



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival



The photos capture a few of the Council volunteers at the Festival. Pictured in the top photo (L to R) are Ed Dirkmann, Max Wagner, Hank Sturm and Jim Clark.

The middle photo captured Mike and Mary Malek as they sold 50/50 raffle tickets.



The bottom photo includes L to R) Zachary Simonet, Kevin Jacky and Cameron Gruenke. Pictured in the background is Ed Dirkmann.

There were many other Council Brothers that volunteered on Saturday and Sunday, but your Grand Knight was negligent in taking photos. Please know of my appreciation for all the volunteers that assisted during the weekend!

A special thank you to Max Wagner for once again organizing the refreshment stand to ensure it ran smoothly!!



September Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Dominic Reindl	1
Nick Brisch	4
Randy Miller	4
Ray Mack	5
Jim Clark	7
Gerald Lax	7
James Lax	7
Jeff Senglaub	7
Mike Bonin	8
Ray Wimmer	11
Joe Debilzen	12
Derek Fictum	14
Marshall Harris Jr.	14
Scott Pribyl	15
Kevin Bertler	16
George Levande	16
Steve Krupka	17
John Broeckert	18
John Stelzer	20
Mike Schutz	23
Lawrence Schleis	25
Fr. Jason Blahnik	27
Br. Mike Kadow	29

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

You are invited to....

September 8 Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Gathering Center. Please join us for the Celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by food & fellowship until the time of our meeting. Hope to see you there!

Landing Day Banquet on October 11, with social at 5:00 p.m. and meal at 5:45 p.m. at Fairway Inn (formerly Fox Hills). You pay your meal cost of \$30 and the Council pays for your lady. Contact GK Joe by September 25 to register.

Free financial “check-up”- Take advantage of this member benefit to identify strengths, gaps and opportunities in your overall financial picture while ensuring you understand the benefits available through the Knights of Columbus. To schedule a time with our KC Field Agent, please contact GK Joe. *P.S. GK Joe will be scheduling his meeting soon.*

Notes from the Grand Knight

As I write this, it feels like summer will soon be coming to a close, with Roncalli Catholic Schools starting classes later this week, the Manitowoc County Fair opening its gates and the high school football season underway. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to refresh yourself this summer and taken the opportunity to thank God for his many blessings.

I encourage you to go back to the previous page and focus on the three invitations that are noted. For our newer Brothers, I want to share some additional information. The *Landing Day Banquet* is an opportunity to gather with Brothers from the Two Rivers, Mishicot, Reedsville and St. Nazianz Councils to celebrate our namesake, Christopher Columbus (why this event occurs near Columbus Day). Our speaker that evening will be the Most Rev. Father John Girrotti and I'm sure his message will be inspirational. You can register by attending our September Council meeting, using the online sign-up sheet sent via email or by contacting me.

Who invited you to join the Knights of Columbus? Who have you invited to join recently? While this should be an ongoing effort, we will have two upcoming recruiting events to focus on. The first will be October 10 & 11 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. As our Brothers from St. Thomas already know, our goal is to form a new Council to serve that Parish community. Two weeks later (October 24 & 25) we will invite the men from St. Francis of Assisi Parish to become Knights. We will be looking for volunteers to help at the English Masses at both Parishes (sign-up coming soon). As important, who can you invite to join? In addition to your circle of friends, look around you at Mass to introduce yourself to and tell them about why you belong. *Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism!*

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
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One Year Trustee.....Ron Deets
Two Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich
Three Year Trustee.....John Simon
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