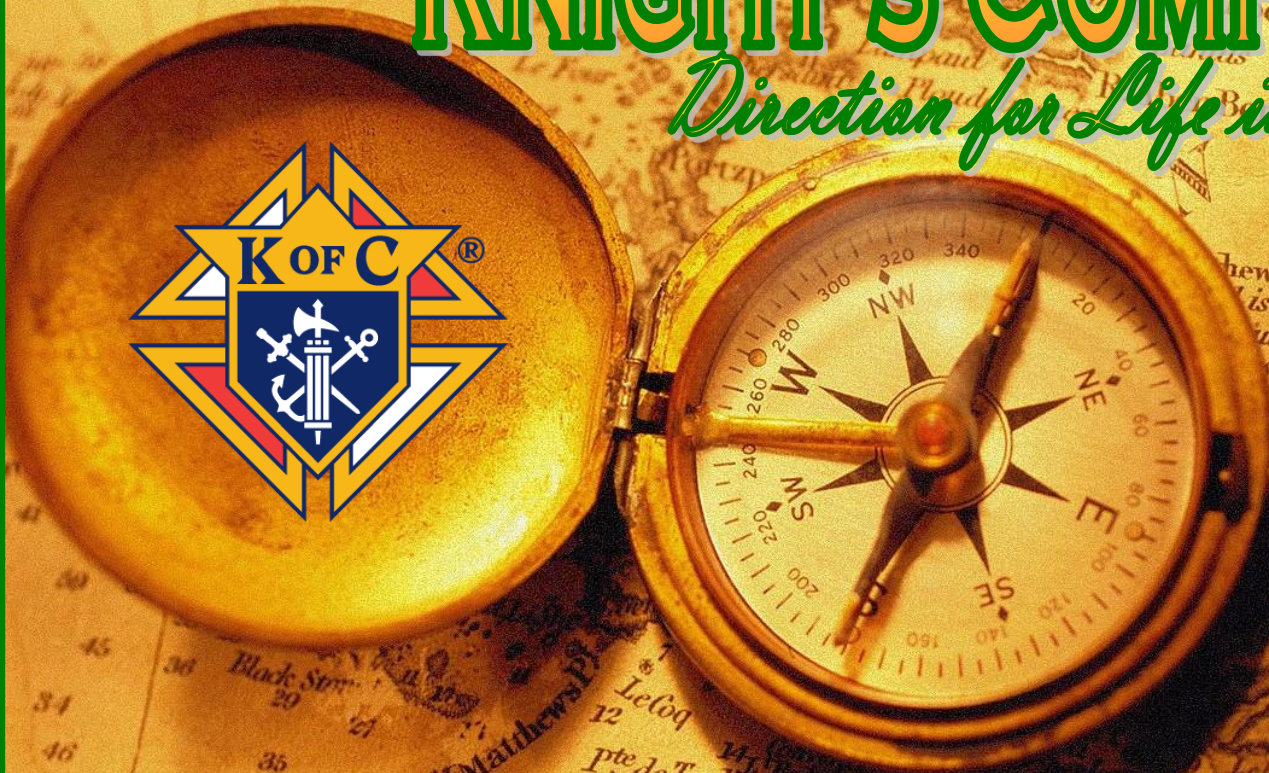


KNIGHT'S COMPASS

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Christ's Compass—Advent, Change & Christmas

The last month has been incredible. We Remembered our deceased family members and friends, we took time to be thankful for all of our blessings at Thanksgiving, and we started a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. There has been change. We saw the departure of Fr. Chinnappan and the arrival of Fr. Cryton.

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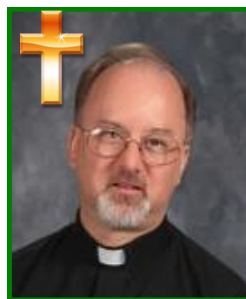
And it doesn't stop there. We are in the season of preparation for the coming of baby Jesus, even as we have already celebrated St. Nick's Day (Dec 6th), The feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th), and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12th, though we formally celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday).

