



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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William P. Stephani Council 710

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Installation of Council Officers



Council 710 Officers elected for the term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 were installed as part of the Family Celebration on July 14 in the Grand Gathering Center. Pictured standing (left to right) are Chaplain Father Michael Warden, Warden Tony Holzinger, Financial Secretary Nick Nett, Advocate Dan Christensen, Trustee John Broeckert, Trustee Pat Brandel, Trustee John Sowinski, Outside Guard Mike Myers, and Worthy District Deputy Ray Berres. Seated (left to right) are Grand Knight Joe Debilzen, Deputy Grand Knight Greg Sandquist, Treasurer Mike Brunet, Recorder Jim Clark, Inside Guard Eugene Neuser and Lecturer Greg Kostechka. Thank you to our Worthy District Deputy Ray and Chaplain Father Michael for their parts in making this such a meaningful event! Thank you also to Ray Mack for this photo and others in this newsletter from the Family Celebration.

August Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Norbert Vogt	4
Patrick Fix	11
Mike Brunet	13
Jim Neuser	13
Bob Fricke	16
Tom Giesen	16
Jim Goonan	16
Nick Nett	19
John Stangel	21
Shane Kelley	22
Tom Cohen	25
Hank Sturm	27

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



Scenes from Sand Fest!



Scenes from Family Celebration & Officer Installation



Notes from the Grand Knight

Let me begin by inviting and encouraging you to attend our next Council meeting on August 11th. Our meeting begins at 6:00 p.m., but if possible please join in the celebration of the Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by food and refreshments, all at the Grand site. If you are unable to attend in August, try to do so in September or very soon. We experience great fellowship when we gather, so I look forward to seeing you there!

We welcomed Father Michael Warden as our Chaplain at our July Family Celebration and look forward to working with him. Speaking of the Family Celebration, it was a wonderful evening of food and fellowship after the celebration of the Mass. Thank you to all that brought the delicious dishes and desserts for the potluck and to Broken Plate Catering (Greg & Lauren Czekala) for the chicken and potatoes. Thank you also to Andy Langer for organizing the food and activities for the kids!

In our July newsletter I was not able to touch on our brat fry in conjunction with the St. Clare rummage sale due to the early submission date. Thank you to all that volunteered for that event. Given the modest income we generate from this brat fry, it is likely that we will discontinue it in the future and look to identify another opportunity.

The weekend of July 18 & 19 was the 4th annual Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival at Red Arrow Park and we once again served the food and refreshments. Saturday was a busy day for us as a result of a large attendance, but unfortunately, Sunday was disappointingly slow. As I write this we do not have the financial results, which we will be able to share at our August meeting. We were blessed with an abundance of volunteers this year and we had an enjoyable time working together. Thank you to all that helped before, during and after the event, including several family members! Special thanks to John Broeckert for all of his efforts and long hours helping to run the operation!

The Festival for St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be August 8 & 9 and we will be serving the refreshments again this year. This event will be a good opportunity to invite men to join our Order, so please remember to ask!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Please continue to know of my appreciation for my Brothers of Council 710 and the privilege to serve 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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