

# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

*Direction for Family in Faith*



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## Christ's Compass—Saints

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves at the doorstep of two important feast dates, that of St. Patrick, our parish patron, and St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Patrick's Day is Friday March 17th. This year because the Solemnity of St. Joseph falls on a Sunday, the 19th, will be moved to Monday March 20th.



We can benefit greatly by modelling our lives after these two holy men. Both men faced tremendous obstacles in their lives, as most likely all of us have. They persevered through their difficulties because they depended on God at every turn of difficulty. In our own lives, we too must turn to God. In the season of Lent we see the imperative of repentance, prayer and Almsgiving more clearly.

St. Joseph is a wonderful intercessor for men, fathers, and families. He calls men to greater holiness. St. Patrick converted a nation from paganism to Catholicism. How

can we be the examples to convert those we know to a life in Christ?

From these two saints, we see one, St. Joseph, who converts/convicts ourselves, and the other, St. Patrick, who then takes our own holiness to convert the hearts of others in our family, parish and community.

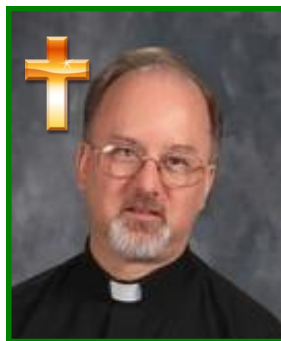
May you see the influence of these two great saints enliven your faith in this season of preparation, and beyond.

*Fr. John*

St. Patrick Pastor and  
Council Chaplain

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the parish web site:

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



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## Compass of Life—Small is Big (and alive!)

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

‘Small is big’ has many meanings—a *small* Knights of Columbus council of fewer than 50 members, in a *small* town of fewer than 1,500 residents, raised a *big* amount of money, over \$30,000, to fund an ultrasound machine that will save the lives of *small* babies in the womb, all of whom will lead *big* lives.

On Friday, December 10th four Knights from three of the councils in District 20, braved the first significant snowfall of the season to travel to Madison to meet the Director of the Women’s Care Center, Olivia Grobbel, and to see the newly installed Ultrasound purchased through the efforts of the Fr. Cyril J. Smetana Council 9070 of Hillsboro, with help from others including our own council in Mauston.

The mission of the Women’s Care Center is “to help pregnant women from our communities choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency.” It is where the ‘small’ babies in the womb are regarded as a gigantic gift from God.

The Hillsboro council is this *small* council that was able to raise not only the needed \$21,500 to fund an ultrasound machine, but even more - pledges of \$30,000 - in the span of a few weeks. The monies needed to purchase an ultrasound is more than \$42,000. The remaining financial gift came through the matching funds program of the Knights of Columbus to the tune of about \$21,000. And you want to talk about a *big* program, this matching funds program has supported the purchase of over 1,500 ultrasound machines!

Dick Urban, Past Grand Knight of the Hillsboro council led the



*From the left: Olivia Grobbel, Dick Urban, Greg Helgerson, Larry Anderson, Steve Hesprich*



*Above: the small photos were taken with the previous ultrasound machine. The monitor shows the Enhanced imagery*



*Left: The Women’s Care Center has an onsite Catholic chapel*  
charge. He would tell you the idea loomed BIG, as it was being considered. Once the decision was made to raise the monies, it was, well, an even bigger looking goal. A committee was formed to help raise the needed monies. Then, as they say, things quickly started happening and many stepped forward to contribute. In a few short weeks the needed monies were not only raised, but more support continued to pour in. All this says is ‘small’ is really ‘BIG’!

## Council Compass— What’s Good

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

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

In this issue of **Knight’s Compass** we continue to honor the history and leaders of our council who served as Grand Knight the second 25 years of our council.

We also demonstrate in the Knights of Columbus

Ultrasound initiative, the importance of life to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. All life is precious, beginning with life in the womb. Life in the womb is small in size. It is large in its importance, and one of the most significant mysteries God has given us through each life.

