

KNIGHT'S COMPASS

Direction for Family in Faith



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Christ's Compass— Assumption to Festival

Dear Knights and friends;

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is upon us. The 15th of August falls on Tuesday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. At St. Mary's the Mass will be at 7 pm. At St. Patrick Mass times are 8 am and 7 pm.

These next weeks are weeks of preparation at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's as we seek to build up families in their faith journey to our Fall Parish Festivals through devotion to our Blessed Mother, not just once between now and the upcoming parish festivals, but twice. On Tuesday August 22nd we also celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Interestingly, these are the 4th (Assumption) and 5th (Queenship of Mary) mysteries of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Knights make a pledge when they join the Knights to carry a Rosary with them always and pray it as often as they can. Consider praying the Glorious Mysteries for our upcoming parish festivals at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, that they bring each community together for good food, good company, lots of fun, and a more active faith life of our families.

Before we get to the Fall Festivals, On September 1st, 5 pm, St. Patrick will have a Mass of blessing and thanksgiving for the church renovations, followed by a dinner in Reardon Hall. Come to see the wonderful renewal of the inside of the church.

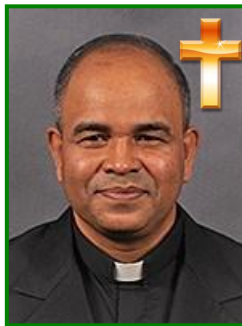
On Labor Day weekend at St. Mary's we will celebrate the Fall Festival on Sunday September 3rd following the 10 am Mass (the usual 9 am Mass is moved one hour later; and there will be no 1 pm Mass). At St. Patrick's their festival will take place on Sunday September 10th following the 10 am Mass.

May we each journey these next weeks with the prayerful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary to guide us to a fulfilling Fall Parish Festival.

Bless all of you.

Fr. Cryton

St. Mary Pastor & Council Chaplain



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

NOTE:

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

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation

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Council Compass—Next Chapter

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

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

The next chapter of Knights of Columbus work has begun with the start of the fiscal year of the parish and the fraternal year of the Knights. Among other things, this means new goals for the contributions our council can make to its members, families, the parish and



community. "Star Council Plus" will be our guide for the contributions we can make as an organization and as Knights. This means building our membership by 6-10 men, doing at least four programs in each of four categories prescribed by the Knights of Columbus: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. It also means inviting Catholic men to membership so they can enjoy the many fraternal benefits we offer. While the Knights seeks to help others, it first helps our members and their families through greater financial protection and the great value we bring to a stronger Catholic family life. An example of a community service is the Estate



Planning webinar on August 30th. Details are on page 6 of the newsletter.

To speak of the next chapter of our council, we can benefit by looking at

This past fraternal year our council was the 9th ranked council among 317 councils in Wisconsin

the last chapter, the 2022-2023 fraternal year. Using the Star Council and the membership

growth achievement as a guide, our council finished 9th of 317 councils. 41 councils attained Star. Each year a council is assigned a membership growth goal based on its size at the beginning of the fraternal year, and then the progress is measured as a percentage of the goal. We achieved 180% of our goal. Last year was the second year in a row we reached Star recognition. Here is the description and the formal requirements to reach Star Council:

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit both the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity [demonstrating charitable service hours and money donated] and Service Program Personnel Reports [reporting officers and directors]. In the United States councils must also be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements designed to protect our youth.

I am honored to be part of a council that greatly exceeds the works of faith, family, community, and life prescribed by the principles of the Knights of Columbus. We invite all practical Catholic men 18 years or older to join the vibrant Knights of Columbus.

In Fraternity with Christ!

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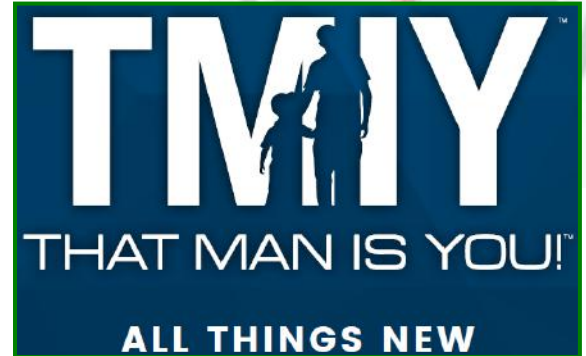
Steps to Join the Knights for 1st Year FREE:

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

Compass for Men—COR and TMIY

Howard Boppert, Faith Director

There are two programs this fall that in combination, will help build men in their faith and in their relationship with one another. Last month in the newsletter we introduced the new "COR" program designed for all men of faith, to build up not only their faith to become the leaders they need to be in their families, but to also strengthen their relationship with other men.