What is your preparation for the coming of the child Jesus? Are you taking time from your busy schedule to pray and reflect on the coming of our Savior, Jesus? We find joy in giving and receiving gifts at Christmas. Are we also looking forward to the joy of what the birth of Christ gives to us, the promise of eternal happiness? Add a new daily prayer practice. Take the time first thing in the morning before all the distractions of the day interfere with a prayer routine. Despite all that is happening, surely you can find 5 or 10 minutes each day?

Christ's blessing upon you as we all approach the season of His birth,

Fr. John

Pastor & Council Chaplain



*May Christ be your compass for
Christmas with family and friends!*

**The next council meeting is
Tuesday December 21st
at 7pm in Reardon Hall
(NO officer/Director meeting)**

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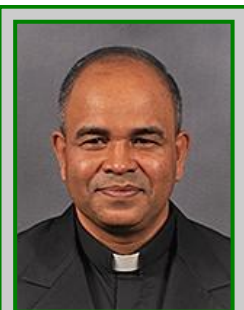
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Fr. Cryton—Welcome to St. Patrick's

By Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

A couple of weeks ago in the St. Patrick's bulletin (12/5), Fr. Cryton, newly arrived at our parish, & in the United States roughly 8 weeks, was introduced to us as the new Associate Pastor of St Patrick and St. Mary (Lyndon Station). Fr. Cryton is from Sri Lanka, an island off the southern coast of India. For those of you who have been around several decades, you might have known the country as Ceylon. While it is an island, it is not a small island. It would fit inside the state of Wisconsin. The difference comes in the population. Wisconsin has a population of 5.9 million. Sri Lanka's has 21.9 million people. The closet U.S. state in population to Sri Lanka is Florida, The province from which Fr. Cryton comes is Batticaloa which means "Land of the singing fish." You can ask Fr. Cryton for the story.

Before coming to the United States he had responsibility for taking care of the minor seminary in his Diocese. A boy typically enters this seminary between the ages of 14 and 16. They remain until they finish high school.



Fr Cryton

Fr. Cryton himself entered the minor seminary at age 16. He helped to oversee the vocations of these boys until the time they could transfer to a major seminary where they would have their final years of formation before being ordained a priest.

Fr. Cryton served in Caritas for a few years. It is the social arm of the Catholic Church throughout most of the world, serving the needy. Catholic Relief Services is the U.S. version of Caritas.

Almost all countries outside of the U.S. call their social organization Caritas.

In Sri Lanka it is a common practice that when the parents of grown children come to the later years of their life, they move into the home of a daughter or son's family where they live their remaining years. Some reading this may know of families in Wisconsin that at one time had a similar though not as common perhaps, experience taking care of parents.

We look forward to getting to know Fr. Cryton much better in these next months as he serves St. Patrick and St. Mary (Lyndon Station).

The Dawning of a New (K)night: Brandon Dolata

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

On Sunday December 12th, we welcomed 18 year old Brandon Dolata to the Knights of Columbus and our council. Brandon comes from a family of seven siblings, six boys and a sister. It's always a wonderful testament to see a young man attending church and being involved.

Brandon's big passion is wrestling. It seems the boys of the family are heavily involved from an early age. Brandon had to think back just how long he had been wrestling and he remembers starting in Kindergarten. He has been working his high school years at the sport. He has a good win/loss record and has these next 2 months to work on preparing for the State tournament which begins with Regionals. He has recently been wrestling at the 145lb weight class.

When he's not wrestling and attending classes at Mauston High School he is spending time doing art. He hopes to find a good school after high school to help him develop his talents so that he can make a career of art. If you see Brandon at one of our events, or just at church, do welcome him to the Knights of Columbus!



