

# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

*Direction for Family in Faith*



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## Christ's Compass— Sacraments

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Easter is incredibly busy any year, though this year, exceptionally so. Along with wonderful celebrations of First Eucharist and Confirmation, I also had a busy season because the deans of each Deanery were asked by the Bishop to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the parishes in the deanery due to Bishop Callahan's continuing health recovery. Since I am the Dean of the Tomah Deanery, I've conferred the sacrament at two churches this spring.

We have seen many of our young children receive the sacrament of First Communion, with a much larger group than we have seen in recent years.

All of this is to say the sacraments are alive and well, and even more, they are such a great Easter season blessing. I have also done Confirmation during Covid for the Bishop. It is nice to see kids from the grade school who would then be in High School mature and live out the faith. It is wonderful to walk with them during the Confirmation prep classes and then be a part of celebrating the sacrament.

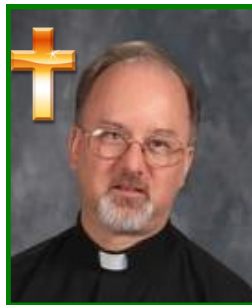
The parish is thankful for the sacramental support of the Knights this year. Through a program of the International Knights, councils are encouraged to support those receiving the sacraments in the parish. This Spring our council has gifted rosaries to the First Communicants of St. Patrick and St. Mary, as well as gifted youth bibles to those receiving Confirmation from both parishes.

This will be my last council message before I move to my new assignment. I wish to thank all the knights of the Mauston council for the work you do for members, the parish, and the community. I congratulate Fr. Cryton who has been appointed by the Bishop to be the new council chaplain (see letter of appointment on page 8).

We just experienced Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. May the Holy Spirit bless all of you.

*Fr. John*

St. Patrick Pastor and  
Council Chaplain



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through the parish web site:  
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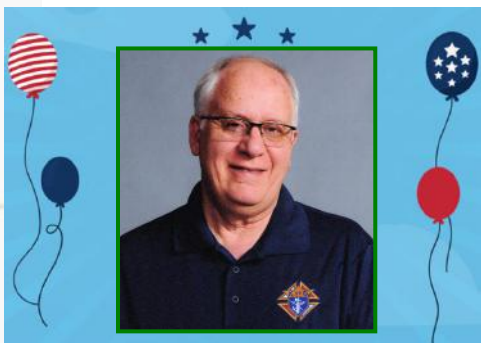
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### Council Compass—Season of Patriotism

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight  
Families of St. Patrick and St. Mary's:



We are in the midst of what I call the season of patriotism. It begins in May and continues into July. I speak of patriotism in the context of being a Knight of Columbus. It is God and Country. The two are never better understood than through the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus, the Patriotic degree! I had the great privilege to serve in the honor guard at a 4th degree exemplification on Saturday May 13th. I accompanied our newest member and now 4th degree Knight, Glen Newman. See the “Dawning of a New (K)night” later in the newsletter. Here are the more notable remembrances of the patriotic season:

May 20th—**Armed Forces Day** Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 29, 2023 – **Memorial Day** A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

June 6, 2023 – Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, now known as **D-Day**.

June 14, 2023 – **Flag Day** – A day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.

July 4, 2023 – **Independence Day**

In this issue of **Knight's Compass** we are reminded on each page of the newsletter, of God and Country. What does this mean for our council? We can better see the value of patriotism through membership in the patriotic degree of the Order, the 4th degree. The 4th degree brings with it prestigious membership in a sub-organization of the Knights called the ‘Assembly’. The Assembly has its own officers and meets monthly. Typically several councils in a geographic area are members of the 4th degree. So for example our council is associated with the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 based out of Tomah. We have councils represented from Sparta, Tomah, Black River Falls, Adams-Friendship, to name some of the councils with 4th degree members in the assembly. The more visible part of the assembly are the honor and color guards, who wear a uniform, with a beret along with a sword. They participate in Catholic religious services, including such occasions as First Communion, Confirmation, Ordinations of Deacons and Priests, special parish or diocesan events, wakes and funerals of 4th degree members and their families, and for any parish event a pastor requests an honor guard. They also participate in civil events, especially those with a patriotic purpose.

Remember what our military service members have sacrificed to bring us freedom. Value the religious freedom we enjoy in our country. May it ever endure.

Vivat Jesus!

**Steve** Grand Knight  
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### Compass of Patriotism— Serving God

Steve Hesprich, member of Assembly 1902 in Tomah

When we think of the word patriotism, what does that bring to mind? For many the idea is simple, love of country. For a Catholic however, and especially for a Knight of Columbus, love of country must be accompanied by love of, and trust in, God. And so for generations, American Catholics and Knights have often said “God Bless America”! When we look back on the history of this country, especially when the Knights were the main promoters to add the words “under God” to the pledge of allegiance on June 14, 1954, know how important the idea of serving God is as a Knight of Columbus has become.



