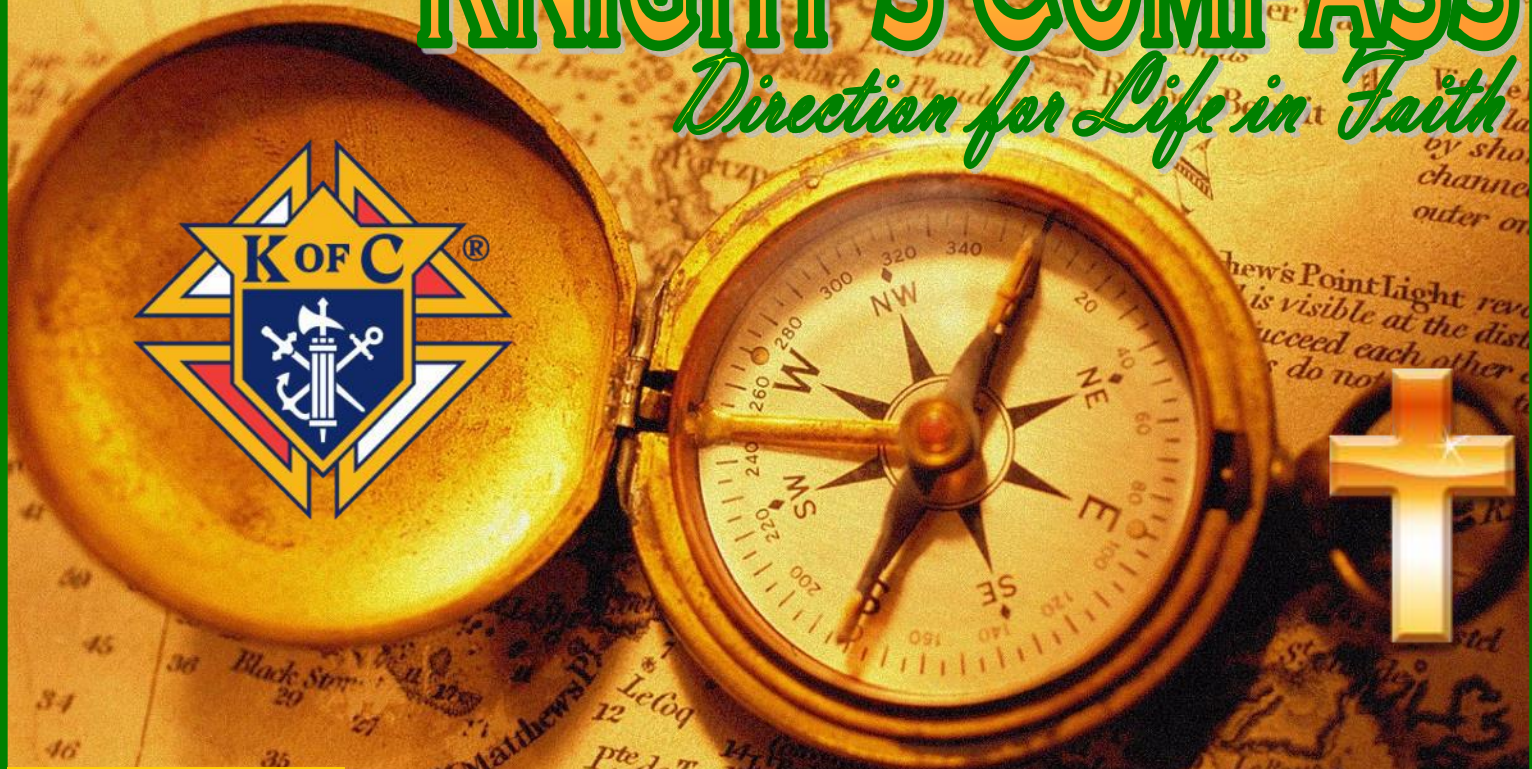


# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

*Direction for Life in Faith*



June 2021

Solomon Juneau Council 2770

Vol 1 Issue 10

## Christ's Compass— Encourage Our Fathers

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the 3rd Sunday in June we celebrate Father's Day. We naturally think—what can be done for dads—yes we should thank them for our life and for the influence of their lives on ours. We treat them to a wonderful meal, we give them cards and presents. But there is a very significant gift we could give them that few think about....

