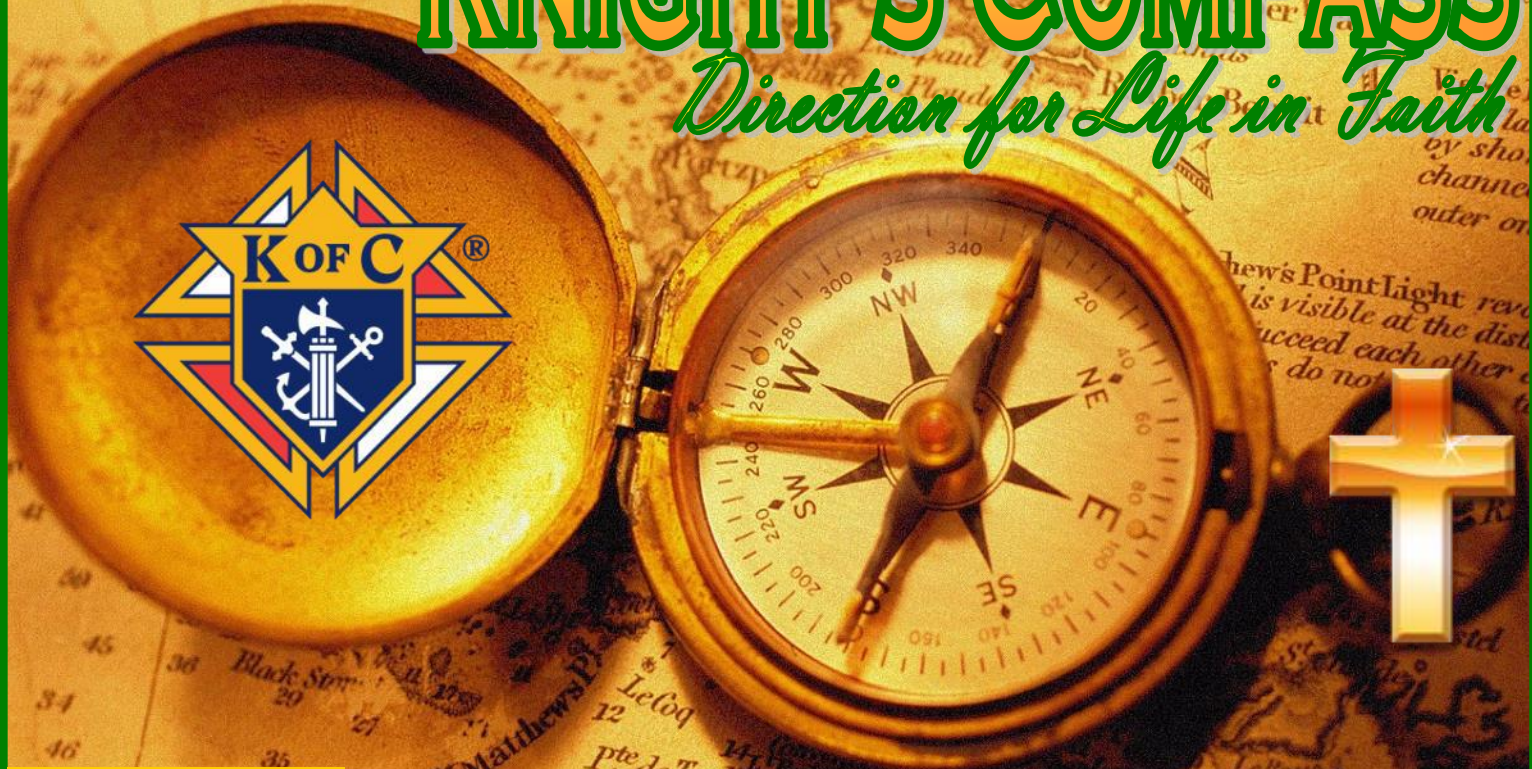


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## The Council Compass—Family

*Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight*

I had the great pleasure to attend the PAT, Parish Action Team, meeting on Tuesday March 9th. PAT consists of 18 parish associated organizations and events. The lead of each group provides an overview of activities and plans of their area. I was able to represent the Knights. I talked about the increased focus of the knights on family, as well as some of the significant changes in our Order in the past 14 months, partly because of the pandemic, but also other significant events not related. For example the beatification of now Blessed Michael McGivney, the new degree format that allows family now to observe the 30-minute combined first, second and third degree ceremonial, and the retirement of Carl Anderson as Supreme Knight (see his farewell message in this issue). And in the last issue of “Knight’s Compass” we saw the introduction of the new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly (by they way, Patrick is a Wisconsin native).



I would draw your attention to a new fundraising initiative to help our parish make up some of the shortfall we’ve seen in the offertory this past year. A family oriented “Online Service Auction”, to which the Knights are giving leadership, will be held. We hope you were able to participate with the online auction held this past fall. While that auction focused on “things”, this new auction will focus on family service projects for both our parish, and local community (including for example Lyndon Station, New Lisbon, and Necedah communities).

Finally plan to attend our March 16th council meeting, the eve of St. Patrick’s Day,

Vivat Jesu!

**Steve**

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**One new or reinstated member by March 15th for our council means the council will save \$250 in State per capita; that is \$250 that could be used for a charitable cause.**

**The next Knights meeting is Tuesday March 16th; Officers & directors meet at 6:30pm, Business meeting 7pm Reardon Hall**

**The Knights encourage all men, with their families beside them, to join the Knights of Columbus. We can do more if more join us**

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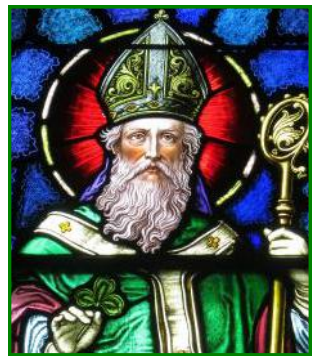


### Christ's Compass— 3-leaf Clover



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
 One could ask if St. Patrick had been alive when the Knights of Columbus was formed, would he have been a Knight? Anyone with a tinge of Irish spirit is aware that the 3-leaf clover so often associated with him says yes. It was said he used it to explain the Holy Trinity.

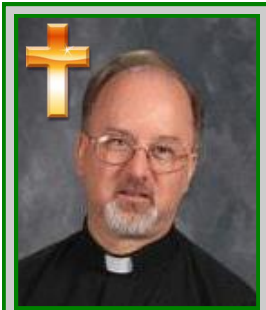
Knights could also imagine the 3-leaves are the 3 principles of the Knights as established by Blessed Michael McGivney—Charity, Unity and Fraternity. These would have been practices of St. Patrick as well. Further, as you celebrate the traditions of St. Patrick's Day on March 17th,



remember the upcoming trinitarian days of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) as we approach the final days of Lent leading to Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

We are now a few weeks into Lent. As you continue to practice the "3 part" traditions of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving, look with anticipation to Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday March 28th.

The number "3" has significance for us in so many ways. So when you see 3-leaf clovers remember these many holy symbolic reasons of the season.



*Fr John Potaczek,  
 Council Chaplain*

*Fr. John*  
**Pastor & Council Chaplain**

Communal Penance, 3/25 7pm  
 Holy Week: Holy Thursday 4/1 7pm  
 Good Friday 4/2 1pm Stations;  
 Good Friday Service 1:30  
 Easter Vigil: 4/3 8:30pm

### Over \$2,200 for No-Bake Breakfasts

*Howard Boppart, Community Director*

Our final "No-bake" Pancake Breakfast—to benefit the 5th grade class at St. Patrick's school in February resulted in well over \$500 to benefit the class for a class activity this spring. For each of the preceding 3 breakfasts, well over \$500 has been raised for each class thanks to the wonderful generosity of parishioners and the opportunity to involve those at the Saturday 5pm Mass.

