



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter November 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
Wednesday, October 12, 2016; over 22 Brothers
attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion
and Remembrance Ceremony: 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, 6 November, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday,
9 November 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 re-
newing your pledge. You can also send dona-
tions 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 pur-
chase to a designated charity. Parish has es-
tablished a similar program with Dillon's.

Knight of the Month (October)

Brother Don Portice

Summary: Selected based on his efforts to conduct the Chris Cakes breakfast that was a parish social and KofC fund raiser, AAA duties, support to Thursday community meals and council/parish events.

Family of the Month (October)

Brother Jim Cunningham Family

Summary: Selected based on their significant contribution to our council, parish and local community to include organizing corporate communion, parish finance committee, significant maintenance and repair work for the parish and other council and parish activities.

Membership: Current membership:

- o 162 Members
- o 87 Associate Members
- o 68 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance

Welcome Brother Tony Taylor.



Grand Knight Message: Brother Knights, thank you for all your help with the Tootsie Roll drive. The funds we raised will help those with intellectual disabilities to participate in the Special Olympics. Also, we will get a significant portion of the proceeds returned to our council and we will determine which local charities that focus on helping those with intellectual disabilities we will support. We have the parish chili feed coming up with this weekend. If you didn't enter, please come by and enjoy a night of fellowship and good food while helping raise money for the parish. As always, I appreciate all that you do for the parish and for the Knights

Brother Gates Brown



Chaplain's Corner: Brother Knights, October 22nd is the Feast Day of Pope Saint John Paul II. We all remember him with great love and esteem, don't we?

Many of us were fortunate to have seen him in person during one of his pastoral visits. One of the most hallowed moments of my own life was the blessing to have shaken his hand during one of his papal audiences. I'm sure he was seen in person by more people than anyone else in human history. He definitely was the world's pastor.

Pope John Paul very much appreciated the generous and faithful assistance he received from the Knights of Columbus. He many times called upon

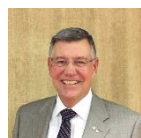
the Knights for help, and we didn't let him down. We were, according to Pope John Paul, the strong right arm of the Church. Why? Because we promote family values, vocations, and fidelity to Church teachings. We're engaged on the front lines of parish and civil life, and we're not afraid to step up and challenge what is sometimes a distorted culture. "Be not afraid," was his constant theme throughout his twenty-five yearlong papacy.

I'm grateful to Council 10834 which is loyal to the faith and generous to the parish. When I, as pastor, need assistance with a special project I know I can always count on you. On his feast day I will ask the intercession of Saint John Paul for God's blessings upon you and your families. In a few weeks I will be visiting the Vatican and will say a special prayer for you at his tomb.

Also, on October 22nd, remember to say a special prayer like this one from the Mass of his feast day:

O GOD, who are rich in mercy and who willed that the Saint John Paul II should preside as Pope over your universal Church, grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen!

Your brother,
Father Bill



Field Agent Report:

Ask Eligible Men to Join.

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

We often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you

could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Brother Dave Soukup
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Council Meeting Highlights

- **District Deputy (Brother Gregg Beck):** Thanked the council for the support of the religious education tickets, Holy Angels 150th Jubilee and tootsie roll drive. Noted that this past month we celebrated Columbus Day – ensure we are active and vote in the state and national elections.
- **Field Agent (Brother Dave Soukup):** Reported that this is the last quarter for the financial year, Nationally, the KofC are approaching their goal in terms of record growth; continued to receive A++ insurance program rating for this past year – over 40 years in a row; National goal is to provide over 1000 ultra sound machines – currently over 700 provide to support pro-life. Encouraged council members to 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.

