

# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

*Direction for Family in Faith*



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## Christ's Compass— Eucharistic Revival

These past several weeks have been extraordinarily busy. I was formally installed as Pastor of St. Mary's in Lyndon Station by Fr. John Potaczek, as Dean of the Tomah Deanery. That took place on May 20th.

Then I received a letter from Bishop Callahan on May 25th, appointing me as the Chaplain for the Solomon Juneau Council 2770, for which I am very grateful.

In June we entered the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival, focused on the parish. The first year had a diocesan focus.

The 3-year program, directed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), is designed to put

a strong focus on the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of our faith. A high percentage of Catholics do not believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharistic bread and wine we receive at

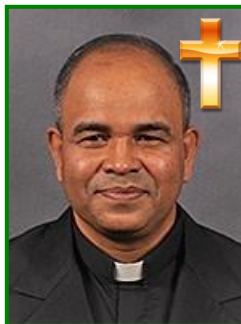
Communion. Too many receive the Eucharist without a second thought as to its

significance. When the Eucharistic minister gives you the host, they say 'Body of Christ'. You answer 'Amen', which means you believe that *the host once consecrated is the very body of Christ*, not a wafer of bread, that you then receive. Each and every time you receive Communion remind yourself that Christ himself is entering you. This is profound and sanctifies you. Be Revived in the Eucharist!

bless all of you.

*Fr. Cryton*

St. Mary Pastor and  
Council Chaplain



*Above: Formal installation of Fr. Cryton as Pastor of St. Mary. Left to right—Deacon Tom Hale, Fr. Cryton, and Fr. John*

Next Council meeting is July 18th

**NOTE:**

The council meeting in  
August is the 22nd (4th Tues)

Hoping all had a wonderful  
Independence Day celebration

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## Council Compass—Renewal

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

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

With this issue of **Knight's Compass** we have entered the new fraternal year, starting July 1st. You will read of renewal and Revival in this issue. This year in the 3-year program of Eucharistic Revival focuses on the revival of the Parish in its focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We also celebrate the commemoration/renewal of our Country on July 4th.

Renewal begins with a look to purpose, and for the Knights of Columbus we see the mission to be to be threefold. First, is to "get the man right", which means to build a foundation in faith for all Catholic men. Some men, when they decide to join the knights, are already there, but the majority, and I include myself, before I became a Knight, are not there. To say the Knights have been transformational for me, would be an understatement.

If we 'get the man' right, it leads directly to the second part of our mission, "to get the family right". Families are struggling in so many ways in our culture which, it seems to me, is being systematically weakened, because there's not a devoted, faith-filled father to lead the family. While it is important for both father and mother to be active in their faith, it falls first on the father.

Finally, and the third point of mission is to "get the world right". The world will never be right if the first two are not first both right. The world has become a "me" world. It is the idea that what I think is right, that which helps me, is the mission. It is not! What did Christ say? Love your neighbor as yourself; **not** just love yourself.

So the mission follows, one point to the next: Get the man right, then you can get the family right, and get the world right. It's a mission that might seem impossible to achieve. It begins with each man. We do what we can locally, in our parish. The Knights of Columbus are here to renew each man to be a deeper follower of Christ, for themselves, their family, and the world. Be renewed, in Fraternity with Christ!

**Steve** Grand Knight

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## Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Revival

From the bulletins of St. Patrick and St. Mary

Jesus gave His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be united in a relationship of love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We refer to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the most Holy Trinity, three Persons in one God. When we receive the Eucharist, in reality, we are not only receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, but all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

At Saint Mary's in Lyndon Station a procession around



*The Eucharistic Procession was led entirely by Knights. Left to right: Brian Fox, Steve Hesprich, Ted Czajkowski, Deacon Tom Hale, Jeff Wojcik, Fr. Cryton Outschoorn with the Monstrance, Tony Oldigs, Larry Mueller*

the church property was walked after the 9 am Mass on June 11th. The procession was led by the Knights of Columbus (see photo above).

At St. Patrick, after the 10 AM Mass on June 11th parishioners walked down with Jesus in the monstrance to the pavilion at Riverside Park. There a table was set up to rest the monstrance until 2 pm. Then there was benediction and the Eucharist processed back to the church. Glory to God!



