

# KNIGHT'S COMPASS

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## Christ's Compass—Eucharistic Spark!

Dear Knights and friends;

We have come through the penitent time of Lent, into the Triduum, and we rejoiced in the Resurrection of Christ through the Easter Season ending with Pentecost. We have just experienced Corpus Christi with Eucharistic processions at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. And this week on Friday June 7th was the "Answer" Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center. Both our parish Eucharist processions and the La Crosse Rally are events to spark a fire within our souls for the Body of Christ.

These events, to say nothing of our reception each time of the Eucharist, will help all gain a deeper understanding of the Eucharist as a central tenant of our faith. It is not possible to overstate how essential a deep seated appreciation and reverence of the Eucharist is. No other Christian religion has the fullness of the Eucharist, except Catholicism. Our prayer is that these events will clearly accentuate your sense of how Christ is calling you. May your resolve to be in relationship with Him be stronger than ever.

The Dioceses of the United States of America have embarked on a three-year time of grace called the "Eucharistic Revival." As we complete the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival, with the capstone event in Indianapolis, Indiana for the Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024, may we restore and renew our understanding, celebration, and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Christ is the Spark!

*Fr. Cryton*

St. Mary Pastor & Council Chaplain



Corpus Christi Procession  
at St. Mary's June 2, 2024

**The next 2 council meeting  
LOCATIONS are at the  
Mauston Hatch Library, in the  
Community Room,  
June 18 & July 16 at 7 pm.**

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## Council Compass—The Story Continues

*Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight*

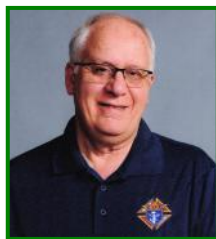
Families of St. Patrick and St. Mary's:

One of the many satisfactions of being the Grand Knight these past 4 years has been learning the history of our council. As with any human and organization experience there are the proverbial 'good times and bad'. Except for what we learn from the bad times, the good times have been what is treasured in our council history. This coming fraternal year our council turns 88 years old. It has lots to be proud of as the history articles of the past couple of years noted in this newsletter demonstrate. The final article of our history will be found in this issue. A lot has happened with the Knights on an international scale. The new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was introduced. The COR initiative, designed to engage men in their faith was introduced. Unfolding now are the preparations for a new 4th degree exemplification that would allow wives, family and friends to witness the ceremony (expected to be released late February 2025), and the Safe Environment program has fully unfolded, which prioritizes the safety of our youth through education and certification. Technology advances within the Knights have seen the production of high quality videos, webinars, multi-media training and movies. Finally Supreme has expanded their staffing and introduced Regional Training Consultants to help with our understanding of KC programs.

As our new Grand Knight, Kevin Quist, takes office July 1, 2024, please give him and his officers the support needed to continue the successes of our council. The Story does indeed continue!

Wishing all a blessed Summer! Remember Charity to all.

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## Example Is a Compass

*Steve Hesprich, Family Director*

Recognition of contributions of our members has been significant this year and in recent past years. Two recognitions worth noting is the Family of the Year and Knight of the year.

In recent council history we have not recognized a Knight as the exemplary member until now, though contributions from members have been many. Jon Field has been selected as the Knight of the Year for 2023-2024, and in a concrete way a consistent contributor to our community and parish, to say nothing of the council



**Jon Field,**  
**Knight of the Year**



**Left to right: Fr. Jey Yobu, Carter son of Jon & Joni, Jon Field, & Joni Field**

contributions he has made. The State Council has a Knight recognition program called the Medallion Award. Six men are chosen, one for each of the five dioceses, and one at large, as Medallion award winners. We used the model of the Medallion Award as a basis for selecting Jon to be the most outstanding member of our council. Jon has three notable types of involvement. First is youth sports. He chairs the annual Punt Pass and Kick competition. We had 64 9-14 year olds who competed this past fall. He directs the Free Throw Contest on the day of the event each year and has been doing so for many years. He's served on various youth sporting organizations. In the Parish he has been a long-time usher and helps each year with the Fall Festival. The story doesn't end with these outward contributions. Jon, like so many of our members, didn't seek the recognition. His humble attitude of service, his encouragement of youth in all his encounters, are as important for his selection to be Knight of the

Year, as any of the examples of his charitable work cited here. Jon is an example of a Knight that we all should seek to emulate.

