



## **Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834**

### **Monthly Newsletter January 2019**

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on  
Wednesday, 12 December 2018; over 24 Brothers  
attended the meeting.**

### **Meetings and Events**

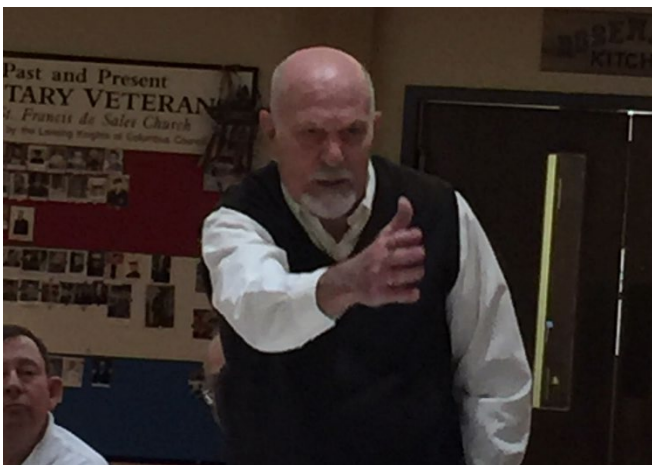
- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 AM, Sunday, 6 Jan 2019.**
- **Next Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, 9 Jan 2019, 7:30 PM in Robert Martz Hall.**
- **Tasting Fair, Saturday 2 Feb, 6:00 PM in Robert Martz Hall**

### **MAJOR DEGREES:**

**Go To: <http://www.kansas-kofc.org> and  
click on the calendar for information.**

**Current Membership: 168 Members**

### **Knight of the Month (January 2019) Brother George Steger**



Our Knight of the Month for January, George Steger, was selected for his ex-

ceptional performance in leading the Bethany Prison Ministry Group. The group provides a variety of religious services and programs on a weekly basis and George leads the annual Christmas Bag effort for the inmates at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

### **Family of the Month (January 2019) Frank Hattok Family**



Family of the Month for January was the Frank and Sandra Hattok family. Frank is a good Catholic Gentleman and has spent years taking care of our council Knights barber needs. Frank has been a barber for many years and a member of Saint Francis de Sales. He volunteers at Twin Oaks providing his services to the residence to include his and our favorite, Sir Robert Martz.



**Grand Knight Message: Knights  
of Columbus - Love thy Neighbor – Thanksgiving  
Golden Rule**

My Fellow Knights,

Here it comes. The holiday season. The busiest time of the year for some. They'll be readying so many things; activities, food, gifts, travel, cleaning up their homes, having guests,

(usually friends or family), going to church on those special days.

Hm-mm-mm. Church on those special days. Hopefully, that means for each of us all, that we're present to be part of Mass with the celebrant and the congregation every weekend. There are of course those who have been called C and E'ers. You know, Christmas and Easter attendees at Mass. I love those folks. They come to Mass. The Lord loves them too. But it doesn't stop there. The Lord loves those who don't attend Mass. Do we do the same?

Love has the power to bind us all together. Love of God can be a great start toward loving each other. Some of the things we do on an everyday basis could be a reflection of our love of God, and his love of us.

Here it comes. The holiday season. The busiest time of the year for some. Seems that the focus on Christmas comes earlier and earlier with each passing year. But is it a focus on Christmas as a Holy Day when we take time to celebrate the birth of our Lord? Or is it too often a focus on Christmas as a holiday, with gift giving and receiving, visiting friends and relatives, eating, and drinking and being merry?

Well here comes the first big one, Thanksgiving, when we sit and give thanks for all we have. The gifts we have should make us happy givers. It's the gifts we've received that enable us to follow the golden rule. I'd offer a different translation of what the golden rule might be. Instead of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," what do you think of this idea. "Do unto others as they would have you do unto them?"

It's a little different, but thinking about it, I would think we might have better luck establishing and cementing relationships better if we thought about what others would want to have. Basically, that works out to being considerate and thoughtful of others.

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



### **Chaplain's Corner:** **"January Celebration"**

The Super Bowl in February 3rd, and we hope it will be an extra special day for we Chiefs fans, But another big day comes before that: January 24th. That's the feast of Saint Francis de Sales. But since he is our patron saint, we are permitted by Church law to observe his feast the Sunday closest to January 24th. So we'll joyfully pull out all the stops and celebrate the weekend of January 26th/27th. Father John Graden (who is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales) is coming to celebrate with us. He will have a mini-retreat on Saturday January 26th, from 10am-2pm, and he will preach at all the weekend Masses.

