



**Lansing Knights of Columbus  
Council 10834  
Monthly Newsletter  
May 2018**

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight  
on Wednesday, 11 April 2018; over 24  
Brothers attended the meeting.**

**Meetings and Events**

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 6 May, 2018.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**MAJOR DEGREES:**

**For More Information Go To:  
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on the calendar for detailed information.**

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**Knight of the Month (May 2018)  
Brother John Twohig**

**Family of the Month (May 2018)  
Brother Bill Rettele Family**

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**Membership:** Current membership:

- o 154 Members
  - o 75 Associate Members
  - o 72 Insurance Members
  - o 7 Inactive Insurance
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**Grand Knight Message:**

**MILESTONES**

We all track how time has gone by, most frequently by the milestones we've achieved or surpassed.

They could be milestones that are infrequent, such as birthdays, anniversaries, or how long it's been between major purchases such as new cars or homes.

They could also be frequent milestones, such as Mondays when we have to start a new work week, or the hours between arriving at work and getting out of the office to go to lunch. There's even the shorter time we have 'til we have to get back to work from lunch.

There are joyous milestones, like weddings, silver, or golden wedding anniversaries, or a new child or grandchild. Then we also mark the time of sadder milestones such as funerals of family or friends.

Our lives are marked by those milestones. We use them partly to measure our own lives, or perhaps how long and well we have lived. They tell us how much we have done, and for how long, and what good it has done for others.

Do we sometimes give ourselves too much credit when marking our milestones? Shouldn't we thank our great benefactor, God above, for the milestones we have achieved? Certainly we haven't done it ourselves. We should all also look forward to help celebrate the joyful milestones that our friends and family members reach or surpass. If they seem to forget, we need to remind them of their accomplishments, or their time of distinguished achievement, and from whence the ability to realize that milestone comes. And of course help those same folks

through the milestones that delineate the periods of their lives that are not the happiest of times. We all measure our time on this earth, many do it by the milestones.

By the way, our council is coming up on this milestone; 26 years of service to our parish and our community. Its first recorded meeting was May 20th, 1992.

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

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**Chaplain's Corner:**

Good Shepherds Needed

There are many words that were used to describe the late 37-year-old Aaron Feis, the assistant football coach and part-time security guard at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida: Giving. Loyal. Resilient. But when it came to his everyday life at school, the word "ubiquitous" might fit best.

Coach Feis had an all-encompassing presence that both athletes and non-athletes knew and loved, a presence that went beyond the school walls. Feis helped get 50 to 70 players into college who might have fallen through the cracks.

In a article written for ESPN.com, not one person who knew him expressed surprise that he ran toward the gunfire and take a bullet for the students at his school: the place where he played football, graduated in 1999 and returned to help his beloved community. He was one of the 17 killed in the Ash Wednesday

shootings. He died shielding two students from the gunfire.

Jesus the Good Shepherd walks among us still in the lives of people like Coach Feis, whose love and bravery enable them to "lay down their lives" for those entrusted to their care.

Knights are called to imitate Christ. Our lives are at the service of one another.

May we all have the courage to step up, especially at times of crisis, to be there to help get through tough times.

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

*PS. Coach Feis's brother, Michael Connell, serves on the campus security team at the University of Saint Mary. I know he appreciated the prayers and support of our community.*



**Field Agent Report:**

Our First Principal Charity

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest forces for good. In the past decade alone, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charitable causes, and has performed more than 700 million hours of volunteer service. Knights have led major charitable initiatives including Coats for Kids, the Ultrasound Initiative, and Christians at Risk, and have also sponsored events and programs with organizations such as Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission. The Knights of Columbus insurance program – coupled with the hard work and dedication of brother Knights anywhere – helps power the Knights of Columbus'

charitable giving “The insurance program is a powerful financial engine that supports much of the good works we do,” said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Through the insurance program, we are blessed with the opportunity to give generously and support numerous charitable and spiritual causes, building up society and the Church.”

“Of course, this is closely tied to our Catholic identity and the fact that charity is our first principle,” he continued. “We are called to be ‘our brother’s keeper,’ and to look after the physical and spiritual well-being of those around us. But the fact is that without the insurance program, much of what we do....would simply not be possible.

