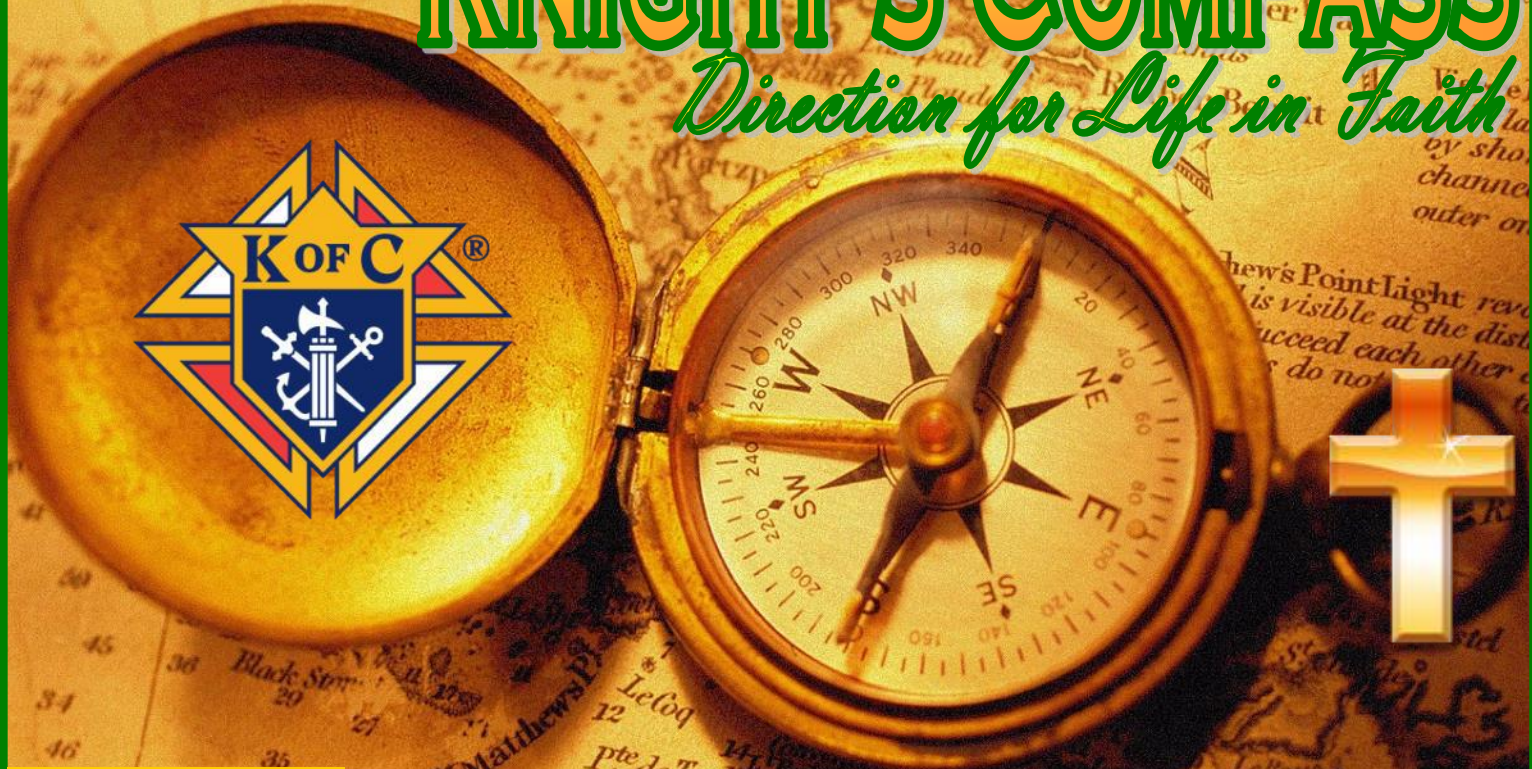


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The Council Compass—Invitation to Build Family

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

As we see the light at the end of the tunnel in regards to COVID being behind us, the importance of our family life in faith is increasingly front and center. We see the attacks on faith and liberty against our Catholic values regarding family, marriage, and sexuality. Many who have been away from attendance at Mass and not being together for parish and community events, are likely to stay away unless we make a concerted effort to overcome the complacency COVID has placed on our lives.

It is time to re-engage our parish families. No organization is better positioned to help with the revival of parish life and supporting the building of our families in faith, than the Knights of Columbus.

