



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

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, 7 February 2018; over 27
Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Tasting Fair – 3 March at
6PM in Robert Martz Hall.**
- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate
Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sun-
day, 4th March, 2018.**
- **Next Council Meeting:
Wednesday, 14 March 2018
at 7:30 PM (immediately fol-
lowing Stations of the
Cross).**

MAJOR DEGREES:

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

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 (March 2018)
Brother Mike Keohane

Knight of the Year (2017-2018)
Brother Neal Hanley

Family of the Month (February 2018)
Brother Bill Butler Family

Family of the Year (2017-2018)
Brother Jim Fricke Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 155 Members
- o 77 Associate Members
- o 71 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



Grand Knight Message:

Over this past weekend I have been fortunate to represent you as your Grand Knight, in presenting checks worth over \$1,000 to worthy causes; The Special Needs Advocacy Partnership, and our own St. Francis de Sales Parish to support Religious Education. It's always a pleasure and I always give credit to you Brother Knights for the effort that it takes to raise or contribute funds that enable us all to provide support for all the worthy causes we support. Recent charitable gifts included support to the construction of the Interfaith Shelter of Hope, local High

School Operation Graduation programs, Support for our seminarians and novice, participating in the local Court Appointed Special Advocates' Nite at the Races, contributions to Catholic Charities from K of C Coats for Kids, Support for the Bethany Prison support group in Lansing, and on and on. Just take a look at the last few pages of our monthly newsletters to see some of the charitable works we all help to accomplish.

We can do these things only because of the work we do to raise funds, like the annual Tootsie Roll Program, and even from our fellowship-focused Pancake Breakfasts. The biggest of our fundraising efforts though is just coming up. On Saturday evening, March 3rd we will have our Tasting Fair and Auction right after the 5:00 PM Mass. The committee working hard to execute this event is pulling it together, but they cannot do it alone. They need all the help that all our Knights can contribute to making the event the huge success it needs to be.

We are asking each Knight to assist by doing the following:

1. Prepare a main dish (your favorite recipe), a side dish, and bring them along with drinks to be sold (12 pack of chilled beer, real soda, diet soda, or bottled water) to Robert Martz Hall on 3 March by 5:30 PM.
 2. Provide QUALITY auction items that can be part of silent auction or live auction. Please try to get these to the Church by Friday 23 Feb so we can build the catalogue. Even earlier is better, to allow paperwork to be prepared.
 3. Help with running the Tasting Fair and auction by assisting with set up, tasks during the event and clean up.
 4. Encourage or bring your family and friends to enjoy a unique evening of fun, great food and fellowship. And maybe even snag something special that you've been looking for.
- You can call one of the POCs listed below to volunteer your help with organizing auction items, set up and running the event. Committee Co-Chairs:

- **Dennis Huffman** 913-727-3063

- **Bill Butler** 913-269-6857 or

- **Jim Cunningham** 913-680-7286

Certainly it's a big job, but with the support and contribution of every Knight we can have that huge success, and continue to do the great work that the Knights of Columbus is known for. Thank you in advance for everything you do to help.

Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner:
Join in the Recycling Program,

Brother Knights,

We live in a time when recycling is becoming prevalent. By diverting paper and plastics and other materials away from landfills and toward recycling, our throw-away materials is transformed into something new.

On Ash Wednesday we begin again the Church's great plan for recycling. The ashes imposed on our foreheads represents this. The palm branches we waved in great joy as we recalled Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, are now burned and become-ashes—the ashes used to remind us of our need to repent, to change, to grow.

Those recycled alms of Palm Sunday into the ashes of Ash Wednesday reminds us that God is seeking to recycle us. The Lord pleads with us to return to Him with our whole heart. God desires lovingly reshape and re-form our hearts and our lives into something new. During Lent, whatever is sinful and unworthy of God needs to

be purged from our lives through God's saving grace and mercy.

***Fraternally,
Father Bill***



Field Agent Report:

Did you know the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$109 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices? For four consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, and it is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.* Did you know providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus?

Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus' primary goal is "to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members. Thank you for your prayers during my recovery period, I plan to be back to work in mid-late February.

***Brother Dave Soukup
Knights of Columbus Agent
Office 913-680-0797
Mobile 913-240-4545***

Council Meeting Highlights

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed ac-

counting for council funds from a treasures perspective (\$12,627.81).

- **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 \$14,080.81.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
 - Awarded the following certificates:
 - Knight of the Month for February 2018 **Brother Edd Hingula**
 - 20 Year Certificate **Brother Don Portice**
 - Grand Knight relayed to council that he would be presenting the check from the council to SNAP on Saturday, 10 February at the Leavenworth Youth Center. Requested other knights to attend the presentation.
 - **Brother Jim Fricke Family** recognized by Supreme as one of the 100 Families of the Month selected for recognitions country wide.
 - Grand Knight provided the council his new email address: eddofthebronx@att.net
 - Relayed that **Brother Dave Soukup** was doing well, recovering from recent surgery.
 - Council will be asked to support a Bread and Soup Supper and lead Stations of the Cross during Lent. Specific Wednesday to be determined. Volunteers will be needed.
 - Relayed that after each monthly meeting, social would follow.
- **Correspondence:** Received
 - Thank You Note from **Novitiate Katherine Brodersen** Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (ASCJ). She makes her first vows in Aug 2018.

