



**Lansing Knights of Columbus
Council 10834
Monthly Newsletter
September 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, 2 September, 2018. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, 12 September 2018, 7:30 PM**

MAJOR DEGREES:

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

Knight of the Month (September 2018)
Brother Mike McCoy



Brother Mike during this month's meeting

Family of the Month (September 2018)

Brother Edd Hingula Family



Brother Edd and Teresa during their recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Membership: Current membership:

- o 163 Members
- o 82 Associate Members
- o 74 Insurance Members
- o 7 Inactive Insurance



Grand Knight Message:

So, here we go again. Into the fall of the year. Well, we still have to get through the rest of August and continue pray for badly needed rain and moderated temperatures. But that time of the year will be here soon and we can all look forward to it.

A few things to touch on while we wait though.

First, thank you all for being members of the Knights of Columbus. You make this organization. Its strength and the support you provide make the K of C able to accomplish the many things that sustain our parish, our pastor, and each other. If you're not one of the most active Knights in the council, what's holding you back? Join in with heartfelt gusto. So

thank each other for all that you do.

I mentioned last month the many activities we will be participating in during the coming months. Such as the Pancake Breakfast (Aug 26), the parish picnic (Sept 8), the Tootsie Roll Drive, (change notice: we'll do it Oct 6 & 7).

We'll all be busy I know, what with school starting back up for our children, and in some cases for us. But please do make time to come out, and bring the family to these events. They support the church, our council, and especially your families, by spending time together, having fun, and meeting and greeting new parishioners/new friends.

Speaking of greeting new parishioners, each of these events is an opportunity to present an invitation to gentlemen to fill out a form 100 and become a new Knight, or transfer into our council if they are already a Knight. Additionally, it's a good way to continue a conversation, or open one, and get to know our fellow parishioners better than we do.

A couple of people have asked me to write something about the recent pilgrimage to The Holy Land that Teresa and I were fortunate to be a part of. Along with a "cohort" of St. Francis de Sales parishioners, as part of some 98 pilgrims, we were a bit overwhelmed by the reality of what we read in our bibles, or hear about in the readings and gospels we listen to every Sunday.

Accompanied by a group of wonderful theologians, and three priests (including our own pastor), we were well-guided to/through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and even up to and sail on the Sea of Galilee, though not necessarily in that order.

The opportunity to drink from Jacob's well, where Jesus asked for water from a Samaritan woman, brought the gospel to life. To venerate the very place where Jesus was crucified, and his tomb, (both in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher), and to visit the cave in which Jesus was born, renew our baptismal vows while standing in the Jordan River, renew our matrimonial vows in Cana, were all once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. They were made even more joyous by the celebration of the Mass at just about each of these Holy sites.

We did many other things that made us able to return home newly able to see so many places in our memories that the bible tells us about.



Overlooking the Sea of Galilee at sunrise.

I've barely scratched the surface in describing some of the great places and things we saw, touched, venerated, and adored. If you ever have the opportunity to undertake such a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, do it. Do what it takes to grab that opportunity and GO !.

***Brother Edd Hingula
Grand Knight.***



Chaplain's Corner:

A Development of Doctrine

Many Catholics were shocked to hear a few weeks ago when Pope Francis declared that the death penalty is wrong in all cases — a definitive change in Church teaching. Before that, Church doctrine only accepted the death penalty if it was "the only practicable way" to defend lives. In other words, it would be permitted only in circumstances where there was no other way to protect society from further violence. But the pope asserted that today's system of detention is so developed that citizens are generally protected. I was not shocked at all when this news came. This change in teaching has been developing for a few decades now. One can see this particularly in the statements of Pope Saint John Paul II. In St. Louis in

1999 he said: "A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."

Pope Benedict XVI also spoke out against the death penalty and he supported efforts to eliminate capital punishment.

A lesson here is not only that the Church's pro-life teachings aim to be consistent for all human persons, from the most innocent to the most despicable, but that practical Church teachings can change as deeper understanding unfolds. Timeless Gospel principles are applied in this time and place.



