



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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William P. Stephani Council 710

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Supporting Manitowoc Warming Shelter



During our June Council meeting we presented a check in the amount of \$2,456.00 to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter's representative, Brother Ken Walters, to support the operations of this most needed community service. The \$2,456.00 come from three sources: (1) a direct donation from the Council; (2) the stipend offered to Council Brothers that provide our monthly meal that is unclaimed; and (3) freewill offerings from Council Brothers for our meal. Ken Walters is a passionate supporter of the Shelter and a voice for the homeless that utilize it's services. He provides regular updates at Council meetings on the status of the shelter, as well success stories of those individuals that have been able to find employment and permanent shelter.

Another way we support those served by the Shelter is to provide and serve meals. Brother Ryan Koehler has been our leader in this effort and served a number of meals this past season.

Thank you to all our Brothers that support the Warming Shelter!

July Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Mike Dose	2
Eugene Neuser	4
Nathan Kaderabek	6
Robert Mershon	7
John Power	8
James Brauer	10
Kenneth Braun	10
Joseph Di Raimondo	14
Michael Grall	17
Anthony Holzinger	20
Peter Stelzer	20
William Klackner	22
Andrew Langer	23
Len Gatien	24
Arthur Schmidt	27
Michael Woods	31
If I missed your birthday or have the date incorrect, please let me know. GK Joe	



Dance floor refinishing project

Council members were asked to repair and refinish the dance floor that is used for Parish picnics. John and Patrick Check stepped forward to lead this effort and were assisted by Teak Prigge, Mike Lambert and Tony Holzinger. Brother Tony Lasrado graciously allowed the use of his garage to complete the project. Pictured top right are some of the refinished floor sections while below is pictured Patrick Check and Tony Holzinger returning a finished section into storage. Thank you Brothers Tony L., John, Pat, Teak, Mike and Tony H.!

Farewell Father Doug!



During our June Council meeting we thanked Father Doug for his service as our Council Chaplain and Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. In addition to a thank you card containing individual notes of appreciation from Council Brothers, we enjoyed a cake following the meal and presented two gifts as tokens of our gratitude. Father Doug is shown sitting in one of the chairs of the table and chair set he will use in his cottage. He holds a rosary pouch with the image of Blessed Michael McGivney that is inscribed with our Council's appreciation. In addition to being an active recruiter of men for our Council and a promoter of our Council initiatives, we credit Father Doug with encouraging us to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass before each meeting as well as suggesting the light meals and period of fellowship we enjoy. ***Father Doug, thanks again and we wish you all the best!***

Aiding Fire Victims



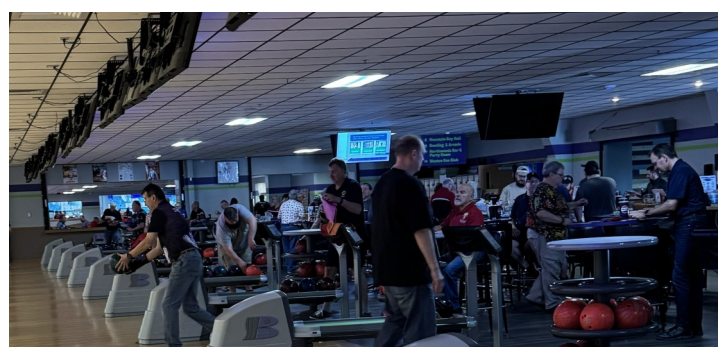
An ongoing charitable initiative of Council 710 and our State Council is to provide immediate financial assistance to individuals and families affected by a fire in their home. A check of \$300 is given to the fire victims from Council 710's Charity account and this amount is matched by a check from the State Council. Both checks are issued within days of the fire. *The funding for the Council and State Charity accounts result from the sale of the State Charity raffle tickets.*

Occasionally, there are situations that warrant additional financial assistance. Pictured above are April Backus and her son, Paetyynn, victims of a Mother's Day fire. In addition to their fire damage, April faces significant health challenges, creating financial stress for their family. After reviewing their situation, an additional \$2,000 from our Council's Charity account was awarded to the family and an application has been submitted to the State for consideration of a matching donation.



May Blood Drive— The smiling faces of Judy Bull and Brother Steve Spiers greeted donors on May 30. Thank you to all that donated blood as well as Brothers Damon Cattani, Michael McGlin and Justin Heppard for also volunteering that day!

2026 State Bowling Tournament



This year's tournament was held in Weston in March. Council Brothers that participated included Jeff Senglaub, John Sowinski, Mark Dvoracheck, Rob Bouril, Jerry Labinski, Eric Bertler, Kevin Bertler, Kevin Bertler and Eric Koshnick. Congratulations to Jeff for placing first in Singles bowling. The team event had four Brothers on each, with additional competition in singles and doubles.

A reminder that Council 710 will co-host the 2027 State Bowling Tournament along with the Two Rivers Council from February through April!

Council 710's Scholarship Program—Roncalli Catholic Schools

In order to promote Catholic education and encourage participation in Council activities, a tuition credit of \$50 per semester per student for your children attending Roncalli elementary, middle or high school is available, provided these requirements are met:

- Member agrees to attend a minimum of two Council meetings per year.
- Member agrees to volunteer at a minimum of two Council sponsored events per year.

To learn more and/or to obtain the scholarship documentation, please contact Worthy Financial Secretary Nick Nett. (920-905-0181).

Notes from the Grand Knight

Volunteers needed to work in our Council food tent July 18 & 19 at the Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival. If you haven't already signed up to work, please call me at 920-629-1601. This is a significant fundraiser, so your help will be greatly appreciated!

Looking back at our Council newsletters since July 2025, I was reminded of our many involvements, some of which included: 20th Anniversary Celebration for St. Francis of Assisi Parish; groundbreaking for the Grand building; welcoming 17 new Brothers; SFA Parish picnic; Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon prayer service; Happy Birthday cake for Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney; welcoming Fr. Gade & Fr. Nico; earning the Star Council Award; Manitowoc 40-Days for Life walk; three blood drives; Nativity scene; free throw competition; providing financial support to two seminarians; multiple donations of Youth Bibles; supporting Roncalli Catholic Schools; Fourth Degree Exemplification at Waldo site; sponsoring youth to Steubenville Youth Conference & National Walk for Life; assisting with the Parish office move; Confirmation Bibles; Grand building project ribbon cutting; tootsie roll fundraiser; Lenten fish fry; assisting fire victims; and many donations, large and small. You are right, it was a busy year, but thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and tons of volunteer hours we did it. Thank you for the part you played in our many good works!

Looking ahead I invite and encourage you to be active in our efforts this next year! Attend as many Council meetings as you can and step forward to volunteer when the opportunity presents itself. I look forward to working alongside you! GK Joe

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 2026-2027

Chaplain.....Fr. Michael Warden
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 Sowinski
Trustee-2 years.....John Broeckert
Trustee-1 year.....Patrick Brandel

Officers 4th Degree 2026-2027

Faithful Friar.....Fr. Richard Klingeisen
Faithful Navigator.....Ralph Schleis
Faithful Captain.....Damiel Christensen
Faithful Pilot.....Ray Berres
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.....Ron Deets
Two Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich
Three Year Trustee.....John Simon
General Agent.....Christopher Massoglia
Field Agent.....Lawrence London

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