We continue to develop a Knights presence at St. Mary’s Church in Lyndon Station. Our newest member, from Lyndon Station, is profiled in this issue. We also have one of Mauston’s sons come back to Mauston, transferring his membership to our council. That 20 year old is also profiled in this issue.

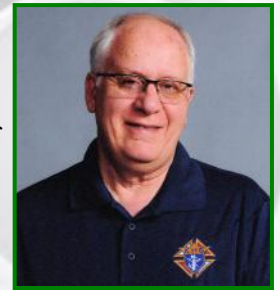
We have two raffles in progress, one sponsored by the State Council of the Knights, with a first prize valued at \$50,000, and our now annual Sportsmen’s Raffle. These proceeds are two of our large fund raisers, with most of the proceeds of these raffles supporting our parish, our school, and the local community. See any member to obtain raffle tickets. Both of these drawings will take place in the second half of April.

May you have a rich Lenten and Easter experience.

Vivat Jesus!

**Steve** Grand Knight

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**Don’t forget to Vote on April 4th especially for the Wisconsin Supreme Court Judgeship— Life issues are at stake**

## Compass of Council History

*continued from 50th Anniversary program in 1986*

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[at the inaugural First Degree] The degree exemplification was followed by a banquet at St. Patrick's School dining room with Edward P. Vinopal as toastmaster. The principal address was given by his Excellency, the late Bishop Griffin of La Crosse Diocese. Other speakers were William A. Spohn of Madison, District Deputy, C. W. Henney, State Deputy Vemard A. Kennedy of Prairie du Chien and Rev. George Schleicher pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Mauston. Guest speaker was Attorney Daniel H. Grady of Portage. Bishop Griffin gave his blessing to the group of over two hundred attending the banquet served by the Catholic Women's Club.

### Charter Members of Council 2770:

Rev. Vincent E. Schwartz	Edward Riley	Lester W. Herriot
Rev. George J. Schleicher	Arthur B. Siegler	Michael T. Hogan
Fred Anglim	Francis F. Siegler	Earl T. Kelly
John F. Arkulary	Edmund P. Shie	Herbert M. Krantz
William H. Boyle	Paul P. Sirotzki	James L. Murray
William H. Brown	Harold G. Steiner	Conrad C. Ohman
Charles P. Curran	Vern C. Trump	Elmer B. Ohman
Frank E. Curran	Joseph J. Zobal	Anthony B. Petrowitz
Peter H. Curran	Robert J Temple	Thomas Quinn
John H. Galvin	Elmer E. Young	Dr. Walter O. Regnier
Milo G. Galvin	James Zobal	Eugene C. Smart
John J. Ganser	Joseph E. Barrett	Merton A. Remington
Harold A. Hageman	John R. Bernard	Dr. Clement G. Sexton
Victor J. Hillebrand	Jerri Carrigg	George A. Steiner
John W. Kelley	Thomas Clark	Joseph A. Steiner
Louis A. Laboda	Michael J. Donlin	Leo R. Timbers
Alex McCafferty	Thomas J. Donlin	William J. Troy
Leo J. Mullowney	John F. Eagleson	John B. Walsh
Bernard L. Ohman	Gilbert L. Eckerle	Joseph R. Coles
Philip T. Quinn	John H. Ensich	

A few nights after the institution of the new council, the members met in the council club rooms in the school basement and elected the following officers:

Grand Knight	Conrad C. Ohman
Deputy Grand Knight	Verne C. Trump
Chaplain	Rev. Vincent Schwartz
Chancellor	R. J. Temple
Financial Secretary	William Brown
Warden	Frank Curran
Treasurer	Harold Steiner
Recording Secretary	Paul Sirotzki
Lecturer	Elmer E. Young
Inside Guard	John Bernard
Outer Guard	John Eaglesam
Trustees	H. M. Krantz
	Gilbert L. Eckerle
	John H. Ensich

One year later an anniversary class of forty-two candidates was initiated into the council. The council continued to grow and the membership peaked at 281 in 1955.

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

## Two Times Free Throw

*Randy Boehm, Chairman Free Throw*

January and February saw the first two levels of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. Our council hosted both events. The council competition took place on Sunday January 22, 2023. Hosting both council 1/22/2023 and District 2/12/2023 March 26 is the Diocesan competition.