Therefore, invite all practicing Catholic men in the parish to join. Or ask family members to encourage those men in their family to join the Knights of Columbus this month. If joining online, the first year membership will be free. I can work with men who perhaps don't have email to also complete an online membership using a family email address.



The info in the box to the right tells you how to proceed.

In Fraternity with Christ,

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Steps to Join:

1. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus
2. Complete application, enter council # 2770, and promo code MCGIVNEY2020
3. Attend online virtual ceremony (30 min) & confirm completion

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

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

The next Knights' meeting is informal and families welcome. Tuesday May 18th. Officers/Directors meet 6:30pm, 7pm for business meeting in Reardon Hall

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Christ's Compass— The Church

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are approaching the anniversary of the creation of the Catholic Church, Pentecost! This year we celebrate the anniversary on Sunday May 23rd. As I pointed out in my homily of May 2nd, there's a lot going on in our parish and family lives. I did not touch on the upcoming feast days however.

It begins with Ascension Sunday May 16th, followed of course the next Sunday with Pentecost. Without taking a breath May 30th is Holy Trinity Sunday when we reflect on the mystery of the three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Not to be forgotten, and we will celebrate with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament again this year, is Corpus Christi Sunday on June 6th. After the celebration of the 10am Mass we will process to the Riverside Park Pavilion, led by this, and last year's, First Communicants. Adoration there will conclude at 2pm with Benediction. Stop by the park any time during the time of Adoration and spend time with Christ.

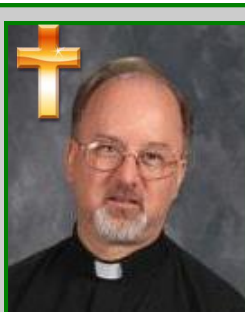
Of course we didn't get to celebrate any of these great feast days with public Mass last year because of the Pandemic. We will therefore enjoy these celebrations even more than we might otherwise.

Finally we are slowly settling into helping our official Parochial Vicar, Fr. Chinnappan, continue his orientation to the United States, Wisconsin and both parishes, St. Patrick and St. Mary's (Lyndon Station).

As we experience these busy times and new opportunities, may we trust in the Lord and all the gifts that He won for us on the Cross. In the Easter season may we always proclaim that "He is risen, risen indeed. Alleluia!!"

Fr. John

Pastor & Council Chaplain

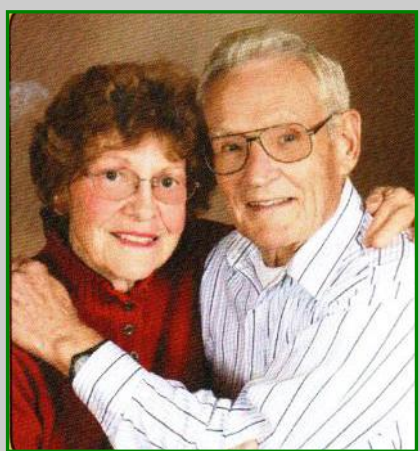


*Fr John Potaczek,
Council Chaplain*

Family Compass—April Family of the Month

By Jon Field, Family Director

The April 2021 KC Family of the Month award is given to long time Knight Jerry Boehm and his lovely wife Marie. Jerry was born in Chicago and his family moved to the Mauston area during the Great Depression. He comes from a large Catholic family of 8 boys and 2 girls. Jerry graduated from the 8th grade at Welsh Prairie School and worked many jobs. Noted work around Mauston was helping build Castle Rock and Petenwell dams and clearing the land for the lakes they were going to create. During that time, he went to a co-worker's farm to help out and met the love of his life, Marie Dlask.



Marie & Jerry Boehm

They were married on November 22, 1951. They were blessed with 6 children. They raised their family mostly in Allenton, Wisconsin, where Jerry would drive to Milwaukee and work for Miller Brewing Company. All 6 of his kids attended Catholic schools. He retired from Miller after 33 years and he and Marie moved back to Mauston to her home farm on Dlask Rd to help take care of her aging parents. They rejoined St Patrick's and helped out with the parish and school wherever needed. Each year, he would help out painting the rooms in the school and help make sure the boilers were working properly. While helping out renovating the Mauston food pantry, revarnishing the church doors and wallpapering Father Reardon's bedroom

with his brothers Leonard and Bob, Pete Conway asked all three to join the Knights of Columbus. They all did and Jerry has been active with the Knights ever since. He would help decorate the church each year for the holidays, sell tootsie rolls, sell raffle tickets at every parade he could and help mow the lawn at the cemetery. Currently with both Jerry and Marie in their golden years, you can still find them volunteering saying the rosary before weekend masses. They are a wonderful, sweet couple and will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this year.