Our admonition is simple: to be a patriot in this country, love and serve God, and love America.

### The Ultimate Compass—Corpus Christi

Steve Hesprich

A centerpiece of the National Eucharistic Revival is Corpus Christi Sunday, this year celebrated on June 11th. Both the parishes of St. Patrick and St. Mary will have Eucharistic processions. They will follow the 10 am Mass at St. Patrick, and the 9 am Mass at St. Mary. At St. Patrick, we encourage all to participate this year in



*Above: Fr. John Places the Monstrance at the table of repose at Riverside Park at the procession on Corpus Christi, June 14, 2020.*

the Corpus Christi procession to the pavilion at Riverside Park after the 10 am Mass with Jesus in the monstrance. There the Eucharist will be available for adoration until 2 pm. At St. Mary's after the 9 am Mass we expect to have 4 men with KC sashes, carry the canopy that will be over the Monstrance as we process. Can you spend additional time with Jesus?

## Compass of Council History

*continued from 50th Anniversary program in 1986 [published beginning with the Nov/Dec 2022, Vol 3, Issue 4 of **Knight's Compass**]*

One of the early projects was the raising of funds for the purchase of athletic equipment for the boys of St. Patrick's School. Each Holy Thursday starting in 1937 the council held an all right vigil. An amusing incident occurred at the first vigil. Each pair of knights was to be relieved at the end of a half-hour. Brothers Jerry Carig and John F. Arkulary were next to the last and were to be relieved at 7:30 on Good Friday morning. Came 7:30 and no relief showed up, so Brother John crossed the aisle and told Brother Jerry that he must go to the store to open and turn on the heat. Brother Jerry remained a short time and still no relief, so he devoutly went to the altar, blew out the vigil lights and went home.

The council held good-will luncheons with the Masons, American Legion, the Odd Fellows and other organizations over the period of years. They sponsored the closing program on Good Fridays of Mauston businesses which had the support of area merchants. The program is still in effect but on a modified basis. In the 1940's the council sponsored essay contests among grade schools. In 1941, Helen Schroeder of St. Patrick's Parochial school was a state winner. Other activities of the '40s included donations to the seminary, Catholic Charities, Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis, Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, Big Brothers program in the diocese, etc. The Council sponsored Days of Recollection in 1941 at New Lisbon and in 1951 in Mauston. A Holy Year pilgrimage was conducted starting in Mauston parish and proceeding to New Lisbon, Camp Douglas and returning to Mauston.

Council 2770 distinguished itself in its patriotic duty to its country both at home and at the front. The Council did not exist during World War I. However, veterans from other councils later joined the council after it was founded. Thirty-two World War II veterans joined the council after the war. All returned safely with the

**Several local organizations advertised in our 1986 50th Anniversary program booklet including The Bank of Mauston. We continue to have a relationship with them.**

**Our Council does our banking there, they have historically allowed us to be at their Mauston location to give-away Tootsie Rolls in our annual drive, and most recently matched a \$500 donation we gave to the local food pantry.**

exception of Brother Louis Enderle. Seven members of the council served in the Korean conflict. The council now has members from all conflicts -- World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam. One Of the highlights in the Council's history is having seven priests as members in 1947 -- Fathers Schleicher, Schwartz, Flad, Hartung, Splinter, Lengowske and Mulligan.

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

# THANK YOU

*Knights of Columbus  
Council No. 2770  
for  
50 Years  
of  
Service In Your Community*

**Congratulations on  
your 50th Jubilee!**

## Sportsmen's Raffle Drawing

*Tom Jodarski, Co-Chair of raffle*

The names of three winners were chosen at our raffle drawing on April 18, 2023:

- Ted Czajkowski (Crossbow)
- Gary Hillman (12 gauge shotgun)
- Tim Dolata (.243 rifle)

Approximately \$3,000 was raised this year, with \$2,250 being donated to St.

Patrick's science lab, and \$750 to Sea off Change. We have started discussions about what we might do for a fund raiser next year.



**Grand Knight Steve Hesprich draws names as Financial Secretary Randy Boehm observes.**

## State Convention

*By Kevin Quist, Deputy Grand Knight & delegate*

On April 29, 2023, Steve Hesprich and Kevin Quist represented our council as delegates at the State Convention business meeting. During that meeting delegates approved resolutions and elected state officers as well as 8 delegates to represent Wisconsin at the Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida August 1-3, 2023.

Below is the elected list of your State Officer Team for the next fraternal year:

- State Deputy (SD): John Huttenhoff Council 4586
- State Secretary: Miles Casey Council 12468
- State Treasurer: Ross Larson Council 16280
- State Advocate: Jim Froh Council 1478
- State Warden: Ernie Reinhart Council 973
- Immediate Past SD: Corey Coonen Council 3955

The most important resolution passed was to increase the State Per Capita from \$8.50/year to \$10/year. It has been a few years since they were last changed.