*Above: file photo in June 2020 of the Eucharist being reposed at the pavilion at Riverside Park by Fr. John Potaczek*

### Steps to Join the Knights for 1st Year FREE:

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

The full newsletter is on the Knights web page through the St. Patrick parish web site:  
<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Welcome to the  
**YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL**

## 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 Council's early star members and also its charter member was the late Conrad C. Ohman. He was selected as District Deputy, organized the Sauk City Black Hawk Council, organized first degree teams, and was a delegate to the Supreme Convention in 1941 at Atlantic City. Brother "Connie" and his wife "Hattie" were appointed as host and hostesses at the Tomah USO Center during World War II by the State Deputy. They worked tirelessly and gratuitously in arranging for chaperoning girl escorts, wives, daughters and sisters of Brother Knights who helped in entertaining military personnel at social functions at the USO Center. Another Council Brother and veteran of World War II, John Ensich, served as Chairman of the USO during the entire World War II keeping open house afternoons and evenings at the Legion Hall, arranging committees for luncheons, dinners and dancing parties for military service personnel from Camp McCoy and Volk Field. He also provided writing materials, books, magazines, etc. for the visiting servicemen.

At the fifteenth year anniversary banquet held on December 6, 1951, His Excellency Bishop Treacy delivered the principal address. He praised the Council for its sterling Catholicity. He also

complimented the Order for its splendid record of accomplishments in the past seventy years on behalf of the church and the state. His parting tribute was a request of his brother Knights to carry on with the same zeal and devotion as did Father McGivney and our founders. He ended by saying that he never had any fears for the

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*Above: This was the advertisement in our 50-year celebration program. David is now retired.*

**Several local organizations advertised in our 1986 50th Anniversary program booklet including David Hamm, now retired. David is a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus as of April 1, 2023.**

Church or the activity of a lay apostolate where an active Knights of Columbus Council was located. At this fifteenth anniversary banquet, Brother Marcel Pariseault, chairman Of the Catholic Activity Committee, on behalf of the Council presented His Excellency with a check to furnish a student's room at the new Holy Cross Seminary at La Crosse.

In January 1958, the Columbian Foundation was founded and incorporated for legal implications as the Council was considering purchasing a permanent home. In 1967 the Council bought the Rock Valley Rural School located on Highway 0 off Highway 58. The building was remodeled by Council members and dedicated on June 16, 1968 with a Field Mass on the grounds. For several years a Field Mass was celebrated annually. The school has been abandoned because of breakdown of the water and disposal systems. The Council now meets in St. Patrick's Hall.

In addition to Connie Ohman's appointment as District Deputy, the following Brothers were also recognized: Brother John Ensich received the Dr. C. W. Henney Medalion Award for his meritorious service to his community, the Order, Church and state. Phil Quinn and "Nub" Hansen have been equally recognized with the award in separate later years. Other members who have served or are serving in the capacity of District Deputy include Phil Quinn, Maurice Comer, Florian Bindl, B. C. Johnson and A J. Karasch. B. C. Johnson was elected as State Warden one year and State Treasurer another year of the State Council.

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

## Raffle Success!—What Next?

*Tom Jodarski, Co-Chair of raffle*

The names of three winners were chosen at our raffle drawing on April 18, with the winners mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter (Volume 3, Issue 6). We had the largest fruits of this charitable fund raising effort of any of the four years we have



conducted the Sportsmen's Raffle, to the tune of just under \$3,000 after expenses. We advertised that the proceeds

*Left to right: Steve Hesprich, Matt Schwab, Julie Whitney (Science Lab & 8th grade teacher); students Carson Demaske, Landynn Miller, and Weston Pouillie (back)*

would be given to St. Patrick's school and an organization called 'Sea of Change'. The mission of SEA of Change is to act as a source of support, education, and advocacy on behalf of the people in need of shelter and support in our community.

We had a short discussion about what we might do for a



*Left to right: Mark Messer & Ken Bolchen of Sea of Change, Steve Hesprich, Tom Jodarski, & Matt Schwab*

fund raiser next year, the idea being to go to a different activity/event. If anyone has ideas of a project for fund raising, contact Steve Hesprich or Tom Jodarski.

While helping these wonderful causes we also thank them for the good works they perform.

## 2023-2024 Star Council Goals

*By Kevin Quist, Deputy Grand Knight*

Star Council is the recognition that a council has followed and achieved all the requirements of being a good council. For the past 2 years our council has achieved Star Council, and for the third time since 2017.

We will again seek to become a Star Council in this new fraternal year. Here are the 2023-2024 Star Council Requirements: Councils must host and promote 2 Fraternal Benefit Events – Sum Total attendance of Members or men eligible for membership must be equal to or exceed: 10 for Councils with 99 or fewer members. Membership: Meet or exceed membership Intake Quota, 6% of Membership, 5 for our council.

Conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, Life) for a total of 16 Program Credits with 4 in each category.

Administrative tasks—filing a variety of reports on time.

*God Bless America*

## Knights of the Round Table

*Round Table Coordinator, Steve Hesprich*

Two events in the past two months have highlighted the work of the Knights at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. In mid-May the CPID program, Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, also called historically the Tootsie Roll Campaign, had knights giving out tootsie rolls after the weekend Masses.