St. Patrick is blessed to have such wonderful people like the Boehms, active in the parish and giving of their time and talents for a lifetime.

If you have suggestions for family of the month, please contact me with the name and reasons you like them nominated.

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Compass of Life — The Thorsons

By Steve Hesprich

We all steer our lives by a compass of priorities that give us direction. For Steve & Tracey Thorson that direction brought them to this part of Wisconsin. They are relatively new parishioners to St. Patrick's and Steve has transferred his Knights of Columbus membership to our council. Steve's wife Tracy and he have three grown children, two daughters and one son.



Steve joined the Knights on February 8, 2009 in Maquoketa Iowa. He is a third degree Knight.

Steve & Tracy retired in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Tracy worked at an eye clinic in Richland Center. Steve worked at a bank in Iowa for 27 years as a financial advisor. They live north of Elroy in the woods on a lake, their life long dream.

Steve and Tracy have deep faith and hope to make a difference volunteering, including the Knights. At St. Patrick they are interested in volunteering for the school, as they have done at Catholic Schools in the past.

When you get a chance to see them at church, welcome them to St. Patrick's parish and the Knights.

Council Officer Elections

By *Grand Knight and Trustees*

We will be conducting council elections at our May 18th meeting. Our nominating committee consisting of our Trustees, Jon Field, Steve Powers and Harry Buttner, as well as myself as the chair, will be inviting 3rd degree members to be candidates for the various elected offices. Appointed positions include the Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer. Following is the list of current officers and candidates for office:

<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>2021-2022 Candidates</u>
Steve Hesprich	Grand Knight	Steve Hesprich
Bill Powers	Deputy Grand Knight	open
Don Kratcha	Chancellor	Jon Field
Jim Kolba	Treasurer	Jim Kolba
Brett Kudick	Advocate	open
Tom Jodarski	Recorder	open
open	Warden	Tom Jodarski
Matt Schwab	Inside Guard	
Dick Schwab	Outside Guard	
Steve Powers	Trustee for One Year	Steve Powers
Harry Buttner	Trustee for Two Years	Don Kratcha
Jon Field	Trustee for Three Years	Bill Powers

Compass Minutes—April Meeting

By *Tom Jodarski, Council Recorder*

A brief meeting was conducted after the drawing of the winners for the Hunter’s Raffle for the sole purpose to designate the amount of monies to be distributed to the West Elementary Closet and the science program at St. Patrick’s school, the previously identified beneficiaries of proceeds. The council voted to donate \$1,000 (which consisted of \$400 from the previous proceeds of the State Raffle, and \$600 from the recent Hunter’s Raffle) to the West Elementary Closet. The balance of proceeds from the Hunter’s Raffle, \$2,450, was donated to the Science program of St. Patrick’s school.



Supreme Convention Delegate—Steve Hesprich

By *Steve Hesprich*

Saturday May 1st, Steve Hesprich and Randy Boehm attended the State Convention virtually as delegates of our council. We participated in the business of the State Council including voting for state officers, supreme delegates and resolutions. All State Officer positions were re-affirmed, all resolutions passed and in addition to the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy, 8 delegates elected to represent Wisconsin at the 2021 Supreme Convention in Denver Colorado August 2-4, 2021. One of the delegates elected was Steve Hesprich.

We learned on Friday May 7th that Supreme has decided to cancel the physical Supreme Convention in Denver due to uncertainty there about the easing of Covid restrictions, and as they did last year, will conduct the Convention virtually. Each State Deputy has been asked to convene all the State Officers and Supreme delegates at a common location in their jurisdiction for the virtual convention dates of August 2nd and 3rd. The Wisconsin jurisdiction is evaluating different location possibilities in our state for that common location.

Hunter’s Raffle

By *Tom Jodarski, Raffle co-chair*

This years raffle resulted in net proceeds of \$3,050. The article following details how those monies were distributed.

Raffle Checks Presented

By *co-chairs of Hunter’s Raffle Matt Schwab and Tom Jodarski*

Recently, proceeds of our Hunter’s Raffle were presented to the two recipients. Two checks totaling



\$2450 were presented to St. Patrick school. Receiving the check was the 8th grade teacher and Science program leader Amy Zenthoefer (left in photo). Also present for the school was interim Principal Sally Bowers. The check was presented by Knights of Columbus council members Tom Jodarski (right) and Matt Schwab (2nd from left) in the photo above.



