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Christ's Compass— Fall is Festive In the Eucharist

Dear Knights and friends;

Thanks for coming to either, or both, of the Festivals at St. Mary and St. Patrick. At St. Mary's, despite the extreme weather I was happy to see people spending time together on the festival day. Everyone was happy.

The Fall season is upon us. That means we are able to enjoy another beautiful season, a season to admire God's creation. There are so many kinds of celebrations at this time of year. We have entered the harvest time, whether in the Cranberry Festival in Warren, or the harvest of corn, soy beans, and many other fruits and vegetables.

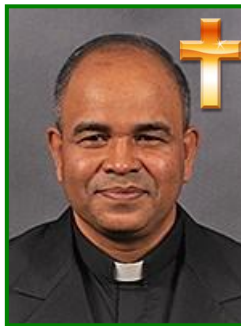
Let us not forget, it is always in season to celebrate the festal blessings of our faith. We are in the season of the Eucharistic Renewal, a season for which we are in the second of three years. The Eucharist is the center of our festal gathering as each Mass is celebrated. It is easy to take for granted each reception of the Eucharist. When you are in line at Mass awaiting reception of the Eucharist, give attention to WHO you are about to receive. It is indeed the most profound moment of our Catholic faith to receive Jesus.

Fall is a time when we gather the harvest of the farmer's planting. In the previous five to six months the farmers have done what they can to prepare a good plentiful harvest. But it the Lord who we really should thank for the bounty of the food we receive. Even as that food nourishes our physical body, the bounty of Eucharistic harvest is throughout the year if only we give purposeful thought to how valuable that bounty is.

So this message is set before you. What you do with the planting and nourishment to receive Christ in the Eucharist, will determine the bounty you receive in the harvest of Christ in your life.

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/>

The next council meeting is
October 17th
in Reardon Hall

October is the Month of the Rosary

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Council Compass—Remember

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

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

In our fast moving world we are letting go of many traditions. Traditions are not just things we repeat from times past, but in many cases core to our purpose as children of God, and foundational common sense moral principles.

Those familiar with **Knights' Compass** know we have been celebrating the history of our council for most newsletter issues this past year. I am a believer that if we don't know our history, we are doomed to repeat the mistakes of history. Remembering is not just about history. In a similar manner, if we don't remember the good of our history, we will forget those things that have forged our strength and resiliency as a society and all the varied parts of human experience.

Anniversaries, birthdays, our faith traditions, our democracy, the central importance of families, and life experiences are some remembrances. We are creating memories in our lives, good and bad that in the future we will look back upon. One central tenant of looking back to the good and bad of history is not judging them with the current sense of right and wrong. Rather what were the circumstances at the time of decisions and actions.

In the experience of the making of history, people's contributions are the foundation of what is good. Those contributions take a lot of forms. We honor long-standing anniversaries because they represent a commitment. What people give may be their time, skills, or prayers they offer over a long period of time.

Why is this important? I was reminded in the Mass Readings of October 1st about the two brothers, one who said he wouldn't do his father's bidding, but then did; and the other who said he would do what his father asked, but then didn't. How about being the person who says they will, and then does! We are all guilty of being each of those two brothers at different times in our life. Humanity has a fallen nature so when we make a mistake of either of the two brothers, let's resolve to be the person who says they will do what they proclaim they will do. Even though we are unlikely to be perfect in this regard, let's make the resolution in good times and bad, to be a Knight through the example of our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney. Commitment, contributions, consistency, tradition, history—Remember! These are all part of our call as Knights of Columbus.

In Fraternity with Christ! **Steve** Grand Knight
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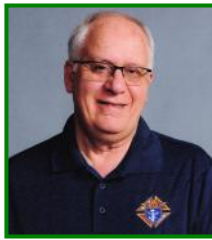
Coats for Kids

Steve Hesprich, Family Director

No child should be without a coat in the winter and no parent should have to decide between a coat for their child or putting food on the table. Since the launching of this program by Supreme in 2009, over 950,000 coats have been distributed in 50 states and all 10 Canadian provinces. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada this program has seen incredible results.

For the first time our council has decided to be part of this program.