The delegates elected, along with the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy who are automatic delegates, were elected to represent Wisconsin at the Supreme Convention.

Next year the State Convention will be held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, April 26-27, 2024!!!



### Dawning of a New (K)night—Wally Boehm

Vicki Boehm, Mom

The contrast of my oldest son, Wally, from his teen years, to getting married and having a family, is a change any mother would love. He was wild and competitive in early years. Now he is a family man with a lovely wife and adorable daughters. And now he is a Knight of Columbus. He makes me a proud mom!

In high school Wally was on the wrestling team. He has loved motorcycles and fast cars. He raced cars for a couple of years.



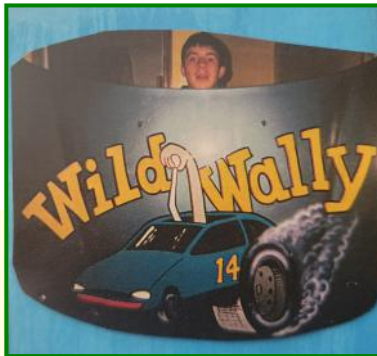
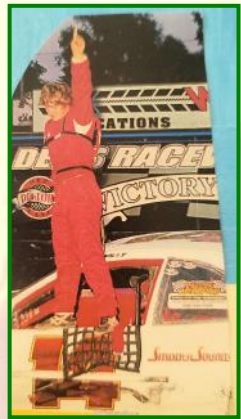
You will see in one of the photos below when he took first place he raised his hand and forefinger high to celebrate. That was for the entire bandit class season at the Dells Motor Speedway in 2008.

Wally has 2 siblings. The oldest is his sister Melissa. His younger brother is Julian. After high school Wally moved to Galesville for several years. He was a volunteer fireman for about 5 years there. He moved back to Mauston, where he volunteered for a year with the Mauston fire department until he married.

His wife Lexi works for Parker Hannifin, same place I work at. Wally and Lexi have two

daughters Ellie and Emma. Emma while a great blessing began life in distress. She was born at just 28 weeks and her condition was critical for the first 3 months of her life. She spent that

time in a La Crosse hospital and Wally and Lexi were travelling daily to spend time with her. I'm so proud of both Wally and Lexi for fighting for Emma's life. It's a testimony of commitment that I know the Knights of Columbus like to see in a member. As grandparents, Randy and I, offered our help wherever we could. Their oldest daughter, Ellie was only 14 months old when her younger sister was born. So we frequently took care of her when Wally and Lexi travelled to be with Emma at the hospital. Today Wally works for Mill Haven Foods in New Lisbon and recently purchased a home for his family.



As I reflect on my son's life even before he married, I could see the changes beginning. We was an energetic, carefree boy. Then the change

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could be seen as he joined the Fire department as a volunteer. He married Lexi, and both worked and sacrificed when Emma was born pre-maturely. Despite fears of losing their youngest daughter, they now see Emma beginning to flourish.

None of us know what our future will be. With who my son is becoming, and now a Knight of Columbus member, along side his dad Randy, there is great hope for Wally to become a strong father of his daughters and leader of his family.

### Shining Armor—Randy Boehm

Awarded upon sponsoring son Wally to the Knights

Randy Boehm has long deserved to receive this award. He just needed to sponsor one member to complete the requirements. Those requirements are outlined on page 5 in the article entitled "The Shining Armor Award". Randy is our Financial Secretary and a reliable attendee of our council meetings. He volunteers for all our pancake breakfasts, and gives leadership to our annual Free Throw contest as well as helps with our CPID (Tootsie Rolls) to raise money for intellectually challenged people. Thank you Randy for your shining example.



### To Live

By Pro-Life Juneau County

You may not be aware, though hopefully you are, that there is a county-wide pro-life organization for Juneau County. We are part of the larger Pro-Life Wisconsin non-profit. We support State efforts to protect life at all stages, as well as to promote events and activities locally in the county. One event coming soon, **June 11th**, is an example of a local event. We invite the public to join us from 3:30 to 5pm in front of Health First (not a pro-life organization), where we will gather to pray and hear speakers talk about the importance of Life. Health First is located at 414 E State St, Unit 6, Mauston Wisconsin.

### Knights of the Round Table

Steve Hesprich, Round Table Coordinator

On Thursday May 11, 2023, the Knights of the Round Table met in the basement of St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. We looked at upcoming activities of St. Mary's including providing sacramental gifts to First Communicants and those being Confirmed. We looked at a second video in the "Into the Breach" series talking about the importance of leadership for men. We covered topics ranging from the upcoming Council Officer elections, to the recent raffles, and what took place at the State Convention. We don't have a regular Round Table meeting cadence, but expect we would meet roughly quarterly or bi-monthly. We invite all Catholic men of St. Mary's to join the Knights.