The council also presented a check for \$1,000 to the Principal of West Side Elementary, Jolene Routson (center in photo above), in support of their Clothing Closet (clothes for elementary aged children). The check presentation was again by Matt Schwab (left)

Charity checks totaling \$3,450 were presented to the West Elementary Clothing Closet and St. Patrick’s Grade School science program.

and Tom Jodarski (right). \$400 of the West Side Clothing Closet donation came from last year’s State Charity Raffle.



The Business of the Knights of Columbus

By Gregory Helgerson, Field Agent

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest – and strongest – life insurers in North America? Since our founding, we have sought to provide financial protection to our members and their families in a way that is distinctly Catholic and unique in our industry.

Here are a few other facts about the Knights of Columbus*

- ◆ A member of the Fortune 1000
 - ◆ \$113.5 Billion of life insurance in force
 - ◆ \$26.9 Billion in assets
 - ◆ \$223.1 Million in dividends paid to members in 2019
 - ◆ Rated A+ Superior by A.M. Best
 - ◆ Rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's
- *As of September 2020



Our Guarantees

- ◆ We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.
- ◆ We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance.
- ◆ We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity.
- ◆ We guarantee the principal on your retirement annuity.
- ◆ We guarantee high-quality, professional services.
- ◆ We guarantee not to purchase “junk” bonds or derivatives.
- ◆ We guarantee not to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

Your Future

If it's been awhile since you have chatted with your field agent about how the Knights can help protect you and your family, now is the perfect time. To respect social distancing protocols, agents have gone digital, transitioning to virtual

Our Products

The Knights of Columbus offers a full line of quality, flexible products to help protect your Catholic family.



It's your family's future. Take advantage today of one of the great protection programs that membership in the Knights provides.

appointments. Your agent can meet with you over Skype, and start a discussion about what options may work best for you. As a member, you and your family have exclusive access to these products and services, and you deserve to know about the benefits that come with your membership. So fill out your Fraternal Survey, let us know what you want to learn more about, and we'll be in touch soon to discuss your family's future.

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The Compass of Estate Planning

By *Tim Nowak, General Agent*

Here's another opportunity for a look at Estate Planning and how the Knights financial protection products help your family plan its future.



Estate Planning
By

Daniel Purtell
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Tim Nowak
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GENERAL AGENT

WEBINAR
JUNE 3, 2021
7:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

Please come and join us as we
learn about Estate Planning
with Knights of Columbus

[HTTPS://WWW.KOFCWI.ORG/LIVE-EVENTS](https://www.kofcwi.org/live-events)

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
Sunday May 16, 2021		Ascension Sunday	Parish	
Tuesday May 18, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall.	KC2770	
Tuesday May 18, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Officer Elections for 2021-2022
Sunday May 23, 2021		Pentecost	Parish	
Sunday May 30, 2021	8am	Trinity Sunday	Parish	Mass Intention for the Knights
Sunday June 6, 2021	10am Mass	Corpus Christi	Parish	After Mass Process to Riverside Park pavilion with this, and last year, Communicants. Adoration to 2pm
Tuesday June 15, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday June 15, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday July 20, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday July 20, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	5:30pm	Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights St Patrick's Church	KC2770	

The Intersection of Catholic and Capable

Did you know there is an investment arm of the Knights of Columbus which is now available to families? Trust Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) to help you and your family pursue your financial goals using a wealth of investment products that suit your life and your faith. KoCAA is the intersection of Catholic and Capable. With an investment portfolio over \$28 billion strong and a commitment to the socially responsible investment guidelines set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we offer clients a way to invest with integrity, assured that their funds are invested with companies committed to sound ethical, environmental, social, and corporate governance practices. That's how we provide "value with values"-- by helping clients grow their future with faith-based investing. To learn about this new advisory service and what it can provide, go to this link:

<https://www.kofcassetadvisors.org/>

Council Officers & Directors

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| Steve Hesprich | Grand Knight |
| Fr. John Potaczek | *Chaplain |
| Bill Powers | Deputy Grand Knight |
| Donald Kratcha | Chancellor |
| Randy Boehm | *Financial Secretary |
| Jim Kolba | Treasurer |
| Brett Kudick | Advocate |
| Tom Jodarski | Recorder |
| open | Warden |
| Matt Schwab | Inside Guard |
| Dick Schwab | Outside Guard |
| Stephen Powers | Trustee for One Year |
| Harry Buttner | Trustee for Two Years |
| Jon Field | Trustee for Three Years |

- *Program Director Bill Powers
- *Family Director Jon Field
- *Community Dir Howard Boppart
- *Faith Director
- *Life Director

*appointed, not elected



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