



Lansing Knights of Columbus Council 10834 Monthly Newsletter August 2018

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Meeting conducted by the Deputy Grand Knight on Wednesday, 11 July 2018; over 20 Brothers attended the meeting.

Meetings and Events

- **Pro-Life Rosary & Corporate Communion: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 5 August, 2018.**
- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 8 August 2018 at 7:30 PM**

MAJOR DEGREES:

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Knight of the Month (August 2018)
Brother Mike Keohane

Family of the Month (August 2018)
Brother John Twohig Family

Membership: Current membership:

- o 162 Members
 - o 82 Associate Members
 - o 73 Insurance Members
 - o 7 Inactive Insurance
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Grand Knight Message:

/// New Fraternal Year - Just Ask //

Aaah! A new fraternal year, fresh and full of new opportunities, chances to set and accomplish new goals, and take account of some of the achievements we've been successful at as well as those not so successful at. Over the past year we've been able to help out our parish and community in many ways. Just a few of those activities include:

- flipping burgers for last year's parish picnic, which I'm sure we'll get the opportunity to do again soon (September 8th I'm told)
- setting up the pancake breakfasts that we offer St. Francis' parishioners to give them the opportunities for fellowship and hunger abatement
- participated in the annual rite of Fall, the K of C Tootsie Roll give away, (this year October 12-14). That produced a couple of checks to be presented to SNAP and Special Olympics
- purchased and gave 20 or more coats to Catholic Charities through the K of C Coats for Kids program, which they were then able to distribute to children and young people in need of warmth
- the annual Mass of remembrance to memorialize our members who have passed from us to greater glory (This year it should be November 4th)
- Conducted our youth oriented K of C Basketball free throw.
- returned to our time-honored major fundraiser, the Tasting Fair and Auction, which brought in a great amount of badly needed funding.

Thanks to all those great Knights who led the charge and/or participated in creating such successful events and activities.

Something we weren't so great at this past fraternal year is recruitment. We were able to recruit some 5 new Knights. A good thing for them and us as a council. But we had a goal of 10. I know that we can do better. It may sometimes seem like you're bothering someone to ask them if they want to join

the Knights of Columbus. But, think about it as an invitation to join a group of men who are dedicated to supporting the parish, our Pastor, and the community.

Who wouldn't want to be part of a group of guys that accomplishes things like what you see above? If we don't ask them, we deny them the opportunity.

Just this past weekend I asked a gentlemen, and he said he'd been wanting to join the Knights. I can only think, "What if somebody had asked him sooner?" Well, we should be voting on his application soon.

Just ask! You might be surprised at the response. And if they say they're already a Knight, let them know when the meetings are, and invite them to the next one.

This fraternal year we again have a goal of 10 new Knights. Let's be sure we can get those new Knights. Especially now, when so many new families, and Husbands/Fathers are moving into the parish. Extend that invitation. It could be a kind way to welcome them.

Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.



Chaplain's Corner:

Annuity Coeptis

If you look on the back of a one-dollar bill you'll find on the right side the Great Seal of the United States. You'll recognize the American eagle clutching in its talons both arrows and an olive branch, with 13 stars clustered above its head.

But look at the left side of the bill. There, under the ever-watchful eye of God, is a pyramid — but the pyramid is unfinished. The designers of the seal did that purposely. The United States is a nation that always remains incomplete. The work in becoming a

more perfect union is never finished. Building that nation of liberty, justice and peace, envisioned by our founders, is a ongoing and never-ending task began in 1776 and continues to our day and will continue, God willing, until the end of time.

And, in the words of the Great Seal, the building of the American pyramid takes place under the eye of God and with the Latin prayer: Annuity Coeptis — "May Providence favor our undertaking." Let's all pray that we always do that which pleases God.

And when it comes to politics, which has become so contentious these days, may our own personal attitude be that of Abraham Lincoln who said, "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Live Jesus +
Fraternally,
Father Bill



Field Agent Report:

Dear Brother Knights, What would the world be without the Knights of Columbus? Charitable contributions were up over \$9 million last fraternal year from the previous year. Thanks for all you do for those less fortunate. May God Bless you all!! .

Brother Dave Soukup
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Council Meeting Highlights

- **Special Recognition of the Young Family:** Prior to the official opening of the meeting, **Brother George Harris** made a special presentation to the Young family. George commissioned a painting by **Gene Young** to commemorate his grandson **Clay**

Young's career as a member of the KU basketball team to include being selected an Academic All American. George intent was to ensure that the family had this special way of capturing this special memory for future generations. In honor of this occasion, George also made a \$300 contribution to the Pro-Life fund in the name of the Young family. This money will go to the local Birth Right – one of Gene and Ada's favorite charities in support of Pro-Life.