This gift is simply an important expectation of their fatherhood. It is a gift for fathers to give, that being their leadership of faith in guiding their families. It is being active too in the life of the Church.

In the domestic church (the faith lives of our immediate families) we need stronger Catholic Christian male leadership.

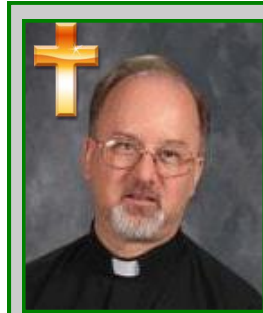
Wives, sometimes guys need a kick in the butt, to step up to the plate so-to-speak. Does your husband lead prayer at home? Not just meal prayers, but also planned prayer time daily or weekly to lead the family, perhaps with a Rosary, or a routine of regular prayer. We need fathers to be part of our parish committees, such as Pastoral Council, Education Committee, or Liturgy. Most importantly they should encourage the family to attend Mass together.

Children, do you see your dad active in parish life, giving you an example to follow? Does he help at weekend Masses - for example as an usher, musician, or lector? How about helping as a Catechist to teach religious education? Is he present for your school events?

Bottom line, are you fathers and husbands the spiritual leaders of your families? Are you setting the example of a faith life by your actions?

*Fr. John*

Pastor &  
Council  
Chaplain



*Fr John Potaczek,  
Council Chaplain*

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

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

The next Knights' meeting is  
Tuesday July 20th.  
NO Officers/Directors meeting;  
7pm for  
business planning meeting  
in Reardon Hall

## In this issue:

Christ's Compass— Encourage Our Fathers	1
The Council Compass—Thank You	2
Family Compass-May Family of the Month	2
Family Compass—Family of the Year	3
Prayer is a Compass to Our Lives	3
Sundae on Sunday	3
Men in the Mold of St. Joseph	3
Way of Life	4
The Compass of Life—a Life Lived	4
Council Officers for 2021-2022	5
Compass Minutes—May Meeting	5
Calendar	6
Council Officers/Directors	6

NEXT ISSUE: July/August 2021

## The Council Compass—Thank You

*Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight*

I was welcomed into the Knights of Columbus council in Mauston 11 months ago as we started meeting in person, though with social distancing and masks. Being the Grand Knight has had many rewards. At the top of the list is gaining new friends since my wife Kim and I joined St. Patrick's just a couple of weeks before the pandemic unfolded. It's been more difficult to get to know people as a consequence. Still with the chance to directly interact with the members of the Knights council and meet family members, it's been a foundation for new friendships.

When I see that many councils, and quite a few parishes around Wisconsin have significantly shut down many activities, it warms my heart to see that at St. Patrick and in our council, many have worked around the social limitations that the pandemic has imposed. We are blessed to have had a really wonderful year for faith and activities. I am therefore thankful for everyone's efforts, and yes accomplishments too, this past year.



At our June 15th meeting, we had a chance to formally thank several members for their contributions. Three recognitions in particular are noteworthy, and through the pandemic, creativity and determination to continue good works ruled. We recognized our long time council treasurer, Jim Kolba (pictured center above) for 60 years in that position. We also thanked Fr. John (left above) for his strong commitment to the men and families of our parish and Knights council for his strong support. A pastor who actively engages Knights, is most noteworthy. We also did a recognition of our council/parish Family of the year, Tom and Mary Jodarski who will be formally recognized this Sunday, Father's Day, at the 10am Mass.

We just had our council elections this past Tuesday. Thank you for your confidence to allow me to continue serving this next fraternal year as Grand Knight. As we get back to many of the activities our parish and council cherish, I am looking forward to meeting many more parishioners and those Knights of our council who I still have not met. We invite all practicing Catholic men to join the Knights. It's never been easier to become a Knight of Columbus (see box below).

In Fraternity with Christ,

**Steve**

Grand Knight  
Council 2770

cell/text: 608-400-2638

[Steve@Hesprich.com](mailto:Steve@Hesprich.com)

### Steps to Join the Knights:

1. **Before July 1st, go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)**
2. **Complete application, enter council # 2770, & promo code **MCGIVNEY2020****
3. **Attend online virtual ceremony (30 min) & confirm completion**

## Family Compass—May Family of the Month

*By Jon Field, Family Director*

The May 2021 Knights of Columbus Family of the Month award is awarded to Paul and Nancy Schaller, long time members of St Patrick's Parish and tireless volunteers to many activities so crucial to the operations of the church. Paul grew up in Bangor. Nancy grew up on a farm in rural Mauston, attending St Patrick's School. They met after college while Paul was working in Mauston and were married on February 7, 1987. They were blessed with three children, Kayla, 32, Elizabeth, 29, and Jacob, 26. All three attended St Pats' School. During that time Paul coached girls basketball and Nancy was treasurer of the Home and School Committee.



