

# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

*Direction for Family in Faith*



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## Christ's Compass— Remembrance

Dear Knights and friends;

The month of November in the Church is memorable for several reasons, most notable of which is remembering our dead. While our society often looks upon death, once, and gone, the Church teaches us to remember our dead, not just at the time their bodies are put to rest, but always, in prayer for the repose of the deceased's souls, and even to pray for the intercession of our saints. November, beginning with All Saints Day, reminds us to pray to the saints for their help in our lives. On November 2nd we turned our attention to all the souls in Purgatory. We pray to ask for those souls to go to heaven. In this month we remind all to visit the cemetery, where their beloved family and friends rest until the second coming of Christ, when they will be raised from the dead. The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them."

At St. Mary's we have a tradition to show the portraits of those in our parish who have passed away in the last year. Most Catholic churches have a register in their gathering area, or even near the sanctuary, for the names of our deceased loved ones to be prayed for.

The Knights of our council, as do many councils in the Knights around the world, have an annual Memorial Mass to remember, and even to name, those who have passed away in recent years. Our council conducted its Memorial Mass at the 8 am Mass at St. Patrick in Mauston with an honor guard of 8 members (see article page 9)

Give prayerful time to remember those you know who have passed away. If possible, visit their gravesite this month.

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://stpatrickismauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>

The next council meeting is  
Tuesday, November 21st at  
7 pm in Reardon Hall

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## Council Compass—R&R

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

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

November is a great time to *remember* and *recognize* men and families. Traditionally we remember our deceased knights, family members and friends. However we will in this issue also recognize the contributions of families and brother knights.

I would begin by commenting how wonderful our annual Memorial Mass was on Sunday October 29th, 2023 at the 8 am Mass. An honor guard from our assembly added to the commemoration of brother knights who have passed away over the years since the council was formed, now almost 87 years ago (anniversary is December 6th). See the article on page 9 of this issue of the newsletter. Next year's Memorial Mass will be Sunday November 3, 2024 at the 8 am Mass. We hope again to have an honor guard. We have 3rd degree members who could, if they choose, become 4th degree members and join the honor guard.

We have 3 families of the month we recognize in this issue for the months of July, September and October. We will profile the August family most likely in our January issue. Right after we sent the selection of the Miller Family for August, the first of their 9 children passed away, so we put this recognition on hold to get past a period of mourning.



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**STAR COUNCIL** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Why is the Star Council Award important?**

Striving to earn the Star Council Award helps your council to:

- **Help** more people in your parish and community through expanded charitable outreach
- **Attract** more members who can then benefit from the bonds of common Catholic brotherhood and grow in their faith
- **Protect** Catholic families' financial well-being
- **Encourage** participation in the sacramental life of the Church
- **Take care** of the financial and administrative obligations of the council

In October we received the plaque recognizing our council for the second consecutive year as a Star Council. The photo and reasons for the significance of this award are shown above. My thanks to all who have helped make this recognition a mark of the good work our council does.

Three of our member couples celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries this year. Gary and Peggy Van Pee, Jeff and Janet Wojcek, and Dick and Natalie Schwab. David Hamm celebrated 50 years as a Knight of Columbus.

Longevity in a relationship seems all too rare these days. We find hope in relationship through the example of these men and women and their families. See the article later in this newsletter.

Finally, we will be conducting an Exemplification to start our November 21, 2023 council meeting to welcome new members. We currently are expecting 3 men to become Knights that evening including our Pastor, Fr. Jey, and two from St. Mary. It is very gratifying to serve a pastor and parish with the support Fr. Jey has shown to us, which will add even more with his membership. Please make an effort to prioritize coming to this meeting which is the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.

In Fraternity with Christ!

**Steve** Grand Knight  
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## Stay Warm! 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 (pictured above), and the other for girls. 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. As the school needs have been met, we will go to others in our community to see the needs. We will have the remaining coats at our Sunday November 12th breakfast for others who may have a need.

More than 10% of children in Wisconsin live in poverty, and the rate is increasing in our state faster than the national average. Our council is one of the 70 councils that will distribute over 6,800 coats throughout the state in the coming weeks. If you know of some families with a need for 7 to 12 year olds. Let me know.

### 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



## Family Compass—July Family of the Month

Steve Hesprich & Jon Field

In the Month of July we restarted the "Family of the Month" program for our council. Two years ago the Howard Boppert family was recognized as the family of the month. However a lot has changed in those two years with Howard and Gina's family.

Now it is just the two of them. There are even more reasons to recognize them once again.