(above) During the recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Pilgrims from St. Francis de Sales celebrate Mass at the site of the Jordan River before renewing baptismal vows in the Jordan river. Fr. Bill on the left at the altar, concelebrates Mass.(below) Fr. Bill, shepherds his flock at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.



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



Field Agent Report:

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson renewed a call to recruit younger members to the Knights of Columbus, saying the Order's future is at stake. In his address on Saturday, Anderson laid out a bold vision of using technology and innovative approaches to attracting new members. The centerpiece of this is the Online Membership initiative that is being rolled out gradually across the U.S. This program allows men to join the Order online, with the goal of eventually bringing them into councils and the degree process. Online Membership is a portal to bring in new prospects and introduce them to the Knights of Columbus, Anderson said. "We have to do it because we owe it to them that they can invest in a solid insurance program that's going to protect their families; that they can get the spiritual formation and the spiritual strength that's going to help them lead their families. Find more about online membership by going to KofC.org or Knights.net. God Bless!

***Brother Dave Soukup
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Council Meeting Highlights

- **Treasures Report (Brother Don Studnicka):** Brother Jim Scherer provided detailed accounting for council funds from a treasures perspective. **Balance:** \$16,947.89.
- **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:** \$17,654.80. He also relayed the council's will send intent to retain notifications to three members who have been three or more years delinquent in their dues once the retention committee completed initial phone/email notification and confirmation. The Deputy Grand Knight will work to complete the notifications.
- **Chaplains Message:** Nothing to Report
 - **Grand Knight's Report (Brother Edd Hingula):** Grand Knight provided the following awards:
 - John Twohig Family – Family of the Month August
 - Mike Keohane – Knight of the Month for August
 - Edd Hingula – Knight of the Month for July
 - Terry Yoakum – Knight of the Month for June
 - Neal Hanley Family – Family of the Month for June
 - Brother Jim Scherer – Perfect attendance July 2017 – June 2018 (fifth year in a row)
 - Brother Don Studnicka – Perfect attendance July 2017 – June 2018.
 - **Receipts of Treasurer to financial Secretary and Treasurer's Vouchers of Deposit:** Received \$706.91 that included the \$404 refund check for support to seminarians, \$300 in Brother George Harris donation in honor of the Young family and \$2.91 in dues. One warrant for \$253 to cover 2018-19 liability insurance.
 - **Bills and Communications:**
 - Received thank you note from CASA for our donation to Night at the races.
 - Request for support from Kansans for Life in Wichita Kansas – no action taken since we support local Birth Right.
 - Request for support from St. Benedictine Abby – no action taken.
 - Thank you not from Catholic Charities for contribution for their back to school supplies effort. They received over \$1,000 in donations so local donor matched that amount.
 - Received liability insurance bill from American Family Insurance.
 - **Membership Director (Brother Bob Hall):** Nothing to Report
 - **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Trustees identified the need to complete an audit during the month of August.
 - **Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications for Membership:** Nothing to report
 - **Report of the 4th Degree (Brother Bob Hall):** Meeting for August scheduled for Thursday, 16 August at 7 PM, council 900. The new Faithful Navigator is Brother Russel Craft.
 - **Program Director (Brother Dennis Huffman):** Nothing New to Report.
 - **Church Director (Brother Jim Cunningham):** Announced that the next Corporate Communion/Pro-Life Rosary is scheduled for 2 September, passed around signup sheet, Brother Edd Hingula will lead the Pro-Life Rosary.
 - **Community Director (Brother Tom Young):** Grand Knight notified that the official dates for Tootsie Roll drive are 12-14 Oct. Since at the previous meeting, the council assumed the Tootsie-Roll drive to support the intellectually handicap would be 6-8 October and Brother Tom Young already scheduled Dillon's – council agreed to conduct this year's effort on the weekend of 6-8 October. Council subsequently passed a motion to purchase 20 cases of Tootsie Rolls.
 - **Council Director (Brother Russell Craft):** Council unanimously selected as **Knight of the Month for August - Brother Mike McCoy** for his conducting the council meetings months of June and July, support to parish ministries, parish 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 Edd Hingula and his wife Theresa** as Family of the Month for September for their support of parish marriage preparation ministry, other parish ministries to include Choir and EM, Corporate Communion, parish grounds, and council activities.
 - **Youth Director (Brother Todd Giefer):** Nothing New to Report.
 - **Chancellor (Brother Myron Reineke):** Theme for 2018-2019 Vocation Poster Contest is "Come Follow Me." Brother Twohig will work with Sr. Josephine to set up the contest with religious educa-