## Dawning of a New (K)night—Glen Newman

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

Glen Newman was introduced to our council through Kevin Quist, Deputy Grand Knight. Glen and his wife Veronica have 10 children, ranging in age from 4 to 17 years. Originally from Necedah, he had moved to Missouri as a young man where he joined the Knights over 20 years ago. A second degree knight just a few months, he left Missouri to return to the Necedah area where he lost contact with the knights. He rejoined the knights on May 9th. By May 20th he was a 4th degree Knight. His speed to move so quickly to the 4th degree was impressive. He and I journeyed to Beaver Dam to be part of the 4th Degree Exemplification there.



**Glen at his 4th Degree Exemplification**



**Glen & Veronica Newman family oldest to youngest: Stella, Harrison, Benjamin, Aidan, Rita, Beatrice, Audrey, Eleanor, Camile, and Theodore**

Glen met Veronica in Necedah when he returned from his time in Missouri and they journeyed to Veronica's family home in Indiana for his wedding. She has 136 first cousins, so if you thought she was from a large family, you'd understand her own family being large.

Professionally Glen works in construction as a carpenter. His current work takes him to Wisconsin Dells where he's working on the

construction of a new auditorium for the high school. His specialty is wall framing and footing work. His work ethic is second to none. Even during slow times of work, he asks his boss what other things he can do, even if its just simple cleaning tasks. Veronica has a long association with the Queen

### Family, Relationships and Faith are Central to the Newman's Life

As to why Glen has wanted to rejoin the Knights, it is rooted in past hard times where it was difficult to find good healthy friendships. He sees great value in being associated with men who share his Catholic faith. Wonderful friendships are to be found in the Knights of Columbus. The faith practices of all his family is very important. And it is therefore even more understandable why he values an association with the Knights. He wishes to encourage healthy friendships for his children.

Looking at what is important to the Newmans—family, relationships, and faith—you can understand that these same values are at the center of the Knights of Columbus.



**Glen enjoys fishing with his sons, Harrison and Benjamin**

## Shining Armor—Tony Oldigs

Completed with sponsoring Jeff Wojcik

Tony Oldigs has only been a member for 10 months, but his involvement with the Knights has been outstanding. He has attended a fraternal benefits event, been an active member of the Knights Round Table at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station and a frequent attendee at our council meetings. When we held the first Pancake breakfast at St. Mary's he donated a case of the maple syrup his family makes and sells with 100% of the proceeds going to the parish.



### The Shining Armor Award

The Shining Armor is awarded for service to a council and our Order with distinction. It is awarded to those men that exemplify a true Knight of Columbus. The Shining Armor Award program is designed for members of a council to engage in and maintain an active level of participation in council programs and activities. To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- ◆ Be involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs.
- ◆ Attend at least 3 council meetings.
- ◆ Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
- ◆ Meet with his council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night.
- ◆ Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order.

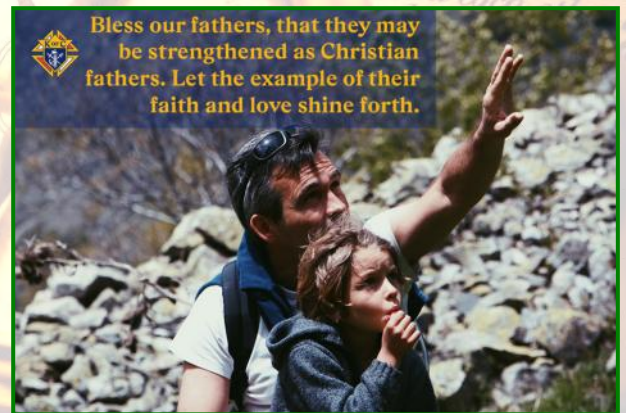


These are the basic requirements for the program.

### 2-Times Star Council

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

At this writing our council has met the requirements for achieving Star Council, and actually one new member from becoming a Double Star Council. If a council achieves twice it's quota for new members, and has met the other requirements of Star Council, it becomes a Double Star. We are currently just one new member from achieving Double Star recognition.



**Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.**

## Dawning of a New (K)night—Leadership

Steve Hesprich, Member of Fr. Francis Heindl, Tomah Assembly 1902

We are in the season of new leadership either being elected or appointed. At the Supreme Council there have been two recent notable changes. In the last issue of the newsletter we introduced the new Supreme Master Michael McCusker. There is now a new Supreme Warden, Andrzej Anasiak PSD of Poland.

In the State of Wisconsin, we held the State Convention at the end of April. The top two positions remain unchanged—State Deputy and State Secretary. The other 3 positions have new officers. Here are the officers elected at the State Convention:



*From the left: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, new Supreme Warden Andrzej Anasiak, new Supreme Master Michael McCusker and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore are pictured at the Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans April 14, 2023. (Photo by Beebe Tran)*

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| State Treasurer: Ross Larson       | Council 16280 |
| State Advocate: Jim Froh           | Council 1478  |
| State Warden: Ernie Reinhart       | Council 973   |
| Immediate Past SD: Corey Coonen    | Council 3955  |

We had elections of council officers at our May 2023 meeting and those officers are noted on the back page of this issue of the newsletter.

