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William P. Stephani Council 710

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## We Welcome Six New Brothers!



During our May Council meeting, we welcomed six Brothers to our Order and Council 710 through the Third Degree Exemplification. Seated (L to R) are Gary Kubis, Tom Giesen, Jim Hoffman, Zachary Simonet, Randy Miller and Justin Heppard. The Exemplification team included (standing left to right) Deacon Mark LeGreve, John Simon, Grand Knight Joe Debilzen, Jim Goonan, Financial Secretary Nick Nett, Warden & Membership Director Tony Holzinger and District Deputy Ray Berres. This brings the total new Brothers since July 1, 2025 to seventeen. Thank you to all that invited men to join our Order and for the leadership of Membership Director Tony Holzinger!

## June Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Norbert Pritzl	1
Scott Lipski	2
Teak Prigge	3
Fr. Nicholas Stellpflug	6
Andy Schmidt	7
Donald Scott	11
Ronald Dvorachek	17
Terence Fox	17
Thomas Hoffman	21
Eric Koschnick	21
Andrew LeGreve	22
Ronald Zube	22
Ed Brey	24
Kevin Jacky	25
Ryan Schram	26
Edward Yohanek	26
David Soeldner	28
Ed Dirkmann	29
William Fricke	29
Ron Deets	30

If I missed your birthday or have the date incorrect, please let me know.

GK Joe



Worthy Treasurer Mike Brunet presented our Council's \$1,000 donation to Elizabeth Graunke (above) to support the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer. Our \$2,500 donation to the SVDP food pantry is given by Mike to Nancy Gosz, Assistant Manager (below).





During the Roncalli Elementary School Mass on May 14, students that celebrated their First Holy Communion this Easter season were recognized and received Youth Bibles donated by Council 710. Celebrating the Mass and blessing the Bibles was our Chaplain, Father Doug LeCaptain, assisted by Deacon Mike Dolezal. Council Brothers assisting with the Bible distribution included Greg Czekala, John Brockert, Pat Brandel and Joe Debilzen. Much appreciation for our donation was received from parents and school staff that day!

### **July 14 Family Celebration!**

In place of our July Council meeting, we will welcome our Council families for a summer celebration in the Grand Gathering Center and you are encouraged to attend! We will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a potluck meal (chicken and potatoes will be provided), activities for the kids and the installation of incoming Officers and Directors. A sign-up sheet will be sent out via email or you can contact GK Joe at (920)629-1601 for more information and to sign up. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate and socialize!



## **Thank you Tony!**

At our May meeting we extended our appreciation to retiring Worthy Membership Director Tony Holzinger for his years of effort and leadership during which we experienced outstanding growth. Tony will continue to be active in membership growth, supporting John Power, our new Worthy Membership Director. Please continue to invite good Catholic men to join our efforts!

## **Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities**

One of our newest Brothers, Justin Heppard and his son, Henry, invited shoppers at Festival Foods to donate to our Council's tootsie roll fundraiser. Thanks to the efforts of many Brothers, our Worthy Financial Secretary Nick Nett and Campaign Chair James Cathcart, we had a very successful event the first weekend in May. Funds raised will be donated to Ascend Services and Manitowoc County Special Olympics to support both of these great organizations. Thank you to all Brothers that donated their time!



## Fourth Degree Active!



On April 25th, the Assembly had our annual brat fry at Rob's, with the proceeds going to the Mission of Honor Flights. Pictured above, Faithful Navigator Ralph Schleis and Faithful Comptroller Mike Brunet presented a check of \$1,500 from the brat fry to Seehafer News. This donation will allow three Veterans to experience an Honor Flight. Seehafer Broadcasting has been actively collecting donations within the local area for the Old Glory Honor Flights. The Knights of Columbus were noted in Seehafer's Facebook post as well as on the radio for our donation.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**June 26 & 27– Council brat fry** at Roncalli Elementary School as part of the St. Clare Society annual rummage sale. Assistance also needed for set-up on June 25.