The second example we have recognized is Family of the Year. While the Family of the Year doesn't necessarily have to be from among our monthly recognized families, they do need to be a Knights' family. In the case of the Howard and Gina family, they were recognized as the July 2023 Family of the Month (see the November/December 2023

## Knight's Compass).

The Howard and Gina family children are all now



**Boppart Family of the Year. Left to right: Howard, Johannes, Luke, Eli, Gina, Owen & Anna**

adults in their own lives, with each of the four children living in different states. When the Family of the Year was awarded to the Bopparts at our recent Pancake Breakfast (February 18th), their daughter Anna and her husband Owen Jones, happened to be visiting that weekend and we recognized their involvement at the University of Mary in Bismarck North Dakota in an organization called FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). The Bopparts have been active in parish ministry and our Catholic grade school where Gina teaches the 3rd grade. Howard is an active member of our council serving as the Faith Director and chair of the Pancake Breakfasts. He leads the TMIY (That Man Is You) initiative that meets weekly, helping men in their formation as Catholic leaders of their families, their Catholic education and the fraternal relationships of the attendees. In the parish, Howard is a Lector and Gina serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. We look for examples to model our lives. The Bopparts and Jon Field are examples we can model our lives after.

## Council Compass of New Officers

*Kevin Quist, Grand Knight-Elect*

Thank you for the great attendance at our Council meeting Tuesday May 14, 2024. In addition to welcoming a new member at our Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, Jacob Tremelling, we elected officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year as follows:



Grand Knight – Kevin Quist  
Deputy Grand Knight - Jon Field  
Chancellor – Matt Schwab  
Treasurer – Tony Oldigs  
Advocate – Steve Powers  
Warden - Jeff Wojcik  
Inside Guard – Jacob Tremelling  
Outside Guard – Dick Schwab  
Recorder – Tom Jodarski  
1st Year Trustee – Bill Powers  
2nd Year Trustee – Tom Jodarski  
3rd Year Trustee – Steve Hesprich



## Dawning of a New (K)night—Jacob Tremelling

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

Jacob Tremelling expressed an interest to Kevin Quist to join the Knights of Columbus and on May 14th, we held an exemplification at our council meeting to welcome Jacob.

Many of you may know Jacob, or if you don't know him, visiting the Festival Store in Mauston in the afternoon or evening, you would have seen him. He has steadily made his way through more responsibility since starting there in 2019. First he was a cart runner, then a cashier, then 2 years ago advanced to Shift Manager, then Assistant Manager of Guest Services. He continues to seek other advancements at Festival. He always has a friendly smile and wants to help customers.

At about the same time he started at Festival he started attending Liberty University where he is majoring in Business Management with a minor in Psychology.

Jacob was very active in his high school years, not all that long ago. He ran the mile and did the long jump in track. He was on the baseball team. His most notable involvement in High School though was his participation in choir, which even going back to his middle school years, totaled 7 years. You know his singing is incredibly skilled as he was one of only 4 students from Mauston High School chosen each year to

participate in an

interschool choir called the Honors Choir. In the photo above, right, you can see him near the left center. The Honors Choir performs once a year. They gather on a Saturday morning, practice the music they will sing, and then perform later in the day. As if he didn't have enough singing, he and others from the Mauston high school choir did Christmas caroling for local nursing homes. Jacob's mom is from Honduras and came to this country in 1996. In 2022, Jacob had a chance to visit Honduras with his mom and the photo labeled "Tela" to the left, was taken there.

Jacob has joined the Knights as he has a curiosity to try new things, and he sees the good works that the Knights of Columbus do. He also desires to get closer

to his faith, and the Knights have a strong orientation to lead its member families in the strengthening of their Catholicity.

When he has free time Jacob enjoys sports, especially baseball and basketball and greatly enjoys outdoor activities. Jacob is a man of many talents, and if we were to summarize his greatest asset, we might just call him "the Music Man".



*From left to right: Kevin Quist, sponsor of Jacob, Jacob Tremelling, Steve Hesprich after Jacob became a Knight*



### 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** (after entering, press "Add")
3. Attend online virtual ceremony

## New Shepard is a Compass

taken from <https://diolc.org/bishop-battersby/>

The youngest of nine children, Gerard W. Battersby was born, along with his twin brother, on May 15, 1960.

He grew up in northwest Detroit and attended St. Benedict Parish and School in Highland Park.