At our council meeting in September we agreed to order two cases of coats for ages 7-12. There are 12 coats in a case. One case will be for boys and the other for girls (pictured above). The first priority for distribution of the coats will be St. Patrick's school. We've been in contact with the principal, Toni Ross and she has identified several students who would benefit from this program. After the school needs are met, we will go to others in our community to see the needs. We don't have the date yet that we will receive the coats, though we expect them to arrive before the end of October.



Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights

Howard Boppart, Faith Director

On Sunday October 29th at the 8 am Mass, our council will be commemorating the passing of our council members over the past number of years (2013 to the present). While we will remember all former members of our council who passed away as members, we will honor by name those members who have died since 2013. Here are the names we will honor:

Gerald Boehm	21	Fr. Thomas Reardon	10
Robert Boehm	17	Fr. Arnold Reuter	15
Br James Boyle	18	Ernest Schmocker	22
Michael Brown	18	Jeff Schwab	15
Peter Conway	15	Gerald Seitz	13
Timothy Curran	21	William Smith	17
Charles Druba	15	Harold Smith	20
Herbert Finger	20	Gerald Steiner	14
John Grzenia, PGK	16	Donald Strack	16
Dennis Kolba	20	John Sustar	19
Michael La Porte	13	James Theusch	15
John Laridaen	13	Donald Van Pee	14
Frank Machnik	21	Francis Walsh	17
John Mc Gowan	14	Robert Walsh	22
Daniel Moser	21	Tom *Zolondek, PGK	22

*brother of council member Mike Zolondek, from Illinois

We ask each of you, with your families, to come to the Memorial Mass. At this year's Memorial Mass we will have a 4th degree honor guard to add to the solemnity of this occasion.

Further, if you know of a widow of any of these knights, please reach out to them and invite them to this liturgy. Also let Grand Knight Steve Hesprich know, as we would like to make it a habit to invite the widows of deceased members to our events and activities.

Finally, there will be a simple program for all those attending the 8 am Mass on October 29th. It will contain the names shown above. If by chance a member dies between now and the 29th, we'll add them to the program. After the homily, Grand Knight Steve Hesprich will read the names of each of these deceased members.



Who is this man? You will learn about his role in the history of the Solomon Juneau Council in the next issue of **Knights' Compass**

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 of Council History

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

Adult program involvement includes Knight coordination of the usher program in the parish; Knight participation in lecturing, Eucharistic ministry, ushering, parish festivals, parish councils, CCD teaching, etc. The council has offered a scholarship to its parish native seminarian while he was pursuing his course of study toward the priesthood. At Christmas time residents at Fair View and Pleasant Acres Nursing Homes are remembered by visits and a Christmas gift. Deceased members are remembered with Masses during the year. Rosaries are led by Knights at wakes of deceased brothers. An annual Marian Hour Of prayer has been sponsored the past four years. The Council has been involved in the Pro-Life programs along with other supportive groups. The Program for the Mentally Retarded Citizens

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has been a major project of the council. Approximately \$5,000 has been raised by the local council in the "Tootsie Roll Candy" program and returned back to the council which, in turn, donated it to the Juneau County Association for the Mentally Retarded Citizens.

Most recent activity has been the raising of monies for the establishment of a charity fund for disasters, crisis and vocations among Brother Knights and the less fortunate in our community.

Over the years the Council has received many recognitions on the state and supreme levels. Most recent was the recognition at the State Convention in 1982 for having the highest percentage gain in membership in the Diocese. On Supreme level it was awarded the Founders Award.

The above [and these past issues of the newsletter] is a brief resume of some of the involvements and accomplishments of Brother Knights of Solomon Juneau Council No. 2770 during the past 50 years. Hopefully, present and future Council members will meet the challenges they face the next first half century equally well.

This wraps up the first 50 years of history. As the history concludes, the final sentence challenges us to continue our work for the next 50 years, to our 100th anniversary in 2036! Next month we'll look at some other history of the council, focused on the first 16 years of the council as well as uncovering some other history since 1986.

