



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

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**Meeting conducted by the Grand Knight
on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017;
over 24 Brothers attended the meeting.**

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 January, 2018.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 10 January 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **MAJOR DEGREES: From District Deputy – Brother Gates Brown**

Major degrees

**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 (January 2018)
Brother Neil Hanley**

**Family of the Month (January 2018)
Brother Don Madill Family**

Membership: Current membership:

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



Grand Knight Message: First, Teresa and I extend to all Brother Knights and their families our fondest wishes for all the Joy that HE brings us, the Peace that HE wants for us, and the Love of Family that HE would give us during the wonderful Christmas Season that is nearly upon us.

For this Christmas, celebrate His birth. Be joyous, be grateful, and be loving, so that all the world can see, and celebrate too! Many people have come to look at Christmas as just a time of presents. Bring your gift of presence to HIM this Christmas. Bring a gift to the "Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace," (Isaiah 9:5) that is fit for a King. Bring a heart that truly loves HIM to the Birthday Party of a King. Bring your heart, and those of your families to the Birthday Party this Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all, and Best Wishes for a Joyous and Prosperous New Year!

**Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.**



Chaplain's Corner: Brother Knights,

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)

***Fraternally,
Father Bill***

PS On Christmas, the documents call us not to bow at that point in the Creed, but to actually genuflect.



Field Agent Report: Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus Insurance is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes. The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest in companies that deal in lines of business that involve: abortions and abortifacients, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

***Brother Dave Soukup
Knights of Columbus Agent
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Council Meeting Highlights

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective (\$13,40.73).
- **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 \$13,494.90.
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):**
 - Awarded the following certificates:
 - Knight of the Month for Nov **Brother Terry Yoakum**
 - Family of the Month for Nov **Brother Gates Brown Family**
 - Knight of the Month for Dec **Brother Tom Young**
 - Family of the Month for Dec **Brother Jim Fricke Family**
 - Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, 16 Dec after the 5PM Mass in Roberts Martz Hall. Bunco, Gift Exchange, Hors'dourves, Bring your own drinks. Great night of friendship, fellowship and fraternity.
 - Caroling at Golden Living on Wednesday, 20 Dec at 5:30 PM.
 - Supreme is encouraging Council members consider supporting the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday 19 January 2018.
- **Correspondence:** Received
 - Thank you note from Catholic Charities for Food Baskets.
 - Thank you notes from seminarians **Geoffrey Calvert, George Rhodes and Will Sutherland** for the semi-annual support checks.
 - Request from St. Benedict's Abbey – no action taken
 - Focus Support Request – no action taken
 - Request for Annual Indigent Christmas Bag Program at Lansing Correctional Facility. Addressed in New Business.
- **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):**
 - Reminded 4th degree Knights that there will be no assembly monthly meeting, the earlier Christmas Party counts as the monthly meeting.
 - Need to encourage 3rd Degrees to participate in a 4th Degree exemplification in the New Year.
 - Since the new 4th Degree uniform is on backorder, it appears we will continue to wear the traditional regalia in the coming year.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing to report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion for January would be held on 7 January. Sign-up sheet was passed around.

- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):**
 - Will work with **Brother Terry Yoakum** to contact SNAP in order to disperse the donation from the Tootsie Roll drive to this charity.
 - Announce his annual theme party on Saturday Night 13 January at Tom Young's house – Theme is Musical Instruments. Bring snacks and Hors'dourves,
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Neal Hanley** as Knight of the Month for January based on efforts at Mount Cavalry Cemetery to honor our Veterans, support to Parish and Council Activities and volunteer work in the local community.
- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** In January the Council will begin the "Play Pen" drive for Birthright. Information to follow on what items are needed.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Don Madill** Family of the Month for January. **Don and Mary Theresa** support RCIA, Church Ministries, assist **Brother Robert Martz** and support to council activities to include the recent Veterans Day activities at Mount Calvary Cemetery.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Free Throw contest scheduled for January 28, 2018 at the Lansing Activity Center. Set up at 12:30 PM, doors open for warmup at 12:30, contest starts at 1PM should be completed by 2 PM. Ages 9-14. This will be followed by the district level competition at 2:30 to 4 PM.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** **Brother John Twohig** announced that this year's vocation poster contest theme was "Answering God's Call." The contest starts on 28 January and posters are due back by Monday 5 March 2017.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - Tasting Fair:** Tasting Fair – has been moved to Saturday 3 March. **Brothers Dennis Huffman and Bill Butler** are the Co-Chairs and need support from the entire council to make this critical fundraiser successful. Planning and coordination meetings will begin in January. Start identifying items you can donate for the silent auction and begin dusting off your favorite receipts.