*Paul & Nancy Schaller*

Paul and Nancy first started working at the parish Fall Festival in 1984. They've walked countless parades selling tickets and worked at the meal downstairs. Nancy chaired the dining room committee for a number of years and Paul currently chairs the silent auction committee. They know the festival needs volunteers to run the event successfully and they are happy to do it!

Paul lends his talents and leadership to many of the financial committees of the parish. He is on the trust committee, strategic planning committee and has been chair of the finance committee for the past 20 years. Nancy is a past president and current treasurer of the St Bridget Circle. Paul has been a lector at mass for 25 years and Nancy has sold scrip since the program inception in 1995.

Nancy states that St Patrick's Parish has been the center of their family's life for as long as she can remember. They are active people that have so much else going on with their kids, working, retirement, hobbies and other civic involvements. Yet, St Patrick's and their Catholic faith remains core to who they are and how they live their lives. We are blessed to have the Schaller family woven into the fabric of the parish and are thankful for their generous gifts of time and service.

If you have suggestions for family of the month, please contact me with the name and reasons you like them nominated.  
cell: 608-847-6421 / [jonfield21@gmail.com](mailto:jonfield21@gmail.com)

### Calling all Ushers—or would be Ushers

If you can help as an usher for Masses,  
contact **Bill Powers** c:608-547-9118 /  
**BILLYBOY82@HOTMAIL.COM**

## Family Compass—Family of the Year

By Jon Field, Family Director

We have previously reported that the 2020-2021 Solomon Juneau Council Family of the Year are Tom and Mary Jodarski. At our Council meeting



*Left to Right: Fr. John Potaczek, Tom Jodarski, and Steve Hesprich*

Tuesday June 15th, we awarded a plaque to Tom. We will be making a presentation of the award to both Tom and Mary on Father’s Day, June 20th, at the 10am Mass.

If you have suggestions for family of the month, please contact me with the name and reasons you like them nominated.  
cell: 608-847-6421 / [jonfield21@gmail.com](mailto:jonfield21@gmail.com)

## Prayer is a Compass to Our Lives

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

I have a simple question. Are your prayers, prayers of convenience? Or are your prayers regular, especially daily, and ...well, prayerful? Fr. John has started a weekly late-Wednesday night prayer service that begins at 9 pm and takes about 35 minutes. It’s late, and it’s inconvenient as most have settled into their homes in the evening. But those very factors are why this prayer can be so efficacious.

Undoubtedly it will be difficult when the time comes at 8:45pm on a Wednesday to drive to Church to join this weekly prayer. The fruit of that sacrifice you must see for yourself by simply making the decision to come, not based on feeling but based on a commitment to your prayer life.

## Sundae on Sunday

Howard Boppart, Community Director

One way we can help re-engage our parish community and support the start of Vacation Bible School (VBS), is a cold dish on a hot day—Sundaes are just the dish we need! So On Sunday August 1st, after the 10am Mass, the Knights will host free Sundaes for all in Reardon Hall. We need some helpers. The first 5 volunteers will get a tie-dye shirt that celebrates the start of VBS the very next day, August 2nd.

If you can help, contact me at  
c:608-548-6513/hboppart@gmail.com



## Men in the Mold of St. Joseph

Taken from info provided by the Knights of Columbus [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Patrick E. Kelly was officially installed as the 14th supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus at the conclusion of Mass June 11 at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut, the site of the establishment of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. The newly installed supreme knight led the faithful in attendance at his installation in the Litany of St. Joseph and prayed an act of consecration of his administration, to St. Joseph. The importance of St. Joseph and the Holy Family is reflected in one of the notable features of Patrick’s own family, He is father to a young family with his wife Vanessa and three daughters.

“This year [of St. Joseph] is providential for the Knights of Columbus because there are few things the world needs more right now than men in the mold of St. Joseph,” the supreme knight said. In particular, he said that

Knights should emulate St. Joseph’s roles as guardian of the family and guardian of the truth.