The Boppert family has been a wonderful example of Christian family values ever since they arrived at St

Pat's in 2013. Howard was raised Catholic in Woodstock, IL on a corn/bean farm. Gina was raised Baptist in little Cornell, WI, on a dairy farm. Howard graduated from Auburn University with a degree in ag economics while Gina got an environmental/public health degree from UW-Eau Claire. The two met when Gina's brother set her up with Howard on a blind date. Gina was welcomed into the Catholic Church and they were married on April 20,

1996. They have been blessed with four children: Johannes, 24, Luke, 23, Anna, 21 and Eli, 19.

Howard and Gina have been very active within their Catholic faith. At St. Pat's, Gina has been involved with religious education for 9 years, teaching 7th, 8th and 9th grades. She also taught as a substitute teacher at the school for 3 years. More recently Gina had substitute taught at our grade school, St. Patrick, and then this past school year became a full-time teacher of St. Pat's 3rd grade which she will be continuing this fall. She has been a

Eucharistic Minister, delivered eucharist to the homebound, has been on the parish council for several years, the PCCW, and both Gina and Howard helped coach track for 3+ years at St Pat's while their kids were there.

Howard is a lector at mass and had served on the parish education committee for 6 years including as the chairman. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2008. For the Solomon Juneau council, he helps with the tootsie roll drive, chairs the pancake breakfasts, and has served in three different director positions, as Community, Family and now Faith Director.

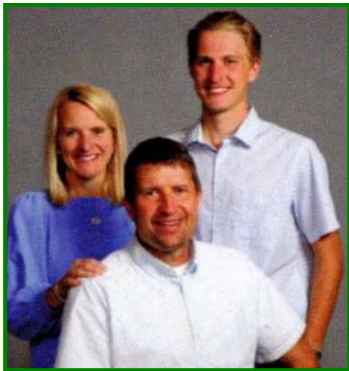
**The Family of the Month program recognizes local council and parish families who have made exemplary contributions to the parish (including St. Patrick's and St. Mary's). Those selected are then forwarded for consideration as the La Crosse Diocesan Family of the Month, and also submitted for the State Family of the Month. In February each year, a Family of the Year is selected and submitted to the State for consideration as State Family of the Year.**

He served for a year as one of the three Trustees of the council. For the last few years he has organized and ran the "That Man Is You" program, a national, weekly formation program for men that meets 26-times/year during the school year. This falls program will be informally integrated into the COR program of the Knights, a brand new program to build the faith and fraternity of parish men.

With 4 young adult children-they just returned from Montana where their youngest, is a Freshman at Montana State University. This means that they



**Boppert Family 3 years ago. Left to right: Howard, Eli, Luke, Anna, Johannes, and Gina**



have no children any longer living at home. So they get to have the first experience of being the "empty nester" parents.

The Boppert's are always in motion. They are receiving this award because it is easily recognized how they have



taught their kids that their motion revolves around their faith. Their daughter Anna married Owen about a year ago and both are very active in the College faith formation program called

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). She finished the annual summer training program held in Montana this year. The grown children are now all in different states—Luke is in Wisconsin. Johannes is in Colorado. Anna and Owen are in North Dakota, and Eli is in Montana. This past year Eli lectured at St. Patrick. They are a family that knows that Jesus is their savior and they open their arms out to the world around them and make it a better place, every single day.

For suggestions for family of the month, please contact Steve. cell: 608-400-2638 / Steve@Hesprich.com

## Raffle for Charity

Steve Powers, Raffle Chairman

Each year the Wisconsin State Council conducts a raffle to support both State and local council charities. Tickets are \$5 each and a portion of that amount comes back to

Wisconsin State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
**CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

**RAFFLE**

**1st Prize \$50,000!**

or 2023 Ford F150  
XLT



the council. In 2023 that amounted to a net of \$1,906.77 for our council.

As it has in the past, the first prize is the winner's choice of a new Ford F150 XLT, or \$50,000. A Harley or \$25,000 is second prize and then 3rd through 100th prize is \$500 each.

This fraternal year, our council has decided this raffle will be our only raffle type fund raiser and that means we need to step up efforts to make the raffle successful. While the amount refunded to each council is based on the total raffle sales, we can control what we receive through significantly increased sales. Invite all your family and friends to get raffle tickets so we can support the many charitable needs of our community.



## Family Compass—September Family of the Month

*Steve Hesprich, Family Director*

In the Month of September we have selected a notable “family” of the Month—Ann Benz. Her family is the parish and what we have to say here about her supports her contributions to this family we call St. Patrick’s.

Ann’s life is centered around music and teaching. At a young age, she loved to sing and wanted to play an instrument. Her parents purchased an accordion for her. She continued her interest in music and in 6th grade began taking piano lessons. She became involved with her parish and was playing the organ for her parish in High School. She moved to Minnesota and played piano there for her parish as well as became a member of the Religious Education board and taught religious education. Her parents’ health influenced her decision to move back to this area. Arriving in Mauston, she initially worked as our



*Ann, Deacon Juan Delgado, & Fr. Jey*



*Ann with her 2 sons, Scott (left) and Sean*

CRE and taught 3rd grade at St. Pat’s school, both roles part time. The following year, she became the full time 2nd grade teacher, which she did for 11 years. During that time she was very involved in the parish, helping with First Communion and First Reconciliation. Throughout her time at St. Pat’s to the

present time she plays the piano for the liturgies.

