



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

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight on
Wednesday, 14 November 2018; over 24 Brothers
attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 2 Dec 2018.**
- **Council Christmas Party – Bunco & Gift exchange, 8 Dec after the 5PM Mass.**
- **Dec Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, 12 Dec 2018, 7:30 PM in Robert Martz Hall.**

MAJOR DEGREES:

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

Current Membership: 166 Members

**Knight of the Month (December 2018)
Brother Mike Keohane**



Brother Mike is captured braving the freezing temperatures in support of the 4th Degree Color Guard in this year's Veterans' Day Parade. Mike was recognized as the Knight of the Month for December based on his organizing and running the November Remembrance Ceremony for fallen Knights; his support to council activities, parish ministries and committees and local organizations.

**Family of the Month (December 2018)
Brother Gate Brown Family**



Gates, Marty, Garrison and Anna Brown are pictured supporting the Veterans' Day placing of flags on Veterans' graves in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. The Brown family was recognized for their exceptional effort in running the parish Chili Cook-off Fundraiser that generated over \$1,200 for the parish; support to parish committees, religious education, activities, ministries, bearing the cold and wind to plant flags at Mount Calvary Cemetery to honor those who served our nation for Veterans' day and providing a wonderful example of a Christian Gentleman and Family.



Grand Knight Message:

My Fellow Knights

A happy holiday season to all of you. It may seem a bit early to some of you, but there aren't a great number of opportunities left for Knights of Columbus to greet each other with warm wishes for a good Thanksgiving, and a Holy Christmas. We all get so busy with the holiday season. The busiest time of the year for some. Many of us will be readying so many things; activities, food, gifts, travel, decorating our 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. As a council, we Knights will have the opportunity to get together for our Christmas Party, with it's Pot Luck, fun game of Bunko, and gift exchange on the 8th of December, (which also happens to be the Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).

There'll be Sunday Masses that we may see each other at, but those are with many more folks, all our parish family.

But as a group, we Knights of Columbus are a special cluster of men, dedicated to God, the Church and all it's religious, each other and especially to our families. So as we enter this time of the year I wanted to be one of the first to wish you all, and your families, a wonderfully joyous Christmas, and an opportunity to really

think about and celebrate that our Lord saw fit to come to us and save us. Something for which we can say reverently, Thank God!

P.S. Every month we have two opportunities to come together as a group: our monthly meetings/post meeting social (2nd Wednesday) and at Pro-Life Rosary/Corporate Communion (first Sunday at the 8 AM mass – rosary at 7:30 AM).

Brother Edd Hingula Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner:

One of the common messages of Christmas is to *live the "Christmas spirit"* all year long.

That's a nice sentiment. All year long to strive to live the joy of the Lord's coming and being extra generous is a wonderful thing. But sometimes we need a reminder to keep that resolution on track.

Here is a good reminder: every time you stand on Sunday and recite the Creed.

We are instructed in official Church documents and by long-standing tradition that, when we come to the words: *"by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man,"* we are to **bow**. In fact, the documents say we are to make a "profound bow," (which means to bow from the waist, not just dropping your head a little).

Why are we supposed to do this? It is at that point in the Creed when we express our belief in that most wonderful mystery of our Faith: that in

Jesus Christ, God actually became human, born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. This truth is called the Incarnation, when God lowered Himself and took on our humanity. He came to earth to live among us, and to show us how to live. And putting Himself into our hands, He gave His life for us. It all began when He was born in Bethlehem.

So honoring this sacred moment in all of human history, we humble ourselves. So we are to always profoundly bow at that point in the Creed.

That action, I hope, will serve as a year-round reminder to live the Christmas spirit all twelve months of the year. I will prayerfully remember you, my brother Knights, and your families in all my Christmas Masses.

Live Jesus (*all year long*)

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

P.S. thank you for your prayers and support. We are now over 90% of our goal for the Capitol Campaign.



Field Agent Report:

Supreme Knight Delivers Annual Report

Supreme Knight announced the Order's accomplishments and continued commitment to bring Christ's charity to millions. Here's a quick look at the key points:

Our Pillars and the Common Good: If we value charity, unity and fraternity, we will build a society where the common good is protected.

Brother Knights are Men of Charity: Our charitable contributions equal more than \$185 million and we donated more than 75.6 million volunteer hours.

