

The Family Compass

By Jon Field, Council Family Director

Recognizing a family of the month in our parish is not a new program but a very significant change in the emphasis on family has occurred at all levels of the Knights of Columbus. Each month a family is chosen from St. Patrick because of the example they demonstrate. Many in the parish do not know about the many contributions of families. We profile two families in this issue.

David and Ann Hoffmann—July Family of the Month

The family of the month is not only the family of the month for our parish; they have been selected as the LaCrosse Diocesan Family of the month, and recognized by Supreme as the Family of the Month for the state of Wisconsin. Here are their contributions.

David and Ann are both Family medical doctors in the Mauston community and members of St. Patrick's Catholic parish. David has been a lector in the parish for over 29 years as well as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Ann has served as a Communion minister for about 15 years. Both served for 7 years in the Navy where they were lectors and ministers of Holy Communion. David was a Commander and Ann a Lieutenant Commander.



left to right is son Vincent Joseph Hoffmann, daughter Amanda Elizabeth Haben, Dr Ann Marie Hoffmann, daughter Emily Claire Capodarco and Dr. David Hoffmann

In addition to our parish, the Hoffmanns have been selected by the Knights as the La Crosse Diocesan and Supreme Family of the Month for the State of Wisconsin.

They both have assisted with the St. Patrick parish annual Fall Festival for over 25 years helping with the sidewalk cafe. Their 3 children, who all attended St. Patrick's school, also helped with the Parish festival sidewalk cafe.

As they continue their family medical practices, they have been working with patients despite the risks of exposure to the virus. This is clearly a heroic example of helping others while risking contraction of the virus.

Both taught human development to students for over 8 years.

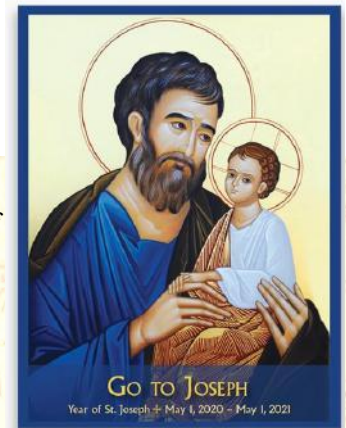
In the community David serves as a school medical director and Boy Scouts camp physician. At the state level he does work with the Wisconsin Medical Society having served on the Executive Board and Board of Directors. He is the Membership Chairman for the 12,000 physician members.

Ann has blended her love of the sciences with one-on-one interaction with people. She found her calling providing family medicine to patients of all generations.

David is focused on building long-term relationships with his medical patients by not only establishing a medical rapport but also learning of personal interests of those patients. He is an instrument trained pilot and is a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner for the FAA.

St. Joseph

Along with the Diocese of La Crosse and our parish, we dedicate this year of the Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council 2770 to St. Joseph's example of commitment to fatherhood, marriage and family life; and for his protection and intercession in our lives.



Christ's Compass—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr John Potaczek, Chaplain and Pastor

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Tuesday September 8th we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the date traditionally celebrated as the birthday of Mary. Her birth date was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The 8th was associated with how the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th was chosen. Her birth being 9 months after that feast day.

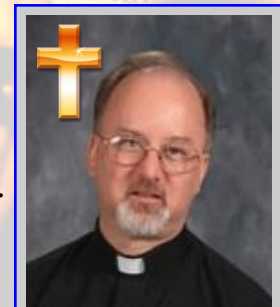


The Birth of the Virgin fresco by Giotto

Mary was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Her birth begins the dawning of redemption. Not only do we see her role as a compass to Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, she is also our mother.

Mary's birth is an occasion of great joy as we see her birth as the light of salvation for all, seen in its fulfillment our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fr. John
Pastor & Council Chaplain



Fr John Potaczek, Council Chaplain

The Knights are a Catalyst

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

I am so grateful for being a Knights of Columbus. Though I was raised in Wisconsin, most of my adult life has been outside of the state. I raised a family in Colorado and there I joined the Knights of Columbus. I joined for the simple reason to start meeting men in my parish where I was a lukewarm Catholic and knew only a few men. The Knights of Columbus was the catalyst for becoming an active Catholic fostering a stronger relationship with Christ and the Church.