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### **Council Meeting Highlights**

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective. **Balance:\$18,719.98**
- **Financial Secretary’s Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Provided detailed report on membership, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. **Balance: 19,411.13**
- **Grand Knight’s Report (Brother Edd Hingula):** Grand Knight awarded Family of the Month certificate for April to the **Brother Bill Butler Family**, Provided **Brother Tom Young** his 25 Years of Service certificate and pin. Thanked trustees, financial secretary and treasurer for support of successful – no discrepancies- audit; thanked council members for support of the Knights of Columbus sponsored stations of the cross during Lent; reminded council members of

the 117<sup>th</sup> Kansas Knights of Columbus State Convention on 3-6 May in Overland Park – anyone wanting to attend, contact the Grand Knight.

- **Bills and Communications: Council discussed the following:**
  - Thank you note from Xavier Catholic Schools for donation to Igniting the Green and White.
  - Request from St. Benedictine’s Abby for support – no action taken.
  - Notification of vote a State Convention to revise methodology for determining the date and location of future state conventions. Allows state leadership to decide. Council delegates will vote at the annual meeting.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Brother Edd Hingula thanked the council for support of the membership drive and encouraged individuals to follow-up with potential new members.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing New to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Council Unanimously accepted the following transfers to our council and new members to be accepted into the council pending a 1st Degree Ceremony:
  - Transfers: Raymond Dalton and Jim Madigan
  - New members: Steven Michael Mortell, Kyle Milleret.

We anticipate a Council administered 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonial before the 9 May monthly meeting starting at 6:30 PM in Robert Martz Hall.

- **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** The next meeting is 19 April. 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled in Wichita Kansas this weekend and on 28 April in Eudora Kansas. Go to Knights of Columbus State of Kansas Website or contact Brother Bob Hall or Russel Craft.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing New to Report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that the monthly Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion would be

held on Sunday 6 May. Sign-up sheet was passed around. Contact Jim if you want to volunteer.

- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing New to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** **Brother Craft** commended the Grand Knight for his recruiting new Knights from the recent RCIA graduating class. Council unanimously selected **Brother John Twohig** as Knight of the Month for the Month of May for his efforts with planning, organizing and running the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocation Poster Contest as well as his support to parish ministries and council activities.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Relayed to the council that **Brad** and his wife **Mary** presented Birth-right the councils check for \$500 to support their pro-life activities.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Bill Rettele family** as Family of the Month for May in recognition of their behind the scene support to multiple parish activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Nothing New to Report.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** On Sunday 8 April – at the monthly Corporate Communion, the Grand Knight and Sr. Josephine presented awards to the winners of the annual vocation poster contest. The awards included a \$25 gift certificate from Soul Supply and Hardware, framed copy of the winning posters and district certificate. Winners are now competing at the state level.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Trustees completed the semi-annual audit – there were no discrepancies.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report

### Old & New Business:

- Brother Jim Scherer made a motion to write the checks to the 3 seminarians and one

novice for the semi-annual RSVP support to ensure we meet the RSVP time line and summer support of the religious. Council unanimously approved.

- Brother Jim Scherer made a motion to provide a blank check to be filled out at the state convention for the per capita. Council unanimously approved.
- Brother Jim Scherer made a motion to provide the council's "Pennies for Heaven" donation at the state convention. Pennies for Heaven enable the state and councils to support Knights of Columbus families who have suffered from a natural disaster, flood, fire, hurricane, unruly Marine Veteran, etc. A motion was unanimously passed that increased the current \$299 in the Pennies for Heaven fund to \$500 (from miscellaneous fund) for our annual contribution.
- Reminder Parish Trivia Night on 21 April; 6 May is first Communion; and 13 May is Mother's Day.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing New to Report.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Nothing New to Report
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order: Brother Dan Ladd** encouraged council members to carry their rosary's with them; as the lecture – Dan provided encouragement by reading a passage from "365 Science of the Mind" by Ernest Holmes. He encouraged Knights to "think of their bodies as a spiritual instrument . . . body is the temple of the living (Holy) Spirit."

**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***

### ***May Knight of the Month***



**Brother John Twohig** celebrates the arrival of their granddaughter **Emma Grace**. Congratulation on being Knight of the Month and on the arrival of Emma.

### ***May Family of the Month***



**Brother Bill and Carolyn Rettele** support the church in so many ways – they quietly make a difference every day for our parish. Thank you for all you do and congratulations on being our family of the month.

## ***Congratulations Cunninghams***



**Father Bill** welcomes **Brother Jim Cunningham's** granddaughter **Kacie Joe** into the parish at her baptism on 8 April.

### ***Youth Group Support to the Knights***



Our **Grand Knight** thanks the youth group for their support to the annual Tasting Fair. Our parish "Yuts" provided free babysitting to participants – note the potential for at least 5 new Knights in about 3-5 years.

