



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter December 2017

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017;
over 22 Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 5 November, 2017.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 8 November 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: From District Deputy – Brother Gates Brown**

4th degree

- **Sat, Nov 18th in Topeka**

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

Reminder from previous Newsletter

- Capital Campaign Pledge: Please consider renewing your pledge. 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. Parish has established a similar program with Dillon's.

Knight of the Month (November 2017)
Brother Tom Young

Family of the Month (November 2017)
Brother Jim Fricke Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 155 Members
- o 76 Associate Members
- o 72 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



Grand Knight Message: "Bow humbly under God's mighty hand, so that in due time He may lift you high." ~ 1 Peter 5:6

Don't we all sometimes feel a bit self-important? But should we? We all have our parts to play in the success of our Knights of Columbus council. The Chancellor, the Inside Guard, the Warden, the Deputy Grand Knight, the Advocate, the Financial Secretary, the Recorder, and on and on. Each of us has accepted, even if sometimes grudgingly, the responsibilities of the positions we are in as officers of the Council.

We each have talents to offer, and some have offered their talents generously, and worked hard at fulfilling the role to which they have been elected. Some have been appreciated and some, seems to me, are a bit under-appreciated. Regardless of the

thankful, laudatory, and sometimes slightly disparaging remarks we each have given and received, we have to remain aware of that which we have promised to do in carrying out our responsibilities. And we must do so humbly. Not for the adulation of others. Not for the compliments of our fellow Knights.

We must do our jobs for the sake of the success of the council, and the parish, and our communities. If nobody else seems to notice what we do to contribute, but we know in our own hearts that we are doing our best, that is all we need. We do not need to pump up our own importance in front of others.

We will all succeed if we all give of ourselves humbly. And that goes for the Grand Knight too!

Brother Edd Hingula

Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner: Brother Knights,

Come to the Table

On Thanksgiving day we will sit down with the family and friends and share a delightful meal. There is such great power in this annual festivity. As the food is passed around, as we share memories of the past, events of the present-time, and hopes for the future. Among the many blessings for which we thank God include the fact that we are not isolated individuals. We are part of a family, a community, a nation, a world.

It makes sense then that Jesus gave himself to us not on a glorious, majestic mountain

top, but in the intimacy of a shared meal — the Eucharist. (by-the-way, the Greek word *Eucharist* means: *thanksgiving*).

I can't think of a better way to make your Thanksgiving holiday more meaningful than to come to the Family Table — the Altar — at our parish church. We will celebrate the Eucharist at 9:00 AM Thanksgiving morning.

Please join your Church Family in Giving God our heartfelt thanks and praise for all the many blessings we receive.

Fraternally,

Father Bill



Field Agent Report: 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 know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. 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.

During the rest of the year, 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

- **Council Conducted a 1st Degree Ceremonial:** Meeting was initiated at 7PM to include a new and exciting DVD format for the 1st Degree ceremonial to bring in a New Council member: **Welcome Brother Richard Drimmel,**
- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective (\$14,525.23)
- **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. With a final balance of \$16,172.73.
- **Grand Knight’s Report (Brother Edd Hingula):** Raised concern that there were numerous certificates that had yet to be presented and asked council members attending the meeting to encourage those individuals to attend a future meeting. He provided to **Brother Tom Young** appreciation certificates to be given to Wal-Mart and Petro-Deli for their support of the Tootsie Roll drive.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Council received a booklet from Catholic Charities to inform the council of the types of support Catholic Charities provide.
 - Supreme sent out a request that Councils work with their parishes to share information about the Order’s work for persecuted Christians and to raise money to help these Christians who have suffered greatly for their faith.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing new to report
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Thanked the 4th Degrees for support to the remembrance ceremony and need to support Veterans’ Day Parade show time at Leavenworth Council building on 4th street 9-10AM parade starts at 10:30 AM. Encourage all third degrees to consider attending the 18Nov 4th degree ceremonial in Topeka – questions call Bob

Hall. 9 Dec is 4th Degree Christmas Party at Robert Martz Hall Bunco, Heavy hors' d'oeuvres and gift exchange. New uniform on back order, reduced introductory price extended to EOM Nov 2017.

- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Thanked council members for support of 5 Nov pro life rosary, remembrance Ceremony and Corporate Communion. Sent around signup sheets for Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for Sunday 3 Dec were completed. He noted that 4 council members (Jim Cunningham, Bill Butler, Bill Rettele and Dave Young – along with Brady Cummings) were involved in replacing filters for the church, in doing so they save the church several thousand dollars in maintenance costs.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Has a case of Tootsie Rolls available should a council member be interested in making a donation. Contact Tom Young.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected Brother Tom Young as Knight of the Month for November based on his organizing the annual Tootsie Roll drive, support to choir and support to church ministries.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to report
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected Brother Jim Fricke family as Family of the Month for November based on their support to parish activities, parish ministries, local library and council activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Nothing to report
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Nothing to report.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - Tasting Fair:** Council discussed briefly the upcoming Tasting Fair fund raiser scheduled for Saturday 20 Jan 2018. Reviewed current committee members, identified need for additional support, and began to lay out responsibilities and recruited additional members. Additional volunteers still required. Brother Dennis will provide an email update with greater detail and identify where support is need.

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Jim Scherer** received RSVP plaque for display in the “green room.”
- **Brother Jim Scherer** revised funds raised from this year’s Tootsie Roll drive. Profit of \$306.20.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** provided update on assignment of seminarians for FY 2017-2018. Council will retain Geoffrey Calvert, George Rhodes and will pick up Will Sutherland who is in his first year at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and George. Additionally council will retain Katherine Brodersen as supported novitiate. Counsel subsequently and unanimously approved a motion to allocate the semi-annual support for each seminarian/novitiate at \$250 each with checks to be mailed early for Christmas.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** reviewed Tootsie Roll results and intent to provide Check to the State tootsie roll fund for \$1310.

State will keep 20% (\$262) and return checks totaling \$1048 to the council. Council unanimously approved a 60% split to Special Needs Advocacy Partnership (\$628.80) and 40% to Leavenworth Special Olympics (\$419.20). Grand Knight provided to and asked Tom Young to provide certificates of appreciation to Walmart and Petro Deli for their support of the event and is working on one for Lansing High School.

- **Grand Knight** highlighted **Brother Mike Keohane's** organizing the remembrance ceremony and thanked him for his efforts.
- **Brother Bill Butler** asked that the council allocate \$350 (increase of \$50 from previous year) for the Thanks Giving Baskets for Catholic Charities. Council unanimously approved the motion.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** relayed that the Rotary Club is hosting a pancake breakfast on Veterans Day Saturday 11 Nov at the River Front Center from 0730-1030. And there would be a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Fort Leavenworth Frontier Center at 11AM on December 16th – encourage individuals to participate in both events.
- **Brother Duane Tunic** made a motion to allocate \$275 to the Lansing's Mayor Christmas Tree fund – council unanimously approved.
- **Brother Ernie Petite** provide an update on CASA of Leavenworth County need to sponsor Child in Need for Christmas. The local support from City of Leavenworth has been reduced, and

they are asking for individuals to consider sponsoring a child for Christmas by selecting items off the child's wish list and returning to CASA. Contact CASA on 5th Street and Shawnee (100 S 5th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048 - (913) 651-6440).

- **Brother Bill Butler** provided the following updates:
 - Tasting Fair 20 January 2028 Robert Martz Hall
 - Council and District Free throw contests: 28 Jan 2018 Lansing Youth Center.
 - Family Bingo: 10 February 2018 Robert Martz Hall
 - Ministry/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: 7 April 2018 Robert Martz Hall
 - Trivia Night: 5 May 2018 Robert Martz Hall.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** provided the following update - dues notices will be sent out end of Month November/Early Dec along with the "2017 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet. Very poor return on the survey's last year < 20%. Request Survey's be returned as early as possible, but no later than 10 January 2018. Asked that this be placed in the newsletter.
- **Grand Knight:** Asked Tom Young to get with his father Gene Young to determine if he needs volunteers for the Salvation Army ringing the bell, and ask to his Brother Dave Young the date, time and location of the Christmas Caroling. Subsequently, we confirmed the Christmas Caroling would be conducted at

Golden Living Center on Wednesday 20 December at 5:30 PM.

- **Grand Knight:** Announce the Council Christmas Party Date of Saturday, 16 December: Bunco, Gift Exchange and heavy hors' d'oeuvres. Availability was confirmed with the parish office.
- Council unanimously agreed to move the February 2018 monthly business meeting from Wednesday 14 Feb to Wednesday 7 Feb 2018 to deconflict with Ash Wednesday. Availability was confirmed with parish.
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Brother Dave Soukup passed out research pamphlet to help inform potential candidates.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Nothing to Report
- **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
- **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** Asked council members to display their rosary and lead the council in prayer for the victims in New York and Texas shooting.

Special request - Please remember to send you photo's and captions of Knights in Action – can be supporting the parish, local community, special events. Email pictures and captions to Groggtwo@aol.com

Knights in Action

November Knight of the Month



When not at a KU basketball game, **Brother Tom Young** supports the council and parish in many ways, to include the choir and running the annual tootsie roll drive for the intellectually handicapped. Congratulations our Knight of the Month.

