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Christ's Compass— Eucharistic Celebration

Thank you Brother Knights for inviting me to serve as your council Chaplain.

Do you know why Christians celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays? Didn't God rest on the last day of the week? Sunday is actually deemed to be the first day of the week, not the last; Sunday is the day that God began creation we are told in the Genesis story. The Spirit of God moved on the waters on the first day! For the Jews Spirit is a feminine gender word which also means breath or wind. Like God, Jews rested on the seventh day, Saturday, and early Christians, too, used to go to synagogues on Saturdays.

With the advent of Pentecost, however, which is 50 days after Easter, itself a Sunday, the church has traditionally also celebrated not only its birth day, but the weekly Lord's Day on a Sunday. We celebrate Eucharist on Sunday, then as a reminder of the first creation and of the second creation. The Holy Spirit that stirred the waters of creation returned to us on Pentecost making a new creation, her church, and making us new creatures because of the Resurrection. This is really what we are all about today. And every Sunday! So, happy birthday!

Although Pentecost is the reminder of starting something new, it is also an ending. On Pentecost we end the Easter season. The Easter candle which has been burning since Easter to remind us of the light that has come into the world, will be set aside and used only if there is a baptism. The following week we celebrate Trinity Sunday and then continue what is called "Ordinary Time" which simply means that the joyous feasts have ended, and we go back to the Gospel of Luke and continue to read the story of Jesus, focusing primarily on his teachings and parables.

May God bless you and your families always,

Fr. Cruz St. Patrick Pastor & Council Chaplain



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

**The next council meeting is in
Reardon Hall, Tuesday
June 17th at 7 pm.**

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Council Compass

Kevin Quist, Grand Knight

It is an incredible pleasure to serve as your Grand Knight. I'm confident that we can continue to discuss and develop opportunities to promote growth, service to our communities, and positive influence in our Catholic Communities.

Remember, our formation embraces a common goal... to love and serve the Lord.

Greetings Brothers of Council 2770...as we near the conclusion of this Fraternal Year, I want to highlight some of our intentions and associated goals, which we addressed at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. We persevered regardless of the influences and obstacles which caused us to adjust and adapt our efforts and the methods we used to meet them.

As many of you know, our mission is based on charitable activities which includes creating fundraising opportunities to support those charities. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience amongst our members, and our challenge is for each of us to look at ways to tap into these resources to develop and promote new ways to generate support.

We collaborated with local businesses such as Lamperts Lumber, Henke Signs (LaValle, WI), and Kudick's Chevrolet. These collaborations allowed us to fundraise to support our many charities and our mission.

SUCSESSES:

With support of the Council members, Parish, and the friends and families of Knights, the Council made the fundraisers with businesses successful. The success of the fundraisers enabled the Council to fulfill its financial obligations and charitable activities. The Council also supported or hosted several spiritual events during this past year.

Charitable activities and service events include the following:

- ♦ Holy Hour - St. Patrick's 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration
- ♦ Sacramental Gifts (Rosaries) – First Holy Communion
- ♦ Sacramental Gifts (Bibles) – Confirmation
- ♦ Sentiments for Seminarians
- ♦ Church Prayer Booklet (St. Patrick's)
- ♦ Church Prayer Pamphlet (St. Mary's)
- ♦ 2024-2025 Religious Education Catechist
- ♦ That Man Is You Sessions
- ♦ 2024 Food Pantry Donation
- ♦ 2025 Council Epiphany Celebration
- ♦ 2024 St Mary's Parish Family Movie Presentation - "Unplanned"
- ♦ KofC Council Membership Invitation Pamphlet (St. Patrick's)
- ♦ KofC Council Membership Invitation Pamphlet (St. Mary's)
- ♦ 2024 Feed the Hungry (Food Baskets Assembly - Food for Families)
- ♦ Church Spring Cleaning (St. Patrick's) – KofC Council Support
- ♦ St. Patrick's Church Sign Replacement
- ♦ St. Patrick's Day Dinner – KofC Council Support
- ♦ Fall Festival (St. Mary's)
- ♦ 2 Year Anniversary Mass (Knights of the Round Table) / Ice Cream Social
- ♦ St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast (October 2024)
- ♦ St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast (March 2025)
- ♦ St. Mary's Confirmation Mass (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- ♦ St. Mary's Corpus Christi Mass (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- ♦ St. Patrick's Corpus Christi Mass (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- ♦ Fall Festival (St. Patrick's)
- ♦ Coats For Kids
- ♦ Council Punt – Pass – Kick
- ♦ District Punt – Pass – Kick
- ♦ St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast (NOV 2024)
- ♦ St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast (DEC 2024)