The winners from our District Contest who will go on to the Diocesan competition include those pictured below. Two councils of District 20 were represented, each with many competitors. The Father Cyril J.



**Left to right: Girls: Raeleigh Anderson 14, Delaney Gilbertson 10, Brailyn Heller 11, Addison Tovsen 12. Boys: Mitchell Elsing 13, Tyler Roloff 10, Jonathan Riley 11, Kaden Gottschalk 12**

Smetana Council 9070 of Hillsboro joined our own council in a well competed event. So two times we enjoyed the company of a well attended competition. Congratulations to all our student competitors.

## Knights of the Round Table

*Steve Hesprich, Round Table Coordinator*

We had the council meeting of **February 21, 2023 at St. Mary's**. We welcomed a new St. Mary's Knight, Jeff Wojcik, brother-in-law to his sponsor, Tony Oldig. We profile Jeff on page 5 of the newsletter. We saw the largest attended council meeting of the past 17 months. To see all the council meeting topics, see the Minutes of the meeting on page 7 of this issue.

## RSVP—Deacon Jared Clements

*By Steve Hesprich*

For the second year our council has awarded a \$500 donation to a soon-to-be priest, Deacon Jared Clements. Ordination to the priesthood will be Saturday June 24, 2023.

RSVP stands for Refund Support Vocation Program. For each increment of \$500 that is donated to a specific seminarian,



**Deacon Jared will be ordained a priest  
6/24/2023**

The Supreme council gives back to the council \$100. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP program. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious with moral support and prayers for their success.

## Dawning of a New (K)night—Nick Zolondek

*Pam Zolondek, Mom*

Being a mom, I am enjoying this time to write about my son, a new member of the Knights of Columbus in Mauston. My husband Mike is a current member of the Knights in Mauston. It was his encouragement that prompted Nick to become a Knight.

I am so proud of the man Nick has become. While many men who go to college, lose sight of their faith, Nick has not. He has remained a faithful Catholic through his years in college at UW Stout, and now as he has been in his career with computer programming. While he lives in the Eau Claire area, he comes home often and attends St. Patrick's Parish with us. Nick has been active in the past as an altar server, usher, and helped me with sacristan duties.



Nick has always been a driven and competitive person. In sports he ran high school and college cross country and track. In track he ran the 3200 meter (roughly 2 miles), as well as the mile and 4 x 800 meter, including strong performances at State. Through last year he still holds the Mauston High School record for the 2 mile. In College he ran for his first two and half years. He even competed in the College Nationals in Division III and finished well. The photo below shows how successful his running has been. He was recognized for his scholastic achievement as a



national cross-country competitor with the "All-Academic" award of the Board of the National Collegiate Division III Men's Cross Country Coaches Association.

What I love about my son is his endurance, his persistence to succeed, his hard work, and desire to help others. In his young professional career he goes well beyond his own responsibilities as a software programmer, to help the rest of his team succeed and complete projects. The following is his own self-description from his LinkedIn profile:

I am passionate for the field of Software Development because the problems give me an opportunity to engineer a creative solution and use the solution to build better software. I am a self starter and enjoy solving software problems. I am very much a team player and most consider me a team leader. I received my Bachelors in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from the UW Stout in 2021. I was the vice president of the Applied Math and Computer Science club and ran for the Cross-Country and Track Teams at UW Stout. My Favorite Free Time Activities are practicing piano, cross country skiing, swimming, and cycling.

His determination and drive is seen in recently completing his first Triathlon (swimming, running, biking) and finishing strongly in the field of some 500 competitors. What more can a mom want—My son, a Knight of Columbus!

## Second 25 Years of Grand Knights

*Men who built up Council 2770*

We continue our review of the history of leadership in our council with the second 25-year period of our council leading up to the 50th anniversary celebration.