Family Compass—December Family

By Jon Field, Family Director

Dick and Natalie (Noble) Schwab are the December 2021 Solomon Juneau Knights of Columbus Family of the Month. These two devout Christians have built a strong family and a strong business here in Mauston and we are proud to recognize them. Both Dick and Natalie grew up in Lancaster, WI. Dick grew up in a large Catholic family of nine kids. His dad worked at the Dubuque Packing Company. Dick attended school through the 8th grade at St Clements Catholic School in Lancaster. Natalie grew up on the Noble Dairy Farm with one sister. Natalie's home farm in Lancaster has been in the Noble family for 112 years and will host the 2022 Grant Co Dairy Breakfast in June. Dick and Natalie were high school sweethearts and both graduated in 1970 from Lancaster High School. Right out of school, Dick enrolled in the tool and die apprenticeship program at MATC. Right after he enrolled, he was drafted into the Army and served 6 years in the Wisconsin National Guard, serving in a maintenance unit stationed in Portage, Mauston and Tomah. During all this, he and Natalie continued dating. Natalie grew up Methodist but she took classes through the RCIA program and converted to Catholicism. The day after his active duty was up, Sept 22, 1973, they were married at St Clements.



Dick's first job was working at Del Tool in Baraboo during his apprenticeship. His boss was so impressed with him that he offered to go into business with him at a 2nd shop that they both opened in Mauston in 1978. This year, Natalie and Dick's son, Matt, was born. Three years into their partnership, in 1981, Dick and Natalie bought his partner out and Mauston Tool was born. Also that year, the Schwab's were blessed with a daughter, Laura. They raised their family in Mauston, where both kids attended St Pat's School. Dick and Natalie ran Mauston Tool Corporation until 2007. Presently their son Matt owns the family business. Laura Vinopal is an audiologist and owns Professional Hearing Care.

Natalie and Dick help out a lot with activities around church. For many years they prepared the meat for St. Patrick's Day and the Fall Festival. For the past 19 years they have mowed and trimmed a large section at the cemetery. Presently Dick is on the cemetery committee. Recently, Dick helped Carol Kaiser and others plan and build the beautiful columbarium at the cemetery. They helped with the KC Wild Game Feed. Natalie is a long-time member of the PCCW and one-time president. She currently helps St Pats school where her grandkids attend and works as a teacher's aide and helps out often at the cafeteria. Dick has been helping teach the associate pastors how to drive so they can get their drivers license. The Schwabs are a wonderful, unassuming family that help out in so many ways at our church and school. They have worked hard during their careers and work just as hard in their retirement years. St Patricks is blessed to have them as members of our family!

Council Compass— The Value of Membership

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

Brother Knights and friends,

Last month our Financial Secretary reminded members that dues for 2022 will be \$25 plus any optional amounts for life and the Penny per Knight per day (PKD) program for Catholic Education.

This month Randy Boehm will be sending out the dues notices and ask members who owe dues to pay promptly. Otherwise it is easy to put aside the dues notice and forget to pay. Then we need to take extra time and expense to followup in January.

Some though may hesitate to pay because they are deciding if membership has value. I suppose one could argue you get as much from the Knights as you put in. However membership has a greater value than simply the time given to the Knights. Some may be unable to help, while others have priorities in their life that supersede giving time for charitable work. For those who have these circumstances, know that WHO you are, someone who supports what the Knights do, practice their faith, and give good example and leadership in their faith, also has value. And of course we all have intrinsic value because God created us. If you lead a good Catholic life, you are doing what Knights are called to do.

You also have material benefits being a Knight. The monthly Columbia Magazine is a great publication given to knights at no cost. Even if a member dies, if he is survived by his wife, she may continue receiving the magazine if she asks.

For me the reason I joined and continually find of value, is the friendships forged. And not just forged, as that notion means you've been in relationship for a while. I've developed INSTANT friendship simply in contacting another Knight. I've networked with knights who didn't know me from Adam on multiple occasions. Once it got both of my sons jobs, Another time a Sunday morning call to meet a Knight in Vermont who didn't know me got a dinner meal to discuss a book I was promoting for the Colorado State council (I was living in Colorado at the time, but visiting a Knights event in Bangor Maine.). Another time a call to a Knight I didn't know secured an inexpensive furnished apartment, unseen, when my wife and I moved from Colorado to Iowa for a job. Just the fact you are a Knight is important. None of those experiences had anything to do with what I DID as a Knight. Merely that I was a Knight. So I would submit, don't believe for a moment that membership is without value. Having each of you as knights is a compelling story of the what the impact of the Knights can have on your life.