Compass of Life

Steve Hesprich

On Sunday October 1, 2023 the annual Life Chain was held in Mauston near the intersection of Gateway and North Union. For one



and half hours each year we hold signs such as "Abortion Kills Babies" to give witness to the importance of life in the womb. The event is sponsored by the Juneau County Pro-Life Committee. In addition to Mauston, life chains are also done in Necedah, Friendship, Tomah, and Wisconsin Dells.

I Have No Time to Join the Knights

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

How often have you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus and their response to you is... "I'm too busy". Perhaps that was even you before you became a Knight. Or perhaps life has gotten so busy since becoming a knight that you feel this way now about getting involved.

Here are some suggested responses you can give to overcome this obstacle, and if it is your own challenge to find time, give thought to how you can still be involved.

The *24 Hour Knight* - Supreme has a great pamphlet you can order (for free) that shows men they only need to spend 24 hours a year on Knights activities. Everyone has 24 hours. I have copies of this brochure.

There's no additional time required for most who join - I tell people "use the time in your path". What does this mean? Many men in the parish already donate a significant amount of their time to church activities. Church Choir, usher, Eucharistic Minister, etc... Just become a member (to show your support) and just keep doing the things you're already doing. Nothing more.

E-membership - The Knights created a type of membership for people like you. Just become an e-member (for free the first year) to show you support the Catholic Church. You don't need to do more. Then, in the future, if your situation changes, you can volunteer and be more engaged.

The Knights should complement your life, not complicate it. Get involved only if and only when you have time. If you're busy. That's OK. Just being a member is helpful. Have a voice - The knights have a voice in Congress on many issues impacting our lives. As a member, you share in strong Catholic values and we can represent you.

Compass of Council Charitable Work

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity. In the ceremony for becoming a Knight we hear that Charity is "the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life." Charity is not merely the giving of money. The exemplification goes on to say

"Charity moves the heart to comfort and console, advise and instruct, bear and forgive. In God and with God, we love even those we do not know. This is the charity that evangelizes. This is the charity that gladdens the heart."

In recent years, we have conducted 3 significant fund raisers each year so as to have monies to give to charitable causes. First is the annual CPID drive (also called the Tootsie Roll Drive—formally the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities), which we do in May. Second is the Sportsmen's Raffle which we have done for each of the last 4 years, and finally the annual State Raffle. At our September meeting we agreed to concentrate fund raising on the State Raffle, and not undertake the Sportsmen's Raffle. We are awaiting the receipt of the State Raffle funds from this past State Convention drawing, and expect to receive in excess of \$2,000 for our charitable causes. There are many needs in our community which we only partially can satisfy. Our council also welcomes donations. We invite members to be actively involved in our activities of charity such as the 6 pancake breakfasts we will be conducting between St. Patrick and St. Mary's.

Estate Planning is a Compass for Life

Taken from Supreme Website <https://kofc.planmygift.org/>

HAS YOUR LIFE CHANGED? SO SHOULD YOUR ESTATE PLAN
Ever look at the calendar and marvel at what year it is? Has that much time really gone by?

With time's passage comes change: Babies are born, loved ones depart. We move to a new town, start a new job. Laws get revised. We discover a new passion, a new cause.

When changes happen, it's important that your estate plan reflects them.



Here are key categories to consider:

Timing: Did you write your will prior to 2001? A lot has changed in the world of estate taxes. For example, the amount you can leave to heirs without paying federal estate tax rose from \$675,000 to almost \$13 million in 2023.

Relationship status: A change in your marital or long-term relationship means you may want to alter your will and beneficiary designations.

Children: Perhaps you now have children or grandchildren, and you want to ensure you have provided for them. Or, you created a will when the kids were young and they are now grown and financially stable.

Residence: Legal requirements and taxes vary by state. If you've moved to a new state since creating your will, you'll want to see what impact that may have.

Family and friends: Our connections with people sometimes shift over time. You may want to increase or decrease the amount left to certain individuals, or even add or remove them from your will or beneficiary designations.

Pets: Ensure that your pets are cared for after you're gone. Name a guardian you trust and assign assets to provide for your pet's food and veterinary care.

Charitable causes: If you have formed new or stronger connections with certain nonprofits and want to take your support to the next level, you can set up gifts in your estate plan to ensure your values endure after your lifetime.

