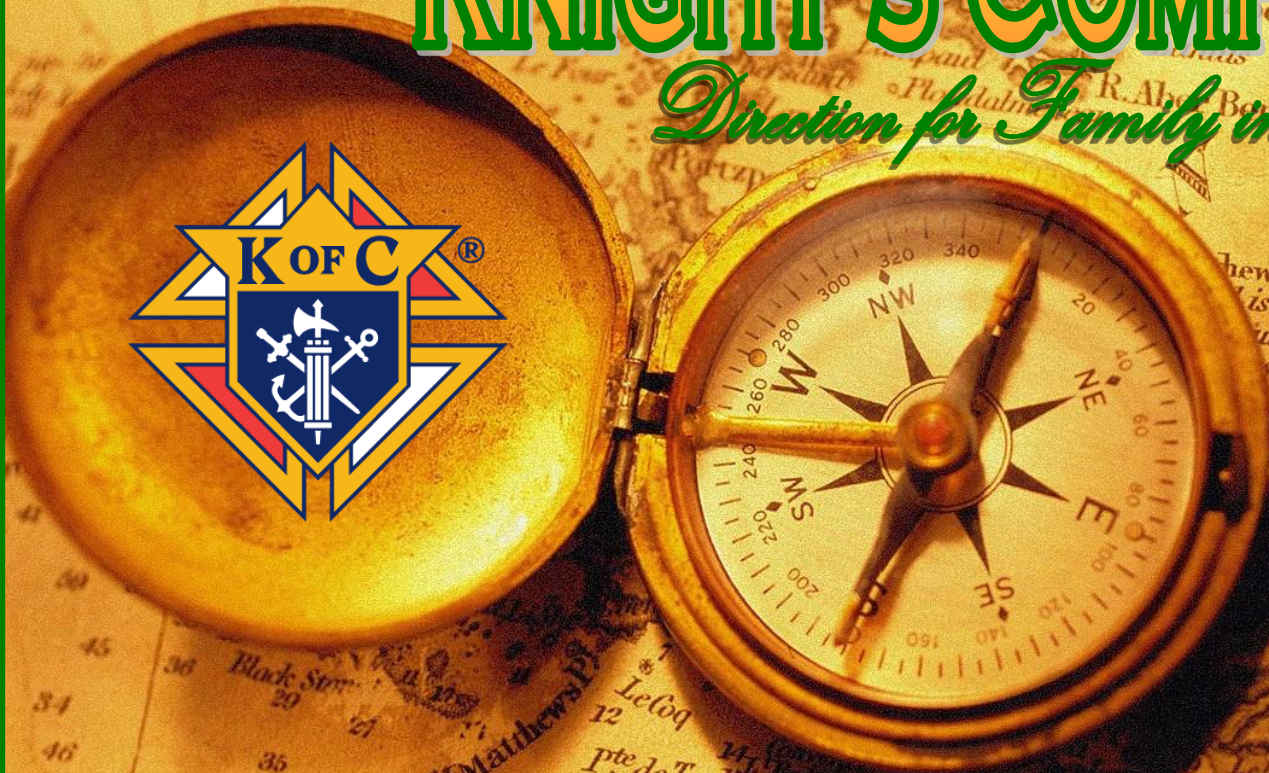


KNIGHT'S COMPASS

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Christ's Compass—End to Beginning

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves in this wonderful season of preparation for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. However to come to the beginning we come from the end, the end of the liturgical year, the end of the month who's readings throughout remind us of the end of life, the life of saints, the life of souls in purgatory and culminating in the Celebration of Christ the King.

So now that the end is behind us, we enter the new liturgical year, and what better way to begin than to prepare. We strive to cast off the death of sin through this time of preparation. Now is a time to emphasize our participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have our communal penance service on December 22nd at 7 pm. That preparation is a time to cleanse ourselves of our wrongs, and to look to the beginning of the life of Christ, through his birth on December 25th.

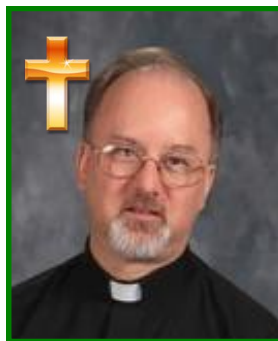
So it begins....

