - St Benedict's Abbey requested funds- no action taken.
 - Thank you note from George Stegar for the Council's donation to support the indigent prisoner Christmas bag program at Lansing Correctional Facility.

- Thank you note from Special Olympics for the Council's donation from Tootsie Roll drive.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Meeting will be next week, Thursday 18 January at 7:00 PM.
 - Need to encourage 3rd Degrees to participate in a 4th Degree exemplification in the New Year.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for February would be held on Sunday 4 February. Sign-up sheet was passed around.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Edd Hingula** as Knight of the Month for January based on his leadership of the council, participation in multiple council, church and local activities, and encouragement to council members to Live Jesus and become more active in the council.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):**
 - The playpen collection is going well, they already made a donation to Birthright and will communicate any specific needs they receive from Birthright.
- 22 January the State Council is sponsoring a Right to Life March in Topeka. Also on 22 January at 5:30 there will be demonstration on the courthouse grounds in Leavenworth sponsored by the 4th degree assembly.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected Council unanimously selected Brother Ron Mazzia's family as Family of the Month in recognition for his and his wife Nancy great work in organizing and leading the decorating the church, the parish hall, and the parish grounds for Christmas; removal of the decorations and restoring the Church for the celebration of ordinary time; along with continued support to parish ministries, council activities and capturing the historical records of the council.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** **Brother Bill Butler** provided an update on the Annual Free Throw contest scheduled for January 28, 2018 at the Lansing Activity Center. Set up at 12:30 PM, doors open for warmup at 12:30, contest starts at 1PM should be completed by 2 PM. Ages 9-14. This will be followed by the district level competition at 2:30 to 4 PM. Passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** The recorder read the following from **Brother John Twohig**: "This year's vocations poster contest theme is "Answering God's Call." The contest starts on 28 January and posters are due back by Monday 5 March 2018. Announcements should begin ~ 21 January in the Church bulletin and Father Bill should make an announcement at the end of masses on 28 January. Poster material will be distributed by the religious educations classes and

available at the back of mass starting 28 January.”

- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:**

There will be an audit scheduled when the Financial Secretary receives the membership paperwork from Supreme.

- **Report of Standing Committees:**

- **Tasting Fair:** Brother Dennis Huffman reminded the council that the Tasting Fair has been moved to Saturday 3 March. **Brothers Dennis Huffman and Bill Butler** are the Co-Chairs Brother Dennis reminded the Council of the need for a successful fundraiser, this is our major/only fundraiser requiring the help of the entire Council. He said that it was everyone’s responsibility to solicit donations for the silent auction as well as provide beverages and entrees. There will be a meeting on 31 January at 1900 for the tasting fair committee.

- **Pancake Breakfast: Brother Don Portice** reminded the council that the next pancake breakfast will be on 18 February. The Council will explore pre-selling tickets for pancake breakfasts after the 18 February event.

Old & New Business:

- Fraternal Surveys need to be returned to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible.
- Brother Mike Keohane made a motion that the Council say a Rosary as a Council at the visitation of deceased Knights of the Council, with the family’s permission. Council passed this resolution.
- Brother Mike Keohane announced that the public health committee will meet in February and that there will be a

blood drive Sunday 14 January from 9:00AM-1:00 PM. He also noted that the new homeless shelter will be dedicated and blessed on 22 January.

- Brother Gates Brown made a motion that the Council donate \$500 to support Leavenworth Regional Catholic Schools Ignite the Green and White. After discussion concerning the lack of funds in the Council’s general fund, this motion was not passed.
- Brother Dennis Huffman made a motion that the Council donate \$250 to support the Leavenworth Regional Catholic Schools Ignite the Green and White. This motion passed.
- Brother Ron Mazzia thanked the Council for helping to get the Christmas decorations down and stored.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Thanked the council in advance for supporting the district Free Throw competition later this month.
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Grand Knight led the group in prayer for veterans and current service members.
- **Special request - Please remember to send you photos and captions of Knights in Action to Groggtwo@aol.com-**

Knights in Action

February Knight of the Month



Congratulations **Brother Edd Hingula** as Knight of the Month for February based on his leadership of the council, participation in multiple council, church and local activities. Shown leading this Month's Pro-Life Rosary.

February Family of the Month



Congratulation to the **Brother Ron Mazzia's family** - recognizing Ron's and Nancy's contributions to the parish and council. Ron is shown here decorating the church for the Celebration of Christmas.

December Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion.



Brother Duane and Peggy Tunink performing sacristan ministry prior to Corporate Communion.

Passing on the Faith



Teresa Hingula uses this month's Pro-Life Rosary as an opportunity to pass on the importance the Rosary to her and Edd's granddaughter Leona.



Brother Gates and Marty Brown routinely bring their “two Yuts” (**Anna and Garrison**) to Pro-Life Rosary – Passing on the Faith.



It would not be a Pro-Life Rosary without **Sir Robert Martz**

Preparing the Parish for the Coming of Christ



Brother Mike Keohane surprises us all in his artful and reverent nativity display.



Brothers Jim Cunningham and Ron Mazzia install the lighted Christmas trees.

St. Francis de Sales is Ready.



The beautifully decorated Sanctuary and



Nativity help focus our attention on the primary reason for the celebration of Christmas – the coming of Christ.

Returning to Ordinary Time



Immediately following the 1015 Epiphany Mass, **Brother Ron** (February Family of the Month) and the Parish Team begin the process of removing and storing the decorations for next year. Also assisting you see **Brothers Pete Im, Dave Young and Jim Cunningham**.



Brother Mike Keohane is supervised by Nancy Mazzia (February Family of the Month) in storing the Nativity for next year.



Brothers Edd and Mike dispose of the logs, branches and vine wreaths



Brothers Bill Butler and Jim Cunningham putting the final touches on the cleanup.



Pending **Fr. Bill's** final inspection, the Parish is ready to Celebrate Ordinary Time.

Support to Bethany Prison Volunteer Group at Lansing State Prison



Council members meet with **George Stegar**, Coordinator of Bethany Prison Volunteer Group for funding of Christmas Bags for Indigent Prisoners of Lansing Correctional Facility. The council provides a Check for \$250 in support of the program. **Brother Dennis Huffman** provides the check supported by **Brothers Edd Hingula, Neal Hanley, Don Portice and Duane Tunink.**

"Playpen Collection for Birthright"



Culture of Life Directors Brother Brad and Mary Cox report that the "Playpen Collection" is going well, they have already made a donation to Birthright and will communicate any specific needs they receive from Birthright. Request your continued support.

“Christmas Caroling at Lansing Care and Rehabilitation”



Council and their families serenaded residence at Lansing Care and Rehabilitation. If you look closely you can catch **Brother Neal** checking out his reflection in the window. **Brother Edd's** comment “ I did not know a Marine could carry a tune.”

To all the members of Knights of Columbus Council 10834 and their Families:

MAY THE MOST YOU HOPE FOR IN 2018 . . . BE THE VERY LEAST YOU RECEIVE.

Thanks to all for being a Knight of Columbus and Keep doing good.

Brother John Twahig

Editor, publisher, & photographer

This One's for Neal.



Brother Bill Butler traveled to West Point to take a picture of the Commander in Chief's Trophy that now resides with the Army.

Brother Neal Hanley refused to believe that Army beat Navy for the second straight year. Neal's Response “My worst nightmare.”