- **Presentations:** Grand Knight provided the following awards:
 - Family of the Month for September 2016 **Brother Mike Keohane Family**
 - Knight of the Month for September 2016 **Brother Tom Young**
 - 5 Year of Service Pin **Brother Terry Yoakam**
 - 15 Year Service Pin **Brother Dave Soukup**
- **Correspondence:**
 - Received updated version of 2nd Degree Ceremonial and forwarded to District Deputy.
 - Received two requests from Second Harvest – council took no action.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Council reviewed and unanimously accepted the Transfer of **Brother Tony Taylor** to our council. He is a new member of SFDS and comes to us from Council 9483 in West (by God) Virginia. He was recommended by Brother Dave Soukup. He is in the military stationed at Fort Leavenworth. Welcome Brother Tony and your family to the Parish and to our council.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Encouraged the 4th degrees to support Color Guard for the 6 November remembrance of deceased Knights at the 1st Sunday Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion.
 - Reminded the 4th degree members of the Memorial Day parade on 11 Nov.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Passed around sign-up sheet for Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for 6 November.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Thanked council members for the outstanding support for the Tootsie Roll Drive in support of intellectually disabilities. Stated we still had a number of cases of Tootsie Rolls ideal for Halloween – contact either Brother Tom Young or Brother Jim Scherer to purchase.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Don Portice** as October Knight of the Month for his efforts in conducting the Chris Cakes breakfast that was a parish social and KofC fund raiser, AAA duties, support to Thursday community meals and council/parish events. Don took the opportunity to thank the council for the support of the 9 October event. Don will coordinate with Sr. Josephine for a similar event in the spring.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected Brother Jim Cunningham Family of the month for October based on their significant contribution to our council, parish and local community to include organizing corporate communion, parish finance committee, significant maintenance and repair work for the parish and other council and parish activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** Brother Ernie Petite Nothing to Report
- **Chancellor (Brother Thad Brzustowicz):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees: Brother Dennis Huffman** will schedule and audit within the next two weeks.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Tootsie Roll Committee of one (**Brother Tom Young**) – pending the final count of donations and selling /

storage of the Tootsie Rolls, this year's effort is mission complete.

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Bill Butler** provided updates:
 - The Parish fundraising committee's booth at the Lansing Autumn in the Grove on 8 October was a success raising over \$450 for parish maintenance and repairs. Thank you to the council members who supported this effort.
 - 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off to take place on Saturday 15 October after the 5 PM mass. Passed around a sign up sheet for support. After the council meeting, Knights helped set up the hall for the Chili Cook-Off. Encouraged Knights to support by either entering the contest, singing up for support, provide cornbread or simply come and enjoy a wide variety of Chili.
- Update on Kansas KofC Religious Education Raffle Tickets. Council purchased 5 at a cost of \$500. The other three tickets were purchased by individual/group of council members.
- **Brother Don Portice** thanked council members for their support of Chris Cakes breakfast. Money raised will help fund our support to the parish and local community.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** discussed the 6 November annual remembrance of Knights of Columbus that have passed away during the past year. He requested support from the 4th Degrees and other council members to support this event as part of the November Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate communion. A family member of the deceased or a council member will process before mass with the candle to a table vicinity of the altar. **Brother Hingula** will be the reader and **Brother Twohig** the organizer. A motion was passed to purchase the glass candle holders and inserts through the parish at a cost of \$91.20.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** asked if there was interest of having a golf scramble on a Sunday afternoon in November at a local golf course. A number of council members indicated an interest. Mike will flush out the details for the November meeting. If weather prevents this event in the fall, we will relook in the spring.
- **Brother Dennis Huffman** discussed the local prison ministry efforts and the request to support indigent prisoners with funds to purchase necessities such as toiletries (corporal works of mercy visit the imprisoned). A motion to provide \$250 to local Prison Ministry in support this effort was unanimously approved. Similar to last year's donation.
- The council unanimously passed a motion to provide \$275 to the Lansing Mayor's Christmas Tree Program – similar to last year's donation.
- The council unanimously passed a motion to spend up to \$300 in support of Catholic Community Services Thanksgiving Baskets. Brother Bill Butler noted we provide ~12 baskets each year.
- The council unanimously passed a motion to provide \$150 to the Lansing Back Pack Buddy Program. This program provides food to less privileged children in the local community by giving them a backpack of food on Friday's to support their nutritional needs over the weekend.
- Council deferred vote on seminarians to sponsor for this year pending Grand Knight and Financial Secretary review and recommendation of candidates.
- Council recognized **Brother Tom Young** for his artistic prowess in painting and lighting the cross on the top of Sir Robert Martz Hall.
- **Brother John Twohig** requested support for the newsletter by sending in pictures and captions for Knights in action.
- **Good of the Order:** Council said Glory Be and Hail Mary for the **Brother Dan Ladd and his wife Linda**; and **Knights of Columbus impacted by Hurricane Matthew** and 1st responders supporting the recovery. Council Lecture **Brother Edd Hingula** simply highlighted that it

took the United States 300 years (1792) to recognize Columbus' exploits – first Columbus Day celebrated in 1792.