- ♦ St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast (JAN 2025)
- ♦ St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast (FEB 2025)
- ♦ Council Free Throw Contest
- ♦ District Free Throw Contest
- ♦ Diocesan Free Throw Contest
- ♦ Memorial Mass – Deceased KofC Council Members (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- ♦ St. Mary's 125th Jubilee Celebration Mass (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- ♦ Pro-Life March
- ♦ Tootsie Roll Drive (Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities - CPID)

Council 2770 recently held elections and voted in the new officers for Fraternal Year 2025-2026 (see back page of newsletter). The installation of officers will be during our next Council Business Meeting on June 17th.

In closing, it has been my privilege to serve you as Grand Knight this past year. I thank all of you for your support and ask for your continued support for myself and other officers of Council 2770 as we enter the 2025-2026 year.

May the Peace of Christ be with all of you and your families!

Vivat Jesus

Kevin Grand Knight

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Confirmation and First Eucharist

Kevin Quist and Patrick Kelly, Confirmation formators

We had the good fortune to be actively involved in the formation of this year's candidates for Confirmation. As our council has done in recent years, we donated Youth bibles to our Confirmands at both St. Patrick in Mauston and St. Mary in Lyndon Station.



Deacon Tom Hale and Father Cryton Outschoorn with the 1st Communicants at St. Mary in Lyndon Station who received rosaries from our council

We had another very good class with 11 Confirmands from St. Patrick and 2 from St. Mary's in Lyndon Station. Additionally the council donated rosaries for First Communicants in both parishes.

Dawning of a New (K)night— Robert Turpin

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

It's always a particular joy to introduce an active military man as a new Knight of Columbus. Robert Turpin is a major in the Wisconsin National Guard.

Robert hails from Hillsboro, son of a dairy farmer. He was involved with FFA and 4H as a child, along with participating one year in track as a senior. After College he attended officer candidate school. While he had no intentions at that time to make a career of the military, he came to believe he could bring stronger leadership and service to the military. And that created the circumstances to direct his career with the military. He started his career part-time working as a mechanic. He was in for 8 years when he went to officer school, still part-time. He graduated from college in 2007, with an education degree that then found him teaching high school for five years. He then became full time in the Guard. It has



Robert & Chelsey Turpin

been 15 years now. He is a Federal Technician which means he's a civilian employee who has to also be active military. That means he wears his military uniform to work at Volk Field in Camp Douglas.

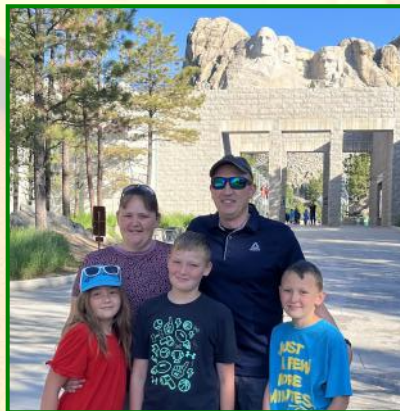
Robert met his wife Chelsey online. She is from New Lisbon. They were married in September 2011. Chelsey and Robert have 3 children, Spencer, Makayla and Caleb. The family is fond of hunting, fishing and camping—and anything that



L to R: Patrick Kelly, Robert Turpin, & Kevin Quist

allows them to enjoy the outdoors. The summer before last (2023) they travelled to South Dakota for a family vacation (see photo following). Last Summer they travelled to Virginia and Washington D.C. and had a chance to visit the battleship U.S.S. Wisconsin. This summer they will be travelling to North Dakota. They've already done a camping trip this spring.

Robert has been thinking for a while to join the Knights of Columbus from advertisements like those on Relevant Radio. He joined to give back to this community his family belongs. Thank you Robert for your life of service and leadership in the military.



Children L to R: Makayla, Spencer & Caleb

Helping Intellectual Disability

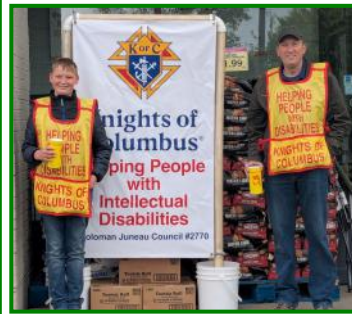
Jon Field, CPID Chairman

We are blessed to have had a number of our members, and some family too, giving their time to hand out Tootsie Rolls and receive donations. Formally, the program is called the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID). It is more commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. This year we have raised \$2,368. We send this amount to the State Council out of which they deduct the cost of the Tootsie Rolls as well as a percentage the State uses for its disability charities. They then send us a check based on

the percentage amounts we have designated. For a number of years now, 90% goes to the Mauston High School special needs program. 10% goes to our St. Patrick parish school.

