



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter December 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016;
over 24 Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Council Christmas Party; Robert Martz Hall; 6 PM, Saturday, 3 December after mass.**
- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion and Remembrance Ceremony: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 4 December, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 14 December 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: Go to <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click on the calendar for detailed information.**

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 Dillon's.

Knight of the Month (November)

Brother John Twohig

Summary: Selected based on his support to the remembrance, pro-life rosary and corporate communion, recorder/monthly newsletter, and support to parish ministries such as AAA, EM, sacristan and lecture and parish/council events.

Family of the Month (November)

Brother Bob Riese

Summary: Selected based on their significant contribution to our council, parish and local community to include pro-life rosary and parish choir.

Membership: Current membership:

- o 163 Members
- o 86 Associate Members
- o 70 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance
- o Note: Honorary – 2
Honorary for Life - 8



Grand Knight Message: The election is over. I think no matter your political persuasion you can agree that we will enjoy a world with less political advertising. It is great that we all had a chance to vote and contribute to the election of the next President. As the weather grows colder we will all be getting our winter coats out of the back of the closet. However, there are some children who do not have a coat for the winter. This month we will discuss our Council's support of the Coats for Kids program. We will also be going on a golf outing this month in order to socialize. Thanks for all that you do and for being a part of the Knights. **Brother Gates Brown**



Chaplain's Corner: My main job as pastor is to look after the souls of the people entrusted to my care. So it is in that vein that I want to strongly encourage all Knights to develop within a deep attitude of gratitude.

We have so much to be grateful for, don't we? That in and of itself should be reason enough each night to fall on our knees and say "thanks" to God. But there is also a human health aspect to gratitude. Many studies from renown institutes spell out the physical and mental healthy results which come from being thankful. Including:

- Having a healthier heart
- You'll sleep better
- You'll be more positive and optimistic
- Make new friends
- Better physical health
- Be more active

Again, though, while we would personally benefit from the gratitude attitude, our number one reason should be because God has blessed us. Our response should always be sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I hope during this special season we will all more deeply develop the virtue of thanksgiving. It's the least we can do. And isn't God wonderful? Even by doing the right thing the Lord continues to bless us with benefits which affect our health.

Your brother,
Father Bill



Field Agent Report: Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Brother Dave Soukup
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Council Meeting Highlights

- **District Deputy (Brother Gregg Beck):**
Presented council with the Star Award for the past fraternal year. Noted that November started with All Saints Day, All Souls Say, Remembrance, National Elections, Veterans Day and will end with Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for to God.
- **Field Agent (Brother Dave Soukup):**
Summarized recent Columbia Magazine article highlighting Knights of Columbus

annual contribution, such as: A++ insurance program rating for this past year, \$170M in charitable contributions, millions of hours donated, and over 700 ultrasound machines provide to support pro-life. Encouraged council members to read article and promote new membership..

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective.
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Provided detailed report on membership, notifications to suspend, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
- **Grand Knight's Report**
 - **Presentations:** Grand Knight provided the following awards:
 - Knight of the Month for October Brother Don Portice
 - 35 year pin, and honorary membership Brother Jim Scherer
 - **Note from State Supreme Fraternal Chairman Advocate:** If required to be fingerprinted as a Knight of Columbus contact Supreme Advocate. This is a church not a KofC requirement. If performing a function for the parish, please comply with parish requirements.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Thank you note from Second Harvest for support of Back-Pack Buddies
 - Thank you note from Catholic Charities for support to school supplies

- Received annual RSVP plaque from Supreme based on last year's sponsoring of 3 seminarians and a novitiate.
- Received email from State Fraternal Chairman reference adjustments in bi-laws in terms of election of officials.
- **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):** Reminded the 4th degree members of the Veterans Day parade on 11 November. Show time 0900-0930. Parade starts at 10 PM.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Noted the need for a fundraiser and recommended a Trivia Contest tied to a tasting fair or spaghetti dinner. Council agreed it was worth pursuing. To be discussed in greater detail at December session.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Reminder of Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for 4 December.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** **Brother Jim Scherer** provide a detailed report on the proceeds from the tootsie roll for intellectually handicapped. After expenses and accounting for 20% of the net proceeds going to the State level for Special Olympics, the council will have ~ \$1,250.40 to distribute locally. The council unanimously approved a 60% distribution to SNAP (Special Needs Advocacy

Program ~\$750.24) and a 40% distribution to Special Olympics of Leavenworth (\$500.16). Since the 1993-1994 Fraternal Year the council has distributed over \$41K to local charities. Grand Knight thanked council member for the outstanding support for the Tootsie Roll Drive to support intellectually disability.

- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother John Twohig** as November Knight of the Month for his efforts as recorder, conducting the annual Remembrance Ceremony, support to Council and Parish fund raiser, AAA, EM, Lecture and Sacristan duties, support to Thursday community meals and many council/parish events.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Noted that our President Elect is a Pro-Life President.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Bob Riese** Family of the month for November based on their significant contribution to our council, parish and local community to include Choir, lecture, pro-life rosary and council/parish functions.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Free Throw contest scheduled for January 2017. Will confirm date and announce at the December monthly meeting.
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** Grand Knight and Financial Secretary presented to the council

the names and description of four religious recommended for sponsoring Fraternal year 2016-2017. Council unanimously approved:

- Sister Katherine Brodersen.
- Seminarian Geoffrey Calvert
- Seminarian George Rhodes
- Seminarian Michael Guastello

- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Council leadership discussed and scheduled the audit within the next two weeks.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report.

Old & New Business:

- **Christmas Party:** Council scheduled the Christmas Party for Saturday 3 Dec after the 5 PM mass. Pot Luck, Bunco, Gift Exchange.
- **Brother Neal Hanley** discussed the Veterans Day Remembrance at Mount Cavalry Cemetery. Flags are available at the Cemetery office for placing on veterans graves. He announced that on Thursday 10 November starting at 0930 he would meet with volunteers to place flags on many of the 350 veterans buried at this cemetery.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** announced that on 13 Nov at 1:30 PM those interested (~7) would meet in the first annual Council Golf Scramble for fun at Trails West Golf Course on Fort Leavenworth. T-Time is 2:30 PM. Purpose is to have fun. Cost \$25 per person for Golf and Cart.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** discussed the possibility of the councils assist in sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family through

the NE Catholic Charities for settlement in the Leavenworth/Lawrence area. He made a motion to provide \$500 for this cause. Council tabled the motion until more information was provided. Brother Mike to meet with NE Catholic Charities to better inform the council.

- **Brother Gated Brown** passed on a thank you to the members of the council that supported the parishes Chili Cook-off. The fund raiser proceeds exceeded \$1,200.
- The council unanimously passed a motion to provide up to \$500 to purchase coats and pay for shipping of two cases of winter coats in support of Coats for Kids.
- **Brother Dave Young** will set up Christmas caroling for 19 Dec at 5:30 PM at Golden Living Center (behind Speedway)
- **Prayer for Knights:** Council said Glory Be and Hail Mary for the **Brother Jack French's** feeling better.

Good of the Order: Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** noted that whether we are democrat, republican, independent, liberal or conservative, that we have a President Elect that will take office on 20 Jan 17. Encourage the council to pray for the President Elect and his family: "that they be guided by Christian values and do a good job. The President Elect and our Nation needs our support and prayers."

Knights in Action

Knight and Family of the Month



Brother Robert Martz congratulates **Brother John Twohig (Knight)** and **Brother Bob Riese (Family)** on their selection for November Knight/Family of the Month. Both agree that Brother Robert has been their inspiration as Catholic Gentlemen.

6 November 2016: Remembrance

On Sunday 6 November the Knights of Columbus conducted their annual November Remembrance ceremony as part of the monthly Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion. On the 1st Sunday of November each year, our Council remembers our fallen Brother Knights, those who have died during the past year. Each fallen Knight's name is etched on a candle which is brought up the



center aisle by a member of the family, a close family friend or one of our Knights. Knights of the 4th Degree serve as our Honor Guard for this remembrance ceremony and the mass.

Father George H. Bertels



First we recognize fallen Knight, **Father George H. Bertels**; 1928 – 2016; he served as our 4th Degree Chaplain; His candle was carried in by **Sister Paula Rose** – Sisters of Charity.

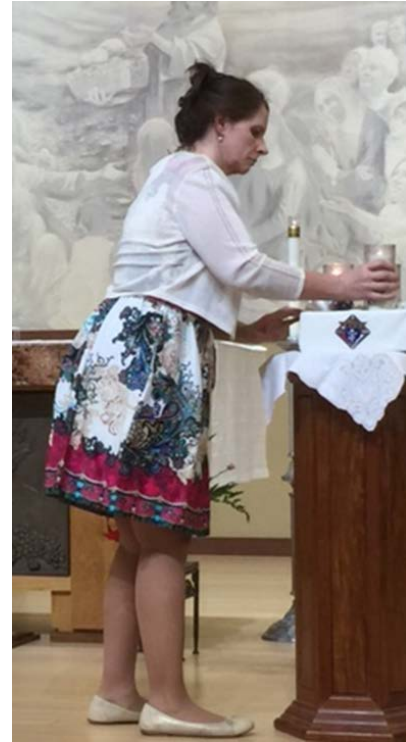
Brother Thomas E. Smith



Next we recognize fallen Knight, **Brother Thomas E. Smith**; 1947-2016; past Grand

Knight of our Council and member of the 4th Degree. His candle was carried in by his son **Patrick Smith**.