November Family of the Month



Brother Jim Fricke and his wife Jeannette can be seen frequently supporting parish activities, ministries, council activities and local library. **Congratulations.**

***Annual Memorial Mass for Fallen Knights
November Pro-Life Rosary, Remem-
brance Ceremony, and Corporate Com-
munion.***



Brother Mike Keohane initiated the event with the monthly pro-life rosary.



On the first Sunday of November each year, The Knights of Columbus, remembers and memorializes our fallen brother Knights, those who have died to this earthly life during the past years, at a celebration of the Mass.



The Grand Knight was the master of ceremony and relayed "Each fallen Knight is remembered with a candle. On the candle is etched the fallen Knight's name, and the candle bears the emblem of the Knights of Columbus. Each candle is brought to the altar by a member of his family, a close family friend, or a current Knight. At the conclusion of this annual memorial Mass the candles is given to or delivered to a member of the family."



Knights of Columbus of the Fourth Degree serve as Honor Guard for this remembrance ceremony and memorial Mass. This year we recognized:



Fallen Knight James H. Townsend; 1929 - 1996. His candle is being presented by **Brother Knight Jack French.**



Fallen Knight Frank J. Straith; 1955 -2005. His candle was presented by **Brother Knight Gene Young.**



Mass and Corporate communion followed. Additionally, at the end of Mass the Grand Knight recognized the following:

Fallen Knight Leslie E. Garlington; 1938 - 2004. His candle is being presented by **Brother Knight Tom Novak.**



Father Bill was recognized for his 30 years of faithful service as a Knight of Columbus.



Brother Gates Brown, wife Marty, son Garrison and daughter Anna were selected Family of the year at both the council and district level for Fraternal year 2016-2017.



Brother Tadd standing tall and looking good, **Brother Don** resting his eyes, **Brother Russel** keen Marine eye supervising.



As always followed by donuts and **Brother Mike's** blood pressure checks.

Veterans' Day 2017

At the 11th hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in 1918, World War I, the "war to end all wars," ended with what was then called Armistice Day. A year later, in November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Following World War II and the Korean War, President Eisenhower signed a bill expanding Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans. One week later, on June 1, 1954, Congress amended the bill, permanently renaming the celebration as Veterans Day.

Veterans' Day Remembrance at Mount Calvary Ceremony.

On Friday, 10 November, Brothers Neal Hanley and John Twohig lead a group of 43 Knights of Columbus, family members, SFDS parishioners, seven Leavenworth H.S Jr ROTC cadets to honor those who served our nation in uniform and have found their final resting place at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Brother Knight Neal Hanley started this tradition and did extensive research to identify over 400 veterans of the over 12,000 individuals buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery. This includes 3 Medal of Honor recipients from the Indian Wars.





Chaplain (COL- Ret USARMY) Sam Sanford reminded the group of the importance of Veterans' Day and led the group in the invocation. Chaplain Sanford spent over 35 years in service to our nation, first as a medic in the Army Reserve Hospital in Ft. Snelling Minnesota then as a Regular Army Chaplain from 1967 to 2000. His career includes Chaplain Positions from Battalion through Division and Theater Medical Command Level as well as post chaplain at Fort Belvoir and Fort Leavenworth. He has combat tours in Vietnam with the 17th Cavalry as the 1st CAV Division Chaplain in Saudi Arabia. After his retirement in 2000, he continues to serve our soldiers and veterans. He and his wife Linda have established the Rock of Ages Chapel in Leavenworth attended by many veterans, led retreats for youths in the Ukraine and is currently serving as a Chaplain at the Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center in Leavenworth Kansas



At the start of the event, ~43 volunteers braved the sub-freezing temperatures to place flags at each veteran's grave.



Brother Neal provided instructions to the group. In earlier articles Neal highlights that Veterans represented at Mount Calvary Cemetery include both those who served the North and the South during the War Between the States. There is a Little Big Horn survivor (Reno Hill), Spanish American War Veterans, Indian Wars Veterans (to include three Medal of Honor recipients), Veterans from World War I and II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Police Action. There are Veterans buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery that were in the US Army Tank Corps during World War I, who fought at the battle of the bulge, landed at Normandy Beach and survived the Bataan Death March. Veterans represented at Mount Calvary Cemetery served in the United States Army, United States Army Air Corps, United States Air Force, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, Merchant Marines, and the 1st Special Service Force USA/CANADA. Mount Calvary Cemetery is the final resting place for several Veterans who served in three wars, and numerous father and son veterans. Mount Calvary Cemetery is located on an eighty-acre tract of land on the southwest corner of Eisenhower and Desoto Roads. The first burial took place on June 12, 1869. Mount Calvary is a holy place and sacred ground. It is a ministry of the Catholic Church dedicated to loving and respectful care of persons who have died and comfort for their family members and friends.



