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July 12th Mass and Picnic

Council 710 members were joined by spouses, family and guests for the Mass in Cabin 1, Lincoln Park, followed by the meal and delicious desserts. Special guests attending included Worthy Past District Deputy Chuck Reis and Worthy District Deputy Tre Waldren. Father Doug's homily message weaved the four pillars of the KC's- charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, into the readings. It was an enjoyable evening that truly was grounded in faith and fraternity. Based on the many favorable comments, we will discuss making this an annual event in the future.

Parish Picnic—Don't miss the fun!

Please don't miss the opportunity to volunteer for Council 710's refreshment stand at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic on August 12—13. To do so, please call either of the Co-Chairs, Max Wagner (920-901-6022) or Dan Christiansen (920-684-3560). For other volunteer opening, call the Parish office.



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James Neuser	13
Michael Brunet	13
Keith Schultz	15
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Robert Fricke	16
Ronald Klestinski	18
Nicholas Nett	19

If I missed your birthday, or have the date wrong, please let me know so I can correct my records. GK Joe

Council 710 Apparel

A new supply of tee shirts has been ordered and should arrive soon. Our full-line of "fashion apparel" includes:

Polo shirts \$25

Tee shirts \$10

Hats \$10

Please talk to Len Gatien, Kevin Bertler or Nick Nett at our meetings. For access inventory outside of meetings, please call Joe Debilzen (920-629-1601).

Scholarship Program

Council 710 recently established a scholarship program for children of members that attend Roncalli Catholic Schools. For more information, please contact Nick Nett (920-905-0181) or Joe Debilzen (920-629-1601).

Notes from the Grand Knight

Let me begin by inviting you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, August 9th in the Letz Center at 7:15 p.m. I also urge you to join us in attending the 6:30 p.m. Mass just prior to our meeting. Coming together as Brothers to share in the liturgy and Eucharist is a great start for the evening!

As noted on the front of this newsletter, our Mass and Picnic in the park was well attended. Thank you to everyone that attended and helped to make it a success. Special thanks for those that helped to clean-up after.

As you are aware, July 1 marked the beginning of my second year as Grand Knight. I look forward to the coming year as an opportunity for Council 710 to continue to grow (con't on page 3)

Grand Knight Notes continued...

our programs centered around Faith, Family, Community and Life. Council 710 has a very long tradition of being a positive force in our Parishes and community and we will continue to build on these. Let me share my vision for the coming year.

Membership growth– Please continue to invite men from St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes to join our efforts. A reminder that we recently approved an incentive of a \$25 gift certificate for recruiting a new Brother for our Council.

Life Programs– We will continue to be involved in the local 40 Days for Life March in October and our support of The Crossing of Manitowoc County. We will explore additional ways that we can be advocates and support the Right to Life movement!

Faith Programs– Faith and Family Director Jim Clark will suggest ways to expand these programs in addition to continuing to offer Masses for the L/D members of Council 710,, sponsoring radio broadcasts of Mass, Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs and involvement in the Marriage Blessing events. Should we bring back the Nativity scene from years past? Will another donation for Ukrainian relief be appropriate?

Family Programs– What new programs can we start/restart to add to Knowledge Contest, Food for Family donations and the Christmas Poster contest? How about Punt/Pass/Kick, Soccer Challenge or ???.

Community Programs- We have a strong history and support of the Coats for Kids program and the Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for Intellectual Disabilities. In addition, we've supported numerous other organizations over the years and I know we remain committed to supporting these in the future. Is there more we can do?

Parish and School– Building on our historical support of our Parishes and Roncalli Catholic Schools, what more can we do? With the establishment of the Round Table at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish last year, how can we leverage this to make an impact?

Fundraisers– If my memory is correct, our fundraising events this last year included the SFA Parish picnic, brat fries in the fall and spring and the Tootsie Roll drive. A lot of work and effort went into each of these and they were very successful. Can we add one or more new/different fundraisers to support our programs?

You will notice that “my vision” for the coming year has many questions. That’s because I certainly don’t have all the answers, but want to rely on all of you to help build our future success and impact. I ask for and encourage you to be involved however you are able and together we will make this next year another highpoint in the long history of Council 710!

Vivat Jesus!

GK Joe

Meeting Location & Time

Mass – 6:30 p.m.

Grand Avenue Worship Site

Meeting – 7:15 p.m.

Second Tuesday
of each month

Letz Center

Grand Worship Site

Officers 3rd Degree 2022-2023

Chaplain.....Fr. Doug LeCaptain
Grand Knight.....Joe Debilzen
Deputy Grand Knight.....Max Wagner
Chancellor.....Michael Myers
Recorder.....James Goonen
Lecturer.....Gregory Kostchka
Financial Secretary.....Nicholas Nett
Treasurer.....Michael Brunet
Advocate.....John Sowinski
Warden.....Anthony Holzinger
Inside Guard.....Daniel Christensen
Outside Guard.....Kenneth Walters
Trustee.....Michael LeGreve
Trustee.....Leonard Gatien
Trustee.....Ronald VonDrachek

Officers 4th Degree 2022-2023

Faithful Friar.....Fr. Richard Klingeisen
Faithful Navigator.....Charles Reis
Faithful Captain.....Ronald VonDrachek
Faithful Pilot.....George Levande
Faithful Comptroller.....Michael Brunet
Faithful Scribe.....Robert Becker
Faithful Inner Sentinel.....Ryan Schram
Faithful Outer Sentinel.....Leonard Gatien
Faithful Admiral.....Joseph Dvorachek
One Year Trustee.....Joseph Dvorachek
Two Year Trustee.....Raymond Berres
Three Year Trustee.....George Levande
General Agent.....Timothy J. Novak
Field Agent.....James J. Patz

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