



# Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter September 2016

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on Wednesday, August 10 2016; over 29 Brothers attended the meeting.**

## Meetings and Events

- **Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 4 Sep, 2016.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 14 Sep 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. 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 (August)

Brother Robert Martz

Summary: Selected based on his continued mentoring of our council, his return to council meetings and support of activities.

## Family of the Month (August)

Brother Brad Cox Family

Summary: Selected based on their significant contribution to our parish and local community/catholic schools to include: choir, lecture, EM, catholic schools teacher, altar servers, and grandchildren's attendance at Leavenworth Catholic Schools.

## Membership: Current membership:

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

## Council Meeting Highlights

**Establishment of a fact finding committee to be led by Brother Edd Hingula to determine how best to run raffle fundraisers in the future; council's attempt (out of tune) to sing happy birthday to our Grand Knight.**



## **Grand Knight Message (Brother Gates Brown):**

Brother Knights September and October will be busy months for us, please start planning ahead and clearing your calendars. In September we are helping bring up the picnic tables on Friday, 16 September at 6:30 PM. The picnic is Saturday, 17 September after the 5:00 PM Mass. This will be a fun event and the Knights man the cook out. Please make plans to attend and, if possible, stay and help clean up after the picnic. October we will be conducting our Tootsie Roll Drive, on October 8th and 9th. We will a roster at the next meeting to sign up for handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations. This is a great opportunity to get your hour of service for the year.

**Brother Gates Brown**

- **District Deputy (Brother Gregg Beck):** Highlighted that Supreme has declared this fraternal

year the Year of the Family, Booklets available from their website. It is a prayer book for the fraternal year focused on leading your family in prayer. Supreme also declaring September 11 a day of peace. **Brother Gregg** reminded the council of the new assembly dedication ceremony at Holy Angles on Sunday at 8AM mass.

Columbus “A++, Superior” for 39 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights

- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Highlighted results of the State and National Annual meetings. Nationally, KofC contributed a record of over \$170M to charities, 73.4 Million Man Hours and increased membership to just short of 2 Million Knights worldwide. Additionally, KofC is one of the major support of Syrian Refugees providing over \$11M in support. Encourage continued recruitment of younger Catholic Gentlemen since the average age of the KofC is 66 years.

### **ADDITIONAL FIELD AGENT NOTE**

#### ***Our Guarantees Set Us Apart***

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That’s peace of mind, and that’s what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of

- **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:
  - Family of the Month for July Brother Neal Hanley Family
  - Knight of the Month for July Brother Neal Hanley
  - 20 years service Brother Mike Keohane
  - 5 year service John Brock
 Awards not presented (availability of Knight)
  - 15 Year service Brother Fredrick Hinckley
  - 20 years service Brother Ken Boyer
  - 30 years service Father Bill McEvoy
- **Correspondence:** Council received
  - St. Benedictine Abby provided information & requested a donation - council took no action.
  - Second Harvest requested support, council took no action.
  - Catholic Charities requested support for school supplies – considered in new business.
  - Council received a letter from **Brother James Corum**. He provide an update on his teaching at Salford University in N.W England where he is in the Terrorism/Security Program and remains an active member of St. Brendan’s Parish in Harwood England.

Leavenworth Catholic Schools. See photos in the Knights in Action section.

- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report
- **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** **Bother Bob Hall** discussed that this month's Assembly 293 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday 18 August. Encouraged attendance and for members to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Requested the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Guard members be at Holy Angles in Basehor for the Activation of a New Assembly. Show time is 7:30 AM Sunday 14 August at Holy Angles for the 8AM mass/ceremony.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Thanks to the efforts of **Brothers Neal Hanley and Jim Cunningham**, Mt Calvary Cemetery approved our request to recognize veterans during future memorial days.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Jim Scherer):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Robert Martz Knight** of the Month based on his continued mentoring our out council and his return to council meetings and support of activities. See photo in Knights in Action.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Eugene Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected the **Brother Brad Cox Family** as family of the month based on their significant contribution to our parish and local community/catholic schools to include choir, lecture, EM, catholic schools teacher, altar servers, and grandchildren's attendance at Leavenworth Catholic Schools. See photos in the Knights in Action section.
- **Youth Director (Brother Bill Butler):** **Brother Ernie Petite** Nothing to Report
- **Chancellor (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Identified need for an audit.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** The Grand Knight summarized his earlier email (sent to council members earlier this month) reference the decision by the parish not to participate in the annual raffle and the need for the Council to take a step back and determine how best to implement the raffle in the future. Requested that council members not spread rumors nor gossip ref why the raffle was deferred. If there are questions/concern contact the Grand Knight for clarification. Please support **Brother Edd Hingula** as he leads this effort.
- **Old & New Business:**
  - Council welcomed back **Brother John Heim** to the council.
  - **Brother Bill Butler** relayed the dates for the Parish Picnic and requirement for council support. Date of picnic is after the 5 PM mass on Saturday 17 Sept. Knights are requested to support set up and tear down. Need support on Friday at 6:30 PM to move tables from church basement to Robert Martz Hall. Be at Robert Martz Hall at 4PM on Saturday to set up tables. Knights also requested to do grilling of hamburgers and hotdogs, and after picnic return tables to church basement.
  - **Brother Don Portis** discussed his plan to coordinate with Sister Josephine to conduct a Chris Cakes pancake breakfast during the month of October.
  - Parish will conduct two fundraisers in October – concession booth (hotdogs, cookies, chips etc.) for Lansing Fall Festival (formerly Autumn in the Grove) on Saturday 8 Oct and the parish will conduct the second annual Chili Cook-off on Sat 15 Oct. The Grand Knight has thrown down the gauntlet again

this year to try to beat his nearly award winning receipt.