Additionally, we have the That Man Is You (TMIY) program. A weekly program to strengthen men in their faith. It is our expectation that these two programs can be integrated together to provide a formidable program for Christian men. This year's program is "a new Covenant, a new heart (COR), a new mind, a new creation. A new paradise, a new mercy, and a new man". Christ didn't

Covenant—Heart (COR)—Mind—Creation—Paradise—Mercy—Man Program begins weekly, Friday Sep 15, 6:30-7:30am at MileBluff Hospital

say he would make new things; rather he said he makes all things new.

Eucharist in Scripture

Watch Party to be hosted by St. Patrick

Grow in your understanding of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. Join Mark Hart, the renowned "Bible Geek," on Monday, Aug. 21st in the St. Pat's school for a watch party starting at 5 pm (program is 5:30-8 p.m.), for a live, virtual Conference on the Eucharist in Scripture. Mark presents this in a compelling way, making the Scriptures on the Eucharist come alive. Each person must register in advance at: diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter" (a \$7.95 value). Snacks will be provided at the watch party! – Don't miss it!

The Eucharist: At the Heart of the Scriptures

Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference

Monday, August 21, 2023

Presentation from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Cost is \$10

Register and receive a FREE copy of Mark Hart's book "The Divine Encounter: Meeting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration." Valued at \$7.95

Compass of Council History

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

In the 1950s the Council sponsored several big band dances including Wayne King, Tiney Hill, Eddie Howard and Ralph Flannigan.

Over the years the Knights of Columbus have supported many and various activities. In 1964 they spearheaded the forming of the "Juneau County Trucking Committee" when straight-through routing of trucks from Chicago to Minneapolis was considered. Alois Collins, Grand Knight, helped with the organization. Rather than a bargaining agent, the committee was seen as a forum in which the trucking companies, driver representatives, state officials, and citizens

of Juneau County and surrounding counties might meet, and, through constructive discussion arrive at an understanding of the contributions this area has and might further make to the trucking industry as a whole. The Mauston Chamber Of Commerce offered to help get the committee on its

financial feet with a \$200 donation which the city council matched. Other groups later assisted with funds and support. A formal committee of twenty-five representatives from various communities in the county was formed and called the "Juneau County Area Transportation Promotion Committee" with Alois Collins as President. In the fall of 1963 Orelida Potato Processing Co., an Idaho based potato processing firm indicated an interest in locating a



Above: This was the advertisement in our 50-year celebration program by the company owner Dick Schwab. His son Matt, also a member of our council runs the business today.

Several local organizations advertised in our 1986 50th Anniversary program booklet including Mauston Tool Corp. The owner at the time, Dick Schwab, is now retired. As of March 1st of this year, Dick is a 30 year member of the Knights.

plant in Juneau County. To help entice the company to locate, funds were pledged on a loan basis to help finance the venture. The council pledged \$1,100 in form of debentures and bonds. The project did not materialize and money with interest was returned to pledged organizations.

On December 1970 N. P. Hansen organized a Fourth Degree Honor Guard to take part in the midnight Mass at Christmas. The following Brothers were members:

N. P. Hansen	Leo Fasel
Clark Johnson	Philip Quinn
Florian Bindl	Bernard Ohman

In the '70s several Harness Races were Council-sponsored at Veterans Memorial Park, Mauston; altar boys were taken to Brewer games in Milwaukee and Shrine Circuses in Madison; recognition at graduation time was started to recognize top girl and boy graduates from St. Patrick's Parochial School.

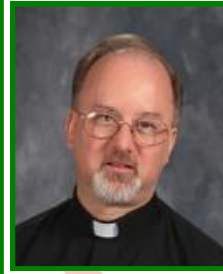
The Council has always had the interest of our community youth. During the '60s it jointly sponsored with other local organizations summer youth dances at the local auditoriums. More recent KC youth-sponsored activities for area youths, not only in Mauston include: basketball free throw, mathematics, spelling, and Christmas poster contests.