For the 4th degree, Wisconsin has two District Masters which are typically appointed by Supreme with 2-year terms beginning September 1st. Often a Master is re-appointed for a second 2-year term. We are led in the Western District by Duane Zaborowski who began his first term September 1, 2022. In Wisconsin Area Coordinators report to the Master. The Western District has 7 Coordinators each appointed by the District Master. The Coordinators look over a group of assemblies. The local organizations are called assemblies. Assemblies are made up of 4th degree members from a number of councils. The person who leads a given assembly (equivalent of a council) is called the Faithful Navigator (like the Grand Knight). Beginning July 1st our new Faithful Navigator (FN) will be **Jared Kasten** of the Black River Falls Council 4697. Here are the other officers:

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| Faithful Friar:          | Father Eric Berns | Council 4592 |
| Faithful Captain:        | open              |              |
| Faithful Comptroller:    | Frank DiBenedetto | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Purser:         | Fred Le Savage    | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Scribe:         | Tom Baumgarten    | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Pilot:          | Al Janeczko       | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Inner Sentinel: | John Timm         | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Outer Sentinel: | David Dechant     | Council 4125 |
| Faithful Admiral:        | Tom Wolf          | Council 4697 |
| 1 Year Trustee:          | Larry Scheckel    | Council 4125 |
| 2 Year Trustee:          | Dennis Koranda    | Council 4125 |
| 3 Year Trustee:          | Larry Hargis      | Council 4697 |
| Color Corp Commander     | Frank DiBenedetto | Council 4125 |

Third degree members of the Knights are eligible to become 4th degree members, part of the patriotic degree. A fourth degree member does not need to be part of the honor guard, though we enthusiastically encourage joining the honor guard. We hold monthly dinner meetings inviting spouses.

## Compass Minutes—March 2023

Matt Schwab, Acting Recorder

The March 21, 2023 council meeting began at 6:59 pm. Minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting were approved as published in the January-February 2023 issue of **Knights' Compass**. Fr. John read from "Knights to Christ" from The Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th, "Unity is following a real man's man." St. Joseph was a living witness of the meaning of manliness...if we hope to restore the identity of fathers in our families and in our culture; if we hope to rebuild the integrity of family life... we should look to St. Joseph.

The upcoming Saturday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Fr. John talked about upcoming Lenten activities.

Treasurer's report given by Financial Secretary, Randy. General fund has \$1,850.99. The Charity Fund has \$1,367.07. The 5th grade pancake breakfast netted \$525.22.

Thanks to Bill Powers for his leadership for the St. Mary's pancake breakfast on March 19th. A thank you note from Fr. Cryton was read.



We are now

qualified for Star Council, just waiting for confirmation from Supreme that they have accepted our program submission. Randy Boehm talked about a blood drive being hosted by Juneau County. He will get details of the date/time.

[subsequently he confirmed the date is Friday April 21st from 10 am to 3 pm. Go to this website to sign up for a blood donation time:

<https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/255788>

A letter was read from Owen and Anna [Boppart] Jones asking for donation support for FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities & Schools). The council approved a \$100 donation. GK Steve awarded the Shining Armor Award to Tony Oldigs. The award is given for involvements in the council and sponsoring a new member. Tony sponsored Jeff Wojcik into the Knights and our council at our February council meeting. Steve Hesprich and Kevin Quist were elected to be delegates to the State Convention April 28-29, 2023 in Green Bay. Randy Boehm will be an alternate delegate. A motion was passed to provide a sacramental gift to the First Communicants of St. Patrick and St. Mary. Rosaries will be given to the 21 students receiving their first Communion in April.

The Tootsie Roll Drive (CPID—Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities) will be conducted May 5-7, 2023. We watched the 12th video from the 'Into the Breach' series of videos, titled "The Cornerstone" as it does a good tie-in to the 3-year Eucharistic Revival being promoted by the USCCB. Nominations for officers for the next fraternal year are now open. Contact GK or Trustees to ask questions or submit your name or someone else's for an office. Meeting was adjourned 8:07 pm.

## Taxes and Councils/Assemblies

*Taken from Supreme Website—Officers Desk Reference*

There are questions in councils about issues revolving around the tax status of a council and/or assembly. Here are a couple of the common questions with answers. Supreme does qualify answers to say they are not providing tax advice and to seek the services of a tax consultant if there are questions.

### Under what tax code do councils exist?

Councils and assemblies operate as an IRS 501(c)(8) organization. All subordinate units [of the Supreme Council] in the United States may be recognized by the IRS as “fraternal lodges” under Section 501(c)(8).