Does KofC Charities Belong?

When creating or updating your estate plan, we hope you consider the role the Knights have played in your life and how you can continue making a difference. Contact Greg Helgerson, today to discuss how your dedication can last through planning.



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Knights of the Round Table

Round Table Coordinator, Steve Hesprich

Knights from St. Mary's joined the entire council for a council meeting hosted by St. Mary's Knights. We met on Tuesday September 19, 2023. For details of that meeting see the council minutes published on page 6 of this issue. The next important event is the Pancake breakfast at St. Mary's on Sunday October 15, 2023 after the 9 am Mass.

Compass Minutes—August 2023

Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The August 22, 2023 council meeting began at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held the 4th Tuesday instead of our normal meeting date on the 3rd Tuesday due to the Solemnity of the Assumption falling on the 3rd Tuesday. We had Owen and Anna (Boppart) Jones join us to talk about their involvement with FOCUS—Fellowship of Catholic University Students, where they are involved as student missionaries. The 'focus' is to form disciples of Christ. Their work is to attract more students to be involved in their Catholic faith. Owen and Anna talked about their experiences both spiritual and work they do for FOCUS.



The Minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting were approved as they are published in the August issue of

Knights' Compass.

Fr. Cryton talked about how the gesture of love makes a difference in people's lives. St. Mary's Fall Festival is September 3rd. Fr. Jey talked about the coming display of Eucharistic Miracles September 23-29. Our re-dedication Mass is September 1st. There will be a Knights Honor guard from our Tomah assembly. We received a letter from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly regarding the wildfires in Hawaii where the Knights there are responding to the needs of those displaced. The Semi-Annual Audit was passed around for members to review.

Treasurer's report: General account starting balance of \$3790, ending balance of \$3627. Charity balance of \$1121. Our council finished the fraternal year at 180% of membership quota. We watched a Eucharistic Revival video on a reported miracle at St. Thomas Church in Connecticut where Fr. McGivney served as a pastor. Hosts were purported to multiply. Our council Memorial Mass will be at the 8 am Mass on Sunday October 29, 2023. We will have an honor guard. There is a 4th degree exemplification on October 21, 2023 in Medford. An Estate Planning webinar will be held August 30th at 7 pm. A motion was made and passed to fund up to \$390 toward two kneelers to be available for Communicants to optionally use in receiving the Eucharist. [postnote: we received additional donations of \$390, so no payment will be needed from the council, except to take \$260 of donations and write a check to the parish who actually made the kneeler purchase]. We discussed the idea of having debit cards. No decision was made to do so.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse the GK for up to \$150 for supplies needed for the newsletter. We need to see how we would do a donation to FOCUS. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 through Supreme to support relief efforts of the Maui fire in Hawaii. Prayers for Mary Jean Cauley and Jim Kolba. The meeting ended at 8:43 pm.

Festive—St. Patrick & St. Mary

By Steve Hesprich

On September 3rd and 10th, at St. Mary’s and St. Patrick’s respectively our parishes had their annual Parish Festivals, with excellent weather, though very warm at St. Mary, and fun enjoyed by all.



*Left photo: Jon Field and Howard Boppart take care of raffle sales.
Right photo: St. Mary’s Festival*

The Knights have annually worked the St. Patrick Festival by providing the very popular chocolate shakes, with many other members supporting the varied activities of the festival such as sales of raffle tickets shown above. They also supported the activities of the parish festival at St. Mary’s. Thank you to all the members who supported the festivals by their involvement at our parishes.



Left to right: Bill Powers, Steve Powers, and Randy Boehm manning the chocolate shakes

Keep Christ in Christmas

By Steve Hesprich

While it is a while before we celebrate Christmas, there are preparations to be done to remind everyone of the birth of Christ. At our September meeting we voted to purchase “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs and magnets.