The amazing part of this campaign, conducted throughout the United States at the local council

level is the amount of funds raised simply by handing someone a tootsie roll, not even asking for a donation but receiving monies freely given. Last year in just the state of Wisconsin, Knights councils raised over \$500,000. This supports the Knights primary mission of charity to those in need.



Spencer & dad Robert Turpin



Dick Schwab receiving a donation from a lady of the Women's Auxiliary (right). With him also is a manager from Festival (left)

Dawning of New (K)ights

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

Our council is very near to meeting all the requirements of Star Council. What remains is to bring in one new member (4 of the needed 5 have joined the Knights of our council so far this fraternal year), as well as to meet attendance requirements for fraternal benefit events. If you have not attended a watch party for this purpose or directly enrolled and watched a virtual benefits event, there should be one or two more opportunities to do so in June. Who can you invite to become a Knight? The process has never been easier. See the back page of the newsletter for details of joining. The first year of membership is without cost. To see the good our local council provides, see our Grand Knight's article on page 2 of the newsletter which summarizes the many good works we perform.



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Compass of Minutes—February 2025

After an opening prayer and pledge at approximately 6:50 pm, The minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting was approved. The upcoming Pancake Breakfast for St. Mary's (3/9/2025) was reviewed to insure coverage and logistics. The agenda shows the next Round Table meeting being April 24, 2025. Date to be confirmed in March.

Grand Knight Report: State of the State address by the State Deputy to be done on Zoom this coming Saturday, February 22, 2025. There's a Catholic Investment Seminar 2/26/2025. The Knights established this program available to members and councils in 2019.

Treasurer's Report: Of the general account balance \$1,320 is allocated for use at St. Mary's parish and community. These are proceeds of St. Mary's Pancake Breakfasts. The BMO Charities Fund has an ending balance of \$2,821.29; General fund ending balance is \$4,369.90.

Chaplain's Report: Lessons from Noah—Don't miss the boat! We're all in the same boat.

Membership Report: Hoped to have a new member this evening, but he didn't come. Life Report: January 26, 2025 was the Juneau County Pro-Life March. No Faith or Family Report. Community Report: discussed Pancake Breakfast earlier. 4th Degree Report: 125th Anniversary on Feb 22, 2025. Over 500 candidates are signed up for the new exemplification format at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City. April 12, 2025 in Kenosha will be next WI exemplification. Rhinelander on May 3, 2025 was cancelled and replaced by one in Merrill on May 10, 2025. There will be a mini-4th degree on May 3rd or 4th in La Crosse. Waiting to get details. Oct 25, 2025 will be in Baraboo. Dubuque Iowa is doing an exemplification on April 4, 2025 and inviting candidates from WI.

District Deputy Report: Thanked council for hosting District 20 Free Throw. Diocesan competition will be March 22, 2025 in Marshfield. Tootsie Rolls ordered for May 16-18, 2025 CPID drive. In the Future Cashton and Sparta will be doing their own March for Life in Sparta. There is a new travelling Icon program for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our date to get it is January 20, 2026 for a week.

Unfinished Business: Columbus High School will host Free Throw March 22, 2025 in Marshfield. Michael has score sheets from the District 20 contest he will send. CPID—same weekend as State Convention. Potential council meeting time change still under review. Church Prayer card—desire to take Sparta prayer card and make it more applicable to our parishes. St. Patrick Gala—discussed at our last meeting. Someone else is taking on planning of the Gala. They may like our council to help with setup.

New Business: FS report—dues received; Discussion by FS with Jim Kolba raised question of why he continues to receive mail that should come to the council. Kevin Quist and Matt Schwab were approved as delegates to the Convention and Steve Hesprich as an alternate. Fall 2025/Winter 2026 Pancake Breakfast is proposed to be the 2nd Sundays for Mauston. Oct 26, 2025 will be St. Mary's.

Prayer intentions: Greg Gnirk has stopped cancer treatments. Randy Boehm's sister Susie. Pope Francis for his recovery.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.