“Catholic families are struggling to live out their faith and raise their children amid

a culture that is increasingly hostile to our beliefs,” he said. “Catholic husbands and fathers, especially fathers of young children, need the encouragement and support of the Knights of Columbus. We can inspire them with the creative courage needed to keep their families strong in the faith.”

It is wonderful to see a Supreme Knight who lives the family life so many of us are called to live as leaders of our families.



*Patrick Kelly unveils the Icon of St. Joseph to whom he has dedicated his administration*



*Patrick Kelly with his family. In the back is Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori*



## Way of Life

By Gregory Helgerson, FIC, Field Agent

I would first like to thank all of those who have served our Country and then second let those who have lost someone in the line of Duty know that our prayers and thanks are with you.

As we close the year at the end of June, thanks are in order for, your councils participation in a Fraternal Benefits Night. We have had a great response within the State working toward the goal of Star Council and getting and keeping the awareness of the Benefits of the Knights of Columbus in front of our new and existing Members.

Paul reminds us in Romans 12:9-16, Brothers and Sisters: Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.



These are great goals and I would say the Knights and our families working toward this as our mission have continued to work for justice and peace. We should ask all those we meet to join us in this mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism they are not only lessons but a way of life. If not with the Knights, then with who?

Thanks, God Bless!

Gregory Helgerson, FIC  
Field Agent

608-462-3372

gregory.helgerson@kofc.org



**Knights of Columbus**

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

## A Portfolio of Protection

- Permanent Life Insurance** — Our signature product. Insure your life for life.
- Term Life Insurance** — Affordable protection for temporary needs.
- Retirement Annuities** — Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.
- Long-Term Care Insurance** — Protect your assets. Get quality care. Prepare for the future.
- Disability Income Insurance** — Receive an income even when you are sick or can't work.

The Knights of Columbus offers a full-line of quality, flexible products backed by our highly-rated financial strength\* to help protect your Catholic family.

\*As of 01/2020, Rated A- Superior by A.M. Best

## The Compass of Life—a Life Lived

*Exerpts From Feerick Funeral Home Obituary, Shorewood*  
Timothy Lalor Curran passed away on April 27, 2021, while being held and loved by his wife Kathy of 53 years and his three sons Daniel, Nicholas and Brenday.



Tim was born in Mauston, Wis., on Nov. 10, 1941, to Frank and Lucille (Lalor) Curran, less than four weeks before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He lived with his mother's family in Madison after his dad enlisted in the U.S. Navy and left for the Pacific Theater, and returned to Mauston in 1946.

Tim's professional career was that of a newsman. He started as a scribe for the Juneau County Chronicle and Mauston Star, where he enjoyed

reporting on the goings on around town, tipping beers with the likes of young politico Tommy Thompson and inserting inside jokes into the photo captions of the newspaper.

Tim joined the Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council on October 1, 1965 and was a 55 year, 3rd degree member. Two years later he joined AP (Associated Press) and had a career that took him away from Mauston.

Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Mauston, Wis., on Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. Tim's cousin, the Rev. Monsignor Tom Baxter, will officiate. Visitation will be held starting at 9 a.m.

## Council Officers for 2021-2022

By *Grand Knight and Trustees*

We conducted council officer elections at our June 15th meeting. Our nominating committee consisting of our Trustees, Jon Field, Steve Powers and Harry Buttner, as well as the Grand Knight as the chair. Appointed positions include the Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer. Following is the list of officers elected:

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

We are still seeking members who would be willing to consider the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder and Inside Guard. Someone who might consider the Deputy Grand Knight role should understand that it is preparation to one day become the Grand Knight. For the Recorder, we ideally need someone who can take a few simple notes (the ones we publish, such as the one following, are expanded from the notes taken by Tom Jodarski). He has moved to the position of Warden so we invite you to consider making the council meeting regularly and he can tell you it only takes his time in the meeting itself. With changes over the past 2 years, the Inside Guard role has diminished significantly. We just need someone who from time to time attends council meetings.

## Compass Minutes— May Meeting

By *Tom Jodarski, Council Recorder*

The meeting began at 7 pm. After opening prayer and pledge the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved as written (there was only a brief April meeting held so no minutes from that meeting except council approved \$1,000 be donated to the West Elementary Closet (\$400 from last year's State Charity Raffle and remainder, \$2050, from this year's Hunter's Raffle for total of \$2450, donated to the St. Patrick School science program). They were as previously emailed and shown in the May 2021 newsletter.