In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary as an adult vocation and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. Cardinal Adam J.

Maida ordained him to the priesthood on May 30, 1998.

After ordination, he served in parish ministry for approximately 10 years. He served as an associate pastor at St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township, Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and St. Gerard Parish, all in Detroit.

In 2002, he was named pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Detroit, and in 2007, was appointed to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he received a Licentiate in the New Evangelization in 2008. While serving as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at the seminary, Father Battersby also served concurrently as administrator of St. Leo Parish in Detroit. In 2009, Father Battersby was assigned to graduate studies at the Angelicum in Rome, Italy. In 2011, Father Battersby was appointed vice-rector and dean of seminarian formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. In 2015, Father Battersby was concurrently appointed pastor of St. Mary of Redford Parish, Detroit.

Father Battersby was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit on Nov. 23, 2016 and his episcopal ordination occurred shortly thereafter on Jan. 25, 2017. On March 19, 2024, His Holiness Pope Francis named Bishop Battersby as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

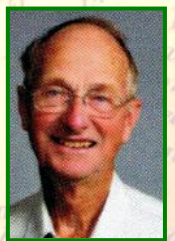


## Unity—Compass of the Second Degree

Steve Powers, Raffle Chairman

With the combining of the first 3 degrees of the Knights into one exemplification in 2020, it is easy to lose sight of each degree. In the last issue of the newsletter we spoke about Charity, our most foundational principle. Here we take a look at Unity in terms of the State Raffle.

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 the council. In 2023 that amounted to a net of \$2,183 for our council. That's the money part. Then how we use it and the involvement of its use we see unfold each year with our charitable activities. We just had the drawing for the State Raffle at State Convention April 27, 2024. We don't know the exact amount we will receive from the Spring drawing until this fall, but it should be approximately \$1,700—\$2,000. In the next couple of months we'll see the new State Raffle begin. Invite all your family and friends to get raffle tickets so we can support the many charitable needs of our community.





## 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". This is the third and final excerpt to be published.*

*By Mauston Council Historical Committee*

[This month we continue the commentary on this publication by talking about the 4th degree and involvements during WWII and some of our prominent members at the time]

The following are loyal and active Fourth Degree members of the Baraboo, Mauston, Portage, Sauk City, Quadra City Assembly of Father Bourgemeyer Sir Knights:

William Brown	Edward Moron
Gilbert Eckerle	Phillip Quinn
John H. Ensich	Richard Ressler
Carl Hanneman	Bernard Scheppe
Louis Loboda	Paul Sirotzke
Leo Timbers	

This council has distinguished itself in its patriotic war participation both at home and at the front. While it had no members, as a council, in the first World War, yet it had sixteen from Mauston, who were members of other councils at the time and joined Solomon Juneau Council when it was founded. They are:

Maurice Comer	Anthony Petrowitz
Gilbert Eckerle	Leo Pleir
John H. Ensich	Merton Remington
Leo Finger	Richard Ressler
Melvin E. Hoffman	Dr. Clement G. Sexton
J. Patrick McGarty	Paul Sirotzki
Edward Moran	Colonel Harry G. Williams
Harry Moran	Elmer E. Young

There were thirty-two members who served in World War II. All returned safely with the exception of Brother Louis Enderle, who died in the service. These members are:

Francis R. Bannen	Dr. A.F. Luisi
LaVerne Bethhauser	Alex McCafferty
James E. Couley	Walter McCafferty
Charles P. Curran	Rev. Francis Mulligan
Frank Curran	Donald Neustadter
Walter Dudziak	Bernard Ohman
Henry Dziewior	Matthew Riddlestine
*Louis Enderle	Hoge Edward Robinson
*John Ganser	Noah A. Scarberry
Otto Gardner	John W. Schuessler
Dr. Vernon M. Griffin	Henry J. Szelmick
Elsworth Honish	John Tremain
Bernard C. Johnson	Phillip Tremain
Anthony J. Karasch	Howard Trollmar
Milton Kechinger	John Weber
William Kranz	Colonel Harry G. Williams

### KOREAN CONFLICT

James Dougherty	Patrick Powers
Ambrose Petrowitz	Joeph M. Ring
William B. Petrowitz	Robert Steiner
Rev. Joseph Undulutch	

**Note: A separate Newsletter addendum has been published with this same Volume and Issue number that contains the council meeting minutes from January through May 2024.**

