



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter August 2016

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Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
Wednesday, July 14, 2016; over 28 Brothers at-
tended the meeting.

Meetings and Events

- **Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 Aug, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 10 Aug 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: Go to <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and click on the calendar for detailed information.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**If you intend to make an appropriate do-
nation to the Tootsie Roll Drive in ex-
change for a case of tootsie rolls (ideal
for Haloween or an unusal diet), contact**

Brother Gates Brown

**(gatesmbrown@gmail.com) prior to be-
fore 1 Aug so he can adjust our order.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.

Knight of the Month (July)

Brother Neal Hanley

Summary: Selected based on his detailed work on the Mt. Calvary Cemetery Veterans recognition project. See detail in "Knights in Action" section of this newsletter.

Family of the Month (July)

Brother Neal Hanley Family

Summary: Selected based on their significant contribution to our parish to include parish ministries and ongoing Knights of Columbus activities and projects.

Membership: Current membership:

- o 165 Members
- o 89 Associate Members
- o 69 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance

Council Meeting Highlights

The Highlight of the monthly meeting was the return and warm reception extended to Brother Robert Martz.



Grand Knight Message (Brother Gates Brown):

Brother Knights, we are starting a new fraternal year this month. One of the focus areas for Supreme this year is the domestic church. As Catholic men we work

to ensure that our families reflect the values of the Church and that we "live Jesus." Thanks to your efforts we achieved our membership goal last year. This year, let's focus on expanding attendance at monthly meetings. If you have any

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ideas or projects you would like the council to work on, please let me know. We have a great group and I am much honored to work with you. I am excited for the New Year and the things that we will accomplish. Mostly, I am excited to see how the council continues to work to further the principles of the order: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. **Brother Gates Brown**

- **District Deputy (Brother Gregg Beck):** Congratulated council on making Star Council for the past fraternal year. One of very few councils in the state to do so. Highlighted that State overall came close but fell 30 new members short of its goal of 1300 new members. Encourage that we enlighten those members to become more active and encourage others to join the council.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** NTR
- **Financial Secretary (Brother Jim Scherer):** Reported we have 165 members, Brother Jim provide a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts.
- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective.
- **Presentations:** Grand Knight provided the following awards:
 - Perfect Attendance FY 2013-2014 & 2014-2015: **Brother Robert Martz**
 - Perfect Attendance FY 2015-2016: **Brothers Jim Scherer, Don Studnicka, Bill Butler and Dennis Huffman**
 - Knight of the Month for June: **Brother Peter IM**
 - Knight of the Month for several months during the previous fraternal year: **Brother Tom Novak.**
 - 20 Years of Service to **Brother Al Bowen**
- **Correspondence:** Council received
 - Kansas Coalition for Life provided literature to support a request for a donation. Council took no action.
 - **Brother Jim Scherer** advised that Supreme would no longer provide certain information by print or CD. Provided cards on how to obtain from website.
 - Notification of requirement to renew liability insurance. Bill to follow.
 - Receipt from Catholic Schools for Greenway (\$500) and annual IMAC (\$1,000) donations.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Council
 - Application for new Member: **Eric Boettcher**, SFDS – Leavenworth
 - Application for readmission: **John Heim**, SFDS – previous council financial secretary, Lansing.
 - Council unanimously approved both the application for new membership and readmissions. Welcome Eric and John.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Discussed that this month's Assembly 293 will be held at 7 PM on Thursday 21 July. Encouraged attendance and for members to join the 4th Degree.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Provided signup sheet for 7 Aug Rosary and Corporate Communion; noted repair of roof to Robert Martz hall will start next week and will take 14 days to complete. Great support from parish to provide donations – very generous.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Neal**

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Hanley for his project to identify veterans interred at Mt Carvery Cemetery. See attached article.

- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Neil and Diana Hanley Family** of the month for July based on their significant contribution to our parish to include parish ministries and Neal's support to Knights of Columbus functions.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** **Brother Ernie Petite** NTR
- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Identified need for an audit.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Grand Knight reference Raffle. In working with SFDS on the raffle procedures, we are trying to resolve several challenges from a legal raffle perspective. **Brother Jim Cunningham** is working with finance committee to resolve to Father Bills satisfaction. Intent is to come to resolution by EOM July so we still have time to execute the raffle.
- **Old & New Business:**
 - New website developed need volunteers to assist Grand Knight with parish link and managing website.
 - Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Veterans Recognition Project Mount Calvary Cemetery 1011 N. DeSoto Road Lansing, Kansas 66043. Knights of Columbus Council 10834 has taken on the mission of identifying all the American veterans buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lansing, Kansas. **Brother Neal Hanley** provided update. See attached article and data base.
 - Though the notifications for the motion to purchase a computer, software and external

hard drive for the council had been completed, the motion was deferred until after the raffle concerns are resolved.