tion as well as the parish. Council reviewed support to seminarians. Noted that Sr. Catherine Frances Brodersen is no longer a postulate. Council agreed and passed a motion to continue to support 3 current seminarians once Financial Secretary confirms they are continuing in the program.

- Council reviewed the annual state Religious Education Fund Tickets. Council receive 9 tickets for sale. Four tickets were purchased by individual council members. The council passed a motion to purchase 5 tickets at a cost of \$500. Grand prize is \$25,000, second prize \$5,000 with multiple lower values prizes to include 21 each \$1,000 prizes.
- **Report of Auditors and Trustees:** Must schedule and conduct audit in August.
- **Report of Standing Committees:** Nothing to Report

Old & New Business:

- Council confirmed dates for Tootsie Roll Drive as 6-8 October.
- Grand Knight ask 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. Council unanimously passed a motion to cut a blank check to cover the initial cost of the breakfast.
- Grand Knight 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 starting with setup, grilling, serving, tear down,
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- **Field Agent Report (Brother Dave Soukup):** Discussed that councils were developing plans for the new fraternal year, discussed the E-Member program to initial identify interested individual

to initially join as a non-degree member. They would identify a preferred council, allowing us to identify and potentially recruit as a council member. Discussed the variety of booklets available through Supreme and gave an example of booklet titles "Becoming a Real Man of God."

- **District Deputy Update (Brother Gates Brown):** Nothing to Report.
- **Knights sick or in distress:** Council said prayers for Knights of Columbus and family members in distress.
- **Good of the Order: Brother Dan Ladd** provided an inspirational reading "the life of man is to know and love God. . . God draws close to man and call man to Him and His church. He sent his Son to save us and lead us to a blessed life.'"

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

Knights in Action

Congratulations Father Stubbs



Mike and Alice Keohane, Sir Robert, Rosemary, Teresa and Edd along with Mary Theresa and Don help celebrate and congratulate Father Stubbs his 40th anniversary, which includes 30 years of continued service as a Knight of Columbus.

Corporate Communion & Pro-Life Rosary



Duane and Pat Tunic preparing the altar for the celebration of Corporate Communion.



Council getting organized prior to processing in for Corporate communion.



Fr. Bill listening to the first reading conducted by **Brother Jim Scherer**.

Individual Knight Recognitions

Grand Knight provided the following certificates:



Mike Keohane recognized as Knight of the Month for August 2018



Terry Yoakum recognized as Knight of the Month for June 2018



Neal Hanley Family as Family of the Month for June.



John Twohig Family of the Month for August.



. . . our worthy **Treasure Brother Don Studnicka** were awarded perfect attendance certificates for Fraternal Year 2017-2018. This was the fifth year in a row for Jim.

Support to Catholic Charities



Brother Jim Scherer returns the favor recognizing **Edd Hingula** as Knight of the Month for July.

Perfect Attendance



Both our Financial Secretary – **Brother Jim Scherer** and . . .