Knights in Action

Family and Knight of the Month



Brothers Don Portice (Knight) and Jim Cunningham (Family) discuss how St. Teresa has inspired their charitable actions that resulted in their selection as Knight and Family of the Month for October. Congrats.

Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectually Disabled.

Each year our council raised funds for the intellectually disabled by distributing Tootsie Rolls – this year at Dillon's. Over 20 Council Members supported this effort.



Brothers Gene Young and Gates Brown standing their post – greeting shoppers with

Tootsie Rolls, brightening their day and explaining how the donations support local intellectually disabled programs and the state Special Olympics.



Supporting the intellectually handicapped through the Tootsie Roll fund raiser taking its toll. Note **Brother Brad Cox** working the crowd in front of Dillon's while **Brother Dennis Huffman** tries to recover from a Tootsie Roll sugar overload.



The Saturday crew of **Brother Don Portice** (October Knight of the Month) along with **Brothers Don Madill** and **Bob Hall** doing their part.

Lansing Autumn in the Grove

"Two Yuts" Continued



Our parish continues to be blessed with talented and motivated young men and women. Pictured here are **Garrison and Anna Brown** supporting the Parish fund raiser at the Lansing's Autumn in the Grove which raised over \$450 for the parish. They are accompanied in the photo by **SFDS Angel Sr. Josephine and Marty and Brother Gates Brown**.



Brother George Harris and wife Kathleen enjoying the fall weather and art work of **Brother Gene Young**. Ada is Gene's inspiration.



Ada Young and her Guardian (fallen) Angel. In supervising Knights like Brothers Gene, Dave and Tom Young, Ada needs all the help she can muster.

Knights Supporting the Parish Picnic



Brothers Bob Hall and Edd Hingula working the first shift at the grill



Brothers Jack French and Don Portice in relief.



Brothers Don Mazzia and Bill Butler providing the required supervision and quality control for Edd and Jack.



Three Yuts: **Leona** getting ready to draw the 50/50 winner under **Grandpa's (Brother Edd)** and **Grandma's (Teresa)** watchful eyes. **Anna and Garrison Brown (Marty Brown** is the chair for the parish fund raising committee) provide support should Leona need it. Subsequently **Brother Twohig** announced **Mary Kay Pedziwater** as the winner.

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Marty Brown, Mary Hanley and Brother Neal Hanley supporting multiple parish fund raisers at the picnic. 50/50 Pot, SFDS Shirt sales and Chili Cook-Off sign up. Who said Marines could not count?



Mary Kay Pedziwater the 50/50 winner thanking **Leona** who drew the winning ticket.

Shout Out



Brother Tom Young completing the final touches on the roof to Robert Martz Hall. The new roof, restored cross and lighting have the facility looking good – Especially at Knight (or night). Brother Tom “ya done real good.”

Holy Angels 150th Jubilee

4th Degree Knights from our council support Holy Angels 150th Jubilee with Color Guard.



Brother Edd entertaining the Arch Bishop with tales of his past military exploits. “Back during the Great War, clenching my sword in my teeth, I scaled the cliffs of . . . “



Color Guard lining up under the supervision of Brother Bob Hall. Yes he finally got Edd under control (sort of).



Brother (Arch Bishop Emeritus) James Patrick Keleher reminiscing about his days as a parish priest: “The Knights of Columbus were different back then, they are much better now.” **Brother Twohig’s** response: “ Ya know Arch Bishop, the bishops and priests were different back then, they are also much better now.”

Special Dedication



Brother (Father) Bill dedicating the new statue of Mary at Masses the week of 1&2 October. Donated in memory of **Brother Francis Thorne** by his family. **Brother Mike McCoy** performing AAA duties.

Enjoying Local Cuisine After Mass



What do Knights do best? Eat, drink, talk, plan, prepare and carbo load for the next big event. **Brother Bob Riese** has his hands full trying to keep **Brothers Edd and Mike** under control. Group enjoying Sunday breakfast after the Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion.

Please send “Knight’s in Action” photos and a brief caption to Brother Twohig for inclusion in future newsletters.

Thank you,

Brother John Twohig

Recorder, Reporter, Photographer, and Editor (questionable).