The season of preparation, Advent, soon becomes the season of Christmas. Christmas leads us to remember the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 30th. Before you know it we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th.

We have another end to beginning coming soon enough. We will see the end of Christ's mortal life on the cross on Calvary, to be followed three days later with the beginning of life in Christ through the Resurrection.

Fr. John

St. Patrick Pastor and
Council Chaplain



The full newsletter is on Knights web page on
the parish web site:

[https://stpatricksmaston.com/parish/
knights-of-columbus/](https://stpatricksmaston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/)

*We celebrate the 86th birthday of
the Solomon Juneau Council
2770, December 6, 2022*

The next council meeting is Tuesday
December 20th at 7 pm in Reardon Hall
(No Officer/Director meeting)

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Council Compass— History!

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

Families of St. Patrick and St. Mary's:

History! I don't know about any of you, but for me the importance of history only became significant when I had lots of history myself, being as I'm in the later years of my life. For the first 50 years, history was what happened yesterday, last week, or sometimes last year. How my perspective has changed!

The other thing about history, from the perspective of my life, is that time is accelerating. I sometimes joke, "it seems like it was just November — 2021 — So this brings me to the subject of the history of our council. The day this newsletter is published, December 6th, our council celebrates the 86th anniversary of its founding in 1936. You might say, that's not one of the nice anniversary years like 50, 75 or 100. nonetheless it's a lot of years! In this and our upcoming newsletters we will remember our history.

Near as I can tell, our council first celebrated its history in 1986, on the occasion of our "Golden jubilee", the 50th anniversary of our council's formation. It was really a spectacular event, which the program cover to the right, only hints.

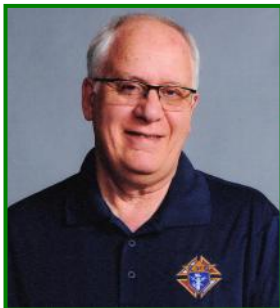
However, when all is said and done, the most historic moment of our history is the formation of the council. The memorial for that event is the Council Charter. We still have that charter which is proudly displayed to the left of our trophy case in Reardon Hall. Not everyone in our council is a part of St. Patrick's so some of you reading this have never seen the charter. You will find it reproduced on the next page this issue of **Knight's Compass**. In this issue we honor the leaders of our council who served as Grand Knight in the first 25 years of our council. While none of them are still with us, their descendants are. If you know family members, thank them for their father, grandfather, great-grandfather's contributions in establishing the Solomon Juneau Council.

Each of our next few issues will identify subsequent Grand Knights of the Solomon Juneau Council 2770. We also are blessed to have a condensed history of the council through the first 50 years of our existence. On page 4 you'll see the first segment of this history, taken directly from the program used for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Grand Knight

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Knights of Columbus

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Solomon-Juneau

Council 2770



1936 - 1986

Mauston, Wisconsin

First 25 Years of Grand Knights

Men who started and built up Council 2770

Fraternal Year	Grand Knight
1936	1937 Conrad C. Ohman
1937	1938 Conrad C. Ohman
1938	1939 Frank E. Curran
1939	1940 Frank E. Curran
1940	1941 Gilbert Eckerle
1941	1942 Gilbert Eckerle
1942	1943 Herbert M. Krantz
1943	1944 Herbert M. Krantz
1944	1945 Theodore M. McCoy
1945	1946 Theodore M. McCoy
1946	1947 Leo Finger
1947	1948 Leo Finger
1948	1949 Finger/Bohen
1949	1950 Francis Bohen
1950	1951 Philip Quinn
1951	1952 Anton Seitz
1952	1953 Seitz/Johnson
1953	1954 Bernard C. Johnson
1954	1955 Michael Donlin
1955	1956 Louis Laboda
1956	1957 Ernest E. Schmocker
1957	1958 Ernest E. Schmocker
1958	1959 Daniel B. Corr
1959	1960 Laverne Schmieder
1960	1961 Laverne Schmieder

We see that 16 different men served as Grand Knight during our first 25 years of existence. They saw us through World War II, The Korean Conflict and onto the early years of the Vietnam War. With the help of Jeri Kolba, we are looking for photos of these early leaders, and all those we'll talk about in the next issues of

