

This Addendum contains the Council Minutes from our meetings of January 16, 2024 through May 14, 2024. The Newsletter itself will be published the 1st week of June.

Compass of Minutes—January 2024

Tom Jodarski, Council Recorder

The January 16, 2024 council meeting began at 7 pm. After an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, we bypassed approving December 2023 minutes because there was no formal meeting in December. Instead we approved the minutes of the November 2023 minutes. No chaplain or pastor report as both our chaplain, and the pastor of St. Patrick's were in their home countries. Grand Knight report: we received an invitation to consider getting Easter magnets, similar in purpose to the Christmas magnets. There was not interest to pursue the magnets.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,216.52 is the balance for the general fund ending balance. The ending balance of the charity fund is \$3,509.85. Both balances as of 12/31/2023. A State meeting was held the first weekend of December attended by Steve Hesprich as a member of the Good of the Order Committee. The Diocesan meeting held the Sunday of that same meeting spent much time on the new faith initiative called "Cor" (heart). Bishop Donald Hying of the diocese of Madison talked in strong support of a Cor, a program to increase the faith of men, their education in the faith, and the fraternal/friendship aspects among men. Cor is for all Catholic men, not just knights. The current membership incentive is that if a council reaches over 50% of it's new member quota by the end of January they get a 30% credit on State April per capita. If they accomplish it by the end of February, a 20% credit, and if by the end of March, a 10% credit.

The Juneau County Pro-Life committee sponsored a pro-life march on Sunday January 21, 2024 processing around the Juneau County Courthouse. A reception was held afterwards in Reardon Hall. There was a discussion about the low number of students helping at each of our pancake breakfasts. The February council meeting on the 20th, will be held at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station.

Steve Hesprich will be doing a presentation for the 4th degree assembly on March 18, 2024 that is open to all knights and wives regardless of degree. The topic entitled "God Country Flag" is designed to educate more deeply on the history of the flag rooted in our Creator, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Financial Secretary Report: Approval was given to pay current bills. We had a discussion about supporting Fr. Jey's unexpected trip to India to attend his father's funeral. The council voted to donate \$500. This money will be taken from the Charity account (and in leu of doing seminarian support this year).

The State Convention is the last weekend of April, beginning the afternoon/evening of April 26 through Sunday morning April 28. It will be held at Chula Vista outside of Wisconsin Dells. Our council is considered one of the host councils (districts 44, 46 and 20). We are being asked to provide two gift baskets for the bucket raffle. Proceeds will be given to our council. We had a short discussion on participating in the State Bowling Tournament to be held in Green Bay. There was no interest to pursue putting together a team. The Annual Fraternal Survey is due 1/31/2024. All members are asked to return their volunteer hours for 2023 by the 26th of January.

Prayers intentions were given for Fr. Jey's father who passed away January 1st, and his family; prayers were offered for the repose of the soul of brother Knight Ray Moriarty. Finally continuing prayers for Jim Kolba's health. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8 pm.

Compass Minutes—February 2023

Steve Hesprich, Acting Recorder

The February 20, 2024 council meeting began at 7 pm. After opening prayer and pledge, the council chaplain gave his report. We have the Knights Pancake Breakfast on March 10, when the Hall will also be dedicated as St. Bridget Hall, named after the original name of the parish (before the current church was built and the name changed to St. Mary). Some details for the breakfast were finalized.

Grand Knight communications including mentioning a second fund raising

dinner event for Greg Gnirk on Feb 24th, who has had cancer and been out of work since the previous summer. The dinner will be at the Veteran's Hall in Elroy. Jon Field has been selected as the Council's Knight of the Year and will be submitted for consideration as a Medallion award winner for the Diocese of La Crosse and for the State. The Family of the Year are the Howard and Gina Boppart Family.

Treasurer's report: Tony handed out banking records to show past financial activity. The general account balance is \$3,189.85. The charity bank balance is \$3,941.51. The pancake breakfast of the past weekend had gross income of \$681. Check transactions were detailed.

Membership Report: Reviewed current incentive to get one member by end of this month we'll get a 20% discount on our next per capita.

Life Director report: had a March for Life march on January 21, 2024 followed by a reception in Reardon Hall. Faith Director Report: Encouraged men to attend TMIY (That Man Is You). Family Director Report: Dec Family of the month is Marien family. January Family was the Rita Hall family. Jim and Penny Arnes from St. Mary's will be February Family of the Month.

We talked about promoting Good Friday service attendance. Steve to get information to Fr. Cryton and Fr. Jey. Community Director Report: Had the Pancake Breakfast on 2/18. We need to calculate the distribution to the four classes, 5th through 8th grade.