- Recognition of SFDS Youth of the month effort was discussed. Guidance was for Youth committee with support from trustees develop criteria and make motion of how the implement at subsequent meeting. Grand Knight asked we involve **Brother Jacob Gilen and his wife Angela** in discussion. Council agreed to open it up to all parish youths or "two yoots."
- The previous discussion to consider awarding a \$250 to \$500 scholarship each fraternal year to a graduating senior that is a member of SFDS parish member or graduating from IMAC was deferred pending resolution of the raffle concerns.
- **Brother Ernie Petite** discussed status of certificates for altar servers, It was recommended that we simply award the certificates this year and determine total years of service during next year certificate presentations.
- **Brother Robert Martz** thanked the council for the warm welcome back to his first meeting since his injury, for all the prayers and support.
- Tootsie roll drive: Council recommended we purchase 17 new cases for this year's drive. Additionally, the Grand Knight requested that individuals desiring to provide a donation to purchase a case to let him know prior to 1 Aug so he can increase the order.
- **Brother Jim Fricke** advised the council that the city of Lansing is applying for 501C3 status so it can provide tax deductible receipts for such donations as the Christmas Tree effort. Intent is for the good of the city. Next meeting is 18 Aug. Contact Jim for more information.
- **Good of the Order:** Council said Glory Be and Hail Mary for the **Brother Dennis Huffman's** brother Jim. **Council Thesbian Brother Edd Hingula** provided a moving discussion of how to maintain a sense of civility and fraternity during our council meetings. Note he needed to do bet-

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ter as well. And noted the significant improvement from the previous meeting. “Snickers” were passed out in recognition of the council’s demeanor during the meeting.

Please send “Knight’s in Action” photos and a brief caption to Brother Twohig for inclusion in future newsletters. We will even consider pictures submitted by a Marine

Knights in Action

New Members of the Council



Immediately following the 25 June 1st Degree Ceremony, council members welcome with the traditional toast our newest Members: **Brothers Matt Supper, Brian Keegan and Ryan Rambo.**

Supporting Church Maintenance



Brother Dave Young (the brains and brawn) performs maintenance on the Church HVAC system under the watchful eye of his two assistants **Brother’s Jim Cunningham and Bill Rettele** (**Brother Pete Im** not shown is the photographer)

Boys and Their Toys



Brothers Pete & Dave enjoying power tools

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The Team – Mission Complete



Finally off Jeanne's hit list (for now).

Constructive Criticism



Brothers Ed Hingula and Mike Keohane – providing expert advice - What was it that Teddy Roosevelt once said? . . . “It is not the critic that counts. . . .”

Rectory Maintenance



“You’re going down, I’m Calling Timber”

Brother Russell Craft avoids being hit by falling branches during his efforts to beautify the rectory under **Father Bill’s** (not shown, inside with a Diet Coke) watchful eye.

Brother Russell chose not to use **Bother Robert Martz** “possessed ladder” for this project.

The Possessed Ladder



Brother’s Twohig and Madill apprehend the possessed ladder that threw **Brother Robert** to the ground and also attached Don nearly braking his arm. “**Father Bill** we still need that exorcism.” (Jan 16 Newsletter)

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Take me out to the Ball Game



Sunday afternoon at a T-Bones Game. **Brother Bill Butler** organized a Sunday outing to a T-Bones game, ~ 20 Knights/family members watched not only an exciting game, but also enjoyed **Brother Edd's** rendition of "Take me out to the Ball Game," the "Chicken Dance" and a chance to meet T-Bone. A good time and a number of beers were had by all.

Current and Future Grand Knights



Grand Knight Gates Brown, his son **Garrison** (Grand Knight ~FY 2032) and **CPT America** (Former Grand Knight) take a short break before running the bases. Garrison and CPT America after sliding into 3rd.

Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Veterans Recognition Project Mount Calvary Cemetery

Knights of Columbus Council 10834 has taken on the mission of identifying all the American veterans buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lansing, Kansas. There are over 12,000 graves at Mount Calvary Cemetery. As of 1 July 2016, **Brother Neal Hanley** has gone through the bios, websites and walked the grounds to identify ~337 veterans.

Detailed Research Required



Inside Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Brother Neal and Mrs XXX XXX reviewing the records.

Mount Calvary Cemetery has veterans from the US Army, US Army Air Corps, US Army Air Force, US Air Force, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard, and the US Merchant Marines.

There are three Medal of Honor recipients from the Indian Wars buried at Mount Calvary. . . .



Medal of Honor Recipients

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. . . and one survivor from Reno Hill engagement at the Little Bighorn. Several War Between the States (WBTS) graves, to include two Confederate surgeons from the Army of Northern Virginia. There is one Spanish American War veteran and numerous WWI, WWII, Korea Conflict and Vietnam veterans buried as well.

Once we receive approval from the Mount Calvary Cemetery Board of Governors, the intent is to recognize these veterans on Memorial Day similar to the manner done at military and VA cemeteries. More to follow.

Parish Says Farewell and God Speed To Sister Phyllis



Brothers Duane Tunink, Sr Phyllis, Brother Ernie Petite and Duane's wife **Peggy** wish Sr Phyllis well as she returns to the mother house and a leadership position. The unanswered question "Who will keep Ernie in Line?"

Corporate Communion & Monthly Rosary



Our council conducts the monthly Corporate Communion and Pro-Life Rosary the first Sunday of each month at the 8AM Mass. Here a number of Knights serving as EM. Consider joining us – coffee and donuts afterwards with **Brother Mike Keohane** advising on blood pressure.

Returning to meeting – Sir Robert



Great to have you Back Sir Robert.

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