- Thank you note from Lansing High School for council's donation to project graduation.
- Statement from St Francis de Sales ref donations to the parish during calendar year 2017.
- Received request from Supreme to identify a couple to participate in a program to better align council and parish activities. Grand Knight will request a volunteer.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Trustees made a motion to move the \$1,568.66 in the building fund into the miscellaneous fund to better address council charitable efforts. After some discussion the motion was passed.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing to Report.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):**
 - Meeting will be the third Thursday of this month 15 February at 7:00 PM.
 - Need to encourage 3rd Degrees to participate in a 4th Degree exemplification in this year.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for February would be held on Sunday 4 March. Sign-up sheet was passed around. **Brother Myron Reineke** will lead the Pro-Life Rosary.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Nothing to Report.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Mike Keohane** as Knight of the month for March based on his efforts to remember deceased Knights, establishing SFDS as a Closed Pod For BioHazards and support to parish and council projects. **Brother Neal Hanley** was selected as Knight of the Year for fraternal year 2017-2018.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Relayed that the "Annual Baby Crib effort in support of Birth Right raised over \$1100 in baby items to include a significant amount of new clothing. He also noted his granddaughter (**Grace Sanford**) participation in the Right to Life March in Topeka.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Bill Butler family** as Family of the Month for March in recognition of their support to multiple council and parish activities. The **Brother Jim Fricke family** was voted Family of the Year for fraternal year 2017-2018.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** **Brother Bill Butler** Thanked the council for exceptional support of the Free Throw contest on January 28. A number of parish youth won at the council and district level (see Knights in Action).
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** - Provided information and registration forms for the upcoming "Men Under Construction" – the Kansas City's Catholic Men's Conference to be held Saturday, 17 February from 6:30

AM to 3:30 PM at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park Kansas. Cost is \$35. - Additionally, council was updated on this year's vocations poster contest. The theme is "Answering God's Call." The contest started on 28 January and posters are due back by Monday 5 March 2018. Announcements began on 21 January in the Church bulletin and announcements made at the end of masses on 28 January. Poster material was distributed by the religious education classes and remains available at the back of mass starting 28 January.

- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Trustees made a motion to move the \$1,568.66 in the building fund into the miscellaneous fund to better address council charitable efforts. After some discussion the motion was passed.
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - **Tasting Fair:** Tasting Fair – Council approved a motion to allocate \$250 for cash raffle prizes, Motion to allocate up to \$500 for purchase of supplies to run the "Tasting Fair". **Brother Dennis Huffman** discussed the tasting fair, sign-up sheet for running the fair was passed around. Council members were requested to support the fund raiser by:
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- **Pancake Breakfast: Brother Don Portice** reminded the council that the next pancake breakfast will be on 18 February. Need Knights to support setup at 7:30 AM through conclusion at ~11:45 AM. Council passed a motion to cut a blank check to pay for the cost of the breakfast.

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Jim Scherer** discussed Church Recruitment Drive, need to order material that will take ~4 weeks. Date for membership drive established as 17-18 March. **Brother Bob Hall** is the POC and requested 6-8 Knights at each of the masses.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** made a request to follow the by-laws and to begin remembering deceased Knights in good standing by requesting 5 Masses (cost \$50) be said in remembrance of those Knights. **Brothers Keohane, Terry Yoakam, Jim Cunningham and Duane Tunink** volunteered to augment the existing Memorial Committee of the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Chaplain.
- **Brother Jim Scherer** requested council select the two delegates and two alternates for the State Convention 4,5,6 May in Overland Park. **Delegates Brother Edd Hingula and Bob Hall; Alternates Brothers Dennis Huffman and Don Portice.**
- **Brother Ernie Petite** made a motion to contribute \$250 to CASA in support of their annual fund raiser "Night at the Races" in May. Council passed the motion. Second motion determined the name of the horse to be "Go Francis."
- **"Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report
- **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 Grand Knight encourage members to read Columbia Magazine to follow the intentions of **Pope Francis**. This month the Pope asks us to pray that all politicians resist corruption.
- **Special request - Please remember to send you photos and captions of Knights in Action to Groggtwo@aol.com-**

Knights in Action

Knights of the Year 2017-2018



Brother Neal Hanley does so much for the council, parish and local community. Shown here marking veterans graves as part of the Memorial Day and Veterans Day remembrance he developed and leads.

March Knight of the Month



Brother Mike Keohane supports so many council and parish activities. We highlight his efforts to remember our deceased Knights. According to **Sr. Josephine**, he is also not too bad at blood pressure checks.