Disaster Relief: We raised an astounding \$4.2 million dollars for disaster relief last year, changing lives in ways that only we can — because we make a fraternal difference.

Culture of Life: We are close to meeting the goal of 1,000 ultrasound machines later this year. ... What greater legacy can a council leave than to save the life of a child?"

Mission of Charity in the Middle East: The Knights are raising funds and support of the McGivney House, a 140 unit apartment building for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Honoring Our Military and Veterans: This year, we brought more than 200 soldiers to the 60th International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes, France. We continue to help educate future military chaplains. In total we've donated \$2 million for their education.

Financial Protection: We sold \$8.8 billion in new life insurance last year, and we have more than \$111 billion of insurance in force protecting the future of brother Knights' families.

The Future: We welcome South Korea as our newest territory and Ukraine as our newest state council.

We now have a record for membership with a total of 1,967,585 members!

Faith In Action: Last month we launched a new program model called "Faith In Action," which helps councils engage in new activities to promote faith, family, life and community.

Making our Mark on History: As Knights of Charity, Unity and Fraternity we will continue to change lives — and that by doing so we will continue to change history!

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Council Meeting Highlights

- **Balloting for Membership:** Council received the application for admissions to the council from **William McCurry** sponsored by **Gary Jones**. William is a member of SFDS, works on Fort Leavenworth, married with two children and is a practicing Catholic. The council unanimously accepted the admission of William McCurry to the council with a 1st degree ceremony tentatively scheduled for either 24 Nov or 1 Dec after 5PM mass pending availability of William and the 1st Degree Team.
- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective. **Balance:** \$17,278.21.
- **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting (Brother Jim Scherer):** Don Studnicka provided detailed report on membership, dues status and a breakdown of funds in each of our accounts. **Balance:** \$18,711.46.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
 - Grand Knight provided the following awards: Brother Bill Butler Family – Family of the Month for November
 - Grand Knight expertly auctioned three donated in good condition KofC Council Shirts, with proceeds of ~ \$35 going to the Seminarian Fund.
- **Receipts of Treasurer to financial Secretary and Treasurer's Vouchers of Deposit:** Received \$1432.25 that included the \$50 in dues, \$1375.25 Tootsie Roll (Sunday's donations), and \$7 Seminarian fund. Five Warrants totaling \$1459.67.
- **Bills and Communications:**
 - Thank you note from KofC INC for \$500 to the Relief Fund
 - Thank you note from Will Sutherland for birthday card and gift.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Confirmed with Father Bill that January will be our membership drive month, asking council members to wear their KofC shirt to the masses that month and support the activities before, during and after the masses.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to report.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Russel Craft):** Brother Russel Craft relayed that assembly meeting for November scheduled for Thursday, 15 November at 7 PM, council 900 facilities. Encouraged attendance, thanked Mike Keohane for his work on the Memorial Service, relayed that Brother Gary Jones would be making his 4th Degree in Maryville this Saturday. Next exemplification would be in Durby in April. Announced that the 4th Degree Assembly (Jim Cunningham, Neal Hanley, Mike Keohane) purchased 18 "Wreaths Across America" to be placed in Mt. Calvary Cemetery the 1PM on 15 December. He noted that Ft Leavenworth will hold their annual event that morning at 10 AM.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to Report
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Next Corporate Communion/Pro-Life Rosary is scheduled for 2 December, passed around sign-up sheet.



- **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 December.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):**
Council unanimously selected the Gates Brown family as Family of the Month for December.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):**
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 will be conducted on 2 Feb 2019 after the Saturday 5 PM mass. Dennis Huffman will publish the Letter of Instructions later this month. Requested that Knights begin to identify auction items for both the silent and really nice stuff for the open auction. Will have a committee meeting after the New Year.
 - Next pancake breakfast will be on 17 February 2019 pending coordination with the parish office. Plan is to establish a committee to support Don Portice.
 - Christmas Party to be held on 8 December after the 5PM mass. Dennis Huffman will administer the Bunco, gift exchange – bring your own drinks and hors-d'oeuvres to share.