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Brother Jim Scherer provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective. **Balance:** \$17,173.39.
- **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. **Balance:** \$17,621.39. He also relayed the council's will send intent to retain notifications to four members who have been three or more years delinquent in their dues once the retention committee completed initial phone/email notification and confirmation.
- **Chaplains Message:** Nothing to Report
- **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):** Deputy Grand Knight (**Mike McCoy**) provided the following awards:
 - **Ron Mazzia** – Family of the Month February
 - **Mike Bottary** – 5 years of continuous service certificate
- **Receipts of Treasurer to financial Secretary and Treasurer's Vouchers of Deposit:** Received \$488 that included a \$125 in dues. Additionally received two warrants totally \$523 to cover assessments to Supreme and 2nd Qtr Financial Secretary compensation.
- **Bills and Communications:**
 - Received thank you note from **SR. Catherine Frances Brodersen, ASG** for (**daughter of Brother Steve Brodersen**) "our continued support of her religious vocation." Additionally, SR Catherine advised the council that

her Canonical Year will end this August, and she will make her first profession of vows as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 3 August.

- Council also received an invitation from The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to attend the Mass of First Profession for three Sisters that includes Sr. Catherine Francis Brodersen, asg.
- Notice that our Liability Insurance bill would be \$253
- Received copy of Catholic Charities News Letter.
- **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** **Nothing to Report**
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing New to Report.
- **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Council Unanimously accepted the following transfer to our council: **Eric D. Verzola**. Eric is a transfer from Fort Leavenworth Council.
- **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Meeting for July was canceled, next meeting is third Thursday of August – need 4th Degrees to attend.
- **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing New to Report.
- **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that the monthly Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion would be held on Sunday 5 August. Sign-up sheet was passed around. **Brother John Twohig** will lead the Pro-Life Rosary. Contact Jim if you want to volunteer. Jim also Announced that in the next few days a number of Knights would clean out the drainage ditch around the parish and replace the church filters.
- **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Determined that the dates for the annual Tootsie-Roll drive to support the intellectually handicap would be 6-8 October. **Brother Tom Young** will begin to reserve dates at local establishments with a focus on Dillon's.
- **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected **Brother Mike Keohane** Knight of the Month for August, for his organizing, coordinating and executing the beautification of the parish grounds, his support to Pro-Life Rosary parish ministries and council activities.

- **Culture of Life Director (Brother Brad Cox and his wife Mary):** Nothing to Report.
- **Family Director (Brother Jim Fricke):** Council unanimously selected **Brother John Twohig and his wife Debbie** as family of the Month for August continuous support of parish ministries, Legion of Mary, Corporate Communion, parish grounds, support to individuals in Twin Oaks, volunteer for Parish Capitol Campaign and council activities.
- **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Nothing New to Report.
- **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Nothing to Report
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report

Old & New Business:

- **Brother Russel Craft** discussed council's liability insurance policy, and option to include Terrorism Insurance. Russel recommended not purchasing since we were not considered a critical target.
- **Brother Mike Keohane** thanked the council members for supporting the parish grounds project. He recognized the following individuals for their support: **Mike and Alice Keohane, Tad Brzustowicz, Bill Butler, Brad Cox, Russell Craft, Richard Drimmel, Neal Hanley, Gary Jones, Ron Mazzia, Bill Pfannenstiel, Bill Rettele, John Twohig, David Young, Edd Hingula, Harold Ryan and a special thanks – Jim Cunningham and Terry Yoakum.** Effort included spreading over 4 cubic yards of mulch, weeding all flower beds, tree trimming, hedge trimming and refurbishing the mulch.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** asked for a volunteer to help run Chris Cakes pancake breakfast on 26 August. Relayed need for volunteers on that Sunday starting at ~7:30 AM for set up, then throughout the morning to serve and clean up.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** reminded council of **Father Mike Stubbs** 40th anniversary of his ordination that will be celebrated at masses on 21-22 July at Holy Cross parish. Additionally **Father Stubbs** will have provided 30 continuous years of service as a Knight of Columbus this July.
- **Brother Bill Butler** discussed the council's support of the September 8th Parish Picnic. Volunteers needed on Friday at ~6:30 PM to bring up tables from the basement to Robert Martz Hall and on Saturday starting at 4 PM setup, tear down, clean up, grilling, etc.
- Council discussed a request for support from Catholic Charities to support their back to school project that provides needy families the means to obtain school supplies that provides means for these needy children to be successful. Council unanimously passed a motion to provide \$150 for this effort.
- **Brothers Mike Keohane and John Twohig** discussed supporting the parish grounds maintenance by conducting a spring, summer and late fall clean up, tree/hedge trimming, weeding, mulching and planting – similar to this month's efforts. Council decided that this would best be a parish rather than a council committee, supported by member of the Knights of Columbus, working with youth group and other members of the parish. **Mike Keohane, Jim Cunningham, Terry Yoakum and John Twohig** will work with the parish to develop a way ahead. ..
- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Nothing to Report
- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Nothing to Report.
- **Knights sick or in distress:** Council said prayers for Said prayers for Knights of Columbus and family members in distress.
- **Good of the Order: Brother Mike McCoy** reminded the council to conduct oneself in the spirit of brotherly love, treat each other with respect and listen & respond in the spirit of our founder, the Venerable Father McGivney.