*Larry Mueller offers tootsie rolls to young boy and his father*

On Corpus Christi a procession was led by the Knights at St. Mary's. Knights with the Order's ceremonial baldrics carried the canopy over the Eucharist as it processed outside, followed by parishioners who accompanied the procession.

With the agreement of Bishop William Callahan, Fr. Cryton has been appointed as our new council chaplain.



The next meeting of the Round Table will be Thursday August 24, 2023, 6:30 pm in the basement of St. Mary's.

## Compass Minutes—June 2023

*Steve Hesprich, acting recorder*

The June 20, 2023 council meeting began at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting were approved with one correction, as they are re-published in the April/May/June issue of **Knights' Compass**. The amount of seed money for the Sportsmen's Raffle was corrected to \$1,000.

Elections were conducted. There was much discussion on the nominations before the election was held. Nominations from the floor included Tony Oldigs for Treasurer, Joe Buttner Jr for Warden, Tom Jodarski for Recorder, and Howard Boppart for Inside Guard. The full list of elected officers can be found on the back page of this issue of the newsletter.

Howard Boppart suggested we offer to help Fr. John with moving to his new assignment. The Treasurer's report indicated we have \$4040.04 in the general account and \$1,121 in the charities account. We made \$3,900 from the CPID (Tootsie Roll).

We introduced the new Knights of Columbus program called 'COR'. Cor is the Latin word for 'heart'. More details on the program are in the article following. We watched a 4 1/2 minute video introducing 'COR'. This is a program for all men in our parishes.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse the GK \$69.45 for a plaque to recognize Fr. John's contributions to our council. The Semi-Annual Audit will be conducted at our July Council meeting. Prayers for Jim Kolba and Bishop Callahan's continued recovery. A prayer to St. Isidore for farmers was the closing prayer. The meeting ended at 7:46 pm.

### Corrections from April/May/June issue (Vol 3, Issue 6):

On page 8 in the article "Compass Minutes—May 2023", the seed money of \$1500 should be \$1000.

On Page 9, corrections to "Recent Grand Knights" - Joe Bokota was Grand Knight from 2011 to 2013; Don Kattenbraker for 2 1/2 years from 2015-2018; Bill Bowers was Deputy GK for 2 years from 2018-2020.

**These changes corrected on re-posted previous newsletter**

## The 'Cor' of Knights

*Adopted from multiple sources*

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in the basement of St. Mary's Church, he desired that his group of men would support each other spiritually as well as give aid when their families were in need. In 1900, upon a gathering of Knights and their families to honor our founder, Fr. J.H. O'Donnell stated that, "... it was Father McGivney's purpose in instituting the Knights of Columbus, to keep the young men of his parish within the household of faith, to preserve them from the taint of infidelity, .... It was his aim to surround his protégés with an atmosphere of religion and to bring them into even closer relationship to Mother Church." This mission, begun in the 19th century, is needed even more now in the 21st century. This is why, under the direction of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Knights of Columbus is beginning the Cor Meeting ministry across the country.

The purpose of the Cor Meeting is to gather all men in the parish for prayer, formation, and fraternity. Its design is to invite men in the parish to learn more about the Cor Meeting and how we can meet the need to evangelize all men of our parishes. Fewer young people are coming to Mass and even believing in God. So many of our young men, who were raised in Catholic homes, no longer practice their faith. Those who do, wish to connect with other men in prayer and fraternity. Still others are moving into their twenties and thirties, and recognizing that they know very little about their faith. Local councils, by offering a Cor Meeting, will support the Church's mission to evangelize men into a greater fellowship with Jesus and His Church. You may be wondering, "What will this Cor Meeting look like?" Ideally, once a month men will gather for prayer, formation, and fraternity. These one-hour gatherings would be open to all men in the parishes connected to a council. One month, the focus might be on prayer, and the men could gather in Eucharistic Adoration during which a Rosary would be prayed. The next Cor Meeting might be focused on formation, and so the council could gather men from the parish to watch an episode of "Into the Breach" and discuss the message. A third meeting might be a time for social connections with pizza and beer being shared along with good conversation. All three elements can be addressed during each Cor Meeting (fraternity, formation, and prayer) with one element being the primary focus of each session.

Why are the Knights of Columbus beginning this new evangelization initiative at this time? We live in an age of evangelization where we, as faithful Knights of Columbus who support the mission of Holy Mother Church, are sent to evangelize. By inviting all men of our parishes to the Cor Meetings, the Knights of Columbus seeks to form men of every age and accompany them into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church. We know that many young men desire prayerful fellowship, and as Knights we desire to offer this for them and all men in the parish.

The district deputies learned about the Cor meeting initiative during their summer meeting in June 2023 and will be connecting with their councils' grand knights to provide more details.