While more money was raised this year than past years, what we sorely missed was the community of families at an actual breakfast. As one famous commercial says those breakfasts together are "priceless." We look forward to our next school year's breakfasts that we fully expect will return us to the priceless value of breakfast together.



*6th graders helping with the December  
 No-bake breakfast at 5pm Mass*

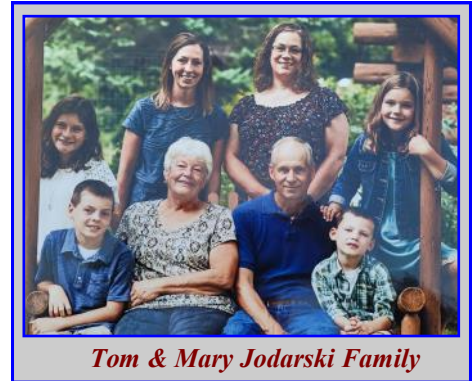
**The full newsletter is on our council web page  
 on the parish web site:**

<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>

### Family Compass— Family of the Year

*By Jon Field, Family Director*

We regularly feature a family of the month in the newsletter. Once a year we recognize a family of the year. We then submit that family to the State as a candidate for State Family of the Year.



*Tom & Mary Jodarski Family*

The State family is then submitted to Supreme who then picks a family of the year for the entire Order. **Tom and Mary Jodarski are our council's family of the year.**

The Jodarski's have been members of St Patricks since they moved to town in 1981. Through the years, Mary has served as chair of the education committee at the school and chair of the PCCW women's group in the parish. Mary bakes for funerals all year long and bakes for our annual fall festival. Tom served as a St Pat's middle school basketball coach for 16 years and has been an usher at mass for a very long time. Both of them have been great examples of service to both young and old throughout the parish.

Mary has worked at Mile Bluff Medical Center for 30 years, giving her all to the medical profession that serves the needs of the greater Mauston community. Tom worked as a Wisconsin DNR conservation warden for a little over 25 years. He worked tirelessly to protect fish and game in our area to ensure proper management of our natural resources that they would last for generations to come. He's also been a member of the premiere natural resources organization in our area, Outdoors Forever, since its inception in the early 1980's. He works tirelessly for that organization and sets a great example of serving the greater good in their youth and overall conservation programs.

Tom supports all of the Knight's activities and is intimately involved in most every activity. Mary attends alot of the activities and lends a hand when needed. She really stepped up at the 2019 Wildgame Feed, making and serving alot of the food. They are a great team.

The Jodarskis are named KC Family of the Year due to their tireless efforts of serving the Knights, St Pat's and the general public for 40 years. The medical and conservation professions are careers of service and help set examples of Jesus' teaching of love thy neighbor as thyself. It's hard to put into words the true Christian demeanor Tom and Mary display with all the activities that they are involved with. They are a quite, unassuming, humble couple that makes sure Jesus comes first in their lives and that his teachings are displayed in their daily lives. They are truly a family to whom we can all aspire.

If you have thoughts about a family deserving monthly recognition at St. Patrick's parish, whether a Knights family or not, please contact me with that family name. cell: 608-847-6421 / [jonfield21@gmail.com](mailto:jonfield21@gmail.com)



## Changing of the Guard—Farewell Message

From Carl Anderson,  
[delivered 2/28/2021]

As I conclude my service to the Order as Supreme Knight today, I wanted to write to share a few final thoughts with you.



*New Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (left) & Immediate Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at statue of Blessed Michael J. McGivney*

It has been the greatest privilege of my life to lead the Knights of Columbus for the past 20 years. Together, we have brought the Order's activity to new heights of charity, in service to our communities and parishes. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of millions of Catholic men and provided financial security to their families. Together, we have brought Father McGivney's dream to new lands and seen our Founder's cause advance to his beatification. Together, we have faced challenges head on and prepared the Order for the future.