The Keep Christ in Christmas yard sign program satisfies a Supreme Council recommended Faith in Action—Family activity. Over the years, a large number of Wisconsin councils and a growing number of out-of-state councils have

participated in this program. Thirty-one years ago, PGK Emmett Schuchardt, Council #531, contemplated an activity in his community to remind folks of the spirit of Christmas. His innovative solution led to the creation of an inexpensive, 11" x 28" blue and white yard sign supported by a steel, “U-shaped” wire, featuring an image of the Christ Child, and the words KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Since



then, tens of thousands of KCIC yard signs have dotted lawns throughout Wisconsin and the greater Midwest during the Christmas season.

Our council will be purchasing 25 of the yard signs as well as 25 magnets (pictured above) and making them available for sale to parishioners.

NO ‘T’ in Estate Plan

From Supreme Website—<https://kofc.planmygift.org/>

You’ve probably seen the high profile examples of people who did not take care to do proper estate planning. Many who may not believe they have that many assets to worry about estate planning are mistaken. Estate planning is not about us, but about those people or causes we do care about.

You don’t have to create your estate plan on your own. There are many professionals ready to help if you get stuck, have questions, or worry about forgetting something important. Here’s who you can turn to and when:

An **estate planning attorney** works with you to establish a plan for your estate if you are incapacitated or when you pass away and when you want to create (or update) a legally valid plan to protect you, your assets and your loved ones.

A **certified financial planner** advises on a wide variety of topics including retirement, education, investments, taxes and charitable planning. Use their services when you want comprehensive financial planning services.

A **trust officer** is responsible for administering any trusts. Consider their involvement when you do have a lot of assets and wish to include a trust in your estate plan.

A **certified public accountant (CPA)** helps you navigate your taxes and is of help when you want help filing your taxes or creating a plan to minimize taxes.

A **charitable gift planner** helps you set up a gift for a specific nonprofit. Gifts to benefit organizations such as Knights of Columbus Charities may provide you financial benefits in addition to the fulfillment that comes from helping. Utilize them when you’d like to benefit the causes you care about either during or after your lifetime. Don’t Forget About Free Advice!

Many retirement plans and life insurance policies provide access to professionals who can assist you. Help yourself to all the free advice that is available—whether it’s through your financial institution, your employer or your plan provider.

Our field agent would be happy to work with you and your advisors to extend your charitable legacy through your estate plan. As always, our partnership comes with no obligation. Simply contact our field agent Greg Helgerson to have a personal conversation about your wishes. His contact information is at the bottom of page 4 of this newsletter. By the way Greg was recently certified for Long-Term Care (CLTC).



Compass Minutes—Sept 2023

Jon Field, Acting Recorder

Attendance: Steve Hesprih, Randy Boehm, Steve Powers, Jon Field, Tom Jodarski, Bill Powers, Howard Boppart, Fr. Cryton, Jeff Wojcik and Ted Czajkowski. Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Hesprih at 7pm. Father Cryton led us in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were reviewed from August meeting. One correction was the last name of former Anna Boppart and now husband is Jones (not Smith). Motion by Boehm, 2nd by Jodarski to approve. Motion passed.

Chaplain report: Fr. Cryton reported on September St Mary’s fall festival. Great event though the weather was hot. St Mary’s preparing for Oct 5-7 pictures for parishioners for their parish directory. There will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 15. They are having an Oct 21 field trip to Holy Hill. The parish is displaying pictures of deceased parishioners from the past year in the front of the church on All Souls Day and for the whole month of November. And November 5th, the parish is having an informational meeting on what’s happening in the parish where all internal committees will be giving reports.

Grand Knight report: Steve attended Fall Diocesan Huddle in La Crosse on Sept 17. Scott Frome is now district Deputy 20 (our District). Fr Jey put a nice article in last week’s St Pat’s bulletin (9/10/2023) about the knights and the 4th degree. There were many nice comments on the Knight’s Honor Guard’s presence at the 1st mass back in the church after renovations. Gina Boppart went to La Crosse and picked up the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles that will be displayed at church from 09/23-09/29. Council 1386 in Platteville is raising \$20,000 for an ultrasound project. Steve handed out programs from Council 2770’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 1986.