Compass of Minutes—March 2025

By Kevin Quist, acting Recorder

KC2770 Council Minutes – March 18, 2025

The evening commenced with an Exemplification for our newest Knights of Columbus member to Council 2770, Brother Robert Turpin. Brother Robert had his family, Chelsey, Spencer, Mckayla, and Caleb join him for the ceremony. After the exemplification, which included the opening prayer, and pledge at approximately 7:30 pm, the membership reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 18, 2025 council meeting.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Cruz provided the Chaplains Message... his Lenten Reflection for the day, which was a reminder for everyone to call their

mother. Grand Knight Report: Thank you notes received from the Mauston HS FFA for use of the pancake griddle and from Mauston HS IDS for the classroom donation.

Expression of gratitude to those council members assisting with the clean-up after the St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, 16 March (Ted Czajkowski, Tony Oldigs, Jeff Wojcik, Pat McCormick, Patrick Kelly, and Jon Field).

Next council meeting is April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Reminder regarding annual membership dues.

Treasurer's Report: The general fund had a beginning balance of \$4869.90 and deposits from St. Pat's breakfast for \$777.00; dues received \$654.35; St. Mary's breakfast for \$555.00; with an ending balance on \$6856.25. On Treasurer's report are the liabilities from the breakfasts so our true available balance in the general fund is \$2124.74. We'll have some expenses towards breakfasts, that's hopefully next month, and we can have the total amount available for Saint Pat's School. The other balance sheet is the Charitable fund held at BMO with an ending balance of \$2821.59; no expenses nor deposits there. GK: Thank you for the financial report. Fr Cruz: Very short and sweet about financial report, tomorrow, I have financial meeting that takes with more than one hour.

Membership Report: Welcomed Brother Robert Turpin and family to the council. Had a brief discussion regarding potential member, Jim Walsh (St. Mary's) and his expressing interest to join our council. Council is one (1) member away from meeting the 2025 membership goal. If we were to obtain a sixth member we would be eligible to receive a banner. Additional member by end of March would result in \$100 reduction for per capita. GK mentioned meeting held on February 20, 2025 with Greg Helgersen, Fr. Cruz (St Pat's), Fr. Cryton (St. Mary's), and Fr. Raj (St. Paul's, New Lisbon). Meeting was to discuss presentation of Council/Parish Packet for Catholic gentlemen as potential candidates on occasions such as high school graduations; baptism of a child; weddings, etc. Included in the packets for distribution is a Council Brochure, in development with Brother Steve H. and GK Kevin Quist.

No Program, Life, Faith, or Family Director Report.

Community Director Report: Our next round table meeting will be at Saint Mary's in Lyndon Station on the 24th of April. We hosted a pancake breakfast at Saint Mary's on the 9th of March. A well-attended event and thanks to all those who were there helping to support that worthy activity.

Fourth Degree of Patriotism Report: Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications: April 12, 2025 in Kenosha will be next WI exemplification. Rhinelander on May 3, 2025 - Cancelled and replaced by one in Merrill, WI on May 10, 2025. There will be a 4th degree on May 3rd at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse (distributed event details). Oct 25, 2025 will be in Baraboo. Dubuque Iowa is doing an exemplification on April 4, 2025 and inviting candidates from WI. Family members and guests are welcome to attend. Mentioned the Form 4 requirements for interested candidates to attend the Fourth Degree exemplification. Fee for Fourth Degree Exemplification in La Crosse is only \$60 where it is typically \$90 at other exemplifications. Our council passed a resolution to support half the cost of the exemplification fee. April 29 is the due date for registering for the La Crosse exemplification. Introduced the Fourth Degree Exemplification Video for viewing by the attending membership.

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Compass of Minutes—April 2025

By Kevin Quist, acting Recorder

The evening commenced with an opening prayer, and pledge at approximately 7:00 pm, the membership reviewed and after a brief discussion amended and approved the minutes from the March 15, 2025 council meeting. Chaplain's Message: Fr. Cryton provided the Chaplains Message... Acknowledging Father Cruz as the new Council Chaplain and expressed his gratitude to the council for the support provided to him during his time as the council chaplain. He mentioned the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and the well-attended event. He encouraged reflection on Holy Week and why it is Holy. He offered a challenge for us to experience Holy days not only now but during the entire 365 days of the year.