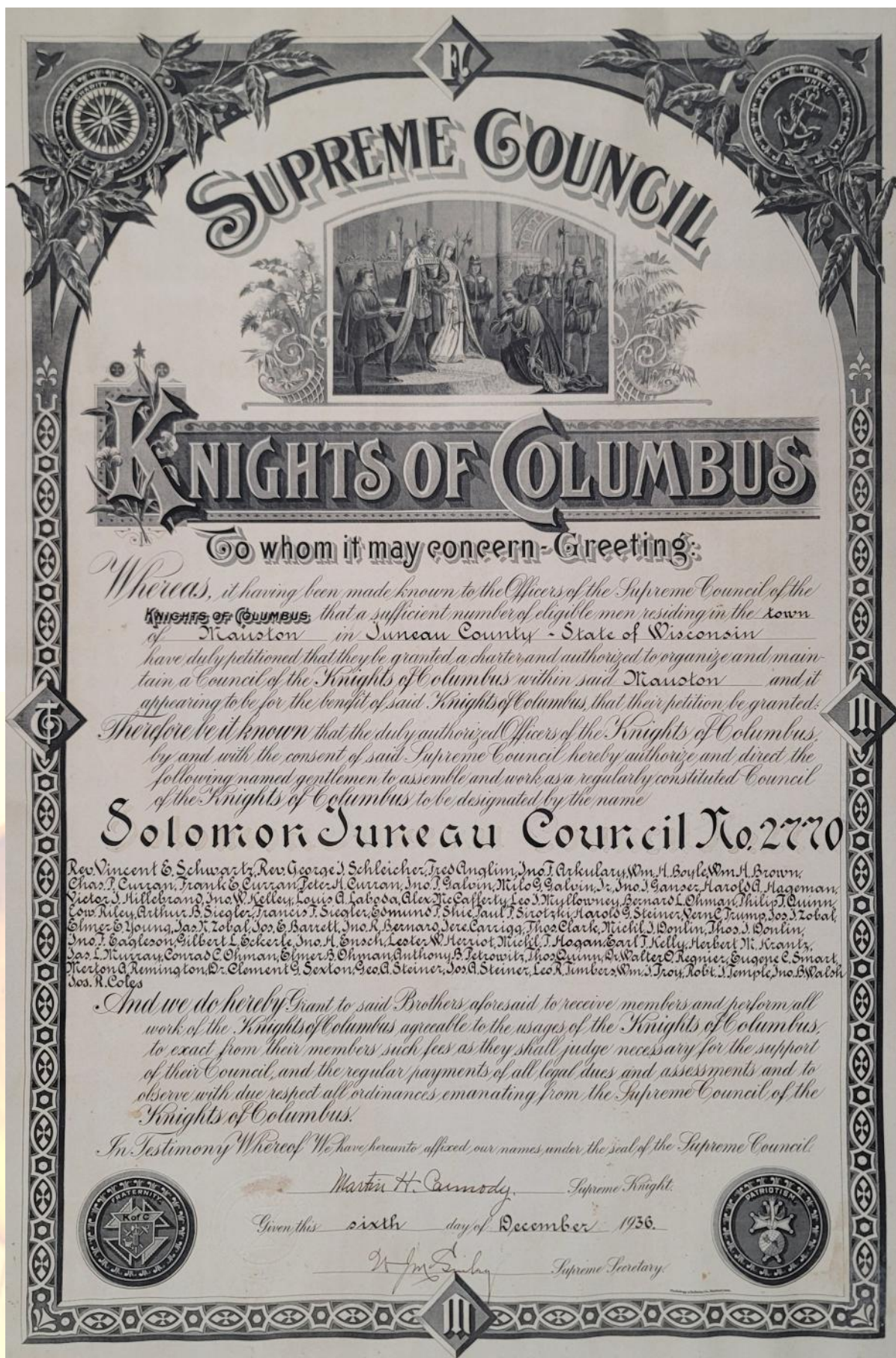
Knight's Compass. We hope these presentations of our history will help all members, and those others who read about our history, see the strong presence of our council leading up to the current time. If any of you have some tidbits of history, and especially any photos either portraits of Grand Knights, or other photos of our history, we would ask that we borrow those photos long enough to scan and use in these next newsletters.