**Edd** was passing out forms.

### Support to the Local Community



**Brother Brad and Mary Cox** provide our annual \$500 check to Leavenworth Birth Right as part of our commitment to Pro-Life and in support of Birth Right's local mission.

### April Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion.



Preparation – **Brother Thad and his wife Tama** prepare the church for mass by performing the sacristan duties.



**Father Bill** reminds us that the celebration of Easter does not end on Easter Sunday but extends for 50 days. In his monthly message, **Father Bill** tells the story of a “Good Shephard”. If you skipped the first part of the newsletter go back and read about Aaron Feis.



**Brothers Edd and Dennis Huffman** are joined by John Williams as the choir enhances our Corporate Communion experience.





**Father Bill** is surrounded by Knights as he prepares to distribute communion.

### **Vocation Poster Contest Winners** **Theme: "Answering God's Call"**

The council recognized the winners of the annual vocation poster contest at the Corporate Communion. All four also won at the district level and now compete at State.



**Brother Edd, Fr. Bill and Sr Josephine** congratulate **Addy** on winning for the second year in a row. Addy's poster recognizes Fr Bill's "Answering God's Call." She highlights the challenge of capturing the thousands of hairs in Fr. Bill's beard.



**Brother John Twohig** makes a special presentation to Sister Josephine in recognition of her continued support of the Vocation Poster Contest and integrating it into the religious education program. Thank you for inspiring our youth.

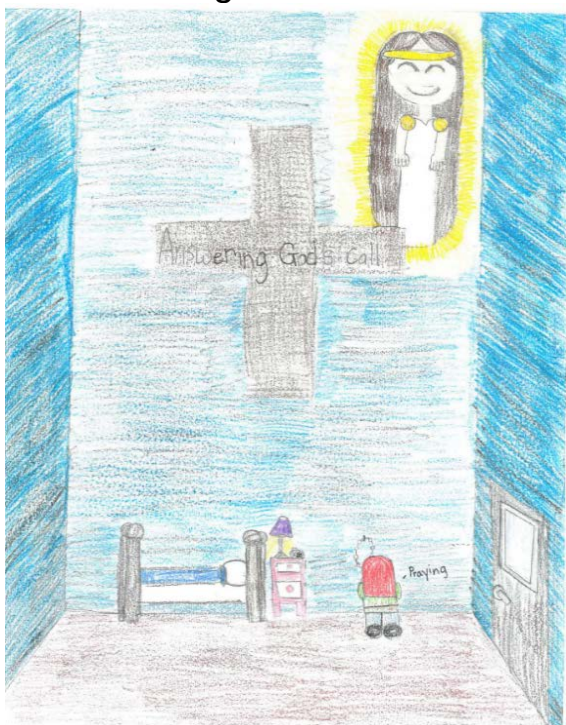




**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Lauren Foster**



**Brother Edd** congratulates **Lauren** on her winning poster. Like the other winners, she received a gift certificate to Soul Supply and Hardware, a framed copy of their winning poster and the district level certificate. Note **Fr Bill** leading the applause for **Lauren** who also regularly serves with **Brother Mike McCoy** at the Corporate Communion. Thanks for being an altar server Lauren.



**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Katelyn Patton**



**Sr. Josephine and Brother Edd** recognize **Katelyn** for her poster capturing both an priest and sister "Answering God's Call." Katelyn is not only a talented artist, but also shares her beautiful singing voice as part of the choir at the 8 AM mass. Thanks for sharing your talents with the parish.

Answering God's  
Call





**7th and 8th Grade -**  
**Mary Hanley has won for the 5th year in a row at the council and district level.**



**Mary** is not only a very talented artist, but also supports the parish by assisting her mother **Diana** to lead the children's liturgy at the 8AM mass – and volunteers along with **Brother Neal and Diana** at the pet rescue shelter to include creative YouTube videos to encourage pet adoption. Thank you for all you do. You are truly “Answering God’s Call.”



**Congratulations on 25 Years of Service**



**Our Grand Knight presents Brother Tom Young** his 25 Year certificate. The presentation was delayed due to Tom supporting his son's senior year on the KU basketball team and watching their run in the NCAA tournament.

**Family of the Month for April Recognized**



**Brother Bill and Ruth Butler** are recognized as family of the month for April – they continually share their talents to improve parish life for all of us.

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

*Brother John Twohig*

*Editor, publisher, & photographer*