Fraternal Year	Grand Knight
1961	1962 Maurice M. Comer
1962	1963 Maurice M. Comer
1963	1964 Alois Collins
1964	1965 Alois Collins
1965	1966 Philip T. Quinn
1966	1967 Philip T. Quinn
1967	1968 Carl Hanneman
1968	1969 Carl Hanneman
1969	1970 Florian Bindle
1970	1971 Florian Bindle
1971	1972 N.P. Hansen
1972	1973 N.P. Hansen
1973	1973 Ray Braski
1973	1974 John Grzenia
1974	1975 John Grzenia
1975	1976 John Grzenia
1976	1977 Louis Pusel
1977	1978 Ken Carpenter
1978	1979 James Howe
1979	1980 Richard Zimprich
1980	1981 A.J. Karasch
1981	1982 A.J. Karasch
1982	1983 A.J. Karasch
1983	1984 George Trembl
1984	1985 George Trembl

We see that 14 different men served as Grand Knights during our second 25 years of existence. They saw us through the years of the Vietnam War and the egregious Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade that very poorly inferred that the 14th Amendment protected abortion as a fundamental right. We also saw the Vatican II council in the early to mid-1960s bring significant change to many Catholic practices. John F. Kennedy, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, was assassinated.

**Our 50th year anniversary was celebrated in 1986. Frederick Witcraft (GK 1985-1988) led that celebration.**

We continue to look for photos of past grand knights, with the help of Jeri Kolba. We will continue to reveal the history of our Grand Knights in the next issue of **Knights' 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 to 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.

## Dawning of a New (K)night—Jeff Wojcik

*Steve Hesprich, Membership Director*

You could say that sailing is in Jeff Wojcik's blood. He had a career of 40 years building masts and booms for racing sail boats. We was a master rigger for Melges Performance Sailboats started in 1946, near Lake Geneva. Not only did Jeff work on racing sail boats, he also races! Jeff's boss is both an Olympic God and Bronze sailing champion, as well as has won the America Cup. Who better to learn racing from.

Jeff Wojcik is the newest Knight and member of our council. His wife Janet and he are high school sweethearts, and this coming October 12th, Columbus Day, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Unlike tradition, Janet asked Jeff to marry her. He picked the date, his dad's birthday, Columbus Day, They were sitting on her family's front porch and she told Jeff "I think it's time we get married." Janet's career of 30 years was as a quality control auditor for a plastics company. Janet indicated they have five children, 13 grandchildren, and "five almost grandkids." They have a small number of children compared to the number of siblings each has. Janet is one of ten children. Jeff is one of twelve children. If you think of what a family reunion might be like, it would be small country! Their oldest daughter works near Minneapolis, another daughter works in Madison. A third daughter still lives near Lake Geneva. There is a daughter who lives near Janesville. Jeff Jr has Jeff's previous job and so also lives near Lake Geneva.

Jeff was recommended for membership by his brother-in-law, Tony Oldig. Tony's wife Laurie and Janet are sisters. Jeff attended, and became a member at our February 21st council meeting where we showed the



*Jeff with his son Jeff Jr. are the crew on a friend's sail boat*



*Family, left to right: daughters Jamie and Jean; Janet & Jeff; daughters Jenny & Julie; and son, Jeff Jr.*

exemplification video.

Jeff and Janet are both retired now. There was a family farm in the Lyndon Station area. They had a cottage on part of that family farm for about 15 years before they decided to build a new home which they recently have completed and moved in. They have retired in the area to be near Janet's sisters. They live next door to Tony and Laurie Oldig, as well as live near her sister Mary, and her Aunt Pat, as well as their cousin Kenny and nephew Andy, all parts of the family farm. Jeff also grew up on a farm. When he had left home his boss asked if he wanted to go sailing. Jeff's response was "I don't know how to sail." The boss said he had a friend who was looking for a sailing crew. His boss said "go!". He went on a race as a crew member, the boat was broached, that is went on its side, was up righted, and they won the race! The rest is a history of over 40 years sailing and building sail boats. Sailing it seems is thicker than blood with Jeff. Welcome Jeff when you have a chance to see him at a council/parish event.