As always, ask Catholic brothers, fathers, sons, uncles and nephews to join the Knights of Columbus.

Steps to Join the Knights for 1st Year FREE:

1. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus
2. Complete application, (5 minutes) enter council # 2770, and promo code **GHELGERSON**
3. Attend online 30 minute ceremony (contact Steve H)

A Compass Enshrined in the Charter—Solomon Juneau Council 2770



Punt Pass Kick—State Winners

Jon Field, Chairman Punt Pass and Kick

We had excellent competitions this fall both at the Council and Diocesan levels, with our council hosting the Diocesan contest held on a cold and windy day at the Mauston High School football field. We had several of our council winners move on to the state competition. We reported on these contests in our October newsletter.

On Saturday, November 5th in De Pere Wisconsin, the state contest took place. We had three of our council winners place:

9 year old boys	Jaden Steinke	3rd place
12 year old boys	Jose Navis	2nd place
8 year old girls	Maci Anders	2nd place

Compass of Council History

taken from 50th Anniversary program in 1986

Beginning in the late 1920s a group of prominent Catholic laymen such as John Ensich, William Troy, Conrad Ohman, Michael Timbers, Dr. William O'Brien, Peter Curran and several others interested in organizing a Knights of Columbus Council formulated a plan and pledged sufficient funds to finance a clubhouse and institute a project. The council was to include men from New Lisbon, Camp Douglas, Necedah, Lyndon Station and Mauston Catholic parishes. Some of these men had joined councils in La Crosse, Portage, Watertown, Elroy, Madison, Milwaukee, etc. They recognized the value of a sincere Catholic program in the development of better civic relations and an exemplary apostolate in parish affairs. However, reluctantly, these men abandoned this goal because at that time the late Rev. George Schleicher had embarked on a program for a new parochial grade school which would require unlimited manpower, support and financial assistance of the parish. To this program the organizing group of men postponed instituting their project of a Knights of Columbus council.

This parish work delayed the organization of the council only for a short time. In 1936 Conrad Ohman, William Troy, Dr. William O'Brien, Vein C. Trump and Gilbert Eckerle met with the District Deputy Dr. C.W. Henney of Portage and discussed the possibility and feasibility of instituting a council in Mauston. Meetings were held, the last of which was attended by the then State Deputy and afterward Supreme Director Bernard A. Kennedy; also by the State Secretary, the late Emmett J. Carrigan, as well as by William T. Sullivan who later became State Deputy. These men addressed a large group in the school auditorium explaining the purposes and goals of the order. Approximately forty applications were signed by prospective candidates. At the same meeting it was decided that a request should be made to name the council after Solomon Juneau, for whom the county was named and who was an outstanding Catholic and founder of Milwaukee. **On December 6, 1936 Council Number 2770 was instituted.**

The first degree was sponsored under the leadership of Henry Noring and Ray Cummings from Baraboo; the second degree by the Madison degree team led by Grand Knight, William Spohn; and the third degree was exemplified by Dr. C.W. Henney, the District Deputy and his Portage team.

We will continue the history in our next newsletter issue....

Knights of the Round Table

Meeting of Knights at St. Mary's

On Thursday December 3, 2022, the St. Mary's Knights met. Foremost on the agenda was selecting a date for the parish's first pancake breakfast which we expect our St. Pat's Mauston breakfast crew can run. The date and time selected was Sunday March 19th, following the 9 am Mass (serving to begin about 9:30 am). We took a few minutes to watch the first video in the 12-part series called "Into the Breach". The 11 minute video is titled "Masculinity". The entire video series can be viewed by anyone at

<https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/index.html>

We talked more about establishing a food pantry in the basement of St. Mary's. Steve will call Karen at the Mauston Food Pantry to get ideas on how this program can be started.

We will be holding the February 21, 2023 council meeting at St. Mary's. The business meeting begins at 7 pm. We reviewed the upcoming council events.

Compass Minutes—November

Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The November 15, 2022 council meeting began at 7 pm. Minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as published in the October issue of **Knight's Compass.**

Fr. John read from the book "Knights to Christ" on the 'Fraternity is walking together toward the Father'. Looking to the hand of God, we see that his grip is always firm. The entry suggested reading Psalm 63 every day.