The richness of membership in the Knights of Columbus has shaped my life dramatically these 21 years I've been a Knight. I couldn't have known that my

It's not that we don't have time for involvement; priorities in our life get our time

first involvement of rinsing silverware at a pancake breakfast would lead to experiences far more than I could have known. Many get tired of the membership admonitions to ask every practicing Catholic man to become a knight, seeming that we're just about the numbers. The numbers are important because we don't know what the Knights might mean to a man and his family when we invite him to join. Consequently simply ask men to join! And we do have to challenge men in the objections we receive, especially having no time. To me, it's not time that is really the issue. Rather it's our priorities. Simply stated, priorities in our life usually get our time. We make the time for priorities. Sometimes our stated priorities are not the real ones though. For example we say our family is a priority, but then our work life dominates our time, and maybe other things too because quite simply, men often do not pay attention to what's important. Our faith, our family, and then our work should be the order of priority.

Active membership in the Knights helps fulfill what most would agree are the two most important priorities – our faith and our family – and that though not necessarily stated in our priorities – also includes an active involvement in our communities served by the council. Nowhere have I seen one involvement that can so well contribute to our obligations, than membership in the Knights.

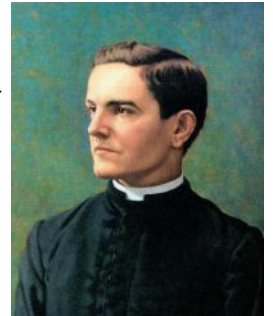
I moved to west central Wisconsin 2 1/2 years ago to be near family. We have recently joined St. Patrick parish and joined the parish Knights council.

Most knights only know the knights from their council experience. If they are part of a vibrant council they will appreciate what the knights are about. If they belong to a council not all that active, it would be essential in my opinion that they find a way to - one, of course help their council to be more active - and two, attend events that involve multiple councils – a training, a district meeting, a state convention, or if they can, attend a Supreme Convention. It

was virtual this year (early August). Such involvement allows us to see much more readily the impact of our organization on the Church, parish and communities we serve. Ask each practicing Catholic man to become a Knight. It could be the catalyst for a well lived, active Catholic life for them and their family.

The Beatification of Fr. McGivney

In 1997 the Archdiocese of Hartford officially opened the cause for canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote his cause.



On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney. A much-anticipated step toward sainthood, the pope's approval opens the way for Father McGivney to be beatified and declared Blessed.

Fr. McGivney's Beatification will be Saturday October 31, 2020

The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015. A baby, still in utero had a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion.

That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now five years old. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

The cause has now entered a new and exciting phase, with the beatification ceremony scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford Connecticut October 31, 2020.

(Information for this article was taken from www.KofC.org and the Catholic News Service.)

The Emblem is a Compass*

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

Our emblem represents the compass of our principles of Charity, unity and fraternity.

Over 130 years, we have developed a rich heritage. In the same way we're evolving our strategy to show the appeal of Catholic values for the modern man, we're evolving our logo to show how our identity translates for a modern world. The Knights of Columbus logo is made up of two components: the emblem, and the wordmark. While these components have been updated, we have retained the integrity of the original emblem, while optimizing it for contemporary reproduction methods. Our wordmark uses our new typeface, McGivney. We also use this typeface in the emblem, so it is even more closely linked to the wordmark.

*taken from the Supreme web site: <https://www.kofc.org/en/brand-assets/index.html>



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The New Emblem

Planning & Protecting Your Family's Financial Future—November 10, 2020

By Greg Helgeson, Council Field Agent

An underappreciated value of membership in the Knights of Columbus are the fraternal benefits. Fr. McGivney wanted families to be financially protected. The program of insurance that has developed over these 133 years of existence is nothing short of phenomenal.

On November 10th, 6:30-8pm we will be conducting a seminar on protecting your families. This event will be open to all adults in the parish and of those Catholic parishes around the area. It is open to Knight and non-Knight families. The presentation will be conducted by two or three people, including myself, and likely an attorney skilled in guiding families through the various considerations of building financial assets that are tax advantaged.