**July 18 & 19– Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival** at Red Arrow Park. This is a major fundraiser for our Council as we provided food and refreshments for those attending this event.

*Watch your email for sign-up sheets or contact GK Joe at 920-629-1601.*

## Supporting Roncalli Catholic Schools



Council 710 continued our support of Roncalli Catholic Schools through the “Bids & Bites” fundraiser in late April. In addition to a \$2,000 donation, many Brothers donated their time during the event. A few of these included (upper left, L to R) Greg Kostechka, Dan Christensen and Ed Garvey, along with (upper right, L to R) Worthy District Deputy Ray Berres, Marilee Brunet and Mike Brunet. Thanks to all that volunteered to make the event a Success!

### **Notes from the Grand Knight**

As you see in the pages of this newsletter, Council 710 continues to be active in our Parish, Roncalli Catholic Schools and our community. Thanks to you, we are living our guideposts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity! Not included in the events highlighted in these pages are the many volunteers hours donated by Council Brothers with activities relating to preparing for and the sale of items at the St. Boniface Church. Thank you to all the Brothers for stepping forward to assist with this!

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## Council Assists Recent Fire Victims



In May, our Council provided immediate financial assistance to two local families that suffered fire losses to their homes, part of an ongoing effort to assist those in need in our community. The Council's \$300 donation to each family was matched by a \$300 check from the State Council and were in the hands of the families within days of their tragedy. The funds for the Council and State donations come from the State Charity raffle tickets we sell each year. Pictured is our Worthy Treasurer Mike Brunet presenting a check to Captain Jonathan Tamayo of the Salvation Army, for delivery to one of the families, a disabled mothers with three children.

### **GK Notes (con't)**

At our June 9 Council meeting we will be reviewing and approving our annual donation budget for our Fraternal Year of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. I encourage you to attend this meeting to participate in this important discussion.

Are you aware that you are able to make tax-deductible\*\* donations to Council 710's donor advised fund administered through Knights of Columbus Charities? For more information please contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Nick Nett (920-905-0181) or myself (920-629-1601).

*\*\*Not intended as tax or legal advice.*

In closing, please know of my appreciation for all of you, my Brothers of Council 710! I continue to be blessed by your presence and friendship!

GK Joe

## Moments from Third Degree Exemplification



Thank you to Brother Ray Mack for the Exemplification photos!

## Meeting Location & Time

**Mass – 5:00 p.m.**  
Grand Worship Site

**Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**  
Second Tuesday  
of each month

McGivney Meeting Room

### Officers 3rd Degree 2025-2026

Chaplain.....Fr. Doug LeCaptain  
Grand Knight.....Joe Debilzen  
Deputy Grand Knight.Greg Sandquist  
Chancellor.....Max Wagner  
Recorder.....James Clark  
Lecturer.....Gregory Kostchka  
Financial Secretary.....Nicholas Nett  
Treasurer.....Michael Brunet  
Advocate.....Daniel Christensen  
Warden.....Anthony Holzinger  
Inside Guard.....Eugene Neuser  
Outside Guard.....Michael Myers  
Trustee-3 years..... John Broeckert  
Trustee-2 years.....Patrick Brandel  
Trustee-1 year.....Michael LeGreve

### Officers 4<sup>th</sup> Degree 2025-2026

Faithful Friar.....Fr. Richard Klingeisen  
Faithful Navigator... ..Ralph Schleis  
Faithful Captain.....Damiel Christensen  
Faithful Pilot..... ..Ryan Schram  
Faithful Comptroller.....Michael Brunet  
Faithful Scribe.....Robert Becker  
Faithful Inner Sentinel....James Goonan  
Faithful Outer Sentinel...Leonard Gatien  
Faithful Admiral..... Charles Reis  
One Year Trustee..... George Levande  
Two Year Trustee.....Ronald Deets  
Three Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich  
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Field Agent.....Lawrence London

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