Family of the Year 2017-2018



Brother Jim Fricke Family selected family of the year – for their outstanding support to KofC, parish and local projects and activities. Congratulations to **Brother Jim and Jeannette**.

February Family of the Month



Brother Bill Butler Family. Ruth and Bill support the church in so many ways – ministries, parish council, fundraising, bingo, free throw contest – and the list goes on.

**February Pro-Life Rosary and
Corporate Communion.**



Brother Duane and Peggy Tunink routinely perform sacristan duties.

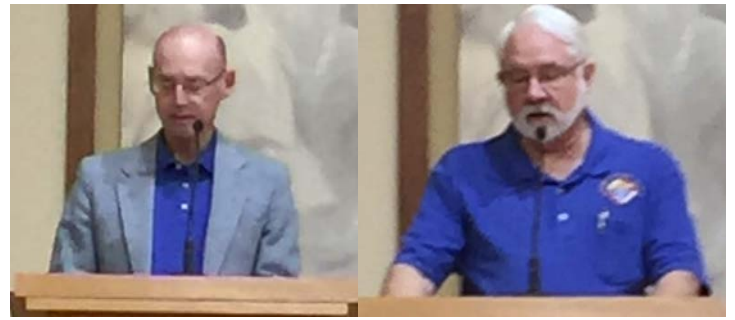
Leading the Rosary



Brother Mike Keohane leading the pro-life rosary.



Brother Knights greeting each other just prior to processing in at the start of mass.



Brothers Brad Cox and Jim Scherer performing lector duty.

Blessing of St. Blaze



Fr. Bill provides the blessing to the parish:
*"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"*



Brothers Bill Pfannenstiel and Brad Cox process from mass to lead the parish's RCIA.

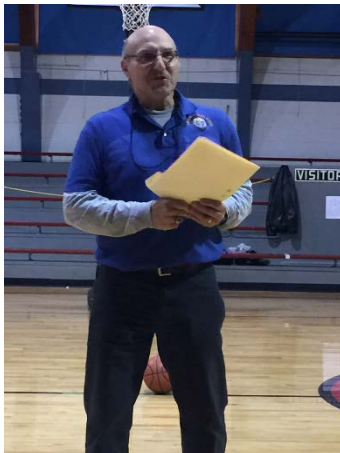


After Corporate Communion, council members take time to capture the moment with **Fr. Bill** (he is the one in green behind **Brother Robert Martz**).

Annual Free Throw Contest



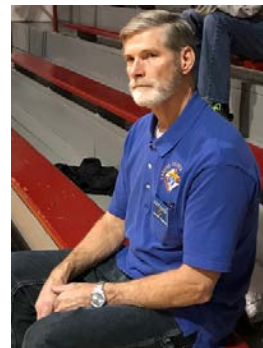
This year we were responsible to run for both the Council and District competitions.



Brother Bill Butler organized and administered the competitions with the help of over 12 Knights.



Jerod Zimmerman shows off his form that won both the council and district boys 14 age free-throw bracket.



Under the watchful eye of **Brother Dave Young** the contests were run on the "up and up."



Grand Knight Edd Hingula presented the awards to the council winners, pictured with Boys 12 winner **Ryan French** (also won at district).

District Deputy Gates Brown presented the awards to the District winners, picture with Girls age 12 winner **Mary Hanley** (she also won our council girls age 12).



Council level Free Throw winners with KofC who conducted the competition. Winners include: **B-9 Sam Taylor; B-10 Brady Mance; B-12 Ryan French; B-13 Michael Bresser; B-14 Jerod Zimmerman.** Note shown **G-12 Mary Hanley.**



District level winners included: **B-9 Sam Taylor; B-10 Brady Mance; B-11 Sam Lightner (Basehor Council); B-12 Ryan French; B-13 Michael Bresser; B-14 Jared Zimmerman; G-9 Helen Hubjan (Basehor); G-10 Claire Vanderweide (Basehor); G-12 Mary Hanley.** They will compete at the regional level on Feb 18, Jefferson West H.S., Meriden Kansas.

Special Needs Advocacy Program



Sue Robertson of SNAP happily receives a check from the proceeds of the Tootsie Roll Program, youth supported by SNAP look on as our **Grand Knight Edd Hingula and Brother Mike Keohane** present the check at a SNAP event on February 10.

Supporting to Bingo



Brother Bill Butler calling out the name Myers for the parish's version of that traditionally Catholic pastime, Bingo. Lots of winners, great spaghetti and meatballs prepared by **Brother Bill.**



About 40 people including parishioner **Jeannine Edmunds** (smiling) enjoyed spaghetti & meatballs and then an evening of bingo.

Vocation Poster Contest Starts



Theme "Answering God's Call"
Poster due back 5 March

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

Brother John Twohig

Editor, publisher, & photographer