During World War II over \$800.00 was spent for War Bonds, and the club rooms were open at all times as a recreation center. Many of the members served on various committees for the USO, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Blood Doner drives. Brother John H. Ensich served as chairman of the USO during the entire war, kept open house afternoon and evenings at the American Legion Hall, and arranged for committees for luncheons, dinners, and dancing parties, also furnishing books, writing materials, magazine, etc., for the service men. Brother Conrad and Mrs. Ohman were appointed host and hostess by the State Deputy for the USO Center at Tomah. They worked tirelessly and gratuitously in arranging for, and chaperoning girl escorts, wives, daughters and sisters of the knights who helped in entertaining the service men at dances at USO Centers.

One fact of which the council is particularly proud is that in 1947, it had eight priests who were members of the council: Fathers Schleicher, Schwartz, Flad, Hartung, Splinter, Lengowske, and Mulligan.

Its star member and one of its founders is Conrad C. Ohman, who was the first Grand Knight and later a District Deputy. He organized Black Hawk Council of Sauk City, of which Solomon Juneau council was the sponsor. He organized a splendid first degree team, and has been a hard working insurance representative. He was a delegate to the Supreme Convention at Atlantic City in 1941, and still is a zealous Columbian promoter.

Dr. William O'Brien, a beloved physician and surgeon and an active member for over forty years, passed to his reward in 1951. He was the insurance examiner and did much to develop the council.

Rev. Norbert King, the third chaplain of the council later became state chaplain. His sincere religious devotion left an indelible imprint on the members of the entire Wisconsin membership.

Colonel Harry G. Williams, United States Army, was a veteran of both World Wars. He served honorably and with distinction in the Quartermaster's Department and is still active as Wisconsin State Quartermaster at Camp Douglas.

Charles P. Curran served as Captain in the Attorney General's Department. After the war he was elected City Attorney and later a District Attorney for over two terms.

One of the council's most recent activities was a fifteenth year anniversary banquet held on December 6, 1951, at which His Excellency, Bishop Treacy, delivered the principal address. He praised the council and its members most highly for their sterling Catholicity. He also paid a grand compliment to the Knights of Columbus for their splendid accomplishments in the past seventy years on behalf of the Church and State. His parting tribute was a request to his brother-knights to carry on with the same zeal and devotion as did Father McGivney and our founders of seventy years ago, and he ended by saying that he never had any fears for the Church or the activity of a lay apostolate where an active Knights of Columbus council was located. At this fifteenth anniversary banquet Marcel Pariseault, chairman of the Catholic Activity Committee, on behalf of the council presented His Excellency with a check for \$540.00 to furnish a student's room at the new Holy Cross Seminary at La Crosse. On the occasion of Wisconsin's 50th year our council had 176 members.

*This concludes the story of our council's first 15 years.*



## Financial Strategies for Women

Greg Helgerson, Field Agent

Married or single, every woman has financial responsibilities. Your tomorrows depend on what you do today. Some women carefully plan their two-week vacation or discuss major purchases at length with friends but avoid sharing their long-term plans, or talking about ways to prepare for unpredictable events. It's important to take a look at the life you've created and consider your financial goals and objectives.

**Emergency savings:** How much should you have? Ideally, you should have enough money in an emergency fund to cover essential expenses for several months. Save this fund for true emergencies – a job loss, illness, or major unexpected expense.

**Spending:** Stop carrying credit card balances and stop overspending. If you can't afford to pay off your credit card each month, don't use it. Life Insurance: Life insurance doesn't just replace a lost salary to meet long-term financial needs. It can provide the money that allows your loved ones precious time to grieve. A spouse, partner, or dear friend may need additional, unpaid time away from their job to get through their own grief, as well as help children or family members work through their pain.



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## Nowak Agency WI & UP Fraternal Benefit Night

You're Invited to a Virtual Zoom Fraternal Benefit Night  
All Councils are encouraged to have a "Watch Party".

June 26th, 2024 at 7 pm

General Agent Timothy Nowak  
Will be the Host & Speaker:

- 1) Six Great Reasons to have Insurance on Children.
- 2) Life Insurance for your child is truly a lasting gift, which they will look on later in life as one of their most cherished assets.

Webinar Registration – Zoom  
or use the QR Code!