Ann has served on the Parish Council two times including now where she chairs the Council. She continues her involvement with sacred worship, and co-chairing Social Sunday. When special events take place such as Fr. John’s going away celebration, and the Church Rededication dinner she is seeing to the planning and the details. Then of course she helps with the Parish Festival each year. As we approach the Christmas season she coordinates the arrival of Santa, which will happen this year on December 10th, in combination with the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, served in December by St. Pat’s 7th grade class.

Ann is a member of the Choir as well as the “Spirit & Spark” music group. It was formed because of love of sound and harmonies, and with singing a lot of praise and worship songs, the ‘spirit’ fit. They start and end with a patriotic song, which is the ‘spark’. You can say Ann’s life is a song. Ann likes to be in the background, not making a big deal out of her music and parish contributions. Music in the Liturgy is her passion. Not only is she regularly playing the piano at Sunday 8 am liturgies, She also enjoys a central role in the Spirit and Spark music group of the parish. That group performed most recently for this Fall’s Parish Festival.



*The Spirit and Spark Music group. Back: Liz Housworth, Mark Becker; Front, left to right: Gail Fleming, Heidi Randall, Ann Benz, Cristina Becker, Joe Clary*

While Ann has a family with two sons, Sean and Scott, they have their own lives now, Sean is in Minnesota and Scott is in Arizona. Ann stays in touch with them both. Her every day family now is St. Patrick Parish.

We began Ann’s story with her learning to play the accordion. She still does. How many of us have had a lifetime commitment to service and in Ann’s case also music to please us and more importantly please the Lord!

## Knights of the Round Table

*Round Table Coordinator, Steve Hesprich*

Our Knights of Columbus council held its September council meeting at St. Mary’s in September. We covered the usual business of the council and talked about the upcoming pancake breakfast

The next significant event was the Pancake breakfast



at St. Mary’s on Sunday October 15, 2023 after the 9 am



Mass. The Knights from both St. Patrick and St. Mary’s helped along with the Solidarity Ladies of St. Mary’s. We had a tremendous turnout and served about 90 meals.

The proceeds will be given to the St. Mary Knights for them to fund charitable causes at St. Mary’s and in the community.



*From left to right: Brian Fox, Ted Czajkowski (front), Larry Mueller (back), new Knight Mick McCormick, Fr. Cryton Outschoorn, Deacon Tom Hale, Tony Oldigs, Jeff Wojcik, and Steve Hesprich*

St. Mary Parish is having photos taken of parish members for their upcoming photo directory. The Knights at St. Mary’s met after a weekend Mass to get a photo of their members (above) that will be included in the photo directory when it is published.

The next event for the Knights of the Round Table will be their meeting on Thursday November 16, 6:30 pm.

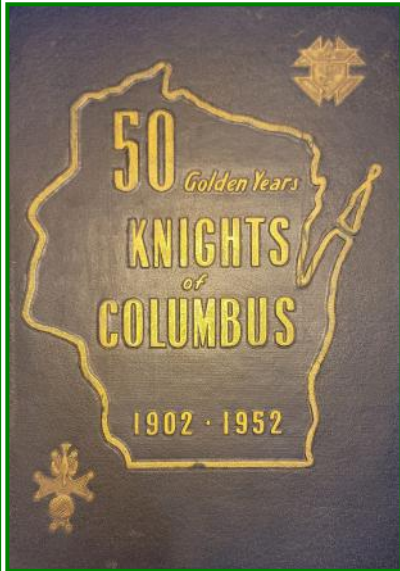


## 50 Golden Years of Knights in Wisconsin

*Preface: The Wisconsin State Council published a book in 1952 entitled "50 Golden Years Knights of Columbus 1902-1952". Here is the first of several excerpts that will be published in this and upcoming newsletters.*

*By Mauston Council Historical Committee*

On December 6, 1936, a fervent hope was consummated, a cherished desire and a prayerful wish that Mauston might some day have an outstanding Catholic organization in this splendid Catholic community, composed of approximately 400 Catholic families in the parish at Mauston, and fully as many more in the nearby parishes of New Lisbon, Lyndon Station, Necedah, Camp Douglas, etc.