In no organization I have known or been a part of, is the evidence of the value of Knights, what they stand for as Catholic men supporting the Church and its priests and religious, seen so many men become lifetime members.

I hope each of you will be lifetime Knights.
Vivat Jesu!

Steve Grand Knight; cell: 608-400-2638 / Steve@Hesprich.com



The Dawning of a New (K)night: Fr. Chinnappan

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

How ironic it is that shortly after Fr. Chinnappan Pelavendran joined the ranks of two million plus Knights of Columbus, that he has been transferred to another parish. The good news is that the Knights in Bloomer will be able to enjoy his friendship and help to build the spiritual life of those men.



Fr. Chinnappan

I remember meeting Fr. Chinnappan within a couple days of his arrival in the United States and our parish.

I greeted him by saying "your birthday is on my half birthday—the day you will come to know in this country as Pearl Harbor Day." He was born on the 36th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He of course was perplexed by that introduction. I had learned of his birthday from his Diocesan web site, I thought to tell him his birthday was a "...day which will live in infamy", to quote President Franklin D. Roosevelt, but that is likely to have perplexed him even more as we wouldn't expect someone born and raised in southeastern India to know about Pearl Harbor.

Speaking of oddities, Fr. Chinnappan became a knight on another date of military significance, Veteran's Day. He then attended an exemplification that we conducted at our November 19th Council meeting where he learned about the first three principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. He is now a third degree Knight.

The Knights have a very special relationship to the priests who become Knights. We often hear told that the Knights are "the right arm of the Church", which simply means we follow ALL the precepts of the Catholic Church and promise to always support our priests in their ministry, whatever support they need. That often means helping with practical matters but it's exceedingly more important who we become, with our priest's guidance, in our spiritual lives, especially the leadership role we play in our families. In Fr. Chinnappan's roughly 7 months in the United States and with our parish, he has been able to witness these purposes for which the Knights exist.

Priests who become Knights have a lifetime membership. They don't pay dues. Both of these are further evidence of the value we place on supporting our priests.

Fr. John has been telling Fr. Chinnappan about the winter weather in Wisconsin. Fr. Chinnappan has seen his first snowfall. Ironically he is moving further north in Wisconsin and got to recently experience the 11 inches of snow that fell December 10/11 in the Bloomer area.

Stay warm Fr. Chinnappan, and thank you for bringing your priestly ministry to the Knights of Columbus.

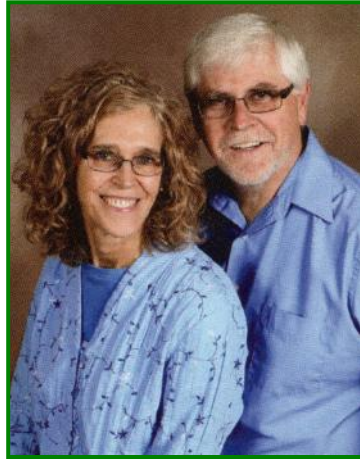
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1. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus
2. Complete application, (5 minutes)
enter council # 2770, & promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**
3. Attend online virtual ceremony

The Family Compass—October Family

By Jon Field, Family Director

The October 2021 KC Family of the Month award is given to the Rod and Connie Walhovd family, a wonderful family who has blessed St Patrick's Parish for over 30 years. Both Rod and Connie grew up in small Midwest towns, Rod in Hopkinton, Iowa and Connie in Birchwood, Wisconsin, both in strong Catholic families. In Iowa, Rod's dad worked as an industrial roofer and his mom worked in a creamery. Up in Birchwood, Connie's mom stayed home to raise the family and her dad, Mr. Kemp, had a small farm, was a foreman at the local lumbermill and delivered milk and ice cream to local businesses for, ironically Kemps! The Walhovd family would travel all the way up to Birchwood to visit family, for Rod's dad was raised in Birchwood. Rod and Connie met up there at the A&W Restaurant, where Connie was a car hop. They developed a long distance relationship during high school and maintained it during college. They both studied mechanical design, Connie at Rice Lake Technical College and Rod at WWTC in LaCrosse.