I will always be grateful for the many opportunities to visit with brother Knights around the world — from Mexico City to Manila, from Québec to Kraków, from the Laguna Pueblo to León, from Sandy Hook to Seoul, and countless places in between. Time and again, I have seen firsthand the incredible difference Knights make — when disaster strikes; when a worried young mother is in need of support; when a man is striving to grow in faith with his family; when the wounds of war need grace to heal; when a parish priest asks for help; when a child goes hungry or needs a wheelchair or a warm winter coat; when Christians in the Middle East are at risk of extinction. I am a witness to what has often been said: "Where there's a need, there's a Knight."

To all the Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Deputies, Agents and Supreme Council colleagues that I have worked with on a daily basis: I will always be grateful for your commitment and professionalism. I also owe a special debt to my brother Knights in the District of Columbia, my home jurisdiction, for their tremendous support and sterling example of unity and fraternity. And I am grateful to you, and to every one of the 2 million men I am proud to call a brother Knight.

I welcome with great enthusiasm my successor, Patrick Kelly, who tomorrow will take office as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight. He has the skills, dedication and vision needed to lead the Knights of Columbus into the future. Patrick Kelly will be a Worthy Supreme Knight. Two decades ago, as a new Supreme Knight, I predicted that "the best is yet to come." As I look back on the past 20 years, and the achievements made possible by contributions of so many Knights, I know I was not mistaken. Today, with equal confidence, I believe we can still say that for the Knights of Columbus — the best is yet to come!

Fraternally,  
Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

## Family Online Service Auction

By Steve Hesprich, Chairman

Our parish is undertaking a fund raising effort to help offset lower offertory monies this past year because of the pandemic. Our council will be giving leadership to an online service auction.

The Online Service Auction is not too dissimilar from the online silent auction we ran in the fall. It uses the same software to manage the auction – with two important differences:

- 1) The auction items will be volunteered service activities
- 2) The services to be auctioned would be family centered, that is, we would be encouraging families to provide the services to be in the service auction. This has several

**This "Online Service Auction" will as much help rebuild our parish and local communities as it will raise money for the parish.**

implications:

A. This could be a way to re-engage our families in the parish and in the community. There may be some ideas to get people back to church

B. Build up community, families helping those who bid on services.

C. We would certainly also allow and promote business services to be part of the service auction. So not only families, but with families being the focus. And we may also have actual items for auction, though this is not the focus.

D. We would have some hope that by July 1st, Covid masks would, for the most part, be a thing of the past. If they are, there's going to be an extraordinary energy to get out and do things (and it will likely be significant even if there is still a mask dictate, if last summer is any indication of how much people were out and about).

We need a strong theme to build energy and draw the community at large, and the parish families in particular, into helping others.

We would target the execution of the auction late-May to mid-June. We want it in this timeframe, to allow time to get it promoted and organized, and for its timing to coincide with summer vacations and the very likely overwhelming desire of people to get masks off, be outside and interact with others — and to have it fall within the current parish fiscal year which ends June 30th. The execution of services can be any time. Some ideas to be auctioned would be perhaps mowing lawns, shoveling sidewalks, or any number of other service projects for which a family can be involved.

As to the use of the proceeds, the parish will decide. However what originally motivated the idea was to raise additional monies for the parish which has, as all know, a precipitous drop in offertory this fiscal year.

We will discuss these ideas in more detail at our March 16th council meeting.

Even though the Knights would give leadership to this initiative, to be successful the service projects will require families, individuals and parish groups to be involved.



### Hunters' Raffle & State Raffle

At our March council meeting we will be exploring doing a Hunter's Chili on the evening of our raffle drawing. We may possibly have brats too, Tuesday April 20th. That date we will have an (abbreviated) council meeting after the raffle drawing at 7pm. There will be no officer/director meeting.

We are also promoting the State Raffle. First prize is the winner's choice of a new Ford F150, second prize is a choice of a Harley or \$25,000, and 3rd through 100th prizes are \$500 each. An amount of each ticket sold comes back to our council to support our local charitable causes. Last year those efforts netted the council over \$1,000.