Almost ten years earlier a group of prominent Catholic laymen, such as John Ensch, William Troy, Conrad Ohman, Mark MCGinity, Michael Timbers, Dr. William O'Brien, Peter Curran, and several others, desirous of organizing a council in Mauston had met, formulated a plan, and pledged sufficient funds to finance a club house and institute the project. Some of these men had joined councils in La Crosse, Portage, Watertown, Elroy, Madison, Milwaukee, etc., and knew the value of a sincere Catholic program in the development of better civic relations and an exemplary apostolate in parish affairs. However, reluctantly and with sincere humility, these men abandoned this cherished goal, because at that time their beloved pastor, the late Rev.

George Schleicher, had embarked on a crusade for a new parochial school that would require the unhindered and unlimited manpower, support, and financial assistance of the parish. To this program the organizing group then, to their everlasting glory, almost to a man, gave unstintingly, and today Mauston has one of the finest grade and parochial high schools in the state.

But this parish work delayed the organization of the council only for a short time. In 1936 Conrad Ohman, William Troy, Dr. William O'Brien, Vern C. Trump, and Gilbert Eckerle met with District Deputy Dr. C. W. Henney and discussed the possibility and the feasibility of instituting a council in Mauston. Many meetings were held, the last of which was attended by the then State Deputy and afterward Supreme Director, Bernard A. Kennedy; also by the State Secretary, the late Emmett I. Carrigan, as well as by William T. Sullivan who later became State Deputy. These men addressed a large group assembled in the school auditorium; the purpose and the glorious achievements of the Order were fully explained, and at this meeting approximately forty applications were signed by prospective candidates. At the same meeting it was decided that a request should be made to name the council after Solomon Juneau, for whom the county was



**In the last issue of Knight's Compass We asked "who is this man?" He is Conrad C. Ohman our council's first Grand Knight from 1936-1938. In this first excerpt talking about the formation of our council you will learn more about his role in the formation of the Solomon Juneau Council 2770..**

named and who was an outstanding Catholic and the founder of Milwaukee.

At this meeting Conrad Ohman especially did yeoman service, for he personally secured over \$20,000.00 of new insurance applications for the charter class. There are fifty living of the first class of fifty-nine. Nearly all of these are still active in the council.

The first degree was sponsored by the Baraboo team under the leadership

of Henry Noring and Ray Cummings; the second degree by the Madison degree team, led by Grand Knight, William Spohn; and the third degree was exemplified by Dr. C. W. Henney, the District Deputy, and his Portage contingent, with Warden Stanley Rivers as the Exemplar. All degrees were magnificently portrayed, and Solomon Juneau Council was off to a glorious start that has never slackened in the fifteen years of its existence.

The degree work was followed by a banquet at St. Patrick's school dining hall, with Edward P. Vinopal as toastmaster. The principal address was given by His Excellency, the late Bishop Griffin, of La Crosse. Other speakers were William A. Spohn of Madison, District Deputy C. W. Henney of Portage, State Deputy Bernard A. Kennedy of Prairie du Chien, and Rev. George Schleicher of Mauston. The guest speaker was Attorney Daniel H. Grady of Portage.

Bishop Griffin gave his blessing to the group of over two hundred who attended the banquet, given by the Catholic Woman's Club.

*Next Month we introduce the charter council officers, say a bit about the charter members and continue the history after the formation of the council.*

## A Compass—What is 50 years?

*By Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight*

In ancient Israel, the Jubilee, 50 years, was decreed on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 25:8-9), which among other things, represents unity, being at one with God. It was an economic, cultural, environmental and communal reset, when the land and people rested, and all those who were in slavery were set free. It was God's heart of grace. We don't see the Jubilee



**Janet & Jeff Wojcik  
Married 10/12/1973**



**David Hamm—  
50 years a Knight**

David Hamm celebrated his 50th year as a Knight of Columbus.

50 year wedding anniversaries have been celebrated in 2023 by Dick & Natalie Schwab, Jeff &

today as it was intended in olden days. However when it comes to people experiencing a 50-year event and relationship, we can recognize some who have done that recently.

In the Knights we see that



**Natalie & Dick Schwab  
Married 9/22/1973**



**Gary & Peggy Van Pee  
Married 1/6/1973**

Janet Wojcik, and Gary & Peggy Van Pee. Jeff and Janet were married on Columbus day which also just happened to be Jeff's dad's birthday.

50 years gives us a momentous compass of commitment in relationships.



## Family Compass—October Family of the Month

*Steve Hesprich, Family Director*

In the Month of October the Brian & Kerry Randall family is our Family of the Month.

The theme of this family begins with attendance at St. Patrick's school. Brian is an alumni of St. Patrick's school through 8th grade. Their daughter, now a sophomore at Mauston High School graduated from St. Patrick's grade school. Logan is currently in 6th grade there. Logan helped the Knights with the pancake breakfast this past winter as a 5th grade student and will likely help again at the January 2024 breakfast.