Grand Knight Report: Expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the council for the generosity of Father Cryton in serving as our council chaplain for two plus years and for the council's gratitude for his leadership and spiritual message he shared with us during council meetings and related activities. Next council meeting is on the second Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Reminder regarding annual membership dues. Mentioned that since the last meeting, we had the official appointment by Bishop Battersby to confirm Father Cruz as our council chaplain. And lastly, our next Fraternal Benefits Event is on April 30th. The council needs a minimum of ten individuals (member or eligible members) to attend these events for award consideration. Treasurer's Report: The general fund had a beginning balance of \$6,856.25; received dues of \$329.90; checks written for St. Mary's Breakfast expense in the amount of \$153.63; to Jon Fields for award trophies for the free throw contest, in the amount of \$113.94; and payment of the state per capita for \$317.00. Ending balance \$6,918.58. Breakfast payment reflected in the amount of \$2855.80 with any pending additional expenses. Available balance is \$1700.85. The other balance sheet is the Charitable fund held at BMO with an ending balance of \$2821.59; no expenses nor no deposits there. Brief discussion related to St. Patrick's pancake breakfast expenses. Brother Howard Boppert indicated in the past Brother Brett Kudick donated all the major components for the pancake breakfast (pancake mix, sausage, butter packs....Sysco related items. The current understanding is this generous donation is still in place for this year. Membership Report: Had a brief discussion regarding potential member, Jim Walsh (St. Mary's) and his expressing interest to join our council. Council is one (1) member away from meeting the 2025 membership goal. If we were to obtain a sixth member we would be eligible to receive a banner. Parish packets for distribution involves the finalized Council Brochure, developed by Brother Steve Hesprich and GK Kevin Quist.

Program Director, Life, Faith and Family Reports: No Reports

Community Director Report: Our next round table meeting will be at Saint Mary's in Lyndon Station on the 24th of April.

Fourth Degree of Patriotism Report: Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications: There will be a 4th degree on May 3rd at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse (distributed event details). Exemplification in Merrill, WI on May 10, 2025. Oct 25, 2025 will be in Baraboo. Family members and guests are welcome to attend. Mentioned the Form 4 requirements for interested candidates to attend the Fourth Degree exemplification. District Deputy Report: Presented on-line tutorial regarding submission of the Form 10784 and used a recent council sponsored event as an example. The session generated some great discussion. Also mentioned nearing achievement of the annual membership goal; per capita, Fraternal Benefits events; tootsie roll campaign; State Charity Raffle; and Council Charity Grant Form (Annual Submission Due 1 May). He indicated he has the five (5) cases of Tootsie Rolls we ordered and will hand them off to Brother Randy Boehm after the meeting concludes this evening.

Unfinished Business: State Raffle: As reported by Worthy Brother Steve Powers, the last day for him to accept State Raffle tickets will be May 7th. Please get your State Raffle Tickets submitted not later than May 7. Also mentioned completion of the Council Charity Grant Form (Annual Submission Due 1 May). Discussion involves Brother Tony Oldigs providing a copy of the BMO Charity Funds expenses to substantiate the Council Charity Grant Form related to the State Raffle.

□ Tootsie Roll Drive: Calendar Reminder – May 16, 17, and 18.

□ Tootsie Roll Drive Banner (x2) Purchase Proposal – Worthy Brother Jon Field obtained a quote from Eagle Promotions to design and create two banners related to the Tootsie Roll Drive. The total amount for the two banners is \$137.89. Brother Patrick Kelly presented the motion to approve the purchase of the two banners and the motion received a second. The related discussion was favorable and proceeded to the membership for a vote. The motion passed and notification issued to Brother Jon Field to proceed with the purchase of the two banners.

□ Council Meeting Time. Final ballot distributed to the attending members. Voting occurred and Brother Steve Hesprich collected the completed ballots. The final vote tally indicates the preferred council meeting time will remain unchanged.

□ Church Prayer Booklet. Distributed the final version of the Prayer Booklet and the draft version of the Prayer Trifold for Saint Mary's. Father Cryton will provide any additional comments / recommendations for the trifold version.

New Business: Financial Secretary Report—Presented vouchers for bills received. Received some membership dues and is presenting the treasurer with payment in the amount of \$220.75.

□ Handed out the current Council 2025-2026 Officer Nomination and offered an opportunity for interested candidates seeking nomination. Motion made by Brother Steve Powers and seconded with eventual acceptance to keep nominations as written.

□ MAY 2025 MEETING – Council 2025-2026 Officer Elections Reminder

□ Solicited member interested in coordinating Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Tuesday January 20, 2026 – Monday January 26, 2026). Please submit the contact information for anyone interested in performing this crucial role.

□ Solicited member interested in coordinating as a Host Council for Silver Rose (2026). Please submit the contact information for anyone interested in performing this crucial role.