## Compass of Patriotism—Honor Guards

*Steve Hesprich, member of Assembly 1902 in Tomah*

Recently there have been two wonderful opportunities for the Francis Heindl Assembly 1902, with which our council is associated, to provide an honor guard. Each year, normally in November, the assembly hosts a clergy appreciation dinner. That was held on Sunday November 20th (normally our meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month). We have an honoree for that occasion and this year we recognized Fr. Eugene Wolf for his decades of service to the Church and the Knights of Columbus.

A most revered request came from his Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke to have a Knights honor guard for the liturgy of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Shrine in La Crosse, December 12th. It was a beautiful day and incredible liturgy! The honor guard had the great privilege to be joined by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, also called the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, which is a Catholic order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See.



## New Supreme Master

*From Supreme Website*

Michael McCusker of Memphis, Tennessee, was elected to lead the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus as Supreme Master; he will also continue as a member of the Board of Directors, following his election to that position last August. McCusker, a decorated military veteran, succeeds Dennis Stoddard, who retired March 1 after 13 years as supreme master. McCusker was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan, as well as an Army Commendation Medal for his actions during a search-and-rescue mission there in 2005.



## Dawning of a New (K)night—Devan Minard

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director



Devan likes to run fast and work hard. He becomes the youngest member of our council, though he didn't become a Knight with our council. He started his journey with the Knights at the Tomah Council 4125 this past October. A job move to Mauston, was the reason he transferred to our council. Devan works for Hofmeister Insurance Agency, Inc. He is a Commercial and Personal Agent.

It wasn't that long ago that Devan was running competitively at New Lisbon High School. While he ran both Track and Cross-Country, his strongest love was short distances. One of his greatest achievements were in running on their relay teams. He was part of the 4 x 200 meter relay team that set a school record 1:36.40. In the photo below you see him with his teammates. They hold the school record also for the 4 x 100 meter (45.25 seconds). When running for the New Lisbon Cross Country team they qualified for the State Cross Country championship.

Devan joined the Knights when he was invited by someone he knew in Tomah because he heard good things about the Knights as an organization and a good way to give back to the community through his involvement in our charitable activities. When he came to work in Mauston he reached out to council members to transfer his membership.

In High School he was part of a group called 'Gives' that did community volunteering. That involvement gave him a realization that not everything is butterflies and roses. There is poverty. That exposure taught him humility. It was through that program that helping others became important to him. That then led to him joining the Lions Club. Now he helps an elderly widow with some of her needs.



Left to right: Keegan Shankle, Tristin Miller, Nikita Shankle and Devan Minard

Devan's memories of his Cross Country running were particularly noteworthy for him. He finds a particularly strong bond forms among the runners, more so than in other sports. While an individual sport on the one hand, the collective scoring based on individual performance creates a strong accountability and encouragement of one another.

On The track team, the four members of the relay team stayed after practice, and even practiced on weekends to refine their baton handoffs which are the key to a fast overall time.

Devan's hobby is to do home rentals. He bought a home while still in high school. He wants to purchase additional fixer-up homes in the future and make improvements. When you see Devan at one of our meetings or activities, Say hi to a man of humility, and great maturity, who will contribute to the betterment of our parish and community.



Devan in back, handing the baton to his teammate

## The Eucharistic is the Ultimate Compass

Information provided by Supreme at

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2022/june/source-and-summit.html>

This past June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated June 19 in the United States, marked the beginning of a multiyear initiative by the U.S. bishops to renew the Church by inviting the faithful into a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The *National Eucharistic Revival*, as the initiative is called, will include diocesan and parish-based formation and, following a National Eucharistic Congress to be held July 2024 in Indianapolis, will culminate in a "Year of Going Out on Mission." This year the focus has been on Diocesan initiatives, designed to be carried to the parishes.

In his annual report at the 139th Supreme Convention in August 2021, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced that the Knights of Columbus would be a major sponsor of the revival. He also called on members of the Order to be ready to assist their bishops and pastors as true "*Knights of the Eucharist*".

"The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian life.' It is just as much the source and summit in the life of a Knight," the Supreme Knight said. "Working with our bishops and priests, we will strive to renew belief in the Eucharist and build up the Church. We are a force for unity, and we will prove it by pointing to the source of unity."