Ready to Serve



## Made the Basket

By Randy Boehm, Free Throw Chairman

Our 2024 Council Free Throw took place on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

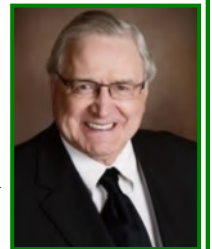
The competition has a boys, and a girls division with age categories from each division for the ages 9 to 14. The District 20 competition, hosted by the Hillsboro Council was February 18, 2024 and was hosted by the Hillsboro council. One of our council winners, **Brynley Burns, in the girls 14 year old advanced to, and won, the State Free Throw competition!**



## A Life's Compass—Ray Moriarty

Taken from the obituary <https://www.crandallfuneral.com/obituary/raymond-moriarty>

On Saturday January 13, 2024, Raymond Moriarty, age 93, a 59-year member of the Knights of Columbus, entered eternal life. Ray was born on March 12, 1930. Ray and Alice McClyman were united in marriage on June 9, 1951, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mauston. Ray and Alice had four children, Rae Ann, Bill, Jim, and Mary.



Ray attended Lone Rock School and graduated from Madonna High School. After graduation he moved to Seattle, WA and worked in the logging industry with his uncle for a short time. He returned to Mauston to work on the family farm. Ray and Alice farmed together all their lives. The farm was recognized as a century farm in 1998 and continues as a fifth-generation farm. Ray was a member of the Wisconsin National Guard and was active in the community, serving on the hospital board and helped negotiate the purchase of the land for Mile Bluff Medical Center in 1980, Federal Land Bank board, and other local boards. Faith was important to Ray, he was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church where he served on the school board, was an usher and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ray was a salesman for DeKalb and Pioneer Seeds for over 40 years and received numerous sales awards. He was a licensed insurance agent until he was 91.

He balanced the long days farming with many activities with friends. Ray and Alice enjoyed attending dances, card parties, snowmobiling, traveling abroad and bowling. He was an avid card player throughout his life and looked forward to his Monday and Wednesday card groups. In recent years he enjoyed watching the Brewers and Packers and listening to music. He continued to actively provide input into the farm throughout the recent harvest. Ray was very optimistic and enjoyed visiting with family and friends and was always able to make a personal connection. He was also proud of his Irish heritage and made two trips to Ireland.

Ray is survived by his children Rae Ann (Terry) Maiers, Bill (Shirlee) Moriarty, Jim (Charlee) Moriarty, and Mary (Ken) Pesik. He is further survived by seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice who passed away June 17, 2023, shortly after celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary.



# 4th Watch of the (K)night

Matthew 14:25



## Country

Steve Hesprich, Committee Chair - "God Country Flag" patriotic program.  
A continuing series: An idea to renew our faith in a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"

In the last issue of *4th Watch of the (K)night* we covered a few of the major points of this presentation program focused the program's concept.

In this article we take a closer look at "Country" from the program name, "God Country Flag".

Let me say at the outset, I am deeply grieved by the amount of uninformed Americans in regards to reverence, esteem and value placed on our country especially in regards to our phenomenal history as a nation. No one says we have a perfect history. But attempts to slander our country's history show how much those who do, have to learn about the greatest country in the history of nations.



*This photo appeared on the cover page of the Monroe County Journal published April 5, 2024. Faithful Navigator Jared Kasten is with Steve Hesprich*

I had the great pleasure to do the first presentation of the program concept for "God Country Flag" at my assembly, the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902, on Monday March 18, 2024. There is so much to be said about the attributes of our nation and examples of those positive qualities throughout our 248 years of existence. Ours is one of only a couple of examples where territories controlled by our nation has been relinquished. Best example are the Philippines. It became a territory of the United States in 1898 as a result of our victory in the Spanish-American War. It's independence was granted in 1946. Our men and women spilled their blood in the two World Wars, turning the tide that led to Allied victories. Even though we had occupation forces after those wars, control was returned to those nations. The one black mark was of our own doing that resulted in the American Civil War. Even there, after the war, wounds of pride were healed. We had to endure the scourge of slavery and even after it was abolished formally with the Union victory, it took a few generations to make freedom available to all. All one has to do to see the greatness of our country is to rank against all other nations throughout history on any human, faith, and prosperity scale, and it is evident we really do have a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal".

