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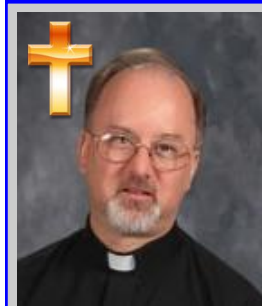
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Christ's Compass—The Beatification of a Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The upcoming beatification on October 31st of Fr. Michael McGivney, our founder for the Knights is a big deal. With what is going on in the world, few of us can attend such a great event. Nonetheless we are all a part of it by our membership. Having read his life story he was a man engaged with the times and needs of the suffering. He had great vision and ability to draw others in so that 138 years later his work is being carried on by us. To have a fellow priest beatified is a wonderful moment of grace. He was a parish priest facing many of the same challenges we face in our day. Perhaps it is only the details of how we reach out and serve others that has changed. I encourage you to give thanks to God for that celebration and turn to soon Blessed Michael McGivney in your prayers.



*Fr John Potaczek,
Council Chaplain*

Fr. John
Pastor & Council
Chaplain

Beatification Mass

Father McGivney's
beatification Mass
will be celebrated

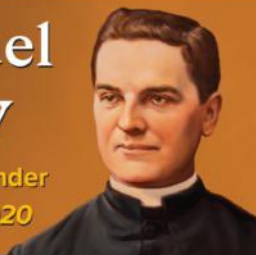
on Oct. 31 at 10am CT and broadcast live by EWTN and CatholicTV. You can also visit www.kofc.org/beatification — There, you'll be able to join the live-streamed events, download council resources, watch free videos, discover the miracle attributed to Father Michael McGivney's intercession and much more.

Falling ill during the global viral pandemic of 1889-90, Father McGivney developed tuberculosis. After months of heroic struggle against the illness, he succumbed to pneumonia on Aug. 14, 1890, two days past his 38th birthday.

Father Michael McGivney



Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020



The next Knights meeting is
Tuesday October 20th;
Officers & directors meet at
6:30pm, Business
meeting 7pm
Reardon Hall

**1st 2 pages of Newsletter are in the
parish bulletin; remaining pages
will be on Parish web site**

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The Council Compass—Planning your Family's Future

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

There are two exciting financial planning events available to be attended by any Catholic family. See the "Don't Worry, Retire Happy" webinar in the article on the next column of this page happening October 15th. His talk is based on math and science, NOT opinions!

On November 10th, our Knights council is sponsoring "How to Protect Your Family and Your Financial Future" which will be a both a physical and virtual event from 6:30-8pm in Reardon Hall. A Knights of Columbus field agent will be joined by attorney Eric Johnson of our parish. You will learn how to build a legacy, retire confidently, see how to calculate retirement funds, nursing home costs and how to provide financial protection for your family. There will be a Knights web page added to the parish website where more information and details will be posted.

There's much to read about in this the third issue of **Knights' Compass**. Being new to the parish, I know but a few people. Please tap me on the shoulder if you see me at Mass so I can match a face to a name. Pages 1 and 2 of the newsletter are included as inserts in the parish bulletin the weekend of October 10-11. The full newsletter will be sent to members electronically for those who have email and in the postal system for those without email. It will also posted on our forthcoming web page on the parish website.

Vivat Jesu!

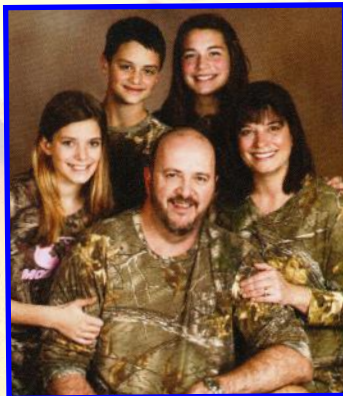
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The Family Compass— The Gunther Family

Jon Field, Family Director

The KC September Family of the Month are the Therese and Robert Gunther family of Mauston. The Gunthers have been active members of St Patrick's Parish for 30 years. It seems like whenever something is needed at the parish, Therese Gunther steps up. She has been on the fall festival committee for 12 years and has been chair for 8 years. She works very hard to coordinate a dedicated team of volunteers to make the parish's largest fundraiser a success every year. Her energy and exuberance flow from the festival to teaching catechism in the fall and contributing on the parish's education committee. She is teaching her kids to be active in their faith. All 3 of the Gunther kids have graduated from St. Pats. Amellia, 17, serves as a greeter; Matthew, 18, was an altar server and now serves as an usher. Bridget, 19, serves as a reader and is studying early childhood education. Husband Bob, though not a parish member, contributes each spring and summer by helping mow the parish cemetery. The Gunthers are a great family, strong community members and wonderful examples of a strong Christian family.



**Robert & Therese Gunther
Bridget, Matthew & Amellia**
(Photo from 2016 Directory)

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Steve Hesprich

As we have now entered the Christmas season buying, the parish reminds you that if you are using Amazon for your Christmas shopping (and beyond), that you **consider setting up the parish as a recipient of .5% of all your purchases.**



You will pay the same price for Amazon purchases whether you choose to have Amazon donate or not. Just Amazon keeps the extra .5% if you don't choose to specify a charity to benefit.

Here's the link to start donations:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0863069>

Or,

go to smile.amazon.com and search "Saint Patricks Church".

You can still use your Amazon SCRIP to pay!!