**1st Prize \$50,000!**  
 or 2021 Ford F150  
 XLT Supercab



**2nd Prize \$25,000!**  
 or 2021 Harley  
 Davidson Motorcycle



On both the March 20/21 and April 17/18 weekend Masses we will be putting baskets out with separate envelopes containing \$20 of raffle tickets for the Hunter's Raffle and the State Raffle. The Hunter's



**Mission MXB360 Crossbow  
 Mossberg 30-06 Bolt Action Rifle  
 Savage .243 Bolt Action Rifle**

Raffle has a flyer with the 3-ticket pak; the State Raffle has its flyer with four \$5 tickets. We just need a Knight after each of those Masses to be behind the table and answer any questions about either raffle.

For the second year our council is sponsoring a raffle of hunting weapons. Last year we raffled 3 rifles. This year we are providing two rifles and a crossbow, each with a scope. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The raffle benefits two causes: Our school's science program and the Westside School Clothing Closet. The drawing will take place at 7pm on Tuesday April 20, 2021 in Reardon Hall. All are welcome to attend. We will be providing refreshments and adhere to recommendations to wear a face mask, and social distancing. Tickets are available in the parish office or from any member of the Knights. Monies can be sent to or dropped off at the parish.

### Fraternal Benefit Services Through Covid

By Greg Helgerson, FIC, Field Agent



This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a "staycation" with my family. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo, and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. It looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, the members, and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesu!

*Greg*



## Compass Minutes—February Meeting

By Tom Jodarski, Council Recorder

The meeting began at 6:59pm. After opening prayer and pledge the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were approved as written. They were as previously emailed and [mostly] shown in the January/February 2021 newsletter.

Chaplain's report: Fr. John invited members to attend some events during Lent: Mondays, 2pm Rosary; After 5:30pm Mass on Tuesdays, Stations of the Cross; Thursday March 25th Communal Penance Service; This Tuesday February 23rd, the Holy Happy Hour at 6:30pm at the State Street Tap.

Fr. John read from the "Knights to Christ" reading on Unity from the February 17th entry. The theme had to do with taking a risk to do something you believe in, even when it is not popular. The entry's story was about Abraham Lincoln's "House divided" speech. He asked for many opinions before delivering the speech, many saying it would be disastrous to deliver it. One said "Deliver that speech as read and it will make you President of the United States."

Grand Knight Report: The Semi-Annual audit is completed and was submitted February 14th; we may need to file an amended audit to fix a small technical issue (numbers themselves are fine). We should start thinking about nominations for council officers. March will be a normal meeting format; however April will be a very abbreviated meeting, possibly just 15 minutes, because of priority for the Hunter's Raffle drawing at 7pm. Only business we may conduct will be voting on the new bylaws should we have the needed quorum. Steve Hesprich and Randy Boehm will be our State Convention delegates. We would like to identify two alternates should an issue arise not allowing the identified delegates to serve. We will be attending the convention virtually, possibly from Reardon Hall (have to clear a potential conflict for use of Reardon Hall).[postnote: location will be the school library]

Treasurer's Report (given by Randy Boehm): We have \$918 in the general fund; \$2127 in the Charity Fund.

Membership Report: New members can join online, free through June 30, 2021 if they also then attend a virtual or live exemplification to receive their first through third degrees. The State Council will waive our approximately \$230+ per capita obligation for the April to September 2021 period if we add one new member. We did an exercise to look at some former members to see who might know and contact them as a re-instated member counts as a new member. There will be a live Estate Planning Fraternal Benefit event hosted by the Wisconsin Dells Council this Saturday, February 20th. Previously a flyer was sent to members with email to advise them. And we will be hosting a "watch party" for the Estate Planning Fraternal Benefits event being hosted by the General Agent, Tim Nowak, on Tuesday February 23rd. A Watch Party is basically inviting people to come together to view and participate in a virtual webinar. That will start at 6:45pm and simple refreshments will be provided. No RSVP is needed.

March 5th is the first Friday so adoration at St. Patrick's is from noon to 6pm. The Knights have the 4-5pm hour. Please join us, particularly now that we are in Lent. There will not be an April First Friday adoration because it falls on Good Friday when all Adoration chapels and times are closed.