### Are the revenues of councils taxable income?

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and its subordinate units in the United States are generally exempt from paying federal income tax on ordinary receipts (e.g., funds received for charitable or fraternal purposes). However, unrelated business income would be subject to federal income taxation.

### Are Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies exempt from state sales tax?

Generally, state legislatures grant state sales tax exemptions or state or local property tax exemptions only to charitable organizations recognized by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). Since the Knights of Columbus is not recognized as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3), councils and assemblies are **not generally eligible for a state sales tax exemption**, although the exemption may be available in certain states [Wisconsin is not one of these states].

### Are donations to Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies deductible on the donor’s income tax return?

No. Donations to Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, and chapters for fraternal or social purposes are never deductible and most donations for charitable purposes are not deductible. Donors who wish to claim a tax deduction for a charitable contribution to one of the charities supported by the Knights of Columbus may do so by donating to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (U.S.), or a charitable corporation established by one of the State Councils.

Monetary donations to subordinate units of the Knights of Columbus (councils, assemblies) are not ordinarily tax-deductible. However, the Internal Revenue Service permits a narrow exception to this general rule, which is codified at Section 170(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pursuant to Section 170(c)(4), a council, assembly, or chapter may collect multiple individual donations, deposit them into a dedicated bank account, and then send a check for the cumulative amount to a charitable entity that is recognized by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). This is known as “pass-through charitable fundraising”.

Donations made in this manner may be tax-deductible by the individual donors as charitable contributions under certain conditions and restrictions, including the following:

- ◆ The subordinate unit collects the donations and deposits them in a separate bank account, insuring that the funds are totally segregated from any and all other funds of the council or assembly.
- ◆ The subordinate unit passes the accumulated donations directly to an entity that is recognized as a charity under Section 501(c)(3).
- ◆ The funds are not used in any manner for any social or fraternal purposes, including payment of expenses incurred in hosting the fundraising event.
- ◆ Only individual taxpayers, not non-person taxpayers (such as corporations or partnerships), are eligible to claim a tax deduction.
- ◆ Councils and assemblies may **not** issue receipts for donors who have made monetary contributions to a charitable entity. Rather, the council or assembly should provide the charitable entity that received the donations with a list of all donors’ names and addresses, along with the amount of their respective donations; the charitable entity may then issue receipts and letters of acknowledgment that the donors may retain for tax purposes.



## Compass Minutes—April 2023

*Tom Jodarski, Recorder*

The April 18, 2023 council meeting began at 7:03 pm. Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved as they were to be published in [this] the April/May/June issue of **Knight’s Compass**. Help is requested to move pews from church on Saturday morning April 29th, 8am to 11 am. This is to prepare the inside of church for renovations. Masses through the summer will take place in the school gym beginning April 28th. Grand Knight Steve read an entry from “Knights to Christ” on Patriotism is working for peace. The story was told of the Presidential seal being changed by President Eisenhower. The eagle had faced the talon holding arrows. He had the eagle face in the other direction to the talon holding olive branch. This was to emphasize we are a nation seeking peace first. Dishonesty, greed are reasons for war. We need to find ways for peace. A thank you note from seminarian Jared Clements thanking us for supporting him with a \$500 donation, was passed around for members to read. A webinar presented by Supreme will be held this Thursday evening on the importance of knights taking leadership positions in the council. Treasurer’s report: The General Fund has a balance of \$2147.69 and the Charity Fund has \$1021.09. The beneficiaries of our Sportsmen’s Raffle are St. Patrick School and Sea of Change. The council achieved a membership incentive that involved bringing in 3 new members in the first 3 months of the calendar year. As a result our April per capita for the State will be reduced by 30% (roughly a \$75 benefit). We are on track to be a double Star council. Two more members are needed. We will present the Confirmation students of both St. Patrick and St. Mary with a bible, previously approved by the council. We also purchased rosaries for the First Communicants of both parishes. Material was passed out for the Diocesan sponsored “Witness for Christ Virtual Conference in August. We watched a 7 minute video on Eucharistic Revival. We then recessed to do the drawing of the Sportsman’s Raffle. Here are the winners in order of drawing: Ted Czajkowski (Crossbow), Gary Hillman (12 gauge shotgun), Tim Dolata (.243 rifle). The council Memorial Mass will be Sunday October 29th at the 8 am Mass. The Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary’s was most successful with a profit of \$563. Thanks to all the Knights who helped, as well as some others from St. Mary’s. The State Raffle tickets and monies will be sent in with the drawing taking place on Saturday evening April 29, 2023. Last year’s proceeds were donated as follows: \$1,000 to Ukrainian Fund of Supreme, \$500 to seminarian Jared Clements, \$100 FOCUS ministry, \$175 Bibles for Confirmation students, \$245 for Rosaries for First Communicants. The State Free Throw will be Saturday April 22nd. We have several competitors from our council who have qualified. There will be a meeting of the Round Table at St. Mary’s on May 11th 6:30 pm. Our Tootsie Roll drive is May 5th through the 7th, with St. Mary’s drive taking place after the weekend Masses of May 20/21. The financial report was given by Financial Secretary. The council voted to have 75% of the Sportsmen’s Raffle be given to St. Patrick School and 25% to Sea of Change. The gross proceeds were \$4670 with a net of \$2970. Continuing prayers for Bishop Callahan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