### The Eucharist is the pinnacle of our Catholic faith.

The Diocese of La Crosse had a day of recollection for parish leaders and Knights of Columbus. Steve Hesprich represented St. Patrick and the Mauston Knights. Through presentations and break-out sessions, ideas were gathered as to how parishes could engage parish members to appreciate more strongly, the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

At our December 2022 council meeting we showed a short video entitled "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Woman of the Eucharist" to begin a series of short videos at our council meetings to reinforce the central importance of the Eucharist in the life of a Catholic, and certainly then, for all Knights. At our February 2023 meeting we asked members to watch for the strong connection that the exemplification video makes in regards to the importance of the Eucharist. Also at that meeting we showed a video entitled "The Veil Removed" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGAYW-mtJWM>) which is a dramatization of what really happens in regard to both the Mass and the Eucharist. We will look to show short videos and/or reflections on the Eucharist at upcoming meetings.

### My Brother's Keeper

A Knights of Columbus Film

Put on your calendar Saturday April 22, 2023, 2 pm for an hour long film produced by the Knights of Columbus to be aired on EWTN. The film traces the history of the many contributions of the Knights of Columbus, working to transform families and communities through a spirit of charity.

## Watch Party—A Compass to Retirement

Steve Hesprich

The General Agent of Wisconsin, Tim Nowak sponsors a monthly webinar on different topics each month relating to the fraternal benefits of being a Knight of Columbus. On April 13th we will do a "Watch Party". So a



Jim Effner presents

### Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan

**Jim Effner** is founder and President of P2P Group and specializes in training financial services professionals. Previously Jim was Managing Partner of one of the largest Northwestern Mutual offices in the country. He built the Effner Group to nearly 150 full-time and college advisors, insuring over 65,000 policyholders.

You are invited to join our webinar featuring Jim Effner, who specializes in financial services and has been helping thousands of families with financial planning.

**April 13, 2023**                      **7:00 PM CST**

Date    Time

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**Watch Party in Reardon Hall at St. Patrick Church**

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril13>

RSVP

Arrive by 6:45 pm; There will be Refreshments & door prizes



Scan here

person has a choice to either join the webinar from their home, or come to Reardon Hall, best 15 minutes before the webinar starts at 7 pm. That gives time to gather refreshments and get settled in. The webinar will start promptly at 7 pm.

The Thursday April 13th webinar will give us a very poignant understanding of the role of whole life insurance in a retirement plan. The tax advantages can work in many different ways and we will learn what those are in this session. Anyone who is Catholic may attend.

## Compass Minutes—December Through February

Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The **December 20, 2022** council meeting began at 7:02 pm. Minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved as published in the November/December issue of **Knights' Compass**. Fr. John read from "Knights to Christ" from the December 18th entry: Fraternity is His life in us just like tea is in water.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to the food pantry of Mauston (there was a matching contribution from Bank of Mauston). The General Fund has \$804; the Charity Fundy \$2042.07. The Christmas Box giveaway, a joint effort of area churches, took place December 16/17. We moved three members who've not paid dues for over two years, to the Affiliate program. We no longer have responsibility to pay their per capita.

Pancake breakfast for St. Mary's will be March 19th at the time of/after the 9 am Mass. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's. The pancake breakfast for the 7th grade grossed \$548. Need to do more advertising. State Charity Raffle in progress. Sportsman's Raffle drawing will be at our April 18, 2023 meeting at 7:30 pm.

The council Free Throw Contest will be January 22nd, 11 am registration,



with a contest start at noon. The District 20 competition will be February 12th, which we are hosting, will have registration at noon and competition starting at 1 pm. Our February 21st council meeting will be held at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. We talked about the State's "Growth through Programs". The idea is if we invite Knights and non-Knights, and families, their participation will lead to membership growth.

January 14, 2023 is a day of recollection hosted by the Diocese of La Crosse on the USCCB's 3-year Eucharistic Revival initiative. We then watched a video "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Woman of the Eucharist."