We received positive feed back from the season's first pancake breakfast. We have two men in the online member portal who wish to join our council, Wally Boehm, son of Randy and Vicki; and Nick Zolondek, son of member Michael and Pam.



Three members of our council placed at the State Punt, Pass and Kick competition on November 5th. We voted to approve raffle prizes for our 2023 Sportsman's Raffle: a cross bow, 1 shotgun and 1 rifle. Proceeds will benefit the Sea of Change and St. Pat's school. The drawing will be at 7:30 pm at our April 18, 2023 council meeting.

Our council Free Throw contest will be Sunday January 22, 2023 with registration starting at 11 am and the contest beginning at noon. We will again be promoting a Free Throw for handicapped of all ages. We also will host the District contest which we expect will be Sunday February 12, probably with a noon registration and 1 pm start. Both contests will be at St. Pat's school gym.

The February 21, 2022 council meeting will be held at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station in their church basement. There will be no officer meeting that evening, and we will start the council meeting at 7pm. To encourage members to attend we will be raffling two patriotic Knight baseball caps to all in attendance, meaning of course you must be present to win!

Nov 30th is the monthly Fraternal Benefits webinar being hosted by General Agent Tim Nowak.

The council approved paying \$66.47 for athletic

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medals to Jon Field for the council Punt, Pass and Kick contest. We also concluded our outstanding 2022 raffle issue with a rifle purchased for the Spring winner for \$559.14. The General Fund is \$3136.14 and the Charity Fund is \$2542.07.

We proposed and voted on purchasing a TV and mobile cart to implement digital signage for the Church and our council usage for \$500.

The \$500 will be funded thru Brett Kudick to repay the council through food donations for our breakfasts. We grossed \$750 on the pancake breakfast. Pray for Brady's eternal rest (Amber Czys's nephew)

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.



DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Friday Dec 9, 2022	6:30 AM	TMIY-That Man Is You!	TMIY	2nd floor Community Room Mile Bluff Hospital
Friday Dec 16, 2022	6:30 AM	TMIY-That Man Is You! (end 1st Semester)	TMIY	2nd floor Community Room Mile Bluff Hospital
Saturday December 17, 2022	9-11 AM	Christmas Dinner Basekt Giveaway HELP needed - let Steve Hesprich know	local	Mauston United Methodist Church 420 Suszycki Dr., Mauston
Sunday December 18, 2022	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast - 3rd Sunday Dec - benefit 7th grade class	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Monday Dec 19, 2022	5:30 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Din- ner/business (wives invited)	AS 1902	variable location
Tuesday Dec 20, 2022	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
2023				
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Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
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Sunday Jan 29, 2023	8:00 AM	Mass intention for Knights	Parish	Every 5th Sunday (next one 4/30/23)
Sunday February 19, 2023	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast - 3rd Sunday Feb - benefit 5th grade class	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Monday Febv 20, 2023 President's Day	5:30 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Din- ner/business (wives invited)	AS 1902	variable location
Tuesday, Feb 21, 2023	-----	NO Officers Meeting	KC2770	
Tuesday, Feb 21, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (note location change)	KC2770	St. Mary's Hall (church basement)
Wednesday Feb 22, 2023		ASH Wednesday	Parish	
Sunday Mar 19	after 9 am Mass	Pancake Breakfast	Round Table	Basement of St. Mary's, Lyndon Station

Officers for 2022-2023

Steve Hesprich	Grand Knight
Kevin Quist	Deputy Grand Knight
Jon Field	Chancellor
Jim Kolba	Treasurer
Matt Schwab	Advocate
Tom Jodarski	Recorder
Open	Warden
Open	Inside Guard
Dick Schwab	Outside Guard
Stephen Powers	Trustee for One Year
Bill Powers	Trustee for Two Years
Howard Boppart	Trustee for Three Years

2022-2023 Appointed Positions

Fr. John Potaczek	Chaplain
Randy Boehm	Financial Secretary
Open	Lecturer
Kevin Quist	Program Director
Jon Field	Community Director
Howard Boppart	Family Director
Open	Faith Director
Open	Life Director


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