We're very fortunate that we have such a warm and practical patron saint. Born in France in 1567, this good bishop has given the Church a practical everyday spirituality for living in the real world. He calls us to deepen our spiritual life by embrace the duties of our state in life. In the words of St. Francis de Sales, you are to "bloom where you are planted." His is a "spirituality of the heart," an all-embracing, down-to-earth spirituality for everyone.

Many followers of de Sales begin each day with "the direction of intentions": ***My God, I give you this day. I offer You, now all the good that I shall do and promise to accept, for love of You, all the difficulties that I shall meet. Help me to conduct myself this day in a manner pleasing to You.***

Our parish motto comes directly from St. Francis: **"Live Jesus."** We are to allow Jesus to live in us and to love through us, and to reproduce in our life

the gentleness and humility of Christ. By all accounts, St. Francis de Sales lived those “little virtues,” those everyday behaviors that demonstrated to all his living like Christ: kindness, gentleness, compassion, humility, simplicity, hospitality, gratitude, patience, generosity, cheerfulness, tranquility, meekness, honesty, charity, forgiveness, and service. We plan on inscribing these little virtues unobtrusively along the new center aisle tile that will come from our One Faith capital campaign. We need to be reminded, from time to time, our call to Live Jesus.

Live Jesus +  
**Fraternally,**  
**Father Bill**

P.S. thank you for your prayers and support. We are now over 100% of our goal for the Capitol Campaign.



**Field Agent Report:  
“Core Principles”**

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles: They are as important today as they were in 1882 when the Knights of Columbus was founded **Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors < Caution-<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/articles/neighbors-helping-neighbors.html> > by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics < Caution-<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/life/special-olympics.html#/> > , and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose

life < Caution-<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/life/marches-for-life.html#/> > for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn’t mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community < Caution-<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html> > .

**Fraternity** – Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order’s top-rated insurance program < Caution-<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/index.html> > continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy **Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

**Brother Dave Soukup**  
**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. **Balance:** \$14,904.79
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Brother Jim provided detailed report on membership, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. **Balance:** \$15057.87.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
  - Deputy Grand Knight provided Brother Gates Brown Family of the Month certificate for December.



- Thanked those who attended the 8 December Christmas Party.
  - Relayed to council the adjustment to the Tootsie Roll distribution from 50%-50% split to 60% - 40% for SNAP and Special Olympics.
  - **Receipts of Treasurer to financial Secretary and Treasurer's Vouchers of Deposit:** Received \$153.08 that included the \$67.08 in dues, \$50 Tootsie Roll (late donations), and \$36 Seminarian fund. Two Warrants totaling \$329.88.
  - **Bills and Communications:**
    - Thank you note from The Bethany Prison Group for our donation of \$300
- highlighting the support to their Christmas Bag project.
  - Christmas Card from State KofC Council wishing: "May the Strength of Joseph the Joy of Mary and the Peace of the Christ Child fill your Heart on Christmas Day."
  - Thank you note from the Council of Aging for our \$100 donation for their "Adopt a Senior for Thanksgiving." That provided 50 nutritious noon day meals to low income seniors.
  - Thank you note from Will Sutherland for our biannual support to religious. He noted "I am always deeply appreciative to the Knights for their generosity. Your help makes so much possible for seminary formation and the future of the Church."
  - **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report
  - **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to report.
  - **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Russel Craft):** Brother Russel Craft Reminded the council of the 15 Dec 4th Degree Christmas party in Robert Martz Hall after the 5 PM Mass. Snacks, Bunco and Gift Exchange. Bring your spouse and encourage a 3rd degree member to attend.
  - **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
  - **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Next Corporate Communion / Pro-Life Rosary is scheduled for 6 January 2019, passed around signup sheet. Brother Edd Hingula will be rosary leader.
  - **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
  - **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother George Steger** as Knight of the Month for January.
  - **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to Report.

- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected the **Frank Hattock** family as Family of the Month for December.
- **Youth Director (TBD): repeat from last month:** Grand Knight asked for someone to volunteer to become the new youth director. In the interim, Brother Bill Butler volunteered to run the annual free throw contest date to be determined. The District event will be held in Basehor on 20 January. Bill will need our support to help administer the event.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Theme for 2018-2019 Vocation Poster Contest is "Come Follow Me."
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
  - Tasting Fair and Auction 2 Feb 2019: Brother Dennis Huffman reviewed the Letter of Instructions with the council, made minor adjustments and will email to council members later this month. We will need max participation if we are to make this event a successful fund raiser. To this end:
    - Each council member is requested to bring a main dish and a side dish or salad.
    - Members are also requested to bring sodas and/or beer and ice.
    - Members are also required for setup and cleanup.
    - Members are asked to provide quality auction items for either the silent or live auction.
    - Council unanimously approved a motion to obligate up to \$500 to fund miscellaneous items to support the tasting fair. Request receipts be provided to Jim Scherer for reimbursement and accounting
  - Brother Don Portice reminded the council of the 17 Feb 2019 Pancake Breakfast. Set up at 0745 AM.

## Old & New Business:

- Brother Jim Cunningham reminded the Council of the Wreathes Across America ceremony at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Saturday 15 Dec at 1245, vicinity of the Statue of Mary. Assembly 293 purchased 18 wreaths to be displayed at Mt. Calvary to honor veterans. Council members are asked to wear their blue shirts.
- Jim Cunningham reminded the council of the 23 Dec Caroling at Golden Living (behind Speedway). Be there at 5:15 PM and bring someone who can carry a tune, play a musical instrument and is festive..
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Congratulated the council on the tootsie roll results, note the 20 January free throw contest will be held by Basehor council; in 2020 the District has been asked to hold the Regional contest – more to follow; announced a Grand Knight Meeting on 5 January; poster contest due to district NLT ~16 March – due to state on 25 March; also noted that family and knight of the year were also due at that time.
- **Knights sick or in distress:** Council prayed for a number of council members, family and friends distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Brother Dan Ladd provide a reading with the theme On the existence of Angels – highlighting their role in the history of the Church in serving God and that they will be present at Christ's return.

**Special request - Please remember to send you photos and captions of Knights in Action to [Groggtwo@aol.com](mailto:Groggtwo@aol.com)**



## **Knights in Action**

### **Council Christmas Party**



A good number of council members and their spouse enjoyed the great spread at the annual event.



Bunco was the game of choice – and nine tables were in action.

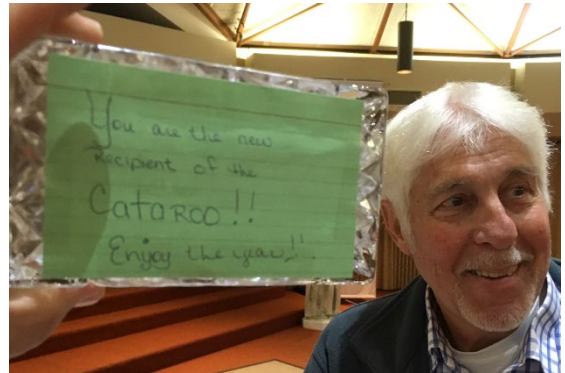


Sir Robert shares his prize with Brother Ernie



Gene and Ada proudly display their gift. Ada really liked the gift bag,

### **Grand Prize Winner Brother John Bormolini**



John is in shock, finding a special gift certificate for the grand prize: the chance to provide residence and travel with the council Cat-a-roo for the next year.



John displays his New Best Friend; plans to take him on a number of exciting trips.



## Corporate Communion & Pro-Life Rosary



Father Bill getting us focused for the celebration of the Mass.



Brother Mike McCoy organizes the procession of knights – he even had Mike Keohane (somewhat) under control.



Harkening back to his days in the Cadet choir, Brother Dennis Huffman leads us in the responsorial psalm.



Father Bill celebrates his own December birthday by providing the monthly birthday blessing at the corporate communion.

## "Road Trip"



Ron Mazzia, Bill Butler, Mike Keohane and Ed Hingula use the excuse of a road trip to Chicago to get out of the monthly business meeting. (It was the shortest and most relaxed meeting of the year)



Brothers Mike and Edd visited the Navy Pier, and struggled over who should carry the pink hand bag, while Ron sung a few verses of "In the Navy" while Bill danced.