December 28th 7 pm is a webinar by Tim Novak, the State's General Agent. We talked about the possibility of having a parish watch event to see the movie "Mother Theresa", produced by the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer request was given for our member Bob Walsh, who passed away earlier this month. Next meeting is January 17th at 7 pm.

[programming note: do to sickness of our Grand Knight the day before January 17th, the January meeting was cancelled.]

The February 21, 2023 council meeting was brought to order at 7:01 pm. Fr. John read from the February 15th Entry of "Knights to Christ": Patriotism is honesty, loyalty, and courage. We heard a story of a war between birds and beasts and how a bat kept changing sides. He was cast out when the two sides finally reconciled because of his duplicity. Each of us must take a stand or suffer the fate of the bat. We learned that Bishop Callahan fell and broke some ribs. We were asked to keep him in our prayers. Fr. John told us about the many Lenten and Holy Week events in the parish. Because we had a new transfer (Devan Minard) and a new member (Jeff Wojcik). We had everyone introduce themselves. There was no Treasurer report.

The Hillsboro council was going to do an in-person exemplification [subsequently delayed, to be rescheduled]. Nick Zolandeck became a member of our council earlier in the month. Mention was made of the now annual, Memorial Mass. That date is Sunday October 29, 2023 at the 8 am Mass. We hope to have an honor guard for that Mass. We talked about the last Pancake Breakfast which grossed \$684.70; and also about the upcoming one to be held at St. Mary's during/after the 9 am Mass on March 19th.

A Reminder that the proceeds of the Sportsman's Raffle will go to the Juneau County Seal of Change and St. Patrick's school. We talked about the two recent Free Throw contests. The next level is the Diocesan Competition on March 26th. Fourth Degree dates are may 13th in Stevens Point and May 20th in Beaver Dam. We have received 2023 dues from about 35 members. Randy Boehm will be preparing a second notice. On April 13, 2023, 7 pm we will be doing a fraternal benefits night on the value of whole life insurance for retirement planning. We discussed the possibility of a pancake breakfast for the Fall Festival, though no decision was made. We watched a video in support of the USCCB 3-year Eucharistic Revival program, entitled "The Veil Removed". A motion was passed to spend \$175 for 14 bibles for the two Confirmation programs of St. Mary's & St. Patrick; and \$500 for the RSVP for Deacon Jared Clements. We drew names for the no-cost raffle of hats, shirts and journals. Adjourned 8:25 pm.


DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
<b>Sunday Mar 19</b>	<b>At/after 9 am Mass</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Round Table</b>	<b>Basement of St. Mary's, Lyndon Station</b>
Monday March 20, 2023	5:00 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Dinner/business (wives invited)	AS 1902	The Pines, 3514 Blarney Rd, Warren, WI 54666
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
<b>Tuesday, April 4, 2023</b>		<b>VOTE</b>		pivotal State Supreme Court election
Holy Week Apr 3-8, 2023		<b>See parish bulletins for details</b>	Parish	St. Mary's and St. Patrick
Sunday April 9, 2023		<b>Easter</b>	Parish	
Thursday April 13, 2023	7:00 PM	Seminar - <b>Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan</b>	KC2770	Reardon Hall; arrive by 6:45. Refreshments will be served
Monday April 17, 2023	5:30 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Dinner/business (wives invited)	AS 1902	Target Bluff German Haus, 208 US Hwy 12/16, Camp Douglas, WI 54618
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall <b>Sportsman's Raffle Drawing (7:30 pm)</b> Nomination of Officers	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Saturday, April 22, 2023	2:00 PM	ETWN to show KC film titled "My Brother's Keeper" (see local listings)		1 hour film produced by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council
Friday-Sun April 28-29, 2023		Wisconsin State Convention	State	KI Center, Green Bay
Sunday April 30, 2023	8:00 AM	Mass intention for Knights	Parish	Every 5th Sunday (next one 7/30/23)
Saturday, May 13, 2023	10:00 AM	4th degree Exemplification	4th Degree	St Joseph's Catholic Church, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point, WI
Monday May 15, 2023	5:30 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Dinner/business (wives invited) Assembly Officer Elections	AS 1902	variable location
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall


**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
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