You can watch a short introduction to the Cor Meeting initiative at: <https://bit.ly/3FdWMCu>

# 4th Watch of the (K)night



## 4th Watch of the (K)night

Steve Hesprich, member of Assembly 1902 in Tomah

In this issue we introduce a new column of the newsletter directed to the Patriotic mission of the Knights of Columbus and therefore the 4th degree of the Order.

If you serve and trust in God, you can serve Country better. Here's a small primer on the 4th degree of the Knights.

Each 'degree' of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue, the fourth being "Patriotism". Consequently, the 4th Degree is often known as 'The Patriotic Degree'. It was established in New York on February 22, 1900. The requirements for joining the 4th are that a brother Knight must be a third degree member in good standing, be an exemplary Catholic, and be of sound citizenship of his country. Notice it says "citizenship of his country", not necessarily be a United States Citizen.

The Fourth Degree is frequently regarded as an honorary title but should rather be thought of in terms of service to church and country. The goals of the Fourth Degree may be summarized as the promotion of the ideals of Catholicism and Patriotism side by side.

In more detail, these goals may be stated as:

- ◆ To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.
- ◆ To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.
- ◆ To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of a republican form of government, and its democratic institutions.
- ◆ •To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.
- ◆ •To support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.

**The Patriotic degree was instituted on February 22, 1900.**

Therefore, it is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions, and other church events, and in the community, standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events, and commemorating the sacrifices of the military for current and previous generations.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of, and loyalty to, the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies.

Our council belongs to the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 based out of Tomah.



First Exemplification Feb 22, 1900



## Patriotic Honor Guard

Taken from Knightline VOLUME 41 | NUMBER 22 | MAY 31, 2023

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established in 1900, a time when many Americans thought it was impossible for Catholics to be loyal citizens. Adding



patriotism to its foundational principles, the Order sought to encourage its members to engage in civic and political life, and demonstrate that love of God and love of country go hand in hand. "That nation is fortunate which possesses the Catholic type of political man," said Past Supreme Knight John Cone. "Its destinies are in progressive, as well as wise hands, its morals are safe and its stability is assured."



## Principled Patriotism

More than 360,000 Knights around the world have committed themselves to the Order's fourth principle of patriotism. Last fall, 136 men joined them during the first-ever Fourth Degree exemplification aboard a U.S. Navy battleship. To see the video go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZLHhgQL\\_Eo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZLHhgQL_Eo)



**You can join the 4th degree on Saturday October 21, 2023 at Holy Rosary Parish in Medford. With travel, this is an all day event.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
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 <b>Semi-Annual Audit</b>	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Friday July 21, 2023	5:30 PM	St. Patrick Parish Picnic	St. Pat	lawn between school and church
Sunday August 13, 2023	3:30-5 PM	Life Chain	Juneau RTL	around Health First, 414 E State St, Mauston (RTL - Right to Life)
Tuesday August 15, 2023		Solemnity of the Assumption	Church	
Monday August 21, 2023	5:30-8 PM	Witnesses for Christ Live Virtual Confer- ence	La Crosse Diocese	\$10/person; register at diolc.org/witness
Tuesday August 22, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall - <b>Moved one week later because of FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION</b>
Tuesday August 22, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	on the 3rd Tuesday, August 15th
Thursday August 24, 2023	6:30 PM	Knights of the Round Table	St. Mary	basement of the Church
Sunday September 3, 2023	after 9 AM Mass	St. Mary's Parish Festival	St. Mary	grounds of 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	KC2770	<b>Basement of St. Mary's</b>
Tuesday Sept 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	
Sunday, Oct 1, 2023	2:15-4 PM	Juneau Life Chain; hold signs at inter- section of Union and Gateway Ave.	Juneau Right to Life	Meet in St. Patrick Parking Lot near Un- ion St. to get signs, opening prayer
Sunday October 15, 2023	9-10:30 AM	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	St. Mary	<b>Proposed</b>
Tuesday October 17, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday October 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
TBD		Council Punt Kick Pass Contest	KC2770	TBD
Saturday, October 21, 2023	TBD	Pilgrimage to Holy Hill	St. Mary	
Saturday, October 21, 2023	9:30 AM	4th Degree Exemplification	KC1902	Holy Rosary Parish, 21 S Washington Ave, Medford WI 54451
Sunday October 29, 2023	8:00 AM	Annual Memorial Mass - deceased Knights (names of last 10 years read)	KC2770	St. Patrick

## Officers 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

## 2023-2024 Appointed Positions

Fr. Cryton Outschoorn Chaplain  
 Randy Boehm Financial Secretary  
**Open** Lecturer  
 Kevin Quist Program Director  
**Open** Community Director  
**Open** Family Director  
**Open** Faith Director  
**Open** Life Director



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