Brother Francis Thorne



Lastly, we remembered fallen Knight, Brother **Francis Xavier Thorne**; 1925-2016. His candle was carried in by his daughter **Kathleen Powell**.



The candles remained lit during the Mass, and given to the families of these dedicated Knights of Columbus.

Thorne Family after Mass



After mass **Katie Thorne** holds the candle dedicated to **Brother Francis** with her is **Daughter Kathleen** and **Granddaughter Haley**.

Honoring our Veterans

Father Bill Honors our Veterans



At the end of the Mass, **Father Bill** asked veterans present to stand for a special blessing and thanked them for their service.

Mount Cavalry Cemetery



On 10 and 11 November **Brother Neal Hanley**, his wife **Diana** and daughter **Mary** placed flags on over 120 veterans' headstones and identified 24 additional veterans graves. A dozen motorists stopped, asked for flags and went to sections of the Cemetery where the Hanley's we were not able to get to. Mary and Diana are pictured using a screwdriver and hammer to prepare holes for the flags, the ground was very hard. Charlie Owens and Joann Gough from the Cemetery office were very helpful. They also provided donuts!



Brother Gene Young honors his father and brother on Veterans Day.

Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade



Continuing a tradition of honoring our veterans, over 20 members of the 4th Degree Knight of Columbus March in the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade. Flag include US, Papal, Knights of Columbus and POW/MIA.

Future Grand Knight (~2060) Arrives



Brother Bill Butler explains to **Grandson Wyatt Ray** what he needs to do to become a Knight of Columbus and what it takes to become Grand Knight. Congratulations Butler Family.

Council Honored as Star Council



Grand Knight Gates Brown receives on behalf of the Council the 2015-2016 Star Council Award. **District Deputy Brother Greg Beck** presents the award at the November council meeting.

35 Years as a Knight of Columbus



Grand Knight Gates Brown presents the 35 year pin and honorary membership **Brother Jim Scherer**, Congratulations Brother Jim.

Council Receives RSVP Award



Brother Don Portice places the 2015-2016 plate on the Council's RSVP plaque for its continued support to seminarians and novitiates.

Seminarians & Novitiates Supported Fraternal Year 2016-2017

Sister Catherine Frances



Sister Catherine Frances is daughter of **Brother Steve and Mary Brodersen** of our parish. SR. Catherine is currently in St. Louis teaching theology at Cor Jesus Academy – a high school run by the Apostles of

the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She is in the first year of a two year novitiate.

Geoffrey Calvert



Geoffrey was born July 6, 1991; Holy Spirit Parish; St. Thomas Aquinas High School; St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver; currently in spirituality Year; favorite Saint – Saint Peter.

George Rhodes



George Rhodes was born August 8, 1996, Prince of Peace Parish; St. James Academy; Kenrick-Glennon Seminary; 2nd year; favorite Saint – Saint Peter.

Michael Guastello



Mike Guastello was born on 6 October, 1972; from Sacred Heart Parish in Shawnee; attended St. Pius X high school and received a BS from Rockhurst College and MBA from Benedictine College; at Mundelein Seminary in year Theology III; favorite saint – St. Therese of Lisieux.

Support to Parish Chili Cook-Off



Brother Edd Hingula takes time to get into character before launching into a monologue from Streetcar Named De-sire... the audience was speechless but not in a good way. Three council members were category winners and **Ruth Butler** was once again Peoples' Choice winner.



Judge (Sister) Paula Rose cautions everyone about **Brother Dennis Huffman's** chili and reminds Knights of Columbus present that they can't taste directly from the chili crock pots but must eat from bowls. Note Dennis won Spicy but Nice Category.



Anna Brown had to rely on grandma, Jane Garrison, to bring home the trophy because daddy, **Bother Gates Brown**, was unable to overcome the corruption in the heated vegetarian chili competition.

Council Members Visit Italy with Fr. Bill

Knights of Columbus Cross



Cross located in the Vatican donated by Knights of Columbus



Bothers Mike, Dan (awe struck by cross), Bob and Fr. Bill



Brothers Mike and Bob waiting for Pope Francis to make his appearance.



Knights of Columbus also donated a radio van in support of Vatican Radio
Brothers Mike, Bob and Dan getting ready for their radio debut.

First Annual Counsel Golf Scramble



Brother Robert Martz led the winning team of **Brothers Twohig, Keohane and Brown.**



Second place went to **Brian Vanderhoff** and **Brothers Larry Vanderhoff & Bill Butler.**