Old & New Business:

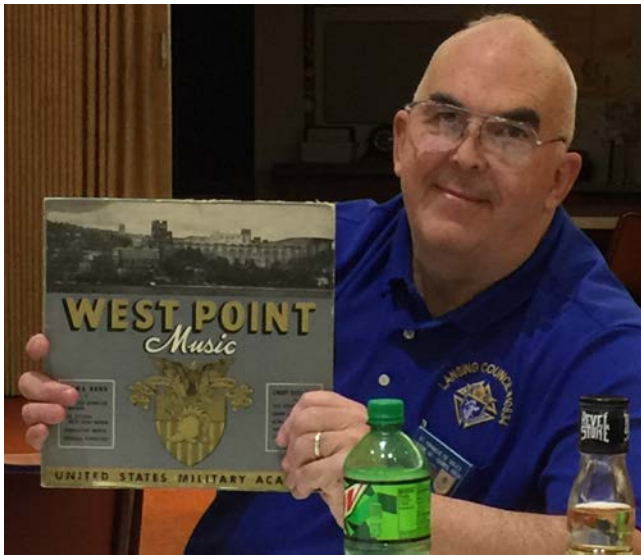
- Council recognized **Brother Larry Vanderhoff** and his wife Deborah efforts in providing the Thanksgiving Baskets for Catholic Charities. The Vanderhoffs have done this for the past few years, ensuring there are plenty of extras in each basket.
- **Brother Gen Young** announced that he is no longer a full time volunteer at the Salvation Army to include for organizing support for ring the bell at Christmas. Encouraged council members to go to the Salvation Army Leavenworth office to sign up for bell ringing.
- **Brother John Twohig** reminded council members to submit their photos with captions for the monthly newsletter to enable better coverage of the council, parish and local community the Knights support.

- **Brother Bob Riese** requested support for the Military Service Bulletin Board in Robert Martz Hall. Requested that pictures be provided to **Brother Mike Keohane**.
 - **Bother Ron Mazzia** requested support to move the Christmas Trees up from the basement this Sunday after the 1015 AM Mass.
 - **Brother Jim Scherer** reviewed a request from Lansing H.S. for Operation Graduation 2018. Council unanimously approved a motion to provide \$100.
 - **Brother Dennis Huffman** reviewed a request to support the Indigent Christmas Bag Program and Lansing Correctional Facility. Council unanimously approved a motion to provide \$250.
 - A number of Council Members participated in the "Wreaths Across America" project at the Fort Leavenworth Cemetery on Saturday, 16 December (See Knights in Action). For those of you who might be interested the Leavenworth National Cemetery at 105 Muncie Rd, Leavenworth, KS 66048 from 11-12 on 20 January is having a Retiring of the Wreaths. This might be another opportunity for us to participate within the community helping a worthy cause. We will mention this at the January business meeting.
 - **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Christmas season is a time for giving – none more important than the gift of life. The Knights of Columbus have provided over 800 ultra sound machines to pro-life clinics. One of the local clinics received an ultrasound machine and has provided over 500 ultrasounds this past year – significantly increasing the probability that the mother will not have an abortion. At the time of Rowe vs Wade there were over 2400 abortion clinics and 600 pro-life clinics in the United States; today there are over 2400 pro-life clinics and about 600 abortion clinics. **Brother Soukup** will be out for a medical procedure returning in March. When you call his office, you will be connected to the Topeka office to address any of your needs. Keep him in your prayers.
 - **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Asked the council to consider ways to increase membership and more active participation in monthly meetings. Consider changing meeting times to encourage younger members to attend, such as on Sundays during Religious Education Classes. He encouraged that the Council put an entry into the "Program" by creating a scrap book on Shutterfly that highlights the Council's work lead by Neal Hanley in support of Veterans buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery. The suspense to State level is 1 April 2018.
 - **Prayer for Knights in Distress:** Council members said prayers for individuals in distress.
 - **Good of the Order:** Council Lecture **Brother Dan Ladd** led the group in prayer for veterans and current service members.
- Special request - Please remember to send you photos and captions of Knights in Action to Groggtwo@aol.com-**

January Family of the Month

Knights in Action

January Knight of the Month



Brother Neil Hanley (USMC Veteran)

efforts to identifying, publish, and celebrate the accomplishments of over 400 veterans buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery has been recognize by the Parish, Local and Leaven papers as a significant accomplishment.