Brian serves as a member of the parish Building and Grounds Committee and was instrumental in our recent church renovation. He along with all the family helped with our Fall Festival, involved in multiple ways including set up and tear down work. Brian helped serve drinks at the festival.



*Left to right: Sophie, Brian, Logan and Kerry*

Kerry has been involved in sports at St. Patrick's school. She coached basketball for 5 years when Sophie participated from 4th through 8th grade. Kerry also coached the Mauston Girls Club basketball for 6 years. She has served on the Home and School committee for 5 years where she helped to coordinate the Trivia Night fundraisers, which led to the purchase of new playground equipment for the school. Kerry served on this year's Fall Festival Committee and took care of the country store for the festival.

Sophie just became a member of the Parish Council as a youth representative. At school she belongs to Key Club, a community purposed organization doing a food drive this November along with events around the year to support community causes. She is also a member of Mauston High School's student council.

Logan is active in baseball, basketball, track and football. He helps an elderly neighbor mow her lawn as well as snow removal in the winter.

As a family the Randall's enjoy golfing, fishing, and hunting. Brian and Kerry were married 18 years ago at St. Patrick on October 1st. Kerry grew up in St. Mary's parish Lyndon Station. Her parents are Dennis and Donna Franek who long-time area parishioners may know. The Franek family always was and continues to be active in church life and support.

The involvements of all the Randall family as well as Kerry's parents Dennis and Donna, have been summed up by Kerry & Brian's daughter Sophie commenting to Kerry: "I know why you are volunteering everywhere; because nana and papa are always volunteering". The Randall Family simply carries on the tradition of helping, serving and caring.



*Presentation of Family of the Month for October  
Left to right: Sophie, Logan, Brian, Kerry, Fr. Jey*

## Keep Christ in Christmas

*By Howard Boppart, Faith Director*

It is a while before we celebrate Christmas, however, there are preparations to be done for the Christ Child, and the words KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS to remind us as the expression goes "is the reason for the season". Around the country Knights' councils promote this message with yard signs and magnets showing the manger scene.



The 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 (facsimile shown above) as well as 25 magnets (pictured to the left) and making them available for sale to parishioners for \$5 each. We are awaiting delivery still and expect to see them prior to November 20th.

## COR/TMIY A Man's Compass

*By Howard Boppart, Faith Director*

OBJECTIVES: Journeying into the splendor of the Church exposes new depths of Catholic spirituality and devotion. The profundity of the Scriptures sets the stage for renewal of mind and heart - a new creation story, a new Adam, a new Eve, a new covenant and even a new kingdom! Prepare for the practical, the precise, the profound, and even the prophetic! Men, join us!



### TOPICS OF FALL SEMESTER Remaining

- 11/10: From Protestant Pastor to Catholic Professor
- 11/17: Why God?
- 12/1: Why Jesus Christ?
- 12/8: Why the Catholic Church?
- 12/15: A New Evangelization

In the new year we take up the remaining sessions beginning January 19th, continuing to meet at **6:30 am at the Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor community room.**

- 1/19: Sober Intoxication of the Spirit
- 1/26: Our Father Who Art in Heaven
- 2/2: Silent Knight, Holy Knight
- 2/9: Meet Your Spiritual Father
- 2/16: The Shadow of the Father
- 2/23: First Society
- 3/1: The Day is Far Spent
- 3/8: The Signs of the Times
- 3/15: The Renewal of the New Springtime
- 3/22: Angelic Guardians 3/29: Renewed in Mercy
- 4/5: A New Day, A New Man
- 4/12: Avanti! The Harvest is Plentiful



## Diocesan & State Punt Pass Kick

By Jon Field, Event Chairman

We had an excellent cool day for football on Saturday October 21, 2023 for the Diocesan Punt Pass & Kick Contest. It was held on the Mauston High School Football Field. Winners of council



*Jon Field and Gary Wolf Oversaw the contest*

competitions in 10 categories (boys and girls, 8 through 12 year olds) played to win either 1st or 2nd place, and then go on to compete at the State Contest. The diocese had competitors from 2422 Durand, 3249 Stanley, 5127 Colby, 7096 Cashton, 10914 Onalaska, and 13880 Plover, in addition to our council, 2770.

The following are advanced to the state competition from our council (1st or 2nd place in their age category bolded):

- 3rd Place: 8 yr boys: Jaxon Ketcham
- 1st Place: 9 yr boys: Evan Ehliter**
- 3rd Place: 10 yr boys: Jaden Steinke
- 1st Place: 8 yr girls: Riley Rctzall**
- 1st Place: 9 yr girls: Maci Andres**

The State Contest was held a week later on Saturday October 28 in De Pere. It was a rather cold day in De Pere. However the energy of the contestants proved to be greater than the cold, and the boys and girls excelled in their competitiveness. Individual results had not been published at the time of our publication.