We will wrap up the first 50 years of history in our next newsletter issue....

Heart of a Father

Steve Hesprih, with comments of Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly

Our parish and KC council saw changes this past month with the reassignment of pastors.



Fr. John has moved to a new assignment after spending 6 years at St. Patrick. We sometimes think it is mainly us who feel the difficulty of a beloved pastor being moved to another parish. However the heart of the priest being moved, is equally, if not more, affected by the change.

Similarly, we are uncertain of the priest coming to be our new shepherd. Will he be a good priest? Will he be easy to work with? Will he be anything like the wonderful priest we feel we've lost?

I found an interesting perspective on these changes from the perspective of the Knights given by our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.



"[Co-responsibility] means much more than just working with our pastors around the parish. It means recognizing and taking shared responsibility for the mission of the Church," he said. "This is what the Order has done throughout our history. ... It's 'how' the Knights of Columbus approaches all that we do."

The "why," the supreme knight continued, is rooted in Blessed Michael McGivney's example of fatherhood. Noting that Father McGivney died at just 38 years old, he said, "The immediate cause was pneumonia, but by all accounts, he really died of exhaustion. He literally spent his life in service to his spiritual sons and daughters. ...



The heart of parishioners and Knights saw many help Fr. John to get all his possessions, especially his many books, ready for his move to Stevens Point

Father McGivney truly lived and loved with the heart of a father — a heart completely dedicated to the service, protection and formation of those in his care. Knights, especially K of C leaders", Supreme Knight Kelly said, "are called to the same self-giving love: I am convinced that if we become more and more formed and fashioned by the heart of God, we will continue to grow, in both good men and good works. More than ever before, our future depends on getting the 'why' right. We have to inspire a new generation of men to have the heart of a father." We have no better example than our Pastors, past and present.

The Compass Magnet—Mick Horabik

By Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

The “Compass Magnet” is a new feature (introduced 12/2021 issue) of **Knight's Compass**.

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

Mick Horabik came to our June 2023 council meeting transferring his 50+ year membership in the Knights from Janesville Wisconsin. Mick and his wife Nancy moved to the area about 7 years ago when Mick quasi-retired. Nancy and Mick met in College at UW Whitewater when he was a Sophomore and she a Freshman. During their years at Whitewater Nancy converted to Catholicism. Mick is a life-long Catholic. They married when Mick graduated and they have raised two sons (Matt & Joe) and two daughters (Angie & Kristen) who live in and around the States of Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota. Their first born were twins Matt & Kristin. This area near Castle Rock Lake provided them with a somewhat central place to be able to see their grown children, and grandchildren.

Nancy taught in Montessori schools for many years. Mick had a few different jobs. Mick is a big Green Bay Packer fan. He tells the story of running a retail sports store in Racine when Ray Nitschke came to the store to sign autographs and let Mick borrow his Superbowl ring to show others. The Store Manager took the ring to do the same and when Ray came to Mick to get the ring, imagine the embarrassment when Mick said he didn't have it!. Mick's hero with the Packers though was Jim Taylor. Jim was a running back who only knew one direction—straight ahead. That reflects Mick's philosophy.

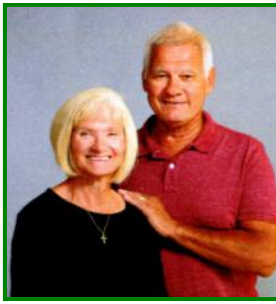
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Mick and Nancy live on one of the manmade lakes west of Castle Rock Lake. Nancy always wanted to live on a lake but was skeptical it would ever happen. Then Mick saw a brochure with lots for sale in the area, and the rest is history. Nancy has her lakeside view. Mick enjoys sports including hunting, fishing, and whacking a ball at something called golf. Their sons were very active in sports, especially football, during their high school years.

One final story Mick has. His father was born in East Chicago, Indiana, and his grandfather, an immigrant from Poland, decided to move the family back to Poland in the early 1920s. Mick's

father was in the Polish army in 1939 when the Germans and Russians invaded. Mick's father was captured by the Russians, turned over to the Germans who put him into a prisoner camp and farming camps. He escaped, made his way to England and joined a Polish division under the command of the British army. After the war, his father returned to the United States where he married and Mick was born.