We are blessed to have so many wonderful families in our parish

Rod and Connie got married in 1977. In 1980, they were blessed with their first child, Josh, and went on to have 5 children: Josh, Christie, Michael, David and Angela. They were raised in Mauston, when the family moved there so Rod could take a job with Best Power in Necedah. The children all went to Mauston schools and the family became members at St Patricks. Connie started teaching CCD at St Pat's when they first moved here. She has always taught CCD, dating back to Birchwood in 1974. Almost 50 years of teaching religious education!! A quote from one of her students, "She is a role model to students on what it is to live a Catholic faith. She always made sure her students got the most out of their religious ed class!" Today, she is teaching 2nd grade CCD, getting children ready for their first communion. She works quite a bit at St Pat's School and has worn many hats. She's been a librarian, recess monitor and helped out with after school care for the past 6 years. She teaches religion to the 1st and 2nd graders and she recently took over the reigns as athletic director.

Their children are all grown now, ranging in ages from 41 to 33, living across America from Boise, Idaho to Milwaukee to Charleston, South Carolina. They have blessed Rod and Connie with 13 grandchildren. Rod is recently retired and enjoys travelling to help his children and grandchildren out when needed. Their full lives are anchored in their visible love for each other and their devotion to the Lord. Both of them state that the one constant through their lives has been prayer. St Pat's is blessed to have such a strong family like the Walhovds be members of our parish and a light of our Christian faith!

For suggestions for family of the month, please contact me. cell: 608-847-6421 / jonfield21@gmail.com



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The Family Compass—Nov Family

By Jon Field, Family Director

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the Demaske family as the November Family of the Month. Brent, Molly, Dylan and Carson are a wonderful, hard working Christian family who put service to others and service to God first in their lives. Both Brent and Molly (Van Pee) were born and raised in Mauston. Brent grew up in the hills of southern Juneau County, learning hard work at an early age on his grandfather's and uncle's dairy farms. Molly grew up north of town, helping her parents and aunt and uncle run the Castle Rock Golf Course. Brent grew up attending Bethany Lutheran Church, while Molly was raised at St Patricks. They were classmates and high school sweethearts, graduating Mauston High in 1998. They continued their courtship through college, both attending WWTC, Brent going through the apprentice



From left to right: Molly, Dylan, Brent and Carson

machine tool program and Molly majoring in early childhood development. Brent is now a journeyman tool and die maker, working in many businesses in the Mauston area. Many St Pat's school parents have trusted their children with Molly through the years as the pre-K teacher and at the after-school program. She worked at the school full time from 2001-2019. Back when they first started dating, Brent started attending mass at St Pats with the Van Pees. Brent converted to Catholicism through the RCIA program shortly before they were married. They were married at St. Patrick's by Father Dan on October 25, 2003. They have been blessed with two boys, Dylan, 15, and Carson, 12. Dylan graduated 8th grade at St Pats and Carson is a 7th grader there.

Anyone who knows Brent and Molly knows how hard they work. Brent works long hours at his job and finds time, it seems like every night and weekend, to help relatives and neighbors with building projects or fixing their vehicles. For St Pats, he helps out with Fall Festival and any event his wife is at. Molly continues to work at St Pats, filling in as a substitute teacher for all grades. She's served on the gala committee, home and school committee, worked on the silent auction and sidewalk café at the fall festival, sells scrip at mass and works many more events at church. In 2019, Molly and Brent, along with Molly's cousins, Jodi and David Elsing, bought the golf course from their parents. All four of them make a great ownership team and they continue to provide a great venue for the Mauston area to enjoy. They do a wonderful job with the leagues and the charity events at the course, including the St Pat's Golf Outing. Molly and Brent are teaching Dylan and Carson the values of hard work at the course, putting them to work on many groundskeeping projects. They also enjoy seeing many parish members enjoying the course. The Knights are proud to recognize these wonderful people as Family of the Month and St Pats is a stronger parish with the Demasces.