Neil's Veterans' Day efforts to mark the graves, support council, parish and local activities were acknowledged by his unanimous selection as Knight of the Month for January 2018.

Note: Neal is pictured with his favorite drink (diet Mountain Dew) & Music (West Point Band circa 1948). Cogratulaitons to our Knight of the Month.



Brother Don Madill and his wife Mary Theresa were selected Family of the Month for January. Both are extremely active in support of Parish activities and ministries to include RCIA. They also supported the Veterans' Day effort spending multiple hours marking veterans' graves. Congratulations to our Family of the Month for December.

December Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion.

Brother Duane Tunink performing sacristan ministry with his wife Peggy prior to Corporate Communion.



The first Sunday of December was not only Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion, but also the first Sunday of Advent. **Father Bill** is shown lighting the first candle of Advent, with **Brother Mike McCoy** as the AAA. **Jeanne Im** her son **Andrew** along with **Ryleigh Kermashek** round out the altar server team.



Father Bill delivers the Gospel message for the first Sunday of Advent. **Anthony and Ryleigh** are the torch bearers.

Monthly Awards



Brother Terry Yoakum receives his (Nov) Knight of the Month from **Brother Edd**.



Brother's Jim Fricke and Myron Reineke lead the procession of Knights at the beginning of Corporate Communion.



Brother Jim Fricke receives his Family of the Month (Dec) from **Brother Edd**.



Brother Terry Gates Brown receives his (Nov) Family of the Month certificate from the **Grand Knight**.



Brother Tom Young receives his Knight of the Month (Dec) from **Brother Edd**.

Support to Leavenworth County Special Olympics



Brother Tom Young and a collection of Knights proudly provide a check for over \$400 to Vicki Lozenski director for Leavenworth County Special Olympics. The funds were part of the money raised during the annual Tootsie Roll drive for intellectually handicapped. **Brother**

Tom has led this effort for many years (carefully supervised by his father **Gene Young** and **Sir Robert Martz**).

Continuing Support to our Veterans



Brother Neal Hanley along with **Jim Cunningham**, **John Twohig** and **Mary-Theresa Madill** met with a report from the Leaven to describe the council's effort to honor Veterans buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

The Friday following Veterans' Day, the Council had to remove the Flags from the veterans' graves at Mount Calvary Cemetery. **Brother Neil** led the team of **Jim Cunningham**, **Don Studnicka**, **John**, **Luke**, **Liam**, **Gabriel** and **Wes Twohig** to ensure we met the 7 day requirement.

Wreaths Across America

One man's annual tribute to our veterans inspired a legion of volunteers and gave rise to the Wreaths Across America of today. Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet.



Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help

with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.-

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day". (information from <http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/our-story>)

Wreaths Across America Fort Leavenworth Cemetery



Over 1,000 members of the greater Leavenworth and Eastern Kansas Community met at Fort Leavenworth Cemetery to participate in laying over 2,000 wreaths on veterans graves.



Brother Mike Keohane, his much better half Alice, Bother Edd Hingula and Brother Neal Hanley (photographer) participated in the Fort Leavenworth Wreath Across America on 16 Dec.



Consider Participating December 2018

Annual Council Christmas Party

Both the 4th Degree Assembly (9 Dec) and the Council (16 Dec) held their annual Christmas Party in Sir Robert Martz Hall (Robert attend and was the life of both parties).



Brother Robert leads the 4th Degrees through the buffet line. **Brother Greg Beck** performed duties as the waiter.



At the Council party, **Brothers Bob Riese, Sir Robert, & Neal** along with **Peggy Hall** prepare to do battle at Bunco.



The Tradition of the Cat-A-Roo is alive and well, and will be residing at **Brother Reineke's** house for the next year. **Brother Mike Keohane** provides guidance to **Myron** on the care and feeding of the Cat-A-Roo. This includes making travel arrangements, written reports and the proper return of the Cat-A-Roo for next year's Christmas Party.

Our Friendly Neighborhood

Cat-A-Roo



From the Cat-A-Roo – A Christmas Blessing:
may the most you hope for this Christmas and in
the New Year; be the very least you receive.

**Please remember to send your photos of
Knights in Action along with a brief cap-
tion/story.**

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

Brother John Twohig

Editor, publisher, & photographer