Chaplain's report: Fr. John was not in attendance as Confirmation of

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

high school students was the same time as our meeting. He asked for prayers for the Confirmandi and one was offered in place of his report.

Grand Knight Report: We don't have a meeting quorum so election of officers will be delayed till the June 15th Council meeting.

Handout of June 3rd Estate Planning Seminar.

Communications presented – Culture of Life request From Pro-life Director Dan Miller was reviewed. There are two ultrasound initiatives in Wisconsin. This request will be reviewed at the June meeting for possible financial support by the council.

The Marshfield council sent a request for financial support for their "Christmas in July" charity to support the Child Life and Expressive Therapies at the Marshfield Children's Hospital. Will review again at June meeting.

KnightCast is the new monthly program for members of the Knights, that highlights current interest topics, provided the 4th Thursday of the month from 7-8pm. Members can sign up to get a link invitation to watch. (www.KofC.org/Knightcast).

Status of Star Council – we need two net new members. Both program and insurance requirements have been completed.

May council Newsletter was published previous week. The State Convention was held May 1st. Steve Hesprich and Randy Boehm were the council delegates. Steve was elected to be a Supreme Delegate for the State of Wisconsin. Supreme has cancelled the physical convention because of Covid but will be conducting a virtual convention similar to last year. All Wisconsin delegates will gather in a location in Wisconsin to participate on August 3rd/4th. We discussed a bit about how the Supreme Convention is normally conducted.

The results of this year's State Raffle was a gross of \$614,000, with proceeds of \$464,000. Our council should receive roughly \$1,700 for ticket sales of 700 tickets.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3427 in the general fund; \$1327 in the Charity Fund. \$40 check for 5th Sunday Masses (three this year, plus Memorial Mass Nov 2nd). \$1770+\$680 checks totaling \$2450 was presented to St. Patrick School for their science program. \$1,000 went to West Side Elementary's Clothing Closet program.

Membership Report: We need two new members to reach Star Council.

Family Director Report: The Jerry & Marie Family is the Family of the Month for April.

Community Report: no report

Fourth Degree Report: no report

New business: Financial Secretary report. Discussed contacting those who have not yet paid 2021 dues of \$20.

Talked about doing the Tootsie Roll Drive this summer. We have about 6 cases of candy. Steve will discuss with Fr. John about a good weekend in late July/early August for distributing after Masses (hope by that time Covid will be behind us).

Discussed the idea of having council shirts. Steve Hesprich will contact Eagle Promotions to explore options and costs.

Good of the Order: Prayer intention for our Confirmandi.

Meeting was adjourned 7:55pm

**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 June 20, 2021	n/a	Father's Day		
Friday July 16, 2021	5:30pm	Parish Picnic at St. Patrick	Parish	
Tuesday July 20, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Sat/Sun July 24-25 2021	Masses	Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses;	KC2770	Local businesses to be identified
Sunday August 1, 2021	after 10am Mass	"Sundae on Sunday"; All parishioners invited for free Ice Cream with MANY toppings	KC2770	Reardon Hall
TBD; July/Aug	afternoon	Parish Golf Tourney	Parish	Castle Rock Golf Course
Sunday August 15, 2021		Feast of the Assumption	Parish	
Tuesday Aug 17, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday Aug 17, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Sunday September 12, 2021		Fall Festival	Parish	
Tuesday Sep 21, 2021	6:30pm	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday Sep 21, 2021	7pm	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
<b>Tuesday, November 2, 2021</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights St Patrick's Church</b>	<b>KC2770</b>	
Saturday, November 6, 2021	after 5pm Mass	Hunters' Knight Out	Parish	
Sunday November 21, 2021 Sunday December 19, 2021 Sunday January 16, 2022 Sunday February 20, 2022	8am -noon	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> - Nov -benefit 8th grade class; Dec - benefit 7th grade class Jan - benefit 6th grade class Feb - benefit 5th grade class	KC2770	

**Council Officers & Directors**

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



**Knight's Compass**

is a monthly publication of the Solomon Juneau Council 2770 in Mauston, WI  
 Questions and requests for copies may be directed to Steve@Hesprich.com / cell-Text: 608-400-2638.