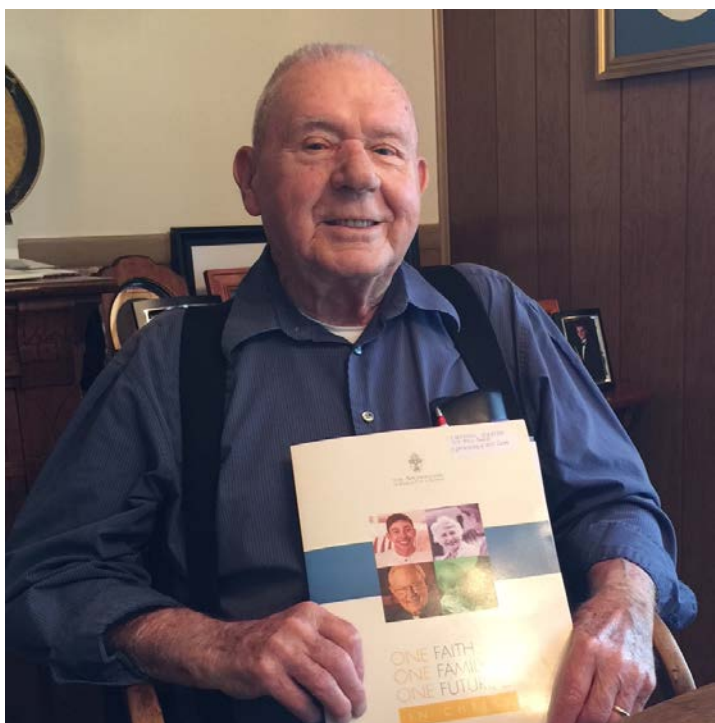
Brothers Mike Keohane and Bill Butler presented a check to assist in purchasing school supplies to **Jackie Masoner, Area Manager of the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Center**, on behalf of the council July 20th.

Legion of Mary Support to our parish member residing in Twin Oaks



Yoshiko Bogarts (wife of Brother Walter Bogarts) prepares the altar for the arrival of Father Bill and the monthly mass at Twin Oaks. Yoshiko and other members of the Legion provide a means for our seniors to participate in weekly Rosary and Holy Communion along with a monthly Mass. Consider becoming a member or auxiliary member like the editor.

Support to the Parish and Archdiocese of Kansas City Capitol Campaign



Brother Clarence Huycke was recently visited by a SFDS committee member to review the ongoing Parish and Archdiocese goals for One Faith, One Family Once Future in Christ Capitol Campaign. After a detailed review and multiple questions, Clarence gave his full support for the campaign. His only concern was that "Father Bill better make sure those pews are comfortable." Clarence volunteered to be part of the group that tests drives the pews.

Patriotic Corner - Fort Leavenworth Honors Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Vincent L. Politte,

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Vincent L. Politte, killed during World War II, has now been accounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. In the summer of 1943, SSG Politte served as a gunner with the 345th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force. He was killed while participating in a raid on the Ploesti Oil Refinery complex north of Bucharest, Romania, during Operation Tidal Wave. The goal of the operation was to destroy the refineries in the area in order to hamper the German war effort. During the raid, Politte's B-24 Liberator aircraft was hit by machine gun fire and crashed. Following the war, his remains could not be identified.

Politte's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery Impruente, Italy, an American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) site, along with the other MIAs from WWII. Although interred as an Unknown in Neuville American Cemetery, Politte's grave was meticulously cared for over the past 70 years by the ABMC. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

On 28 July 2018 SSG Politte's remains were delivered to his family at the Davis Funeral Home. After visitations, his remains were

moved to the Fort Leavenworth Memorial Cemetery on the morning of 30 July 2018 for internment.



Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, family members, the Patriot Guard and a few members of our council lined Grant Ave to welcome SSGT Politte home.



The procession passed under the American Flag prior to making the final turn to the Fort Leavenworth Cemetery.

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

Brother John Twohig

Editor, publisher, & photographer

Time Well Spent in Holy Land



Brother Bill Butler listens intently to Mike Scherschligt, one of the theologians on the recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as he discusses the City of Jerusalem's geography and history.



Teresa Hingula descends into the Jordan River during a pilgrimage in June. All the pilgrims stood in waters of the Jordan to renew their baptismal vows. Behind Teresa, on the other side of the river, is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.