## Kevin Quist—Patriotic Member

Steve Hesprich, PFN, FFC—Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902

The month of May was a wonderful time of 4th Degree Exemplifications. On the next page you will see that Fr. Cryton became a 4th degree member on May 18, 2024. Kevin Quist joined the ranks of the patriotic degree on Saturday May 11, 2024. He has intended to join in the past and personal and family priorities haven't made it possible for him to attend an exemplification.

However in South Milwaukee, in the Eastern District of the Knights, Kevin was able to experience the awe inspiring principles and history of patriotic Catholicity in this country. He also had a chance to be part of history. This was the

first exemplification in the history of the 4th degree in Wisconsin, that on special request by Eastern District Master James Tenpass to the Supreme



Master, wives and guests we invited to witness the newly developing 4th degree exemplification. It is anticipated that this evolving degree will become the permanent degree format near the end of February 2025, when the 4th degree celebrates it's 125th anniversary. Kevin was greatly impressed and inspired by the ceremony and encourages all 3rd degree members to become members of the patriotic degree.

## Matt Schwab—Honor Guard Member

Steve Hesprich, Honor Guard Member

Several months ago a member of our parish at St. Patrick made a donation of a 4th degree sword used by her father who had passed away, to our council. An offer was made to the first 4th degree knight of our council to invest in the Honor Guard uniform, that they would receive that sword.

Matt Schwab, came forward to take advantage of that offer. He had his first opportunity to participate in a 4th degree honor guard, at the Confirmation Mass hosted



by our parish, on May 21, 2024 (see him in the photo on the next page, 2nd to the right). He also had the unusual situation to also be a sponsor to his niece at the Confirmation and masterfully was able to fulfill both responsibilities.



While the uniform of the 4th degree is optional for membership in the 4th degree, it is the most visible and satisfying aspect of being a patriotic degree member. You can ask Matt, now that he has a ceremony experience, and he will tell you of the great satisfaction of enhancing a liturgical event such as Confirmation. Consider becoming a 4th degree member of the patriotic degree! The next dates are October 12th and 19th, 2024.

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



# 4th Watch of the (K)night

Matthew 14:25



## Fr. Cryton, 4th Degree Knight

*Steve Hesprich, 4th degree member*

It was with great joy, that I have accompanied Fr. Cryton Outschoorn on his journey through the Knights of Columbus. It began with him becoming a 3rd degree member in June of 2022. He quickly invited the Knights to become a group within his parish at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. We formally instituted the Knights of the Round Table on Sunday August 22, 2022 and the Round Table has grown since then. We asked Fr. Cryton to become our Council Chaplain when Fr. John Potaczek was moved to Stevens Point, in July 2023.

On Saturday May 18, 2024 Fr. Cryton became a 4th degree member at the Exemplification held in New Richmond, WI. We had a wonderful day of visiting, enjoying a delicious banquet and experiencing the patriotic degree exemplification.



**Fr. Cryton being knighted by  
Western District Master  
Duane Zaborowski**

## Confirmation with Honor

*Steve Hesprich, Honor Guard Member*

For the second time our parish has hosted a Confirmation, the Fr. Francis Heindl assembly provided a 4th degree honor guard. Two years ago we had 8 members serve in the honor guard. You can see in the photo below we had 11 honor guard members including our newest honor guard member, Matt Schwab (second from the right in photo below).



Confirmation was held among 3 parishes this year, St. Patrick in Mauston, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Necedah, and St. Paul parish in New Lisbon. The occasion of Confirmation calls for red liturgical colors and you can see, in red from left to right: Deacon Glen Heinzl (St. Francis), Fr. Wesley Janowski (St. Francis), our new bishop, just installed the day before, His Excellency Gerard Battersby, our pastor, Fr. Jey Yobu, and pastor of St. Mary's in Lyndon Station, Fr. Cryton Outschoorn. For the Bishop, this was his very first pastoral event, so providing still another memorable aspect to this particular Confirmation Mass. We had 17 high school boys and girls Confirmed, the largest class for St. Patrick in recent memory.

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

## Escorting Christ

*Matt Schwab, Honor Guard*

I had the great honor to escort the Eucharistic Procession this past Sunday (Corpus Christi) at Saint Mary's in Lyndon Station. My wife Laura, and son Luke also joined me for the procession.

The procession was led by Knights. You can see them carrying the canopy. Fr. Cryton and Deacon Tom Hale are also Knights. In the photo, to the right of Deacon Tom is Ted Czajkowski, Tony Oldigs, Fr. Cryton, Mick McCormick and Steve Hesprich.