□ NEW ITEM – Brother Howard Boppert proposed for consideration the sponsoring of a Mothers Day rose presented for all the mothers attending mass for Mother's Day Weekend.

□ NEW ITEM – Cardinal Burke intends to be at the 25-years celebration during 2025 celebration of the Adoration Chapel at Union Center, WI on July 12, 2025

□ REMINDER – Confirmation mass at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station on May 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM. 4th Degree Honor Guard will be present for the mass.

□ REMINDER – Corpus Christi mass on June 22, 2025 at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station at 9:00 AM. 4th Degree Honor Guard will be present for the mass.

□ REMINDER – Briefly discussed coordination efforts for Sacramental Gifts of Rosaries for First Communion students and Bibles for Confirmation Students.

□ NEW ITEM – Brother Howard Boppert proposed for consideration the sponsoring of a cookout event held after the 5:00 PM evening mass on June 28, 2025 in conjunction with the June Social Weekend.

For the Good of the Order / Prayer intentions:

Ted Czajkowski's asked for prayer for the victims (Louis Di Filippo / Francesco Di Filippo) in a boating accident in Wisconsin Dells, Sister of Randy Boehm, Aunt of Randy Boehm. Closing Prayer. Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM.

Compass of Minutes—May 2025

Abbreviated minutes of Kevin Quist, acting Recorder

The evening commenced with an opening prayer, and pledge at approximately 7:00 pm, the membership reviewed and after a brief discussion approved the minutes from the April 15, 2025 council meeting. Council Election: The council election had one addition to the ballot that had all current officers continuing. The addition was the nomination of Brother Patrick Kelly as a 2nd Outside Guard.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Cruz provided the Chaplains Message... In his reflection he referenced Our Lady of Fatima and the three messages she conveyed. (1) Pray the Rosary, (2) Seek Peace and cultivate peace in the heart, and (3) Everything passes in our lives.

Grand Knight Report: Emphasized our next Fraternal Benefits Events on May 22 and May 28th. Indicated our Brothers from St Mary's in Lyndon Station proposed to host these events. GK Kevin indicated he would send out the flyer on the events. The council needs a minimum of ten individuals (member or eligible members) to attend these events for award consideration. Next council meeting is the third Tuesday 6/17/25, 7PM.

Treasurer's Report: The first balance sheet is the Charitable fund held at BMO with an ending balance of \$2821.59; We had one check to GK Kevin Quist for the Bibles for Confirmation and Rosaries for the First Communicants in the amount of \$368.73 and so we have an ending balance of \$2,452.86. From the previous financial statement, the general fund reflected an ending balance of \$6,918.58; however, this amount did not include the Council check payment of \$317.00 for State per Capita. So, the actual balance last month would be 6,601.58. And then no expenses or checks for the month of May so our ending balance is \$6,601.58. Then we have the breakfast expense amount from Brother Brett Kudick of \$625.49 that we're going to reduce our breakfast intake. We applied that amount between Lyndon and Mauston. So, the St. Pat's total after expenses will be \$2,461.74. Divide that by four for the four classes. And then we'll reduce the Lyndon Station amount by \$231.43 for expenses. Received an inquiry from Fr. Cryton at St. Mary's to cover the parish expense for the purchase of The Word Among Us subscription in the amount of \$707.28. When looking at the proceeds from the pancake breakfasts at St. Mary's in the amount of \$722.00, which would cover the associated subscription cost. Discussion involved specific input from the Council members from St. Mary's. With no additional discussion, the motion was passed.

A 2nd proposal from Fr. Cryton was related to asking the Council to sponsor the renovation of one of the pews for \$2,800.00. Discussion related to this proposal reflected that the council does not typically have the amount to cover the full cost of a pew renovation, but that we would assist in a fundraising venture specifically to cover the renovation cost of a pew. The council will address the revised proposal as a fundraising venture on the agenda at the next business meeting.

Further fundraising discussion followed with specific regard to looking at opportunities for food concessions or beverage concessions at various events such as Park Fest in Lyndon Station or during a car show in a local community. More to follow in the future on this fundraising concept.

Membership Report: Had a brief discussion regarding need for one (1) additional member to join our council to meet the 2025 membership goal. Discussion also involved Form 10784 submissions and some projects still in need of submission. Parish packets for distribution involves the finalized Council Tri-Fold Brochure. Program Director Report: No Report

Life Director Report: June 14, 2025 (2:00 – 4:00 PM) - March For Life Wisconsin (Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps - 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703). Diocese of La Crosse sponsors a bus.