Knights and Friends—Don't Worry, Retire Happy!

Tom Hegna is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is considered by many as "the Retirement Income Expert." He has conducted over 5,000 seminars helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans. He will tell us his "Seven steps to retirement security." In uncertain times, his straight-forward topics of longevity, long term care, and the KEY to happiness in retirement, shouldn't be missed!

Thursday October 15th at 7pm

www.kofcwi.org

(Click on LIVE EVENTS to register using council 2770)

It's Time for Catholic Men to Stand

It is time to consider joining an organization that protects life, conducts innumerable charitable works, stands for traditional marriage, and will help build your faith and that of your family.

All practicing Catholic men age 17 1/2 and older are invited to join the Knights. It can be done simply by going online:

www.KofC.org/JoinUs

Membership is free for the first year if you become a member online by Dec 31, 2020. Enter the required personal information and use the promotional code:

MCGIVNEY2020
(enter Council 2770 & member: 3373647)

Normally dues are \$30/year. To take advantage of this free offer go the website and enter the requested information; or contact Steve@Hesprich.com or cell/text: 608-400-2638 for more information.

The Breach In The Church

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach.

Called to Conversion

Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name.

Ready for Battle

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

Building a Brotherhood

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (*Proverbs 27:17*). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.

(article taken from Supreme web site)



By-Laws to change

By Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

At our upcoming Council meeting on October 20th (6:30pm Officers meet, business meeting at 7pm) we will be reviewing and voting on changes to our council bylaws. Those with email were sent three documents. The first email included the proposed bylaws along with the parameters proposed to be part of the new bylaws. In a subsequent email the original bylaws passed in the spring of 1937 were included for members to review and compare. Most of the possible changes don't warrant discussion, but some are worth mentioning here.

Here are the changes we will review: Annual dues, relief fund and amount, and the Financial Secretary compensation.

Annual Dues

The annual dues as they stand right now, with certain optional assessments, are \$29.15. Supreme charges \$30 for an online member to join though right now through the end of the year, membership is free. I've proposed in the bylaws we simply have the same amount for annual dues. There are about 4 different amounts our council bills depending on a member's longevity with the Knights and choices they make on optional assessments. Our Financial Secretary Randy Boehm keeps track of all this. Personally and why I am proposing a simple \$30 amount in the

bylaws is to simplify. There are two exceptions to the \$30 which have to do with the longevity and age of the member.

Proposed \$30 Dues will cover required assessments and basic costs of the council

An Honorary member is one who has had 25

years or more of continuous membership and is less than 70 years old. They are normally assessed a smaller dues amount. Though not mentioned in the revised bylaws (it was present in the original bylaws), I proposed this amount to be \$20—which is the current amount of their dues). The Honorary Life member is one who has 25 or more years of continuous membership and is at least 70 years old; or is a 50 year member and at least 65 years old.

There are two levels of the Knights that assess per capita—Supreme and State. Our dues cover these assessments. I would suggest that any voluntary assessments, for example the PKD, a pennyper knight per day, be handled outside of dues and be a council decision, not an individual decision. I will cover this at the upcoming council meeting before we vote on the bylaws.

Relief Fund

The relief fund's purpose is simple and the new bylaws describe the initial funding of \$100 (to which additional amounts could be added upon voting by the council). This fund is designed to help members who may have a small financial need such as, most commonly, to pay the dues of a member who needs that help. In principle, not being able to pay dues should never be a reason for someone to leave the knights. The decision to assist a member lies with the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Financial Secretary Compensation

The original bylaws specified that the Financial Secretary be compensated \$100/year. At least in recent years this has never been paid. In the revised bylaws Supreme requires this be a percent of dues collected (probably as an incentive for the FS to collect the dues—though not sure this a big factor). The council can chose an amount of 8 to 10 percent. We are proposing 8%. The FS can choose to receive the monies or not.

Please ask any questions you wish. See you all on October 20th.

ADORATION

There are two opportunities weekly for members to participate in Adoration, one sponsored by the parish, the other by our council. Each Friday from 3-4pm We have adoration and Benediction in the Church. On First Fridays beginning in November there is Adoration at church from noon to 6pm. Our council will have a designated hour. The other Adoration is one at St. Theresa Chapel in Union Center. Our council has taken two hours from 10pm to midnight on Fridays. If you would like to be on a rotation schedule contact Steve Hesprich

Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Thursday, October 15, 2020	7-8pm	"Don't Worry Retire Happy" - 7 steps to retirement security	State KC	flyer gives details to register for this virtual seminar
10/20/2020	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Saturday, October 31, 2020	10am	Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Supreme	will be carried live on EWTN
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	6:30pm	Holy Happy Hour-social 6:30-7; 7pm 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	Weekend to be determined
Tuesday, November 3, 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?
Saturday, November 7, 2020	6pm	Hunters' Night Out	Parish	Reardon Hall
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	
Sunday, November 15, 2020	after Masses	Pancake Breakfast - benefit 8th grade (3rd Sunday)	KC2770	
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	

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Steve Hesprich	Grand Knight
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Donald Kratcha	Chancellor
Randy Boehm	Financial Secretary
Jim Kolba	Treasurer
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Dick Schwab	Outside Guard
Stephen Powers	Trustee for One Year
Harry Buttner	Trustee for Two Years
Jon Field	Trustee for Three Years

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