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Nancy & Mick



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Mick & his two sons, Matt and Joe w 3 trophy deer from deer hunting adventure.

Knights of the Round Table

Round Table Coordinator, Steve Hesprich

The next meeting of the Round Table will be **Thursday August 24, 2023, 6:30 pm in the basement of St. Mary's**. There are a few things coming up in the next 2 months to be aware of. The Parish Festival of course is Sunday September 3rd, after the 10 am Mass at St. Mary's. NOTE: The 9 am Mass is 10 am and there is no 1 pm Mass that day. The Sept 19th Council meeting will be in the basement of St. Mary's at 7 pm. We will be hosting our 2nd pancake breakfast on Sunday October 15th after the 9 am Mass. All of these events are noted on the calendar on the back page of this newsletter.

Compass Minutes—July 2023

Steve Hesprich, Acting Recorder

The July 18, 2023 council meeting began at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting were approved as they are published in the April/May/June issue of **Knight's Compass**. Both our new chaplain Fr. Cryton, as well as our St. Patrick Pastor, Fr. Jey, were in attendance. We welcomed Marion “Mick” Horabik as a new transfer to our council. Fr. Jey mentioned there will be a discussion at the parish council meeting on Thursday July 20th to discuss plans for re-opening the church and help may be needed from the Knights..

For the Grand Knight report, indicated we are likely to be in the top 10 of councils out of over 300 councils in the State, based on achieving Star Council and finishing at 180% of membership quota.

Treasurer's report: \$4,040.14 with one deposit of \$159.60 for reimbursement of mileage for our two delegates to the State Convention. A check for \$193.47 paid for State per Capita, \$56.55 to GK Steve for plaque given to thank Fr. John for his service to the Knights while Pastor and Chaplain; and two checks for \$79.80 for mileage reimbursement to GK and DGK for State Convention. The ending balance is \$3,790.12.

Membership Report: We exceeded our goal for this past year. This year Supreme has given us a goal of 5 new members. We are setting a council goal of 8 new members (160% of quota). Steve Powers suggested we promote what the council has done this past year.

Faith Director Report: That Man Is You (TMIY) we have been doing 5-6 years, & will start up again on Fri Sep 15th, 6:30 am, probably at Mile Bluff Hospital. We watched a Eucharistic Revival video entitled “Eucharistic Revolution for Kids”. It has a good message for us in regard to our children. Fr. Jey suggested the possibility of getting the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle display. We remind members that the August meeting is a week later than usual (4th Tuesday), August 22nd.

Financial Secretary report: We will pay the Supreme per Capita amount of \$162.75.

New Business: The Hillsboro Council is doing a fund raiser raffle with a maximum of 400 tickets sold at \$100 each. They will give our council \$20 for each ticket we sell. We have tickets available tonight for members. Howard Boppart brought up the idea of getting kneelers to be used for Communion. We will have pancake breakfast at St. Mary's Oct 15th & Sep Council meeting at St. Mary's. Prayers for Jim Kolba and Bishop Callahan's continued recovery. The meeting ended at 8:04 pm. After the meeting the physical semi-annual audit was conducted and all is in order.

Supreme Compass—First in Faith

From varied Supreme Council sources

The 141st Annual Supreme Convention took place August 1-3, 2023 in Orlando, Florida. Knights gathered from all over the globe, showcasing its international reach and the "Catholic" nature of the brotherhood; encompassing men of diverse cultures, languages and continents, all held together by the same faith in Jesus Christ. There are many highlights each year from the convention. The Convention Mass challenged Knights of Columbus to be

Eucharistic, to bring Christ to others. Bishop Noonan delivered a powerful message to the Knights, reminding us that the U.S. church is called in its 2022-2025 National Eucharistic Revival "to celebrate the sacredness, the beauty and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist." The bishop pointed out that all things are in God's hands: "Jesus is the master of the harvest," and "he will separate the wheat from the weeds."