Community Report by Randy Boehm: We had 20 participants in 12 of the 14 categories of competition. Randy has suggested that for the January 2022 competition we add a handicap competition. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Knights nationally sponsoring this youth event.



The 5th Grade "No-bake" pancake breakfast is this weekend after all the Masses, February 20 and 21. A request for volunteers to help: 5pm: Chris Lund and Matt Schwab; 8am Steve Hesprich and Randy Boehm; 10am Clinton Pouillie and Steve Powers.

The Hunter Raffle will take place at our April 20th, meeting; drawing at 7pm (we will be starting that meeting most likely at 6:15 or 6:30pm so we have time to prepare for the raffle drawing). We would like to open this to family and friends who wish to be present for the drawing. We'll also provide some simple refreshments.

Fourth Degree Report: There will be a 4th degree virtual exemplification on Saturday May 15, 2021, cost is \$50. A flyer was previously emailed.

New business: the FFA will use our pancake maker on Tuesday February 23rd. They will pick it up February 19th. We lend it to them each year for their annual food event. Juneau County Courthouse will host a blood drive on Feb 19th from 10am-2pm in the County Board Room. Also at the Lodge, a blood drive will take place from noon to 5pm on February 23rd. for any member who would like to donate blood.

We discussed the idea, that has been presented to a couple of the parish organizations (Pastoral Council and Finance Council) of a Silent Auction with a focus on family service projects being the items auctioned. This will have a final presentation to the PAT (Parish Action Team) on March 9th. The Knights will give leadership to this event but widely involve the parish and area communities including businesses. It won't be limited to services offered by families such as perhaps mowing lawns, shoveling sidewalks and driveways, etc.; but also may include items for bidding including perhaps gift cards). The event would raise money for use as directed by the parish, and more importantly look to heavily engage families to return to church and build community as we come out of this COVID crisis, hopefully this summer when everyone will be anxious again to be outdoors, and return to venues and restaurants currently restricted in use.

Good of the Order: Prayer intentions – Bev Foster and the Howard Boppart family (Covid quarantine)

Meeting was adjourned 7:54pm.



**Calendar** (can also be found in different format on our council web page (link is in the footer of this page))

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Tuesday March 16, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Begin officer nomination process
Tuesday March 16, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Thursday March 25, 2021	7pm	Communal Penance Service	Parish	
Sunday March 28, 2021	Masses	Palm Sunday	Parish	
Thursday April 1, 2021	7pm	Holy Thursday	Parish	
Friday April 2, 2021	1pm	Stations of the Cross	Parish	
Friday April 2, 2021	1:30pm	Good Friday Service/Communion	Parish	
Saturday April 3, 2021	8:30pm	EASTER VIGIL	Parish	
Sunday April 4, 2021	8 & 10am	EASTER SUNDAY	Parish	
Sunday April 11, 2021		Divine Mercy Sunday	Parish	
<b>Tuesday April 20, 2021</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Hunter's Raffle drawing</b>	<b>KC2770</b>	<b>Reardon Hall - public welcome; social; possible Hunter's Chili</b>
Tuesday April 20, 2021	7:15pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall; short meeting possible by-laws vote	KC2770	
Saturday May 1, 2021	all day	KC State Convention - Virtual for our Delegates	State KC	School Library after 1st Saturday Mass 9am till 4pm
Tuesday May 18, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday May 18, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall - Elections for 2021-2022	KC2770	
Sunday, May 30, 2021	8am	Mass Intention for the Knights	Parish	
Tuesday June 15, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday June 15, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	

**Council Officers & Directors**

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| Fr. John Potaczek | Chaplain                |
| Bill Powers       | Deputy Grand Knight     |
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| Randy Boehm       | Financial Secretary     |
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| Tom Jodarski      | Recorder                |
| open              | Warden                  |
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| Harry Buttner     | Trustee for Two Years   |
| Jon Field         | Trustee for Three Years |
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