*Explanation of the Punt Pass Kick Contest to boy and girl contestants at Diocesan Competition*



## Feed the Hungry

By Jon Field, Community Director

Each year shortly before Christmas, the Christian churches in the Mauston area prepare and distribute a box of food for each of the needy families of our community. Last year 150 such boxes were prepared. Even though there was a 2-hour time for the distribution, all 150 boxes were distributed in one hour, so great is the need in our area. This year St. Patrick will provide the ham that is included in the food box.

The Knights help is needed to assist with preparing the food boxes. That will take place on **Friday December 15, 2023 beginning at approximately 5:30 pm (watch for an announcement in the bulletin as we near that date for the actual time)**. In the past Knights families have helped including even grade-school children. The boxes are prepared in an assembly line process and many hands are needed.

On Saturday December 16th from 9 to 11 am, the boxes will then distributed. The location for both the preparation on Friday and the distribution on Saturday will be the Bible Baptist Church, located at 148 Grayside Avenue in Mauston. Remember the Gospel's admonition: Feed the Hungry!



*Food Boxes being stacked Dec 2020*

## Breakfast Served by St. Pat Students

By Howard Boppart, Breakfast Chairman

Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsor 4 pancake breakfasts. Each date, the proceeds go to one of the St. Patrick School classes. We start with the 8th grade class (Nov 12th), followed by the 7th grade (Dec 10th—with Santa this year), 6th grade (Jan 21st), and 5th grade (Feb 18th). However we expect the students in those grades with each respective breakfast to help serve. It is most beneficial for them to learn about service. Usually the teacher of the grade helps, along with parents. The charge for our breakfasts is a free will offering. In addition to the lesson of service learned by students, the



*Feb 19, 2023 breakfast*

breakfasts are an important event for building community. Our breakfasts are open to not just parishioners but also to the larger community. We are looking for ways to increase the community awareness of the breakfasts. We always need help for the breakfasts, even with those assisting as described above.

If you can help, bring your family to help as well. And enjoy breakfast!



## Compass Minutes—October 2023

*Steve Hesprich, Acting Recorder*

The October 17, 2023 council meeting began at 7:01 pm. Minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting were approved as published in the Sep/Oct 2023 newsletter. Fr. Cryton gave the chaplain report and thanked those who helped with the Oct 15th Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's. At St. Mary's in November it has been the tradition to show the photos of members of who have passed away in the last year. On November 5th there will be a training for ministries and a general meeting of parish groups/committees. Fr. Jey talked about attending the funeral of his oldest brother in India.

The Grand Knight's report included noting petitions will be prayed at the end of the meeting for the conflict in Israel. We received a letter from the Supreme Knight addressing the Christian community in Israel with the conflict with Hamas. We are hoping to hear from Supreme if there will be a relief fund established for Israel. Steve expected to make some progress on a budget but has not. It will be moved to the November or December meeting. It will cover the calendar year 2024. The budget would cover all expected expenses and incomes. The Charity account had a beginning balance of \$1121.09. We added \$440 to that balance for the Hillsboro Gator Raffle for tickets we sold. \$304.24 was spent for two cases of Coats for Kids. We wrote a donation check to FOCUS to benefit the University of Mary in Bismarck ND, \$250, for an ending balance of \$1,006.85. Beginning balance of General account was \$3,238.43. Checks written to Hillsboro Knights for \$400, RJ Enterprises for Keep Christ in Christmas for \$140 and State per Capita for \$310, for an ending balance of \$2,388.43. Tonight checks written to Jon Field for medals for Punt Pass Kick of \$45.41, and Howard Boppart for St. Mary breakfast expenses of \$29.52. Fr. Cryton asked that the proceeds of the St. Mary Breakfast be given to the Knights at St. Mary's. We will do that by establishing an accounting, perhaps a ledger account, to manage funds attributable to St. Mary Knights for their use, though the entire council will need to agree to any expenditure of those funds. The proceeds from the October Lyndon breakfast were \$586 before expenses. Roughly 90 people were served.