Treasurer’s report: Treasurer Oldigs gave written report. Beginning balance of \$3627.37. Deposits totaling \$660. Checks totaling \$1048.94. Ending balance of \$3238.43. Charity balance is \$1121. Discussion took place for council to participate in Coats for Kids. There was a motion by Steve Powers, 2nd by Tom Jodarski to order 2 cases of coats to be ordered for Mauston schools. Motion passed. Motion by Steve Powers, 2nd by Bill Powers to approve full treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

Membership report: State recognition will be given to David Hamm (50 years member) and Jim Kolba (70 years member)

Faith director report: Watched a Eucharistic Revival video. Howard Boppart reported that 11 men came to the first *That Man is You* last Friday. There will be a council Memorial Mass on Sunday Oct 29th for the 8am Mass. 1st by Tom Jodarski, 2nd by Bill Powers to give \$250 for support of FOCUS for Owen and Anna Jones. This will support their evangelization efforts at their college, The University of Mary in North Dakota.

Family director report: Millers (Bernard and Frances family) were submitted for August. Suggestion for September is Ann Benz. Suggestion for October was Brian and Kerrie Randall.

Community director report: S Powers reported \$320 gross sales at the fall festival. He also reported someone else will need to chair this event next year. Ideas for fund raising for 2024 included just selling more state charity raffle tickets because of such a good percentage back on each ticket. It was also brought up to continue to partner with other councils on their efforts. Carrol Kaiser is looking for help with mowing the cemeteries. Punt, pass and kick dates were discussed (September 26th and October 21st). First St Pats pancake breakfast will be November 10.

New business: it was decided to order 25 signs and 25 decals for the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign for December. Council members for St Mary’s will have their pictures taken on 10/8 after the 9am mass. Discussion took place but no interest shown in having a Knight’s football watch party for Packers vs Lions on Sept 28th.

Good of the Order prayer: prayed for Danny Miller, recently deceased brother of Knight Carl Miller. Next meeting: October 17th, 2023, 7pm Council meeting, 6:30 officer/director meeting. Reardon Hall, St Pat’s. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jon

Punt Pass Kick

By Jon Field, Event Chairman

We had an exceptionally large group of young competitors at our Tuesday, September 26, 2023 Punt Pass and Kick contest. I counted 64 boys and girls competing in age and boy/girl categories from age 8 to



1st thru 3rd place winners shown above (12 year old boys not in photo)

12. The contests begin at the council level, with winners participating at the diocesan level, followed by State competition. Winners of the age groups are as follows:

8 yr boys: Jaxon Ketcham	10 yr boys: Jaden Steinke
8 yr girls: Riley Retzall	11 yr girls: Elise Miancki
9 yr boys: Evan Ehliter	11 yr boys: Jaxon Komatz
9 yr girls: Maci Andrews	12 yr boys: Cooper Thayer

First place winners will go on to compete in the Diocesan Punt Pass and Kick, to be hosted at the Mauston High School Football field on Saturday October 21, 2023. Registration is at noon, with the competition beginning at 1 pm.

Catholic Values & Financial Decisions

By Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors

Many knights may not be aware that several years ago the Supreme Council established the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. There has always been an arm of the Knights taking care of the Order’s investments and charitable monies. Now the Knights are reaching out to councils and families who wish to invest monies that are consistent with Catholic teaching.



Join Anthony Minopoli, President and Chief Investment Officer of the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors for an informational webinar to learn more about insurance,

investment and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values. “Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values” will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:00 PM CDT

To register for this event, click on the QR code to the left.





Charter—Assembly Beginning

Steve Hesprich, Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902

When the Fr. Francis Heindl assembly was formed on June 18, 1982, 41 years ago, it did not have this name. It was chartered with the name “Tomah Area Assembly”. This came later after the death of Fr. Heindl in



1986. The August 2023 issue of the newsletter talked about the legacy of Fr. Francis Heindl and his relationship to the Knights of Columbus.

In the charter displayed above, there were 3 councils who made up the original assembly of 41 members - 4125 in Tomah, 4592 in Sparta, and 4697 in Black River Falls. Since that time, other area councils have become part of the assembly including all District 20 councils - 2770 Mauston, along with 4295 Union Center, 7096 Cashton, and 9070 Hillsboro. Other councils include 10158 Wilton/Kendall and 12673 Necedah.