District Free Throw Contest in Hillsboro was held 2/21. All but one of our contestants will advance to the Diocesan competition at Columbus H.S. in Marshfield, March 16, 2024.

We cancelled the Round Table meeting of 2/29 because we can cover tonight, and we did review the breakfast so all details are arranged. District Deputy Report: We had a district 20 District meeting after the District Free Throw Contest this past Sunday, 2/18. Scott Frome is our DD. Our State Treasurer Ross Larson was also present. We spent a lot of time on Membership.

4th Degree Report: Steve H is doing a presentation at the March 18, 2024 assembly meeting entitled "God Country Flag". The dinner is open to any degreed Knight and wives. It will be held at the Taphouse Twenty on the north side of Tomah.

A correction was made to the January council minutes on a digit missing from the report.

New Business: Financial Secretary: we collected \$684 for the pancake breakfast. We've collected dues of \$756.80. Vouchers were written for \$144.83 for the past two breakfasts fruits. All bills were approved to be paid. A member of our council transferred to another council Bill Weber. Grand Knight Steve mentioned we are looking for two "raffle baskets" for State Convention. The proceeds for the raffle at State Convention come back to the council.

Good of the Order: prayers for a recently passed member of our council Ray Moriarty. Greg Gnirk prayers. Steve H has three friends in Dubuque who need prayers – Donna Hoeger, David Cushman, and Deb Schroeder. Randy Boehm's sister Susie, had a growth by her eyes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm

Compass Minutes—March 2023

Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The March 19, 2024 council meeting began at 7 pm. After opening prayer and pledge, the minutes for the February 20th meeting were approved. The council chaplain was excused. We had the Knights Pancake Breakfast on March 10, when the Hall was dedicated as St. Bridget Hall, named after the original name of the parish (before the current church was built and the name changed to St. Mary). Grand Knight communications included receiving a thank you from the FFA for using the council grill. Fr. Cryton is interested in becoming a 4th degree knight, and looking at the New Richmond exemplification on May 18th for him to attend. Fr. Cryton will be attending the Chaplain dinner at the Convention Friday night 4/26 along with attending the Saturday morning business sessions, lunch and early afternoon sessions. Greg Gnirk in the Union Center who has cancer. A second benefit dinner was held that raised \$11,000. With the help of the GK at Union Center we sent a grant request to the State Council for \$2,500 that was approved. Treasurer's Report: Transaction report was distributed to the members. For the BMO account, ending balance is \$3,189.85. A check for \$500 was written from the General Fund for Fr. Jey to support his needed trip home for his father's funeral and money should have come from the Charity Fund so that will be transferred to the general fund to replace the check written for Fr. Jey. We reviewed the transactions on the report distributed. General Fund balance is \$5,835.48 with one approved bill for the Sacramental Gifts program for bibles for Confirmation students in the amount of \$225 to be written tonight. Check reimbursements were made to Steve H for two award plaques for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year for \$102.74. We need to now calculate the even disbursement of monies to each of the 5th through 8th grade classes for pancake breakfasts and get that to the school. We need to have greater visibility at the school and with parents of our support of the school. We had financial support from Brett Kudick for some of the breakfast expenses and it was expressly requested that money stay with the knights, so that will reduce the amount of the net proceeds going to the school. All outstanding bills were approved for payment. Membership Report: No new incentives to report.

Life Director report: See resolution under new business to support the Spring Pro-Life dinner being held in Mauston on April 18, 2024.

Faith Director Report: Encouraged men to attend TMIY (That Man Is You). The 31st of March is Easter and the 8 am Mass is for the intentions of all Knights in our council living and deceased. Family Director Report: Jim and Penny Arens are the February Family of the Month. The Jim McGowan Family will be the March Family of the Month (confirm with Fr. Cryton). Tom Jodarski told us about the ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Council) have a monthly meeting, the 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10 am to noon for men 60 years of age and older. Ladies come as well. It is very popular. There's a speaker program. RSVP if you'd like to attend.

Community Director Report: Diocesan Free Throw was held this past weekend. We don't have results yet to see who might be advancing to the State Competition.

District Deputy Report: no report. 4th Degree Report: Steve H did his presentation at the March 18, 2024 assembly meeting entitled "God Country Flag". 4th Degree will be Saturday May 18, 2024. Cost is \$90 for candidates, except for priests who's price is \$45, normally covered by the council the priest belongs to. Matt Schwab has purchased the 4th degree uniform. New Business: Financial Secretary: Excused.