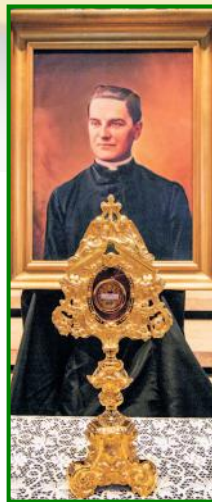


Each Convention the Supreme Knight delivers a "state of the Order" address. He begins by highlighting the material contributions of the Knights. In the past fraternal year, the Order donated \$185 million to charity and devoted 49 million hours to volunteer service. We protected Catholic families with a record \$121 billion of life insurance in force. And around the world, we rose to meet the biggest challenges — from saving unborn children to supporting the people of Ukraine. This year's address of the Supreme

Knight had the theme of "**First in Faith**". He expressed this sentiment with the theme in mind....

Our forefathers met this challenge by keeping families together. They helped men grow in virtue and they helped parents raise their children in the faith. And they cared for families when disaster struck, especially when young fathers died. Father McGivney and the first Knights proved that faith and charity grow together. For as Christ himself commanded us, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind, and ... strength" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:30-31). In these words, we hear the call of the Knights of Columbus. Our fidelity to this mission has taken us from a small group of men in a parish basement to a global Catholic brotherhood. And today, our mission is more urgent than ever.

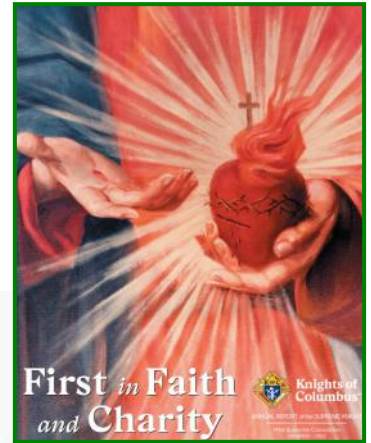
The Supreme Knight went on to say that our culture today is growing more hostile to our faith. We especially see this in two areas—the family and the Church. These two institutions are essential to the flourishing of humanity. This means for the Knights that the commitment to our Order's mission must be pronounced. Are we giving credible witness to a living, vibrant faith? Will our work be a charity that evangelizes? Do we stand 'in the breach' for truth without apology? This was also what faced Fr. McGivney in his time. Our answer can only be "YES"! We must point the world to Jesus Christ. He is the light shining in the darkness of our times. He must shine through the Knights of Columbus. So this imperative comes to the men of the Knights. If we get the man right, we get everything right—the marriage, the family, the parish, the community.



Knights at a Glance

Annual Report of the Supreme Knight Aug 1, 2023

It is quite impressive what the Knights of Columbus does as an international organization. Here are some of the representative statistics presented in the Supreme Knight's annual report at this year's Supreme Convention...



Insurance

- ◆ New life insurance issued: \$7.3B
- ◆ Annualized premiums from life insurance sales: \$161M
- ◆ New life certificates: 42,647
- ◆ Certificates in force: 1,736,880
- ◆ Agents: 1,004
- ◆ Standard & Poor's rating: AA+ •A.M. Best rating: A+ (Superior)
- ◆ FORTUNE® 1000 list rank: 912

Culture of Life

- ◆ Ultrasound machines: 1,745 (\$83M)
- ◆ ASAP donations: \$6,070,484
- ◆ ASAP Pregnancy Resource Centers & Maternity Homes supported: 1,225

Charity

- ◆ Total donations: \$185M
- ◆ Total volunteer hours: 49.9M
- ◆ Persecuted Christians Fund: \$33.1M since 2014
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids: 180,912
- ◆ Special Olympics: \$4.1M
- ◆ Wheelchairs: 10,600 (127,181 since 2003)
- ◆ Blood donors: 359,415
- ◆ Scholarships: \$7.7M from councils

Investments

- ◆ Total assets: \$29.4B
- ◆ Amount invested daily: \$11.6M (2022)

Fourth Degree

- ◆ Sir Knights: 369,604 in 3,635 Assemblies
- ◆ Service hours for veterans: 695,879
- ◆ Military Chaplains AMS Co-Sponsored Seminar Program: \$200,000 (\$2.4M since 2012)

Church

- ◆ Vicarius Christi Fund cumulative total: \$67.2M (since 1982)
- ◆ RSVP donations cumulative total: \$93.9M

Membership

- ◆ Total members: 2,084,191 in 16,672 Councils
- ◆ College Knights: 36,660 in 299 College Councils

What is Estate Planning?