**Our Seminar will be Tuesday
November 10th, 6:30-8pm
In Reardon Hall**

Because we can't be certain of where things will stand with the pandemic, we

will be conducting both live and virtual options of attendance. Stay tuned for more details which will be discussed at the September 15th Council meeting published in the October **Knight's Compass** which will be an insert in the October 10/11th Parish bulletin.

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By Jon Field, Council Family Director

Clinton Pouillie Family —August Family of the Month

The Clinton and Lisa Pouillie family are awarded the Solomon Juneau Knights of Columbus Council's August 2020 Family of the Month.



**Back: Clinton & Lisa Pouillie
Front: Weston, Naome and Garrett**

The Pouillies are longtime St Patrick's members that are very active in the church and school. Clinton works hard as current co-chair of the St Pat's Hunters Night Out and volunteers with many Knights of Columbus activities. Lisa serves on the parish's Gala fundraiser committee and also lecturers at weekend masses. Their daughter, Naome, cantors at mass, while their two sons, Weston and Garrett, are altar servers. The whole family has volunteered many times to serve as the after mass sanitation crew during the COVID-19 pandemic. Naome is a recent graduate of St Patrick's Grade School and now is a freshman at Mauston High School, while Weston and Garrett will be in 6th and 5th grade this year at St Pats. All of these activities clearly show the Pouillie's commitment to the St Pat's community and they provide a solid example of service and the love of God that guides their lives every day.

Faith in Action—a Compass to Action

By Bill Powers, Program Director

Four years ago the Knights of Columbus made significant structural changes to the programs of the Knights. In the past the program categories were Church, Community, Youth, Culture of Life, Council, and Family. Because of the many troublesome changes in our secular society in recent decades attacking faith, family, marriage, sexual identity—to say nothing of the current attacks on the very fabric of our country's principles founded upon the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution—The Knights are focusing more on the core values upon which our Order has been established.

Some of the changes have caused eyebrows within the Order to raise—The Membership ceremonies are much different and now the first three principles are combined into one ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The patriotic degree has seen a dramatic shift from the colorful regalia to a uniform style of attire for those men who participate in the honor guard. And programs have seen many changes, and I would say without fear of contradiction, enhanced, expanded and engaging programs. The safety of our children is being emphasized by the establishment of the Safe Environment Program. We'll start to unpack a lot of these changes in future meetings, events, and newsletters.

Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
9/13/2020	10am-2pm	Fall Festival - Tailgate drive thru meal Raffle drawing at 2:30pm	Parish	Council provides Shakes; help with Brats/hotdogs?
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	6:30pm 7pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall Business Meeting	KC2770	
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	6pm	Holy Happy Hour (social 6-6:30; 6:30-7 talk at State Street Tap, 112 E State St, Mauston)	Parish	Last Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	6:30pm 7pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall Business Meeting	KC2770	
Saturday, October 31, 2020	????	Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Supreme	
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	6pm	Holy Happy Hour (social 6-6:30; 6:30-7 talk at State Street Tap, 112 E State St, Mauston)	Parish	Last Tuesday of the month
OCT/NOV		Church Drive - pulpit talks to promote Fraternal Benefit event	KC2770	
Tuesday, November 03, 2020	5:30pm	Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights St Patrick's Church	KC2770	Is there a way to get list of those who have passed away?
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	6:30pm	Fraternal Benefits Event - "Planning & Protecting Your Family's Financial Future"; focus on financial planning and risk management of families	KC2770/ parish/ district	(Wed/Thur parish meetings) will be both virtual and live
Sunday, November 15, 2020	after Masses	Pancake Breakfast - benefit 8th grade (3rd Sunday)	KC2770	
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	6:30pm 7pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall Business Meeting	KC2770	

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Featured Calendar Event

Fall Festival
Sunday September 13, 2020
Tailgate drive thru meal 10am-2pm
Raffle drawing 2:30pm

**The Council still needs
 Life and Faith Directors as well as a
 Warden and Lecturer**

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