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

Knights in Action

August Knight of the Month



Brother Mike Keohane is picture here leading the Pro-Life Rosary last Months. Mike is a vital member of our council and parish. His executable bright ideas to include annual remembrance ceremony, support to Parish Grounds, honoring recently deceased Knights with mass dedications are just a few of the examples. Congratulation to our Knight of the Month. (and special thanks to Alice for keeping Mike under control).

August Family of the Month



Brother John Twohig and his wife of 44 years Debbie were recognized as Family of the Month for August. Picture from the Twohig family archives circa 1974 – the year they were married.

Corporate Communion & Pro-Life Rosary



Council getting organized prior to processing in for Corporate communion.



Brother Dennis Huffman enhances our Pro-Life Rosary and Corporate Communion as a member of the 8 AM Choir.



Leaders leading the way. Our Grand Knight **Brother Edd Hingula** and Financial Secretary **Brother Jim Scherer** set the example at the monthly corporate communion as lectors. If you are interested, sign up with **Brother Jim Cunningham** at the next monthly meeting.

Individual Knight Recognitions



Our **Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Mike McCoy** presented “5 Years of Continuous Service” as a Knight of Columbus to **Brother Mike Bottary**. Way to go – and thank you Mike.



Brother Ron Mazzia receives the Family of the Month certificate for February 2018. Congratulation to **Ron and Nancy**. They were recognized for leading the Parish’s annual decoration of the church for the Christmas Season, support to parish ministries, and council activities.

Whole Family Commitment



Brother Leif Sanford his wife **Beth**, and sons **Eric** and **Zac** are pictured serving as AAAs and Altar Servers. Not pictured is **Grace** who is also serves as a AAA. Great Family Tradition.

Young Family Legacy



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Brothers Dave, Tom and Gene Young are mainstays at the monthly meeting (except during KU basketball season for Tom), council and parish activities.

Knights Flag Day Tradition



Brother Dennis Huffman, assisted by **Brother Jim Scherer** carry on the "Patriotic" tradition of placing flags along Ida Street in Lansing on Flag Day. **Brother Gene Young** passed the responsibility for placing and recovering the the flags this year to these two "younger" (but according to Ada not better looking) Knights.

Knights Hard at Work on the Parish Grounds

Brothers Mike Keohane, Jim Cunningham and Terry Yoakum led a group of Knights and parish members to beautify our parish grounds.



Brothers Ron Mazzia, Thad Brzustowicz, Russell Craft and Bill Rettele attack a group of pesky weeds in the parking lot dividers.



Brother Bill Butler and Mike Keohane pulling weeds and mulching the flower beds between the church and **Sir Robert Martz Hall**.



Brother Brad Cox removes dead branches and thins out parking lot trees to promote healthy growth and improve their appearance.



Brother Richard Drimmel professionally trims the hedges around the entry way to the church to include ensuring he met **Father Bill's** most important requirement – “ensuring the Light Shines on our Patron Saint Francis de Sale statue.” Father actually came by and inspected – he was very pleased – gave additional instructions (then left).



Over 4 cubic yards of mulch was used to restore the flower beds. Thanks again to **Brothers Mike Keohane, Jim Cunningham and Terry Yoakum** for organizing the effort and having the vision to recommend this be an annual parish effort supported by our Knights and potentially the youth group. More to follow.

Another Flag Day Tradition



The editors favorite Flag Day Hat.

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

Brother John Twofig

Editor, publisher, & photographer