



**Lansing Knights of Columbus  
Council 10834  
Monthly Newsletter  
September 2017**

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight  
on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017; over 22  
Brothers attended the meeting.**

**Meetings and Events**

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 3 SEptember, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 13 September 2017 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 (September 2017)  
Brother Bob Hall**

**Family of the Month (September 2017)  
Brother Thad Brzustowicz  
Family**

**Membership: Current membership:**

- o 155 Members
- o 76 Associate Members
- o 72 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



**Grand Knight Message:** So while I'm on this extended drive from Leavenworth to Indianapolis, to Toledo, and a bunch of other places heading South, I hear about our 1st Pope, as he is sometimes known, St. Peter. Peter, the impetuous, strong apostle who would become the leader of that special group.

It was Peter, who after the Apostles gave varied answers to Jesus' question, "who do people say I am?" Dreadily proclaims "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God." He knew, and just stated it without even having to think.

And again, Peter tells Jesus to command him to walk to Him on the water as the Lord walked towards the Apostles in the boat. Jesus tells him come, and he hops out of the boat to walk on water. As he does, Peter starts to sink. He is of course saved by Jesus.

Peter was even the one who, suddenly, seemingly without thinking, cuts off the

Roman servant's ear when they come to arrest Him in the garden, only to be rebuked by Jesus for that.

Peter was an impetuous individual. But he rose to the occasion as he became the Bishop of Rome, the 1st Pope, the keeper of the keys to heaven. It was Jesus himself that declared, "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.". He accomplished much. He was the first of the Apostles to perform a miracle.

Should we be less than that type of impetuous? Do we all search for the Lord in others? What sort of courage does it take to be that sort of impetuous? When is the last time you asked someone to come back to the church for Sunday Mass that they haven't attended for a year or two, (or more)? How about asking a Knight who hasn't been to a meeting in a while?

That's the sort of Catholic Gentlemen we Knights of Columbus all might aspire to be. That's the type of Catholic gentlemen we all want to greet in church with us. Let's all be that sort of Catholic Gentleman, to show others who we are.

**Brother Edd Hingula**  
**Grand Knight.**



**Chaplain's Corner:. Thank You, Lord**

As we have just celebrated the eighth anniversary of the dedication of our church, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God. In the Preface of the Mass, right before the Holy, Holy, I prayed:

**For in this visible house that You let us build and where You never cease to**

**show favor to the family on pilgrimage to You in this place, You wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of Your communion with us.**

Three quick thoughts from that prayer:

- 1) It was God *who let us build* the church. Without God's help, we'd still be just talkin' and dreamin' about it.
- 2) It is in this church building where we, as God's people, stop for refreshment and renewal on life's journey. Until we get to Heaven, our church is our home-away-from home.
- 3) God let us build this church so we can have Communion with Him — and each other.

I know we have a lot more work to do to complete the church building project, and I know without doubt that the Knights of Columbus will be integral partners. A pastor who has a K of C Council is blessed indeed.

As our parish grows in faith and in spirit, our common church home shelters us and give us the space to connect in Holy Communion. What a blessing our church building is.

Thank You, Lord, for letting us build this house to give You honor and glory and praise.

**Fraternally,**  
**Father Bill**



## **Field Agent Report: The Value of Membership Referrals**

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are

driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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**Knights of Columbus Agent**  
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## **Council Meeting Highlights**

- **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. With a final balance of **\$15,464.42**. Additionally, He has submitted to Supreme the Council Officer and Service Program Reports.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Mike McCoy):** Relayed that Brother Jim Fricke Family was honored by Supreme as one of the families of the month selected to receive a special family gift. He provided awards to the following council members:
  - **Brother Jim Cunningham:** Knight of the Month of August
  - **Brother Tom Young** Knight of the Month for March
  - **Brother Terry Yoakum** Perfect Attendance 2016-2017 Fraternal Year:
- **Correspondence:** No significant correspondence during this period.

- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing new to report
- **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Brother Ken Bohaty introduced himself as the new Faithful Navigator for Assembly 293. He reminded 4th Degree members of the monthly Assembly 293 meeting on Thursday 17 August at 7 PM at council 900 facilities. Need 4th degrees to attend and support ongoing efforts. Will address Supreme announcement of the uniform change for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Continues to work to confirm our council schedule of events for Aug 2017 through Aug 2018; considering Chris Cakes breakfast in October but must deconflict with religious education and blood drive; passed around the sign-up sheets for Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for Sunday 3 September and Sunday 1 October.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected Brother Bob Hall as Knight of the Month for September based on his efforts to organize the movement of pews from Merryville KS to St. Francis de Sales, ministry duties, contributions to the parish and local community and his impressive appearance/dedication as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to Report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected Brother Thad Brzustowicz Family as Family of the Month for September based on their administering the Monday bible study for the parish, strong support to the parish, council and local community. This includes not only the bible study but also includes EM, sacristan ministries and support to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday effort at the Gil Food Kitchen.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Brother John Twohig highlighted Brothers Jake Gillian and Bill Butler support to the Youth Group as chaperons of the six members of the youth group that participated in the Prayer and Action program in Osage City.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Brother Myron discussed updating our Catholic Gentleman's Individual Development Plan and ask council members to consider the following: 1. attend next week's Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August – Feast of the Assumption; 2. Consider attending the 17 Feb 2018 Man Under Construction retreat at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park; 3. Attend the Parish Bible Study on Mondays.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Brother Dennis Huffman reported Audit

complete on 1 Aug no discrepancies.  
Highlighted **Brother Jim Scherer** preparation and precision in performing the audit.

- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report.

### Old & New Business:

- **Brother Dennis Huffman** developing Letter of Instruction for the Tasting Fair fund raiser. Planned date is in early/mid Jan 18 prior to the start of Call to Share.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** relayed a quick update on Brother Bob Hall's assessment of how to accomplish the movement of pews (~50) from Marysville KS to SFDS. Bob assessed that the project was not feasible through the use of existing KofC manpower and vehicles. Pews (most nearly 20 feet long) required a professional moving company. The cost estimate was ~\$5,070 for a professional moving company. Two motions were presented to the council members:  
Motion 1: "That Council #10834 spend, not to exceed \$6,000(Six Thousand Dollars) to hire a professional moving company, to pick up, transport, deliver and unload into the basement of St Francis de Sales Church, the church pews and railings from storage in Marysville Kansas." Though the motion was seconded, it will require notification of the entire council prior to a vote on the motion at the September business meeting.  
Motion #2: The council also passed a motion requesting **Brother Jim Cunningham** contact **Fr. Bill** reference the Parish pursuing a request for a focused collection from the Parish to cover the cost of moving the pews.  
Subsequent to the meeting, Brother Jim Cunningham met with Fr. Bill. Fr. Bill's guidance to the council was for the Knight to delay any further action until he reviewed issue and provided further guidance.  
Guidance from **Deputy Grand Knight** was to relay this information to the council members in the newsletter and subsequently follow-up with any required notifications once **Fr Bill** provided additional guidance.
- **Brother Don Portice** encourage the council to support the Thursday Community Meal at 6th and Osage.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** advised council that we have received the State Religious Education Fund Raffle Tickets. Council received 9 tickets. Council unanimously approved a motion to purchase 5 of the 9 tickets (total of \$500). Three were purchased by individual council members. One ticket will allow 5 council members to go in on a group ticket for \$20 each.
- **Brother Tom Young** (who just returned from Italy with the KU Basketball team) was provided the information from State reference the annual Tootsie Roll program. He relayed that he is working with Dillon's for the weekend of 13-15 October. He recommended that we focus on Dillon's based on past experience with number of volunteers and funds raised at Dillon's location. Council unanimously approved a motion to purchase 15 boxes of Tootsie Rolls.



- Deputy Grand Knight discussed a request from District to host a major degree ceremony prior to the end of the year. Council discussed requirements in conducting both a second and third degree ceremonies along with cost. Deputy Grand Knight tabled further discussion to the next business meeting.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** discussed the need for the council to determine if we are going to continue to support 3 Seminars and one Novitiate for fraternal year 2017-2018. Council unanimously approved a motion to continue to support 4 based on the stated requirements from our bi-laws.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** reminded the council of this weekend's blood drive on Sunday from 9 AM to 1 PM in Robert Martz Hall.
- **Brother Thad Brzustowicz** requested that Knights consider helping out on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month at the Gil Food Kitchen. The number of parish volunteers has significantly decreased over the past few months.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Passed out an informational brochure titled "Did You Know" that highlights what the Knights of Columbus accomplish in helping individuals who cannot help themselves. Great information to help encourage individuals to join the Knights. Noted that in Iraq, the KofC have donated over \$13M to assist families in need. They have a goal of providing an additional \$2M to help rebuild a town destroyed by ISIS.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Nothing to Report
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** shared the St. Francis of Assisi prayer with the council as a great way of starting the day.