Lots of Minutes

Minutes of recent council meetings

There wasn't room in the October/November issue of the newsletter for the September and October council minutes, so here, along with November's minutes are 3 months of meeting minutes.

September 21st Minutes

The Aug 17th minutes were accepted as published in the Sep newsletter.

We are trying to build an interest in members attending the weekly Wednesday night prayer service at St. Patrick. The next time, we move to a new time of 8pm Wednesdays. We received a letter asking for donations for the homeless from the Vince Lombardi council. We did not have a quorum (of 8) so no action was taken. That Man is You! (TMIY) meets weekly on Friday mornings, 6:30-7:30am at Mile Bluff Hospital to strengthen and refresh Christian men.

Treasurer's report: we have \$3,258.53 in the General Fund; \$1,327.02 in the Charity Fund. The State Charity raffle netted the council \$1910; The net from Milk Shake sales at the Fall Festival was \$105; We received additional Tootsie Roll monies of \$73 net. We had two new members join our council on September 20th, brothers Jim and Jon Preuss (pronounced "Price"). The council Punt Pass & Kick contest will be Thursday September 30th, 5pm at West Side Elementary. The Diocesan competition will be October 17th. We discussed the Game Feed and Hunter's Raffle, looking to do those in early spring. Steve Powers presented a proposal for automatic doors for handicapped/ and those needing assistance, on three doors that don't have automatic openers at the Church for \$8,600 (door into main church, door to enter the gathering area from the elevator, and the door at the main entrance to Reardon Hall).

We have a request from St. Patrick's school to support a 4th, 5th and 6th grade trip to the State Capitol in Madison for \$350. We will vote next month. We discussed by-law revisions Supreme is asking councils to incorporate in our current by-laws. These are changes to support Board approved revisions to the council meeting format.

Prayer intentions were for Jerry Boehm, Joe Buttner, Kim Hesprich and those on the parish prayer list.

October 19th Minutes

The meeting began at 7:01pm. The minutes from the September 21st meeting were read and approved.

Chaplain's report: Fr. John read the October 19th "Knights to Christ" entry. The theme was Unity—loving your wife & turning your house into a home. He discussed the purpose of the recently held PAT meeting (Parish Action Team). Representative from each ministry of the parish and school, tell a bit about their area of responsibility. 18 reports were given at that meeting. Fr. John encouraged members to attend the weekly Wednesday night prayer, Friday afternoon adoration at St. Patrick, and That Man is You on Friday mornings, designed to help men, fathers, growing in their Christian leadership.

Treasurer: The general fund has \$3,215.88; The charity fund has a balance of \$3,237.02. There was a question as to if we have to spend the entire charity fund each year. \$1910 of the charity fund is the state raffle money we received in August 2021.

Membership Report: if we meet our membership quota (4 members net for the fraternal year) by December 31, 2021, we will not have to pay state per capita.

Family Report: Kevin and Julie Quist are our September Family of the Month. Our August family, Adam and Jaime Pouillie, have been named the Diocesan Family of the month for August.

Free Throw contest date to be set in January 2022. Randy Boehm is

chairman. We held the council contest on September 30th. The diocesan contest was held October 17th. Two of our council winners are going on to the state competition [note: actually 3 competed at state].

Community Report: Pancake Breakfast will be 11/21 with the proceeds for the 8th grade. Help is needed for the breakfast. It was mentioned that the food vendor has changed. Would be good to do food ordering early. Discussed the council shirts. We will use the remaining shirts we have in inventory (\$20 each). Hunter's Night dinner is likely to be cancelled because Outdoors Forever was moving their event to the same night we planned to have Hunter's Night dinner. So we may council the dinner and do the raffle like we did this past Spring.