The Star Council award for 2022-2023 has been received and was on display at the meeting. Membership Report: we have a new member, Dr. Patrick "Mick" McCormick who has done the online portion and still needs to view the exemplification. The new "Into the Breach" videos, five of them are directed to strengthening the family. We'll see those in future meetings. We talked about the TMIY annual report that even made mention of our parish. It is available on the TMIY.org website. For the annual council Memorial Mass, we will have a 4th degree honor guard. An article on the Memorial Mass can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. Family of the Month articles can be found in this issue of the newsletter for July, September and October. We discussed how we can do more for the December breakfast when we'll also have Santa getting photos with children. We invited members to help with the Diocesan Punt Pass Kick contest Saturday Oct 21st. We have ordered the yard signs and magnets for Keep Christ in Christmas. We will sell those for \$5 each. We are waiting to hear the date we can expect the signs and magnets. We discussed how we could better promote the breakfast. Had conversation about promoting St. Nicholas rather than Santa Claus. This year however likely to still have Santa (Steve H will meet with Ann Benz to discuss further). On November 19th, the Tomah Assembly (associated with our council) will be having a Clergy Appreciation Dinner with social at 2 pm and meal served at 3 pm. The honoree is Fr. Eric Berns, a former pastor at St. Patrick. All are invited though it is necessary to RSVP [see article on page 9 for RSVP info]. A motion was made and passed to donate the proceeds of \$320 from sales of the milk shakes at the parish festival to St. Patrick School to use for "year-end school activity". The Bank of Mauston is again offering a matching funds contribution for the Food Pantry of Mauston. We will introduce a motion at the November meeting to contribute \$500 via the Bank of Mauston, to the food pantry. The State Council is again offering Bibles for the Order's Sacramental Gifts program (\$12.50 each). We will bring this up again at a future meeting as a gift for those 17-18 students expected to be Confirmed this coming Spring.

We are being asked by the State Council to be one of the host councils for

the 2024 Spring State Convention. One of the suggestions is that each host council prepare two baskets for what is called the "bucket raffle". People buy tickets and can put those tickets in a bucket for the basket they'd like for the drawing. Anyone who would like to help with the State Convention should let GK Steve know.

We closed with petitions from our Chaplain for those caught up in the Middle East conflict between Israel and Hamas. The meeting ended at 8:16 pm.

## Into the Breach - Mission of the Family

*Taken from Supreme Website*

Supreme has recently introduced a new "Into the Breach" series of videos. This dynamic five-part series proclaims the truth and beauty of Catholic family life and seeks to inspire viewers to live it in the modern world. All five episodes can be viewed on the "Into the Breach" website at [kofc.org/missionofthefamily](http://kofc.org/missionofthefamily).

Marriage and family life is both a call and a gift by which a man and a woman, through their love and their union, deepen their own relationships with God and reflect his goodness to those around them. Marriage lived well will make saints out of spouses and provide children models and encouragement to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Each 12 to 14 minute episode addresses the "Mission of the Family" and focuses on a different aspect of Catholic marriage and family life and features expert interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the powerful personal story of a Catholic couple who has lived the theme of the episode in their own marriage. The series follows the Knights of Columbus' highly successful Into the Breach video series, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times.

Included among the series' prominent speakers are:

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- EWTN host Dr. Ray Guarendi
- Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray
- Sister of Life Sr. Maris Stella
- Speaker and author Sarah Swafford
- Major League Baseball player Trevor William
- Former Major League Baseball player Mike Sweeney
- Former Major League Baseball player Darrell Miller

We will take time at council meetings in the next months, starting in December to view these videos.



**On Friday November 3rd, Fr. Todd Mlsna had a 25th priestly anniversary Mass and dinner. 23 Honor Guard members participated in the Liturgy at St. Patrick Parish in Sparta, Fr. Todd's parish growing up.**



# 4th Watch of the (K)night

Matthew 14:25



## Clergy Are The Compass to Christ

Steve Hesprich, Honor Guard member

All Knights, regardless of your degree in the Knights are invited to a dinner to honor our area clergy, priests and deacons. Your family is invited as well. Our honoree is Fr. Eric Berns, pastor of St. Patrick in Sparta. While the details are mentioned in the letter being sent to area clergy is shown below, I would also provide those details here. Sunday November 19, 2023, the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 based in Tomah, will have its annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner with a social hour at 2 pm and dinner



Father Francis Heindl Assembly 1902  
202 E. Juneau  
Tomah, WI 54660

Fr. Cuyton Outschoorn  
117 N. Juneau St.  
Lyndon Station, WI 53944

You are cordially invited to our "Honor our Clergy Night" on Sunday, November 19, 2023

This years' honoree is Fr. Eric Berns.

Hosted by the Father Francis Heindl Assembly 1902.

WHEN: Sunday, November 19, 2023

WHERE: Tomah Knights of Columbus Hall  
202 E. Juneau St.  
Tomah, WI 54660

TIME: Social 2:00 P.M. Dinner 3:00 P.M.

MENU: Pork, Polish Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, carrots, some gluten free choices, dessert,  
Hot dogs for children

We hope you will be available and look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

Jared Kasten  
Faithful Navigator

RSVP: Prior to November 12, 2023.

Fred LeSavage (608) 374-2617 or [fklesavage@charter.net](mailto:fklesavage@charter.net) or Jared Kasten (715) 538-5336

at 3 pm. You do need to RSVP by November 12th to Fred LeSavage (608) 374-2617 / [fklesavage@charter.net](mailto:fklesavage@charter.net) or Jared Kasten (715) 538-5336.