### Compass of Patriotism— Trust God

Steve Hesprich, member of Assembly 1902 in Tomah

When we think of the word patriotism, what does that bring to mind? For many the idea is simple, love of country. For a Catholic however, and especially for a Knight of Columbus, love of country must be accompanied by love of, and trust in, Christ. And so for generations, Americans have often said “God Bless America”! And we see our historical regard for our creator in all United States currency and coinage. All of it contains the



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words “In God we Trust”. There are those who would ask that we remove this simple affirmation of our faith in God. We cannot allow that to happen. The Pledge of Allegiance has the words “One Nation, Under God”.

For Catholics, we have the 3-year program of Eucharistic Revival about to enter the 3rd year, focused on revival at the parish level. I would submit that few in America have a stronger loyalty to what our

country stands for and believes in, than a Catholic 4th degree Knight of Columbus who sees, very clearly, the relationship between God and Country, especially in the evidence of Catholic history in America. This is why the exemplification of the 4th degree is so important. We serve God in a country which was founded upon the Declaration of Independence which says “...truths are self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...”.

If you serve and trust in God, you can serve Country better.



**DIocese of LA CROSSE**

Office of the Bishop

25 May 2023

Reverend Cryton Outschoorn  
St. Mary Parish  
PO Box 303  
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Reverend and dear Father Outschoorn:

May the Lord give you peace!

Mr. Steven Hesprich, Grand Knight of Solomon Juneau Council, No. 2770, at Mauston, Wisconsin, wrote to request that you be appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 2770. I am pleased to appoint you Chaplain as requested by our Brother Knight. Your appointment is effective immediately for a period of one year.

I am deeply grateful to you for your willingness to serve our Brother Knights as Chaplain.

With personal good wishes and prayers, I am,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan  
Bishop of La Crosse

### Compass Minutes—May 2023

Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The May , 2023 council meeting began at 7:03 pm. Minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved as they were to be published in [this] the April/May/June issue of **Knights Compass**. The April 15th entry of “Knights to Christ” was read—Fraternity is setting an example for your fellow workers. It talks about the life of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural communities. It talks about living a simple, humble life of work and prayer. No Treasurer's report. We are presenting two checks from the roughly \$3,000 proceeds of the Sportsmen’s Raffle—\$2250 will go to the science lab at St. Patrick’s school, and \$750 will go to Sea of Change. We had a brief discussion about an alternative to doing the raffle again. GK presented an idea of a formal dinner to honor the Catholic women of the parish with men doing all the serving. We should have \$1,000 as seed money on the presumption we’d continue the raffle, but if we did not continue with the raffle, that money could perhaps be used for a new fund raiser.

Upcoming webinars were promoted: May 23rd is “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” and June 27th will be “Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan”. We have a new member, Glen Newman. He already wants to be a 4th degree member. We are now at 180% of membership, one member from becoming a Double Star



Council. We gave 19 rosaries to First Communicants for St. Patrick, and 2 rosaries for St. Mary’s First Communicants (photo left). We have given Bibles to the Confirmation students at St. Patrick. We will be presenting Bibles to the St. Mary Confirmation students on June 5th

at the 9 am Mass.

We watched a 12-minute video on Eucharistic Revival by Tim Staples that addresses the Eucharist in terms of apologetics to answer questions from non-Catholics. For the CPID (Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities) we have raised \$3,100 to date. We still have to do the drive at St. Mary’s parish after the Masses of May 20/21. For the State Raffle, roughly \$644,000 in ticket proceeds makes it the best the State has experienced.



**Deacon Tom Hale accepts donation from Silas Crowley**



**Fr. Jey**

Our council contributed about \$4,230 and we can expect, based on past experience to get at least \$2,000 back. Fr. John is being transferred to a parish in Steven’s Point. Our new pastor will be Fr. Jeyaseelan Yobu (Fr. Jey) who today is the pastor in Blair. Elections were held. The new officers are listed on the last page of the newsletter. Most are continuing in their current position. The changes include: Treasurer—Howard Boppart; Inside Guard—Tony Oldigs; Outside Guard (2): Dick Schwab & Jeff Wojcik; 3rd Year Trustee—Tom Jodarski; Recorder—open. Prayers for Jim Kolba and Randy Boehm’s mom Ann, and Bishop Callahan. The meeting ended at 8 pm.