Life Report: we had five Knights at the October Life Chain.

Financial Secretary: Two bills, one for State per capita for \$259.25 to be paid without council approval, the other from the trophy company for the Punt, Pass, & Kick \$74.73. motion passed to pay the \$74.73. Motion for the council to pay for the St. Patrick's School trip to the Capitol, \$350 was passed.

Bylaw revisions are being recommended by Supreme mostly because of changes to how meetings are conducted. A first presentation was made to the council for approving the bylaws. A second presentation/vote will be taken at the November meeting on the 16th. The GK will be getting the council's quota of State Charity Raffle tickets on Friday (10/26) and will pass those on to Steve Piper who is overseeing the raffle for our council. Steve Powers brought up under new business, proposal for \$9,016, for 3 automated doors. After extensive discussion we agreed to pass this to the Building and Grounds for their input. Howard Boppart brought up that apparently Speedway has taken down the St. Patrick's Mass announcement sign without telling anyone. He suggested we get a new sign prepared. Good of the Order: Prayers for Jerry Boehm's health; 19 year old employee committed suicide; Dorothy. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

November 16th Minutes

We began the meeting with the Exemplification Video for Fr. Chinnappan to be come a Knight of our council and for Johannes Boppart to advance to the 3rd degree.

The council received the award for Programs and Insurance for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. A motion was passed for \$400 to donate to the local food pantry. The amount will be matched by the Bank of Mauston.

Treasurer's report: \$2524.90 in general fund; \$3,237.02 in the charity fund. A motion was passed to pay \$315 for annual liability insurance.

Free Throw Contest will be Sunday January 24, 2022 at St. Pat's Gym. Hunter's Raffle drawing will be held during our April 19, 2022 meeting, around 7:15 or 7:30pm. We have 1 crossbow and 2 guns. Winners can take cash or weapon. A Second reading/vote was taken to pass recommend Supreme by-laws. The Pancake Breakfast is November 21st.

The Compass Magnet—Kevin Quist

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

The "Compass Magnet" is a new feature of **Knight's Compass**. As you probably know, A compass works on the principle of magnetism to point a person in the right direction. A magnet draws others to itself. In this case we are drawing a current Knight to our council. This then profiles members who have transferred to our council.

A couple of months ago Kevin Quist, a long-time member of the Knights with the Tomah Council, decided to move his membership to the Solomon Juneau Council 2770. Kevin has been very instrumental in support of our parish even before moving his family to Mauston. Kevin and his family were selected as our September 2021 Family of the Month (See the September 2021 issue of the newsletter, available on the parish web site). We had a period of time when the council did not operate. Kevin became involved to help the council start up again. For that we are appreciative. Kevin has displayed an important characteristic of a Knight. A Knight can help other councils even though he is not a member of that council.



Kevin Quist



Maddi Quist striking the ball with her grandma looking on

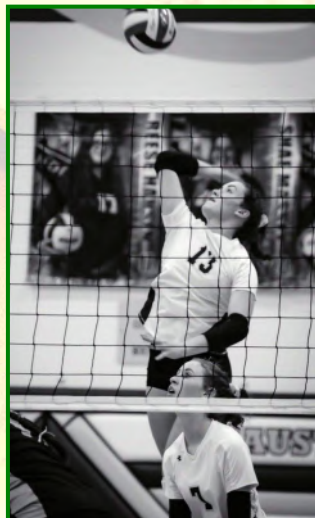
While a member of the Tomah council Kevin helped with the annual Grand National Tractor Pull where the Tomah council had a food booth. After the council decided to discontinue their involvement with the tractor pull, they instead turned their attention to a food booth at the annual Cranberry Festival in Warrens where he also helped.