Our clergy are essential for our life's journey to heaven. While a dinner to honor them is but the smallest thanks for their service to Christ, the Church

**November 19th, we invite all Knights and their families, regardless of their degree, to attend our Clergy Appreciation Dinner, with a social hour at 2 p.m. and dinner at 3 pm. Tomah Council Hall**

and us, it is nonetheless something we can enjoy with them, to honor their sacrifices for our salvation. They help us be continually pointed to Christ. And that after all is what a *compass* does so that we are not lost on the way to heaven.

## God Country Flag

An idea to renew our faith in a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"

What has happened to our country? We are running, not walking, away from our God. What has happened to our sense of the solemn regard for this country as represented by the flag of the United States of America? Here is the mission of a program to celebrate the American Flag:

*Promote and strengthen the respect, admiration and loyalty to our God, our country and our flag. Help build leaders who promote patriotism in our communities.*

There is an increasing disrespect for the Flag of the United States of America in our country. The Flag has a dramatic history. How many of our younger generation, do not understand the esteemed role the flag represents. It tells the story of why freedom is not free. It is soaked in the blood of countless Americans who have died in service to our country, never mind the even greater number who have served to protect our great nation. More about this program in coming issues of the *4th Watch of the (K)night*.

Steve Hesprich, PFN, Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902

**125th anniversary of the 4th degree is Feb 22, 2025**

## Those Before - a Memorial Compass

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

In our nearly 87 years as a council, over 250 members have passed away. Their service is a memorial compass



Left to right: Steve Hesprich, David Dechant, Larry Scheckel, Larry Dechant, Don Tralmer, Fr. Jey Yobu, Winchel Felber, Deacon Juan Delgado, Kevin Kuderer and Frank DiBenedetto

of our council today. Our annual Memorial Mass was celebrated at the 8 am Mass at St. Patrick on Sunday October 29, 2023. We were blessed to have an honor guard of 8 from our Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902, attend (photo below). And it was enhanced by our pastor, Fr. Jey and our Deacon Juan Delgado.

It was a great honor for me to read the names of 30 of our members who have passed away in roughly the last 10 years. They included former pastor, Fr. Reardon, for whom our parish center is named.



DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Friday November 10, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - From Protestant Pastor to Catholic Professor	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 12/15
Sunday November 12, 2023	8 AM -noon	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	KC2770	Reardon Hall; Note: <b>Nov/Dec breakfasts are 2nd Sunday</b>
<b>Thursday November 16, 2023</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Knights of the Round Table</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>basement of the Church at St. Mary's</b>
Friday November 17, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - Why God?	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm
<b>Sunday November 19, 2023</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Tomah Assembly 1902 Clergy Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>KC1902</b>	<b>Fr. Eric Berns honoree. Any Knight/family can attend with RSVP by 11/12 (page 9 of newsletter)</b>
Tuesday November 21, 2023	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall; <b>EXEMPLIFICATION of Charity, Unity &amp; Fraternity</b>
<b>Tuesday November 21, 2023</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Council Meeting - exemplification</b>		
Friday December 1, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - Why Jesus Christ?	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm
Friday December 8, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - Why the Catholic Church?	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm
Sunday December 10, 2023	8 AM -noon	<b>Christmas Pancake Breakfast w Santa Dec - benefit 7th grade class</b>	KC2770	Reardon Hall; Note: Nov/Dec breakfasts are 2nd Sunday; <b>Photo with Santa</b>
Friday December 15, 2023	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - A New Evangelization. Last session for 2023	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Next session January 19, 2024
Friday December 15, 2023	5:30 PM	Help box up Christmas Food Baskets	Area Churches	5:30 pm tentative. Meet at Bible Baptist Church, 148 Grayside Ave, Mauston
Tuesday December 19, 2023	----	NO Officers Meeting	KC2770	
Tuesday December 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Monday December 25, 2023		Christmas		NOTE: Sunday is a day of Mass obligation + Christmas Mass
<b>2024</b>				
Tuesday January 16, 2024	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday January 16, 2024	7:00 PM	Council Meeting		
Friday January 19, 2024	6:30 AM	That Man is You/COR - Sober Intoxication of the Spirit	KC2770	Mile Bluff Hospital, 2nd floor Conf Rm; Fridays through 4/12

### Officers 2023-2024

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Bill Powers	Trustee for Two Years
Howard Boppart	Trustee for Three Years

### 2023-2024 Appointed Positions

Fr. Cryton Outschoorn	Chaplain
Randy Boehm	Financial Secretary
<b>Open</b>	Lecturer
Kevin Quist	Program Director
Jon Field	Community Director
Steve Hesprich	Family Director
Howard Boppart	Faith Director
<b>Open</b>	Life Director



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