A motion to donate/subsidize the State-wide ProLife Wisconsin Spring Dinner being held at the Lodge in Mauston on April 18th in the amount of \$500 was passed. Any members who wish to attend will have up to \$20/person of the \$40/person dinner cost covered (also for wives if they come), up to a maximum of all but \$150 of the cost (the minimum being donated to ProLife Wisconsin. Clergy including Deacon Tom Hale and his wife will be paid from these monies. This will be paid from the Charity Fund.

Howard Boppart proposed we do a brat cookout after the Saturday 5 pm Mass sometime in the summer. We have a new Bishop, Gerard Battersby Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit. Good of the Order: prayers for Bishop Hallihan and for our new Bishop Gerard. Fr. Jey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Compass of Minutes—April 2024

By Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The April 16, 2024 council meeting began at 7 pm. After opening prayer and pledge, the minutes for the March 19, 2024 meeting were approved. Chaplain Report: The installation of the new Bishop, Gerard Battersby will take place May 20, 2024. Grand Knight Report: Next meeting will be the SECOND Tuesday of May, the 14th, due to Confirmation being hosted by St. Patrick on the 3rd Tuesday, May 21st. The June & July council meetings will be held at the Mauston Hatch Library, 113 W. State Street due to renovations of the flooring in Reardon Hall. In June there will be a Corpus Christi procession at St. Mary's after the 9 am Mass led by the Knights. June 7th will be the Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, an all day event and conference. State Convention volunteers are needed for Friday Afternoon (April 26th). We had a State Free Throw Contest winner from our council – Brynley Burns.

Treasurer's Report: Banking record copies were distributed to members. The beginning balance of our accounts was \$5,835.48, with ending balances of both accounts was \$6,078.03. The BMO ending balance of this amount was \$2,139.85 (Charity Account).

Life Director: Thursday will be the Spring Wisconsin Pro-Life banquet. Our council has a table for 9, plus other council member couples will also be present.

Faith Director: June 30, 2024 at the 8 am Mass, the intention is for living and deceased members of our council. We need a family to take up the Gifts at the Offertory.

Community Director: Our annual CPID (Tootsie Rolls) will take place Friday-Sunday May 3rd to the 5th. We will also do the drive after the Masses at St. Mary's on May 11/12.

4th Degree: May 18, 2024 there will be a 4th degree Exemplification in New Richmond. Fr. Cryton will become a 4th degree Knight.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$95 to Fr. Cryton for his registration and costs of travel to the 4th degree Exemplification.

In the December 2023 meeting we talked about again supporting the Sacramental Gifts for Confirmation and First Communion. We had previously passed and paid for youth bibles for the 17+1 Confirmation students. A motion was made and passed, to pay for First Communion Rosaries in the amount of \$187.18 for Communicants at St. Patrick and St. Mary's. Council Officer nominations were discussed. Only a few candidates to this point. We will conduct elections at the May 14, 2024 Council meeting.

Fr. Cryton had previously asked about the Knights obtaining a U.S. Flag for St. Bridget Hall at St. Mary's. A motion was made and passed to purchase a full US flag set. Monies to pay for the flag will come from designated Round Table monies in our treasury. We expect to spend under \$500. Motion Passed. [subsequently flag purchased for \$147.99].

New Business:

Financial Secretary: No notable activities to report.

Good of the Order: prayers for Bishop Callihan and for our new Bishop Gerard Battersby. Fr. Jey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Knights of the Round Table

Round Table Coordinator, Steve Hesprich

Following are some activities taking place in 2024 at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. Here is what some of that calendar looks like for the Knights:

- Jun 2nd — Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession after 9 am Mass
- July 25th—Knights of the Round Table, 6:30 pm
- Aug 18th — Knights of Columbus Day 9am Mass
(2nd anniversary of forming 8/21/22)
- Sep 1st—Parish Picnic after 9 am Mass, no 1 pm Mass
- Sep 22nd — Jubilee Mass w/Bishop—Honor Guard, 9 am
- Oct 27th — KC Pancake Breakfast after the 9 am Mass

Compass of Minutes—May 2024

By Tom Jodarski, Recorder

The May 14, 2024 council meeting began at 7 pm. After the opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, we conducted an exemplification of the three principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity welcoming a new member, Jacob Tremelling to the Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knight Report: \$420 of \$500 approved previously ended up being a donation to Pro-Life Wisconsin, as a result that priests, deacons, and deacon wives were served free meals. Only \$80 of the \$500 amount subsidized meals of couples from our council.