By Greg Helgerson, Field Agent

All Catholic families are invited to attend the upcoming workshop to raise awareness of the importance of estate planning. Regardless of the financial status of a family, whether they have large amounts of assets, or very few, this workshop will help all attending to appreciate the factors to consider in



Estate Planning By
Stacy A Vogeltanz
 ATTORNEY AT LAW



Tim Nowak
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 GENERAL AGENT
WEBINAR

August 30th, 2023 7 PM

Inviting all Parishioners and Catholic Families!
 Please come and join us as we learn about
 Estate Planning with the Knights of Columbus.

Please join the Zoom Live Event by
 clicking (kofcwi.org) or QR Code!



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planning including non-financial decisions.

We will be assisted in our understanding of estate planning from an attorney, Stacy Vogeltanz, who specializes in this topic. Tim Nowak, the General Agent for Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan, will talk generally about how the benefits of the Knights aid member families in their planning. Even if you are not a member of the Knights, the perspectives will assist you in better understanding why this topic cannot be ignored.



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Are the Children Safe?

By Steve Hesprich, Family Director

Very likely you have heard about the surprisingly popular movie of late, “Sound of Freedom”. It is a movie about anti-child trafficking. It dramatizes how serious the treats are to our children. This very real threat should remind us all of the importance of the safety of our children. Several years ago the Supreme Council instituted the “Safe Environment” program. Each council is required to have certain of its leaders take formal online training to help protect our children by recognizing potential predators. Four positions in the council are required to take this training once every three years: Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director. The Community and Family Directors also have a background check done.

The Safe Environment training can be, and should be taken by any members of the council who are around children of our parishes, even though it is not formally required. Some may have taken other such trainings, for example the one provided by the diocese. However even with that training, a Knight would still want to take the training we provide through an organization called PRAESIDIUM. Let’s make our children safe.

Need a Gator?

Dick Urban, PGK Hillsboro Council

We thank the Knights in Mauston for helping us promote our raffle which will support the charities of the Fr Cyril J Smetana Council 9070 in Hillsboro. We will return a portion of each \$100 raffle ticket sold by Mauston to the Mauston council for their own charitable work.

Grand Prize Drawing: 2023 John Deere Gator (UXV590M)

2nd Place: \$500; 3rd Place \$300; 4th Place \$200; 5th Place 150; 6th Place \$100

Drawing Sunday, September 17th, 2023 & St. Aloysius Catholic Church Hillsboro, WI @ Noon (12pm) \$100 per Ticket / Only 400 Tickets being sold. Winner Need not to be present (Tax, Title, License is winners’ expense). Funds to be used to support the Faith, Youth and Parish Programs. Contact: Larry Anderson (608-604-9314) or Robert Anderson (608-604-2837).



4th Watch of the (K)night



Priest Behind the Name

Steve Hesprich, Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902

Our council, 2770, is one of a number of councils who's 4th degree members compose the membership of the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902, based out of Tomah. Our assembly is named after Father Francis Heindl. Here is the story of the priest whose namesake our assembly has, as it has been pieced together from articles of the "Times Review"*. The "Times Review" was the name of the La Crosse Diocesan newspaper at the time of Fr. Heindl's death on April 6, 1986.



Fr. Francis Heindl

Fr. Francis' story begins as a leap-year baby, born February 29, 1928. He was one of seven children. He grew up on a farm in the northern part of the diocese of La Crosse.



Biretta of Fr. Heindl is kept at the Tomah Council Hall.

Photo by Kevin Kuderer

Ordained in May of 1952, he was a priest for 34 years. His only assignment as a priest was to serve at Holy Cross Seminary in La Crosse and for the Bishop. He was an instructor there teaching classes in German, math, philosophy and theology. He was a fixer. Carpentry was his special forte crafting many of the cabinets at the seminary.

A group that belonged to his extended family were the 100 members of the Bishop Schwebach Assembly 1195 of the Knights of Columbus in La Crosse. He was the Faithful Friar for 25 years. He provided not only spiritual inspiration to the members, but had a love for gags and laughter that brought him close to the members. Is it no wonder then that when our assembly, though chartered on June 18, 1982, was renamed after Fr. Heindl's death in April 1986, to honor his influence on the 4th degree members.