There were many in attendance at Mass. By the size of the procession, just about everyone in Church joined us for the procession that made its way around the parish grounds.

## May the 4th Be With You!

*By Steve Hesprich*

This intentional title, similar in sound to that offered by the Jedi Knights of Star Wars can ring true to all 3rd degree members of the Knights of Columbus. The next two Patriotic Degree ceremonies will be held in October. The first will be on Saturday October 12th, the actual Columbus Day (celebrated Monday the 14th). It will take place in the Appleton area.

A Tri-State Exemplification of the 4th degree will take place in Platteville, WI on Saturday October 19th. This will be the first time Wisconsin has hosted an exemplification in which Iowa and Illinois Knights will be invited. There is a cost of \$90 to cover exemplification expenses of the District and hosting assemblies, though efforts are underway to help subsidize that cost for members of our council who choose to join then. Consider becoming a member of the patriotic degree! Details available from Steve@Hesprich.com / 608-400-2638





DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Saturday June 15, 2024	1:30 PM	March for Life Wisconsin	Pro-Life	Wisconsin State Capitol State St steps, 2 E Main St, Madison, WI 53703
Monday June 17, 2024	5:00 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly; dress summer attire; Social 5 pm; Order off menu 5:30 pm; Dinner 6 pm	KC1902	Knights & wives of 3rd degree Knights invited - El Caporal Mexican Restaurant, 223 N. Black River Rd, Sparta, WI 54656
Tuesday June 18, 2024	6:30 PM	<b>Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning</b>	KC2770	<b>NOTE LOCATION: Mauston's Hatch Library 113 W. State St.</b>
Tuesday June 18, 2024	7:00 PM	<b>Council Meeting</b>	KC2770	
Tuesday June 18, 2024	7:00 PM	Guard. Grow. Give. Knights of Columbus, Faith-Based Financial Solutions for Families	Supreme	will be part of our council meeting
Saturday June 22, 2024	10:00 AM	Priestly Ordination of Deacon David Nowicki	Diocese La Crosse	Cathedral of St. Joseph The Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse, WI
Wed June 26, 2024	7:00 PM	Fraternal Benefit General Agent Tim Nowak - Six Great Reasons to have Insurance on Children	General Agency	
Monday June 30, 2024	8:00 AM	MASS intention for Knights	St. Patrick	Need Knights family to bring up the gifts
		<b>2024-2025 Fraternal Year</b>		
Monday July 15, 2024	5:00 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly; Social 5 pm; Order off menu 5:30 pm; Dinner 6 pm	KC1902	Location to be determined
Tuesday July 16, 2024	6:30 PM	<b>Officers Meeting 2023-2024 planning</b>	KC2770	<b>NOTE LOCATION: Mauston's Hatch Library 113 W. State St.</b>
Tuesday July 16, 2024	7:00 PM	<b>Council Meeting</b>	KC2770	
<b>Thursday July 25, 2024</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Knights of the Round Table</b>	<b>KC2770</b>	<b>St. Bridget Hall, St. Mary's</b>
<b>Sunday August 18, 2024</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>MASS for Knights of the Round Table</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Knights serve in Liturgical roles; "Sundae on Sunday" Ice Cream Social after Mass</b>
Monday August 19, 2024	5:00 PM	Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly; Social 5 pm; Order off menu 5:30 pm; Dinner 6 pm	KC1902	Location to be determined
Tuesday August 20, 2024	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting	KC2770	
Tuesday August 20, 2024	7:00 PM	Council Meeting	KC2770	
Sunday September 1, 2024	10:00 AM	St. Mary Fall Festival	St. Mary	
Sunday September 8, 2024	11:00 AM	St. Patrick Fall Festival	St. Patrick	

## Officers 2024-2025

Kevin Quist	Grand Knight
Jon Field	Deputy Grand Knight
Matt Schwab	Chancellor
Tony Oldigs	Treasurer
Steve Powers	Advocate
Tom Jodarski	Recorder
Jeff Wojcik	Warden
Jacob Tremelling	Inside Guard
Dick Schwab	Outside Guard
Bill Powers	Trustee for One Year
Tom Jodarski	Trustee for Two Years
Steve Hesprich	Trustee for Three Years

## 2024-2025 Appointed Positions

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



Corpus Christi Procession at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station, June 2, 2024

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