Old & New Business:

- Brother Dave Young provided the date for Christmas Caroling at Golden Living (behind Speedway) on Sunday 23 Dec at 5:15 PM.
- Tootsie Roll final results were \$2,241.50, the most raised in several years. Council determined a 50%-50% split between SNAP and Leavenworth Special Olympics.
- Mike Keohane relayed a challenge from Council 900 in "Corn Hole". 6 members of the council volunteered to participate, recommending the bet should be for a council contribution.
- Council unanimously passed a motion to donate up to \$400 from the dues fund to Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Food Baskets.
- Council unanimously passing a motion to provide \$100 from the dues fund to the council on aging for Thanksgiving meals on wheels. This will provide ~50 individuals a special meal on Thanksgiving.
- Council unanimously passed a motion to provide \$275 to help sponsor the Lansing Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.
- Marion Hour of Prayer: Grand Knight discussed the possibility of having a Marion Hour of Prayer during the period of 18 Nov to 1 Dec using one of the traveling Icons. This would be open to the whole parish. Council took no action.
- The American Red Cross offers KofC councils a training package for certification in defibrillation, CPR, first aide, etc. Grand Knight asked individuals to let him know if they are interested.
- Father Bill and the parish will provide a 14 person delegation to the Archdiocese wide "Convocation". The theme follows: "Enflame our Hearts: Be Disciples, Make Disciples." Father requesting two volunteers from the Council. Delegates will be asked to attend the entire 3-5 October event held at a hotel in Overland Park. Parish will fund the delegates. Father Bill will make announcements at upcoming masses.

- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report.
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** nothing to report.
- **Knights sick or in distress:** Brother Russel Craft relayed that his brother in law was recovering from his illness and doing better – thanking the council for the continuous prayers. Council prayed for those in distress.

Good of the Order: Brother Dan Ladd provide a reading with the theme “why does evil exist?” God created free will. Only Christian Faith, love of God, participating in the sacraments and trying to live a blessed life will prevent evil. This is the way of God’s providence.-

Special request - Please remember to send you photos and captions of Knights in Action to Groggtwo@aol.com

Knights in Action

Remembrance Ceremony



Grand Knight along with District Deputy Gates Brown and Tadd

Brzustowicz process in during the start of the remembrance ceremony for fallen Knights at the November Corporate Communion and Pro-Life Rosary.



The Fourth Degree Honor Guard is in position as the candles for fallen Knights are about to be brought forward at the start of mass.



The daughter of Arcadio G. Amaro carries the candle engraved with her father's name to the front of the church to be displayed to the right of the altar during the remembrance mass for fallen Knights.

Donations to Local Charities "Coats for Kids"



Brother Knights Neal Hanley, Mike Keohane, Duane Tunink, Bill Butler and Edd Hingula of the Lansing Knights of Columbus Council donate 24 insulated winter coats to Jackie Masoner of the NE Catholic Charities as part of the K of C Coats for Kids program.

And was recognized by Leavenworth Times.



"Coats for Kids"



Brother Jim Cunningham presents our council's donation check for the Council on Aging Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels Program to Scarlet Ross. Our donation will help feed 50 seniors this Thanksgiving.

Mount Calvary Cemetery Veterans Day

Initiative - November 2018

Brother Neal Hanley organized the annual marking with flags over 500 veterans graves at our Mount Calvary Cemetery. Appreciate the support of council and SFDS members along with other volunteers. About the veterans at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

There are over 12,300 internments at Mount Calvary Cemetery. At least 420 have been identified as American veterans. The oldest veteran buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery is Private James Glen Winters Company F, 14th Iowa Infantry, War Between the States. 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.



Jim Cunningham and his Grand Sons (Caden and Liam) Baragary supporting the effort.

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.



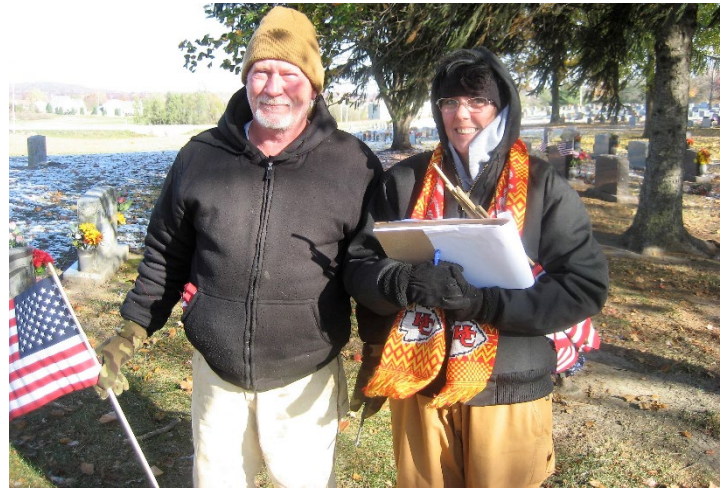
Myron and Laurie Reineke tracking their progress in finding and marking Veterans graves.

