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The Council Compass

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Knight's Compass.

This newsletter will be one of a few ways that we hope to stay in touch with members as well as parishioners at St. Patrick as we serve the mission of the Knights of Columbus, our parish, our community and the Church.

It is themed around the idea of a compass which of course gives us direction. In the case of this newsletter it will keep us in the direction of faith, family, community and life, the many areas that the Knights serve, and help us to know one another better. This cover article will always be a message of the Grand Knight. We will have a message from our Chaplain Fr. John Potaczek themed "Christ's Compass." The Christ centered message will appear on the bottom of page 2.

We will have profile articles of members, beginning with new members ("Dawning of a New (K)night" - though in this inaugural issue a message of why join the knights. Other "themed" article titles will unfold in the second and subsequent issues.

This first issue will be front and back—suitable for a handout to potential Knights and their families. There's a lot to talk about. The newsletter will be complete with photos—full color but only printed for those who do not have email or a suitable printer, and some pew copies to tell parishioners of the activities and families of the Knights.

We will also promote parish events—for example events like the upcoming parish Fall Festival Sep 13th

If you have ideas for topics or wish to learn more about the Knights contact me.

Welcome to the Solomon Juneau Council 2770.

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The Dawning of a New (K)night

By Bill Powers, Deputy Grand Knight

Many of you may think you know the Knights, or, you may have some preconceived notions of what the Knights are or what we do.

Simply put, the Knights of Columbus is the finest Catholic men's organization in existence today.

The Knights were formed in New Haven, CT, by the soon to be Blessed, Father Michael McGivney in 1882 to render financial

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aid to members and families together. Mutual aid and

assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted

among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, and social welfare works.

We are men of faith and action, guided by four central principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We support ALL the teachings of the Catholic Church!

The Knights provide a compass to a man's life and help him live out his Catholic faith to the best of his God-given ability. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life and your family.

As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

We ask each practicing Catholic man 17 1/2 years or older, to join us.

If you thought the Knights are not right for you, consider it again. Some of you may think it is just some club for the guys to sit around and drink beer. There are plenty of other men's groups that support that. However, if you were like me, and thought you weren't the right kind of guy or holy enough to be a Knight, but wanted to kick your faith and that of your family up a notch, then come talk to us. You'll find that we are regular guys, who are trying to do the right things for our families in an often mixed up and increasingly secular world.



We are men of faith who want to take our faith further and be strengthened by other men who are of the same mind. We seek to build up the traditional family

If you are looking for a fraternal group of Catholic men who are like you, then join us. Speak to some Knights. After you examine who we are and what we do, you'll come to the same conclusion I did - the Knights of Columbus is right for you and will help you grow in faith.

The Good Name of Columbus By Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

We've seen a lot of statuary destruction in our country these last several weeks. The general observation I have, merely a personal one, is that all of us are sinners. We have good and not so good things we've done in our life. It is unfortunate that a large amount of the destruction is occurring because we are apply current thinking to the people who should be judged with the social and political norms of the times they lived.

Such is the case with Christopher Columbus, the namesake of the Knights of Columbus. He was the Catholic discoverer of the Americas and what he did to accomplish that was simply extraordinary. He had failings, yes, as do we all. But the many things, not only his name in the Knights of Columbus, but streets, cities and counties as well as our own Capitol-the District of Columbia—are a testament we should never forget. Our statues tell us our regard for his Catholic discovery of America.

All men are invited to the next Knights meeting on Tuesday August 18th, 7pm in Reardon Hall (social distancing will be followed, with face masks)

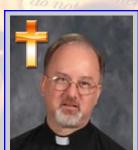
Christ's Compass—Fr. Michael J. McGivney—Founder of the Knights Fr John Potaczek, Chaplain and Pastor

Dear Brothers in Christ.

The founder of the Knights of Columbus will be declared "Blessed" on October 31st. He will be only the **3rd American born parish priest to have this declaration.** One more miracle will raise him to the honor of Sainthood.

The Knights of Columbus are among the most prayerful, active, and creative Catholic lay men I have met. As pastor I rely a great deal upon their friendship and their support. I hope you will consider being active among their ranks in serving the Lord, the Church, our parish, and our many parish families.

Fr. John **Pastor & Council Chaplain**



Fr John Potaczek, **Council Chaplain**

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