One man's annual tribute to our veterans inspired a legion of volunteers and gave rise to the Wreaths Across America of today. Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made

an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet.



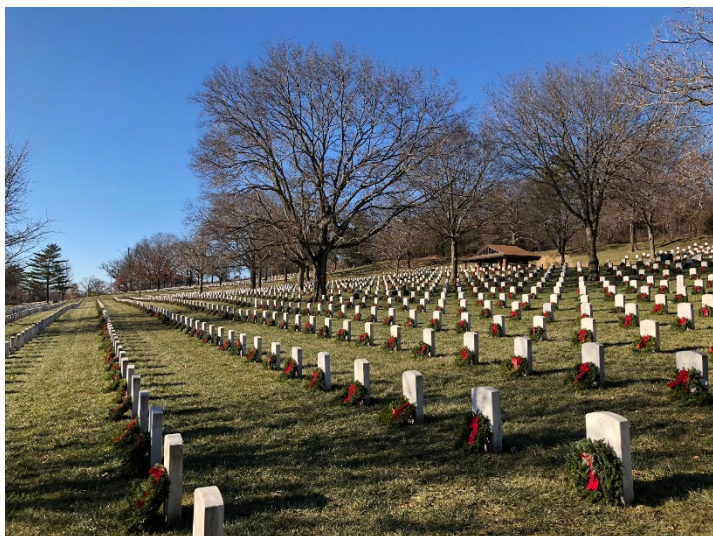
Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.-

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US



Congress as “Wreaths Across America Day”.  
(information from <http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/our-story>)

### Fort Leavenworth



At the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, 6822 gravesites decorated of 15,000 graves with Wreaths Across America.



Assembly 293 provided 18 wreaths arranged in front of the recently added statue of Mary and Jesus at the entrance to the cemetery.



After a brief ceremony and prayer honoring our heroes at Mount Calvary; Council, assembly and parish members take a moment for a group picture.

### Family of the Month



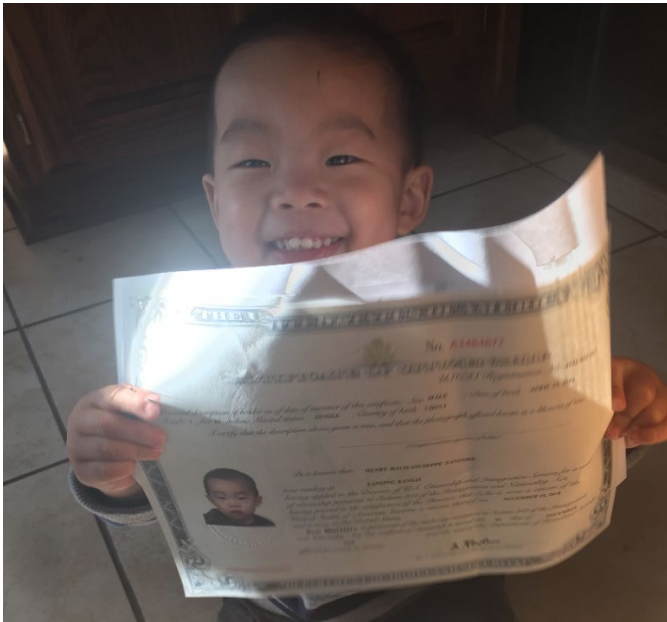
Brother Neal Hanley along with Jim Cunningham, Russel Craft and Mike Keohane planned and organized the “Wreaths Across America” remembrance at Mount Calvary Cemetery.



Frank Hattok reflects on his many years making us all look good at his “Hattok’s Barber Shop” at 524 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth.



## Update on Henry Davis Gaspe Sanford



Henry received his US Citizen Certificate while singing "I am proud to be an American."



Later in December, Henry accompanied by his mom, Shannon; gets fitted for his new right leg. Henry appreciates all of your prayers as he gets this much needed medical attention.



Henry enjoying his first Christmas decorating Grammy's and Bodach's tree.

## A Christmas Wish from Henry (2048 Grand Knight Council 10834) to Council 10834

*"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,  
May the Christ Child light your way,  
May God's holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.*

*and*

*May the most you hope for in the New Year . .  
. be the very least you receive."*

*Thanks to all for being a Knight of Colum-  
bus and Keep doing good.*

*Brother John Twohig*

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