### Tomah Confirmation Honor Guard

Steve Hesprich, member of Assembly 1902 in Tomah

On Wednesday May 24, 2023 St. Mary parish in Tomah hosted the Confirmation of several area parish teens. As our own Fr. John Potaczek is



**Priests: Celebrant Fr. John Potaczek & Fr. Matthew Bowe**  
**Honor guard left to right: Wenzel Felber, Larry Scheckel,**  
**Steve Hesprich, Commander Frank DiBenedetto, Larry Dechant,**  
**Charlie Peters, Erik Johnson, Tom Baumgarten, Kevin Kuderer.**

the Dean of the Tomah Deanery, and appointed by Bishop William Callahan to perform the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fr. John presided and conferred the Sacrament upon 20 students. Three other priests and a deacon also participated in the Mass. The Confirmation Mass was followed by refreshments in the basement of St. Mary.



### Bibles for Confirmandi

By Kevin Quist and Jon Field

On Wednesday May 10th, the Knights of Columbus presented bibles to the seven parish students who were to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Kevin Quist's daughter Mattie, and Jon Field's son Carter were among those present to receive a bible as a gift from our Knights of Columbus Council.

The following Tuesday, May 16th, at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Necedah, the 7 students were confirmed, along with members of St. Mary's in Lyndon Station, and St. Francis. Fr. John presided at the Confirmation Mass.



**From left to right: Kevin Quist, Carter Field,**  
**Logan Lund, Fr. John Potaczek, Maddi Quist,**  
**Aedyn Lubinski, Jon Field**

### Recent Years of Grand Knights

Men who built up Council 2770

It is good that we highlight those who have provided leadership to our council. In the past two issues we reviewed the Grand Knights who served the first 50 years of our Council. In this issue we show the most recent 36 years of Grand Knights.

This period is characterized by Grand Knights serving multiple years. No one however has surpassed the six years that Dan Graf served the council from 2004 to 2010.



Fraternal Year	Grand Knight
1985	1988 Frederick Witcraft (3 years)
1988	1988 A.J. Karasch
1989	1990 Frederick Witcraft
1990	1991 Dan Moser
1991	1995 Rick Mills (4 years)
1995	1998 Don Van Pee (3 years)
1998	1999 Art Boehm
1999	2000 Randy Boehm
2000	2001 Randy Boehm
2001	2003 Bob Penzkover (2 years)
2003	2004 Don Van Pee
2004	2010 Dan Graf (6 years)
2010	2011 Ken Simon
2011	2013 Joe Bokota (2 years)
2013	2014 council inactive
2014	2015 council inactive
2015	2018 Dan Kattenbraker (2 1/2 years)
2018	2020 Bill Powers (Deputy GK) (2+yrs)
2020	2023 Steve Hesprich (3 years)

While this period covered 36 years there were only 14 men who led the council. 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.

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 **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 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.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Sunday, June 4, 2023	9:00 AM	Present Bibles to Confirmandi	St. Mary	
Sunday June 11, 2023	after 9 AM Mass	Corpus Christi Procession	St. Mary	Families and Knights accompany the procession
Sunday June 11, 2023	after 10 AM Mass	Corpus Christi Procession	St. Pat	Families and Knights accompany the procession to Riverside Park
Sunday June 11, 2023	3:30-5 PM	58th Anniversary of Griswold v Connecticut - Pro-life Prayer & Speakers	Juneau Right to Life	Health First (not pro-life) 414 E State St, Unit 6, Mauston
Monday Jun 19, 2023	5:30 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Din-	AS 1902	variable location
Tuesday June 20, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday June 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday July 18, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday July 18, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall Financial Semi-Annual Audit	KC2770	Reardon Hall
TBD	after 10 AM Mass	Sundae on Sunday	KC2770	steps of St. Patrick
Tuesday August 15, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday August 15, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Monday August 21, 2023	5:30-8 PM	Witnesses for Christ Live Virtual Conference	La Crosse Diocese	\$10/person; register at diolc.org/witness
Sunday September 3, 2023	after 9 AM Mass	St. Mary's Parish Festival	St. Mary	
Sunday September 10, 2023	after 10 AM Mass	St. Patrick Parish Festival	St. Pat	Knights do chocolate shakes
Tuesday Sept 19, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday Sept 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall

**Officers for 2023-2024**

Steve Hesprich Grand Knight  
 Kevin Quist Deputy Grand Knight  
 Jon Field Chancellor  
 Tony Oldigs Treasurer  
 Matt Schwab Advocate  
 Tom Jodarski Recorder  
 Joe Buttner Jr Warden  
 Howard Boppart Inside Guard  
 Dick Schwab Outside Guard  
 Jeff Wojcik 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. Cryton Outschoorn Chaplain  
 Randy Boehm Financial Secretary  
 Open Lecturer  
 Kevin Quist Program Director  
 Jon Field Community Director  
 Open Family Director  
 Open Faith Director  
 Open Life Director



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