Brother Patrick Kelly shared information related to the Eucharistic Congress that met in Indianapolis last year and the associated four pilgrimages.

Faith & Family Director Reports: No Report

Community Director Report: Next meeting at St. Mary's in Lyndon Station is our Council Business Meeting on the 19th of August at 7:00 PM.

Fourth Degree of Patriotism Report: Discussed recent Fourth Degree Exemplifications in Kenosha, La Crosse, and Merrill. The La Crosse event was jointly conducted with Minnesota, with the Master and candidates from Minnesota. Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on October

25, 2025 in Baraboo (Details Pending). Family members and guests are welcome to attend.

Confirmation will take place on May 20 at St. Mary's and the Fourth Degree Honor Guard will participate. Another one in Tomah on May 21 at Queen of the Apostles.

District Deputy Report:

Extended a Happy Easter to all. Congratulations to the reelected officers and new officer, Patrick, for the secondary outside guard. Will conduct the installation of the officers at the July meeting. So please encourage all officers to attend so we can get them properly installed. Provided an update regarding the Eucharistic Pilgrimage mentioned by Brother Patrick Kelly. Mentioned Membership goal. Discussed Tootsie Roll drive scheduled for the upcoming weekend. Charity Raffle update and ticket sales submission. Discussion involving Form 10784 submissions and some related projects.

Columbian Award application is due 30 June. Silver Rose will be in Sparta on July 15. Proposed Mauston as host site for Summer District Meeting on August 2 (9:00 AM to Noon). Confirm if able to support.

Unfinished Business:

- ☐ State Raffle update and submission coordination
- ☐ Tootsie Roll Drive: will be – May 16, 17, and 18.
- ☐ Tootsie Roll Drive Banner and support standard with related peripheral cost of \$41.19. Motion passed.
- ☐ Volunteer Coordinator request for Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Tuesday January 20, 2026 – Monday 1/26/26). Solicited member interested in coordinating Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Tuesday 1/20/26 – Monday 1/26/26).

Please submit the contact information for anyone interested in performing this crucial role.

- ☐ Volunteer Coordinator request for Host Council for Silver Rose (2026) Solicited member interested in coordinating as a Host Council for Silver Rose (2026). Please submit the contact information for anyone interested in performing this crucial role.

New Business: ☐ Financial Secretary — No Report.

- ☐ 26 July 2025 Saturday Cook Out (Social Weekend).

Confirmed with Brother Howard Boppart.

- ☐ Mother's Day Rose presentation to all mothers attending mass for Mother's Day Weekend. Requires gathering of associated cost data and discussion as old business for future business meeting.

- ☐ Brief discussion of the 25 year celebration of the Adoration Chapel at Union Center, WI on July 12, 2025. Fourth Degree Honor Guard will be present for the mass.

- ☐ Fraternal Year 2025-2026 Planning (Calendar Development) during the next business meeting.

- ☐ Fraternal Year 2025-2026 Planning (Budget Development) during the next business meeting.

- ☐ New Business regarding the disbursement of CPID funds. Historically, 90% to Mauston H.S. – Special Needs and 10% to St Patrick's School. Motion passed for the same disbursement amounts.

- ☐ New Business, briefly mentioned St. Patrick's School to pursue accreditation.

For the Good of the Order / Prayer intentions:

Father Cruz will be travelling home to India for Annual Holidays. He has First Communion and a Baptism with family and is asking for us to remember them in our prayers.

Closing Prayer by Father Cruz

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM

4th Watch of the (K)night

Matthew 14:25



Honoring Those Receiving Confirmation

Steve Hesprich

The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church is a rite that strengthens a person's baptismal graces and seals them with the Holy Spirit, empowering them to live a more fully Catholic Christian life. It's considered the second sacrament of initiation, following Baptism.

The 3rd week of May, our assembly honor guard served at two Confirmation Masses. The first was Tuesday, May 20th, also by chance the 1st anniversary of Bishop Gerard Battersby's installation as the Bishop of



Confirmation at Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah on Wednesday, May 21 with Bishop Gerard Battersby. Honor Guard: (l-r) Larry Scheckel, Larry Dechanat, Mike Kelly, Commander Frank DiBenedetto, Bishop Battersby, Steve Hesprich, David Dechant, Don Tralmer, Kevin Kuderer, Wenzel Felber.