It took the group a little over two hours to identify the veterans' graves and place the flags.



Brother Ernie Petite led a group of Leavenworth Jr. ROTC cadets, pictured with Ernie are Noah DeViaminck, Davin Bailey and Tyler Kowalewski.



Fr. Sean Tunink, Brother Duane Tunink and his wife **Peggy** tackled one of the larger sections.

Veterans' Day Parade



Brother Bob Hall, pictured on the right, organized 4th Degrees (the Patriotic Degree) from the Leavenworth, Basehor and Tonganoxie Assemblies to march in the Veterans' Day Parade. Additionally, Brother Andy Gilner, the Knights of Columbus State Master led the formation.



We had the privilege to follow the Women Vets United float that honors the significant contribution of Women Veterans to our nation.



Our **Grand Knight** was joined by his granddaughter **Maggie** – here staying out of the cold.

Taking Support to our Veterans on the Road.



Brother Neal Hanley took a road trip to assist members of the 1st Bn, 9th Marines 2017 reunion members performing a public works project rehabilitating Elizabeth and Arthur Hardy's house

in Atlanta, Georgia. Arthur is a Korean War veteran who has been in declining health for the past several years and was in great need of work on his house. Arthur Hardy has served in both the Army and the Marine Corps. He is the author of **Ghosts of Tiptop**, tapping into his experiences in the Korean Conflict. His wife Elizabeth is also a noted author of such works as **Savage Sundown**, writing under the pen name Elizabeth Forbush.

What did you do over Veterans' Day Weekend?



Brother Bill Butler and his wife Ruth supported their daughter Meghan by taking care of their grandson and acting as logistics support as Meghan completed a 100 mile Ultra Marathon. Meghan is shown as she crosses the finish line with a time of 25 hours, 39 minutes and 32 seconds.

The Knights found a variety of ways this past month to honor our vets and take charity on the road. Hope your Veterans' Day was as enjoyable and meaningful.

Church Maintenance



Helping the church change the HVAC filters saves several thousands of dollars each year in maintenance costs. **Brady Cummings** gets Knight support from Brothers **Bill Butler**, **Bill Rettele**, **Dave Young** and **Jim Cunningham** (taking picture).

Support to Seminarians



This Fraternal year we have added to our support seminarians **Will Sutherland** who is in his first year and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Will joins:



Sister Catherine Frances is daughter of **Brother Steve** and **Mary Brodersen** of our parish. SR. Catherine recently returned to the mother houses in Connecticut from St. Louis – where she will complete her final vows this year.



Geoffrey Calvert was born July 6, 1991; Holy Spirit Parish; St. Thomas Aquinas High School; St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.



George Rhodes was born August 8, 1996, Prince of Peace Parish; St. James Academy; Kenrick-Glennon Seminary; 3rd year; favorite Saint – Saint Peter.

Special Thanks to My Mentor



Editor Emeritus checking out the draft copy of this month's newsletter. **Brother Clarence Huycke** reviews and provides constructive advice on improvement to the newsletter.

Names of those supporting the Veterans' Day efforts and Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Liam Baragary
Michelle Baragary
Steve Brodersen
Gates Brown
Anna Brown
Garrison Brown
Tad Brzustowicz
Brad Cox
Russell Craft
Karen Craft
Jim Cunningham
Pierce Cunningham
Bob Hall
Peggy Hall
Neal Hanley
Diana Hanley
Mary Hanley
George Harris
Edd Hingula

Peter Im
Michael Im
Andrew Im
Michael Keohane
Linda Lindley
Don Madill
Mary Theresa Madill
Charlie Owens
Myron Reineke
Ernest Petite
CH (COL (R))Sam Sanford
Don Studnicka
Duane Tunink
Peggy Tunink
Fr. Shawn Tunink
John Twohig
Larry Vanderhof

Leavenworth High School JROTC

Davin Bailey, Delta Co.
Andrew Brenton, Alfa Co.
Noah DeVlaminck, Delta Co.
Caleb Dill, Alfa Co.
Malory Harris, Alfa Co.
Victoria Kether, Alfa Co. Drill Team
Tyler Kowaljewski, Alfa Co.

***Please remember to send you
photo's of Knights in Action.-***

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

Brother John Twohig

Editor, publisher, & photographer