### **Knights in Action**

#### **Eighth Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church**

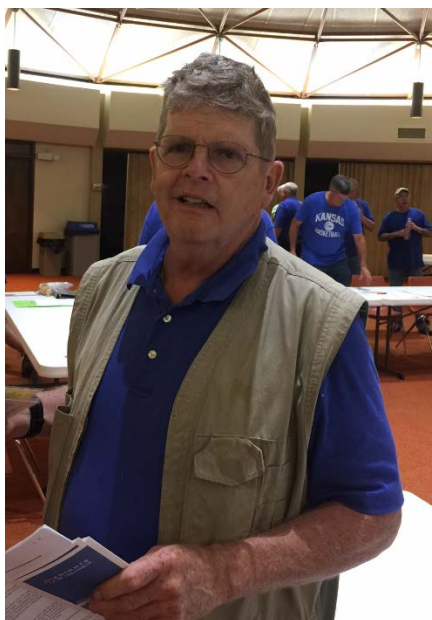


The parish celebrated the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of St. Francis de Sales parish.



**Fr. Bill** at the start of the anniversary mass.

### Family of the Month



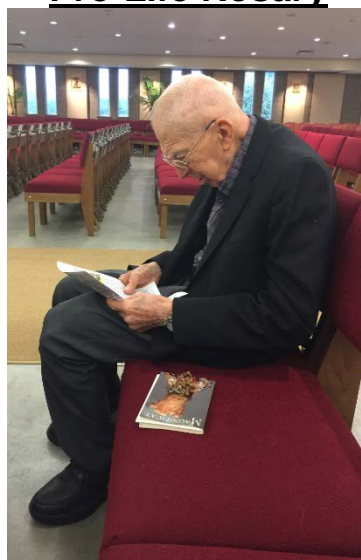
**Brother Thad Brzustowicz Family** as Family of the Month for September based on Thad's and Tama's leading the Monday bible study for the parish,

### Knight of the Month



**Brother Bob Hall** continues to support the church and council in so many ways. Congratulations Bob.

### Pro-Life Rosary



**Brother Robert Martz** preparing for the Pro-Life Rosary, over 30 Knights and parish member participated this month, consider joining us.



**Fr. Bill** leads the Knights performing ministry duties in prayer before Corporate Communion Mass.



**Brothers Ron Mazia and Jim Scherer** performed lector duties.





**Deputy Grand Knight Mike McCoy** mainstay as the AAA for Corporate Communion

### **Maintaining the Parish Grounds**



**Brothers Dave Young, Bill Butler and Russell Craft** (along with photographer **Jim Cunningham**), help keep the parish grounds well maintained.

### **Community Meal Support**



This month's community meal provided over 525 meals to local families. Several Knights support by performing clean-up duties.

### **Congratulations Brother George Harris Family**



**Brother George Harris and his wife Kathleen** are not proud Grand Parents and Godparents to their twin grandchildren Robert George and Elizabeth Kathleen Callahan. Picture was taken at their baptism. Also pictured are his son in law Jacob Callahan, daughter Brynn Callahan, granddaughter Matilda and grandson Fred. Father Bill described the baptism as a double dunking.

### **Follow-up Youth Group Participation in Archdiocese "Prayer and Action" Program**

Last month Brother Jake and six youth group members headed to Osage city.





**Brothers Jake Gillen Bill Butler and John Twohig** chaperon six members (Abby, Vincente, Stephen, Faith, Gabe and William) as part of the Archdiocese Prayer and Action Teams program in Osage City the week of 16-21 July.



Abby and Vincent joined youths from another parish to assist property owners in heavy yard work and painting.



Nearing completion of a 4 day project, where they cleared and moved over 20 pickup loads of brush and overgrowth.



The team and the grateful couple.



Six seminarians ran the Prayer and Action Program. All had grown beards for the summer. Final day group picture.



**Seminarian George Rhodes** and Abby were two of the counselors that run the Prayer and Action program. George finally met and worked with three of Council 10834 members, he is one of the seminarians we sponsor. **George** was born August 8, 1996, member of Prince of Peace Parish; attended St. James Academy; and is at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary; 3<sup>rd</sup> year; favorite Saint – Saint Peter.

**Please remember to send you photo's of Knights in Action.-**

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

*Brother John Twohig*

*Editor, publisher, & photographer*