La Crosse. Confirmation for Confirmands were from the host St. Mary's in Lyndon Station, St. Patrick's in Mauston, as well as St. Francis of Assisi in Necedah. We had a strong cadre of 11 Sir Knights in the Honor Guard. Then the next evening, at St. Mary's in Tomah (Queen of the Apostles parish), we had Confirmands from Tomah, Sparta, one from St. Mary's of Lyndon Station with a 10-member Knights of Columbus Honor Guard (pictured above with Bishop Gerard Battersby).

We invite all 3rd degree members to join the patriotic degree of the Knights, and though not required for 4th degree membership, consider becoming part of the Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 based out of Tomah.

New Exemplification of Patriotism

By Steve Hesprich

On Saturday May 3, 2025 a "local" 4th degree exemplification was held at the La Crosse Cathedral, St. Joseph the Workman. 14 men representing candidates from both Wisconsin and Minnesota, along with families, witnessed the new 4th degree exemplification. In



this the 125th year of the patriotic degree, we have finally opened all the degrees to the public.

The photo of the degree class took place in the Cathedral behind the altar of the

The 4th Degree ceremony is now open to all.

cathedral. That is why in the

photo you see the back of the cross. The degree has been simplified and shortened. We encourage all Knights to *become "one" with all the degrees* of the Knights of Columbus. The next Exemplification in our general area will be Saturday October 25, 2025 in Baraboo. Details are still being worked out. Generally the exemplification is the better part of a day including travel. The exemplification is roughly 70 minutes, either preceded or followed by a dinner; and lastly Mass.

Heros Who Died

Steve Hesprich

We just came off a great memorial honoring all the members of the military in the history of the United States who gave their lives so as to preserve and strengthen our freedoms. Simply put, they are heroes extraordinaire! We should think of Memorial Day everyday as the sacrifice of so many men and



women cannot be contained in just one day of the year.

The main tenant of the 4th degree exemplification is to instill into us, the Catholic contributions through the history of the new world, with its discovery by the Catholic Christopher Columbus, and all those Catholics who helped to shape our country though their sacrifices. It is a history lesson we see of Catholic contributions to our nation including Catholic martyrs of our faith as well as those who have served and died in the defense of our nations ideals.

The prayer depicted in the photo above is a heartfelt expression of the value of all who have given their life in the service of our nation.

125th anniversary of the 4th degree was Feb 22, 2025

REQUIREMENTS (JUNE)

15 FATHER'S DAY

16 Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly / KC 1902

Location (TBD)

5:00 PM Social / 5:30 PM Order (Menu) / 6:00 PM Dinner

Dress: Social Baldric with Business Attire

17 KC 2770 Council Officer Meeting (6:30 PM)

KC 2770 Council Meeting (7:00 PM)

St. Patrick's (Reardon Hall), Mauston, WI

Fraternal Year 2025-2026 Planning (Calendar / Budget)

Exemplification Ceremony (Preceding Council Meeting)

JUNE 2025

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REQUIREMENTS (JUNE)

19 JUNETEENTH (Observed)

22 Corpus Christi Mass (9:00 AM), St. Mary's, Lyndon Station

KC 4th Degree Honor Guard

(T) Corpus Christi Mass (10:00 AM), St. Patrick's, Mauston

25 Fraternal Benefits Night (Virtual)

WATCH PARTY - St. Patrick's (Reardon Hall), Mauston, WI

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28 (T) KC 2770 Council Cookout (Social Saturday)

Patriotic Degree Exemplification

You can become a 4th degree Knight on Saturday October 25, 2025 in Baraboo. With travel, this is an all day event.

For information contact
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Officers 2025-2026

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| 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 |
| Patrick Kelly | Outside Guard |
| Bill Powers | Trustee for One Year |
| Tom Jodarski | Trustee for Two Years |
| Steve Hesprich | Trustee for Three Years |

2024-2025 Appointed Positions

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| Fr. Cruz Iruthayam | Chaplain |
| Randy Boehm | Financial Secretary |
| Open | Lecturer |
| Kevin Quist | Program Director |
| Jon Field | Community Director |
| Steven Hesprich | Family Director |
| Howard Boppart | Faith Director |
| Open | Life Director |
| Kevin Quist | Membership Director |
| Michael Haight | District Deputy 20 |

Steps to Join the Knights for 1st Year FREE:

1. Go to www.kofc.org/join (or scan QR Code)
2. Complete application, (5 minutes), enter council # 2770, & promo code **GHELGERSON** (after entering, press "Add")
3. Attend online virtual ceremony



Contact Kevin Quist for questions on steps 1 & 2.
You will be contacted for step 3.
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