- **Reference continuation of the annual raffle**

- **Brother Edd Hingula** discussed the investigative committee he will chair to determine how the council can correctly conduct a raffle in the future. Current committee members include **Brothers Jim Cunningham, Duane Tunink, Jim Fricke, and John Twohig**. He is looking support from an individual with tax experience or know of a tax lawyer that is willing to advise pro-bono. Intent is to reach out Advocate at Supreme.

- Council unanimously passes a motion to provide \$100 to Catholic Charities School supply drive for this coming school year.

- Council unanimously passes a motion to provide \$100 to Leavenworth Catholic schools to purchase 5 NFL fund raising tickets. Any winnings will go into miscellaneous fund.

- Parish will have a guest speaker on Monday 15 August from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Topic is Why We Trust the Bible. Special Guest will be Joseph Meschmeyer Archdiocesan seminarian studying in Rome.

- Council members sang (out of tune) happy birthday to the Grand Knight.

- The State Knights of Columbus Religious Education Raffle Tickets available. Council is asked to sell 8 each \$100 tickets. Council will consider a motion to purchase four tickets and offer the other tickets to council members either individually or five members can each contribute \$20 for a shared ticket. Contact **Brother Jim Scherer**. More discussion at September meeting. Suspense is 1 Oct.

- **Brother Don Portice** encourage council members to support the Thursday Community meal sponsored by SFDS and Trinity United Methodist parishes. Meal is conducted the second Thursday of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church Sixth Street and Osage from 4 to 6 PM. See Knights in Action photos.

- **Good of the Order:** Council said Glory Be and Hail Mary for the **Brother Dan Ladd Family**. Council Thespian **Brother Edd Hingula** encouraged council members to support the Friday 12 August "Back the Blue" event at Haymarket

Square in Leavenworth starting at 4PM. It is designed to show support to the Leavenworth police and their ensuring the safety of our community.

**Please send "Knight's in Action" photos and a brief caption to Brother Twohig (groggtwo@aol.com) for inclusion in future newsletters. We will even consider pictures submitted by a Marine**

## **Knights in Action**

### **Family and Knight of the Month**



**Brothers Brad Cox** (Family of the Month) and **Brother Robert Martz** (Knight of the Month) congratulate each other on their selection. Brad's extended family support the



parish, Catholic Schools and local community. You do not have a building named after you (Robert Martz Hall) if you aren't the man. Congratulation Brothers Brad and Sir Robert.

### ***Extended Cox Family***



**Brother Brad's** grandchildren Gracie, Eric and Zack (Future Grand Knight circa 2039)

Sanford (Brother Leif Sanford's children) serve regularly and are exceptional students at IMAC and Xavier. Earlier this year Gracie was the high school athlete of the month in Leavenworth.

### **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, back by popular demand **Brother Mike Keohane** leading the pro-life rosary. Request your support – please join us next month. After mass advise on blood pressure.

### **Parish Youth Group – Living Jesus**



At the July XX 5 PM Mass, the parish youth group served not only as altar servers, but as the AAA, lectors, greeters, ushers . . .



and a very talented choir.

### ***“Two Yuts”***



Mike Bert (Future Grand Knight Circa 2041 – follows Zack) son of **Brother Steve Bert** and Sydney Howell (daughter of **Brother Chris Howell**) do an exceptional job as Lectures. Note Brother Chris’ daughter Lauren was a greeter at the mass.

## **Parish Community Meal Support**

### ***Welcoming guests to the Meal***



Brother Alan Krueger welcomes Devon, Hilda and her owner to the community meal. Pulled Port was on the menu.

### ***Counseling the Help***



Ruth Butler (**Brother Bill’s wife**) ensures that **Brother Portice** knows what to do (or not do). Ruth is the menu planner and chef, she frequently counsels Don.

### ***Great Spread – Don Sampling***





As a good retired Sergeant, **Brother Don Portice** samples the great spread, ensures he eats last, and gets continued guidance from Suzie Meara (one of the founders of the community meal) and his wife Denise.

### ***Finishing the Job***



Note the near perfect form and especially the follow-through. A Knight on a mission. Job's not done until the floor is mopped. Way to set the example **Brother Don**.

## **Patriotism**

### ***Honor Flights***



Every week *Honor Flights* go in and out of Washington DC. Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. Here one of the volunteers welcome Vietnam War Veterans at the terminal for their return flight home.

### ***Warm Reception***



Passengers stop to honor these veterans and their sacrifices. For more information go to [www.honorflightkc.org](http://www.honorflightkc.org)

*JJT*

John J. Twohig

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