The minutes of the April 16, 2024 were approved with two corrections [and published in this issue's addendum of council minutes]

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Cryton attended the State Convention, both a Chaplain's dinner on Friday night April 26th, and impressed with the large number of delegates at the Saturday Business meeting which he also attended. Fr. Cryton, on observing the other councils who received awards for various accomplishments and contributions, thought it would be nice for our council to receive recognition in the future. The Eucharistic Rally on June 7th. At St. Mary's on August 18th the 9am Mass will commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the establishment of the Knights Round Table in the parish. All the liturgical roles will be filled by Knights. He will be attending the installation of Bishop Gerard Battersby, May 20th, and then the Bishop will do Confirmation the next night at St. Patrick's. There will be Corpus Christi Procession after the 9 am Mass on Sunday June 2, 2024, led by the Knights.

Fr. Jey indicated the resurfacing of Reardon Hall will take place in June/July and Don Wilke may be looking for some help to help move items from Reardon. Fr. Jey will be leaving for vacation to India on May 22nd. Kevin Quist will take him to Madison to catch a bus to O'Hare International Airport. He returns on June 25/26th.

A reminder that the June 18th and July 16th council meetings will be held at the Mauston Hatch Library, with the usual start time of 7 pm. When you enter the first set of doors, the Community Room is immediately to the left.

After the exemplification, and in sponsoring Jacob, Kevin Quist, completed the requirements for the Shining Armor Award and was presented with a certificate and pin to recognize his accomplishment.

At this year's State Convention in Wisconsin Dells, our council was considered to be a host council and we were asked to prepare gift baskets for a raffle. We provided a "Tech" Basket. There's a bag placed in front of each of the roughly dozen baskets into which tickets purchased are placed and a winner for each basket drawn near the end of the Saturday Convention Banquet. The monies received from ticket sales are pro-rata returned to the council. We might expect to receive a couple of hundred dollars.

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

[subsequently we have received a check for \$291.50]. The new State Deputy is Patrick Reiff. The Star Council Award was discussed with an great need for us to do two things to complete the qualification. First, we have a quota of 5 new members, of which after this evening we have 3 new members. Second, the Fraternal Benefits requirement is to have 10 unique men/wives attend a Fraternal Benefit webinar and/or Watch Party. We have had 2 of the 10 needed attendees. **GK Steve asks for your help by attending the upcoming Watch Party for Wednesday May 29, 2024, from 7 to 8 pm, arrival by 6:50 pm to register.**

If you know of someone you could ask to become a Knight we can arrange for their entry at their convenience and would need to have that happen before June 30, 2024, the end of the Fraternal Year.

There is also a Fraternal Benefits Webinar the last Wednesday of June, the 26th at 7 pm, that would also qualify if someone could attend who was unable to make the May 29th date.

Kevin Quist became a 4th degree Knight on Saturday May 11, 2024 in South Milwaukee. What was unusual about his exemplification was it was open to ladies and guests, the first such time that has happened in Wisconsin. This was a trial event with open attendance and is being tried in other states. Supreme expects it to be formally introduced by late February 2025. The next exemplifications will be Saturday October 12, 2024 (actual Columbus Day), and Saturday October 19th in Platteville at St. Mary's parish.

Treasurers Report: Bank of Mauston ending balance \$5,337.86. The BMO Charity Account had no activity with ending balance of \$2,187.85. There will be a check written out for all Mauston Pancake breakfasts of \$2,088.02 to St. Patrick School.

Council officer elections were held. There was one candidate per office and a motion to cast a white ballot for all the nominees was made and passed. The new officers are Kevin Quist, GK; Jon Field, DGK; Matt Schwab, Chancellor; Tom Jodarski, Recorder; Tony Oldigs, Treasurer; Steve Powers, Advocate; Jeff Wojcik, Warden; Jacob Tremelling, Inside Guard; Dick Schwab, Outside Guard; Bill Powers, 1st Year Trustee; Tom Jodarski, 2nd Year Trustee; Steve Hesprich, 3rd Year Trustee.

CPID—1st weekend of May, we conducted the Tootsie Roll Drive, raising \$2,900, before expenses. We don't have the money from the drive conducted this past weekend at St. Mary's. We will decide how to donate the money at the June council meeting.

New Business: Financial Secretary Report: Check written for pancake breakfasts of \$2088.02.

Good of the Order: prayers for Randy Boehm's mom, Pastor of St. Paul in New Lisbon, Fr. Peter Raj's father passed away. Kevin Quist's mother who is healing, also prayers of thanksgiving for Connie Walhovd and Bridget Swanson, who will be taking over the religious Education for St. Patrick; for Jim, brother of Jon Field getting a pacemaker.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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