Kevin has had involvement with volleyball for quite some time especially officiating, and his love of the game is apparent when you talk to him. The entire family has involvement.

For example both of Kevin's daughters are heavily involved high school volleyball players. Mia, a senior just won the South Central Conference honors as Player of the Year for contributions and had over 1,000 kill shots in her high school career. Maddi though only a Freshman is already playing on the varsity team. We will see what the next years look like for her.

Julie, Kevin's wife is not to be outdone in her love for the game. She has helped coordinate many of the meals the team has for away games and tourneys and is always a great encouragement for her daughters. She places a tremendous emphasis on the faith of the family and believes in strong family values.

Kevin had an antidote he told when he was active military and put on deployment. It seems that he had deployments at times when the girls were each 2 years old. He said with a wry smile, "I missed the terrible twos!" What Kevin has not missed doing, is being a strong Catholic father, husband and Knight of Columbus.



Mia Quist about to spike the ball with sister Maddi standing below

Pancake Breakfasts—December & January

by Howard Boppart, Community Director

Our second installment of four pancake breakfasts is Sunday December 19th. The Pancake Breakfast proceeds will benefit St. Patrick's 7th grade class. The 7th graders and their parents will help serve, along with the Knights preparing the food and also helping with tables and dish cleaning.

On January 16th the beneficiary will be the 6th grade class, with those students and parents helping. February 20th will be the pancake breakfast to help the 5th graders have a class activity at the end of the school year.

With our first in-person breakfast last month, it was such a tremendous feeling to once again have this meal with friends and family. We look forward to these next months of breakfasts.

Knights Insurance Ranked Tops

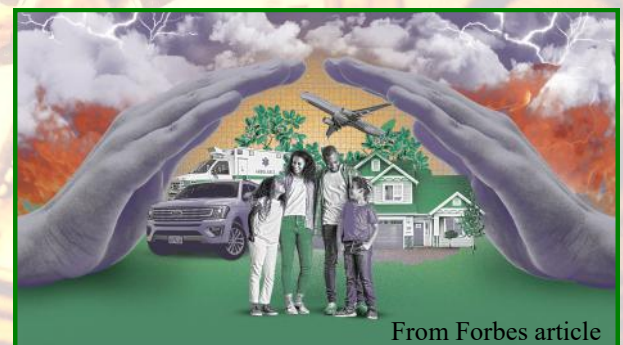
By Supreme Insurance Agency

We have some GREAT NEWS for you! In early December, Forbes unveiled its national ranking of best insurance companies, evaluating insurers across all US lines. Forbes partnered with Statista and surveyed more than 16,000 insurance customers and evaluated insurers



across eight metrics and five different sub-dimensions. At the end of their analysis, Forbes recognized just 90 of the 4,200 carriers in the United States that offer life, P&C, annuities and health insurance. We didn't just make the cut, we ranked higher than nearly all of the most recognizable names in our industry. Forbes and Statista ranked the Knights of Columbus sixth in the Permanent Life category, giving us the distinction of being one of "America's Best Insurance Companies" for 2022. Here's the link to the full report:

<https://www.forbes.com/best-insurance-firms/#77678f633659>



From Forbes article

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
Wednesdays	8:00 PM	Prayer Service	Parish	St. Patrick Church
Sunday December 19, 2021 Sunday January 16, 2022 Sunday February 20, 2022	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast - Dec - benefit 7th grade class Jan - benefit 6th grade class Feb - benefit 5th grade class	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday December 21, 2021		NO officers meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday December 21, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Sunday January 24, 2022	noon	Free Throw Contest	KC2770	St. Patrick School Gym
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
TBD - March/April	7:00 PM	End of Life Planning Seminar	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall Officer Nominations for 2022-2023 Fraternal Year	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	7:30PM	Drawing for Hunter's Raffle	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Friday May 6, 2022 to Sunday May 8, 2022	Weekend	KC State Convention	State Council	Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall Officer Elections for 2022-2023 Fraternal Year	KC2770	Reardon Hall

Council Officers & Directors

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

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