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/CAN-ADA.

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.



Charles and Jennifer Jackson (American Legion Post 411) join our efforts.

On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2018, Mount Calvary Cemetery had 12 X 18-inch American Flags available for family members to place on their Loved one's grave. Placement could occur as early as Saturday, Nov 10, and will be

picked up by members of the Knights of Columbus Council 10834 later in the week.

Mount Calvary staff members are available at the cemetery office to answer any questions. The cemetery office number is 913-272-1698.

November Volunteers: Neal Hanley, Jim Cunningham, Caden & Liam Baragary, Linda Lindley, Charlie Owens, Tom Spalding, Laurie & Myron Reineke, Charles & Jennifer Jackson, Gates, Marty, Anna and Garrison Brown.

Support to Veterans Day Parade



Brother Bob Hall leads Assembly 293 Color Guard in the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade. Majority of the Color Guard came from members of our council.



After Sunday's Mass and a Veterans' Day blessing from Father Bill a number of our older Veterans gather for a picture and the display near the baptismal fountain.

Reinforcing a Veterans' Day Family Tradition.



Brother Jim Cunningham carrying the American Flag with his 13 and 14 yr old g'sons carrying the banner for Lansing's American Legion Post 411.

Congratulations to our Newest 4th Degree



On 17 November, at St Gregory the Great Catholic Church, Marysville, Kansas **Sir Gary Jones** was Knighted by **Sir Knight Patrick T. O'Keefe**, Vice Supreme Master, Father Padilla Province

Annual Chili-Cook Off

The Parish Fund Raising Committee, headed by Marty Brown (December Family of the Month) successful held the annual Chili-Cook Off. Council members supported in a variety of ways: members of the fund raising committee, judges, contestants and simply enjoying the chili.



Brother Bill Butler announcing a winners.



Front row - Winners: J.Herken (Chicken), Ruth Butler(Vegetarian), Jeanne Im(Spiced but Nice), Diana Hanley (People's Choice). Not pictured: Amy Zimmerman (Beef).
Back row - Judges: Nick Fischer, Kevin Albee, Aaron Davis, Sr. Paula Rose Juaernig, Gen. Stan Cherie.

2018 Chili Cook Off People's Choice Winning Receipt

Chicken and beef stock Chili
1 16 ounce can of Black kidney beans
1 16 ounce can of Chili beans
1 16 ounce can of White kidney beans
Fresh herbs
Garlic
1 lb. Ground beef, crumbled
½ Jalapeño
1 large onion, chopped Soy sauce
Spice blend
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1 Tomato, chopped
Worcestershire sauce to taste
ZingZang Bloody Mary mix to tast

Experience of a Life Time

One of the benefits of being the only one who volunteered to replace Carlos as our recorder and being the Editor, publisher, & photographer of our New Letter – is that I can occasionally add my own article. Starting on 24 October through 10 November I joined my daughter Shannon, son-in law Klaus, Leona, Garrett, and Lyla (grandkids) Sanford who live in Italy and are part of the USARAF Staff, on a trip to China to support their adoption of our eight grandchild – Henry. I joined them initially in Beijing where we received a cultural tour and met with the adoption agency Chinese Children Adoption International. The purpose of the tour was to better understand the culture and country that raised Henry. Additionally we later had a chance to visit the orphanage, talk to his Forster Care mother, staff personnel, see the elementary school and other facilities. Henry was abandoned at 2 days old and was born missing his right leg at the hip.

Klaus and Shannon set up a detailed blog with pictures and videos at the following URL: sanfordclan1.wordpress.com



Jumping for Joy on the Great Wall of China. Two days and Henry will be part of the family. Henry was abandoned at the age of 2 days at an orphanage. He was born missing his right leg. At the orphanage he was well loved and cared for by his foster parents and orphanage personnel.



Heading to the United States with Sister Lyla to begin the citizenship process.



Receiving Henry at the government offices.



Taking a ride on
Thanks to all for being a Knight of Columbus and Keep doing good.
Brother John Twohig
Editor, publisher, & photographer