*"Times Review", Volume 62, No. 15, April 17, 1986.

Who Are We?

Taken largely from the July 2023 issue of the Wisconsin State Council Newsletter, p.8

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Honor Guard is the most prominent feature of the Knights of Columbus. These are the Knights in parades. They are the Knights saluting the Bishop when he visits your Parish. These are the Knights carrying the flag to center-field. These are the Knights who will stand by your widow at your funeral.

While there is no denying the good works of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity done by our Brother Knights in the Councils, the image most people in a parish have when they think of "the Knights of Columbus" is the Honor Guard. Participation in the Fourth Degree Honor Guard is not mandatory. However, for those Sir Knights who do it, the experience is life-changing. Only members of the Fourth Degree can be members of the



Members of the Honor Guard from Assemblies 1209, 3210, 1204 and 1304 had the privilege to welcome the athletes to the Opening Ceremony at the Special Olympics Summer Games in Whitewater on June 8, 2023

Honor Guard. It is perhaps the greatest gift and the greatest responsibility of the Patriotic Degree.

They're present in their distinct uniform at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist. But there is more to being a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

Vivat Jesus!

Colors of the Honor Guard

By Wisconsin and Supreme 4th degrees

In the last few months the 4th Degree at Supreme has changed the colors of the service baldric used by the honor and color corps. They are however tied to the

Participation in the Honor Guard is voluntary.

position held in the 4th degree.

Colors of the service baldric have the following meanings: from left to right in the photos below —purple is used by the current Color Corp Commander who leads



the honor and color guards; all white, a current or past faithful navigator; a red/blue outline is used by those who don't hold current or past offices; not shown: Gold is worn by a current/former District Master & a current District Marshal wears Green. In Wisconsin there are two Districts, East & West. There is one District Marshal who reports to the Master in each district.



20 honor guards of the 4th degree escorted his Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke at the 15th Anniversary Mass of the dedication of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse on 7/30/23

photo by Molly Brown, Our Lady of Guadalupe

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Sunday August 13, 2023	3:30-5 PM	Life Chain	Juneau Pro-Life	around Health First, 414 E State St, Mauston (RTL - Right to Life)
Tuesday August 15, 2023	8 am & 7 pm Mass	Solemnity of the Assumption	St Pat	This is a Holy Day of obligation Mass at St. Mary's is 7 pm
Monday August 21, 2023	5:00-8 PM	Witnesses for Christ Live Virtual Conference	La Crosse Diocese	\$10/person; register at dioc.org/witness Watch Party - St. Patrick School
Tuesday August 22, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning	KC2770	Reardon Hall - MOVED one week later because of FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION on the 3rd Tuesday, August 15th
Tuesday August 22, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Thursday August 24, 2023	6:30 PM	Knights of the Round Table	St. Mary	basement of the Church at St. Mary's
Wednesday August 30, 2023	7:00 PM	Estate Planning Webinar	KC2770	see article page 6 to register
Friday September 1, 2023	5:00 PM	Church Blessing - Mass followed by dinner	St. Pat	Dinner in Reardon Hall. Knights do cleanup
Sunday September 3, 2023	after 10 AM Mass	St. Mary's Parish Festival	St. Mary	grounds of St. Mary; NOTE: 10 am Mass, no 9 am Mass; no 1 pm Mass
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	Basement of St. Mary's
Tuesday Sept 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	
Sunday October 15, 2023	9-10:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	St. Mary	
Tuesday October 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Oct 5-7, 2023	Photos	Parish Directory Photos	St. Mary	schedule times - also KC round table
Tuesday October 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
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
Sunday November 12, 2023 Sunday December 10, 2023 Sunday January 21, 2024 Sunday February 18, 2024	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast Nov - for 8th grade Dec - benefit 7th grade class Jan - benefit 6th grade class Feb - benefit 5th grade class	KC2770	Reardon Hall Note: Nov/Dec breakfasts are 2nd Sunday

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
- Jon Field Community Director
- Steve Hesprich Family Director
- Howard Boppart Faith Director
- Open Life Director



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