The names of the charter members are listed around the frame of the charter, though not depicted above. It lists the officers along the bottom of the charter. All the other charter members are listed on the right and left sides. The Charter Faithful Navigator was Larry Dechant, who remains an active member of the assembly and honor guard today. The assembly holds business/social meetings with



**Larry Dechant,
Charter Faithful
Navigator**

November 19th, we invite all Knights regardless of their degree along with spouses, to attend our Clergy Appreciation Dinner, with a social hour at 2 p.m. and dinner at 3 p.m.

wives, on a monthly basis. Each November meeting is a Clergy Appreciation Dinner with the meeting moved from the normal 3rd Monday of the Month, to the Sunday before, which is November 19th. That dinner is open to all Knights and spouses and all priests of the area are invited as guests of the assembly. This year, as we often do, an honor guard will be part of that event. It will be held at the Tomah Council Hall (201 Juneau St, Tomah), with a social hour beginning at 2 p.m. and dinner at 3 p.m.

Legacy of Honor Guards

Steve Hesprich, Honor Guard member

The cornerstone of the Fr. Heindl assembly is its active honor guard. At any given time, there are 6-8 honor guard engagements scheduled. Membership in the honor guard is optional as is the level of participation in honor guard events. The design of the honor guard has gone through a number of changes over the decades since the creation of the patriotic degree on February 22, 1900.

Participation in the Honor Guard is voluntary.

The last change from the colorful regalia to the current uniform was introduced at the Supreme Convention in St. Louis in August 2017.



Our most recent 2 honor guards were at the St. Patrick Re-Dedication Mass where nine members served on the honor guard (2 not shown in photo above), along with 7 priests in attendance including 6 who concelebrated, led by our former Pastor, Fr. John Poteczek. The most recent honor guard was at the Rural Life Days, September 13th in Marshfield. Each year one of the deaneries in our Diocese hosts this celebration of our connection to, and dependence upon, rural life. In the recent past, this celebration has taken place on a farm making this connection even more obvious. It is quite a different experience to have an honor guard on a dairy farm. We are always looking for more men to join the 4th degree and become honor guard members. Contact Steve Hesprich if you wish to join the 4th degree.

Upcoming Exemplifications

**You can become a member of the Patriotic 4th degree on either of two Saturday Exemplifications:
October 14, 2023 at St. Bernadette Parish, Appleton; and October 21, 2023 at Holy Rosary Parish in Medford.**

With travel, these are all day events with registration at 10 am.



**To explore further, contact Steve Hesprich
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DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Friday Oct 6, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 12/15
Sunday Oct 8, 2023	9:00 AM	KC Photos of St. Mary Knights for Parish Directory	St Mary	Meet at the front of church after Mass; even if attending another Mass on the weekend, arrive at church by 10:45 AM for the group photo after Mass
Friday Oct 13, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 12/15
Saturday, October 14, 2023	10:00 AM	4th Degree Exemplification	KC1902	Appleton
Saturday, October 14, 2023	8:30 AM	Men of the Cross Conference (\$45)	Diocese	https://menofthecross.org/
Sunday October 15, 2023	9-10:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	St. Mary	
Tuesday October 17, 2023	6:30 PM	Council Officer/Director	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday October 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	7:30 PM	"Aligning Financial Decision with your Catholic Values" webinar	KC2770	see QR code on page 6 to register
Friday Oct 20, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 12/15
Saturday, October 21, 2023	noon	Diocesan Punt Kick Pass Contest	KC2770	Registration noon; competition starts 1 pm; at football field at Mauston H.S.
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
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	7:00 PM	Aligning Financial Decisions with Your Catholic Values		
Friday Oct 27, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 12/15
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	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast	KC2770	Reardon Hall; Note: Nov/Dec breakfasts are 2nd Sunday
Thursday November 16, 2023	6:30 PM	Knights of the Round Table	St. Mary	basement of the Church at St. Mary's

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



Patriotic Degree Exemplification

You can become a 4th degree Knight on Saturday October 21, 2023 at Holy Rosary Parish in Medford. With travel, this is an all day event with registration at 10 am.



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