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Youth Bibles to St. Thomas Religious Ed Students



During the Family Mass for religious education students at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Council members presented Bibles to the 5th grade students after they were blessed by Father Beaudry. Brothers participating were (L to R) Steve Krupka, Mike Schutz, Bill Kraemer and Eugene Neuser.

We have some catching up to do!

With no newsletter in April, this edition contains some older Council activities. Enjoy!

May Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Dave Vraney	3
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Dan Christensen	18
Philip Stangel	21
Rob Bouril	22
John Iannitello	24
Gary Malchow	25
Marc Boren	26

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

Angela Andrasfalvy (pictured right) shared her experience from the National March for Life in January at our April Council meeting. Angi is a Global Outreach Student from Hungary at Roncalli HS. We provided funding for Angi and another student from Ukraine to attend.



Marriage Blessing Event– Mike & Marilee Brunet (pictured left) served champagne & other refreshments during this event in late February in the Grand Gathering Center. Thank you Mike and Marilee!





Fish Fry Memories

A wonderful celebration of community occurred on March 6 during Council 710's fish fry event. Thanks to the support of our Parishioners and the hard work of Brother Knights and other volunteers we enjoyed a profitable and tasty evening. Special thanks to Brother Greg Czekala and the crew from Broken Plate Catering! Appreciation to Brother Ray Mack for the photos. ***March 5, 2027 will be our next fish fry!***



2027 KC State Bowling Tournament

It is great that our council has grown so much with membership, but because of that there are most likely many members that don't know that each year there is a state Knights of Columbus bowling tournament. Members from all over the state go to where the tournament is hosted and have a weekend of bowling and all the other festivities that go along with visiting an area over a weekend.

The tournament usually runs 4 to 7 weeks depending on the facilities available to the host council. This last spring we sent 2 teams to Westin. Congratulations to Jeff Senglaub for winning the singles event.

Hosting the tournament is a great way to earn money for doing many good things. There are many fund raising opportunities that the host council runs such as raffles while bowling and a large raffle throughout the tournament. Manitowoc hosted the tournament in 2020 and unfortunately our tournament was cut short because of COVID. We shared the proceeds with Two Rivers council and even when sharing and with the tournament cut short, we raised over \$10,000.

Two Rivers put a bid in for the tournament for 2027 and so the tournament will be held at Meadow Lanes North next spring. We will be considered co-hosts with Two Rivers council. The weeks that the tournament will run are Feb 27 through April 4th on Saturday and Sunday each weekend, while skipping March 27, 28 because of Easter.

In the coming months you will be hearing more about this event and ways that you can help. Once the tournament comes each weekend we need approximately 10 to 12 people at the bowling alley to help. The work is easy and fun but we do need plenty of people. We are sharing this with Two Rivers so we can run a great tournament.

One of the ways that you might help now is with the large raffle. Last time we were able to get a snowblower donated from Ariens which was our top prize for the large raffle. Unfortunately, that is not available to us at this time. If you know of a way or have something of similar value available for donation this would just increase the amount of income from the event.

Keep watching the newsletter and I will be reporting at meetings about the planning of this tournament but call me or email me if you have questions.

Thanks

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Another blood drive...

The morning after our March fish fry the McGivney Meeting Room was transformed into a blood donation center. Pictured above are Brothers Nick Nett and Ed Gavin (left to right), just two of many Council members that donated blood.

Thank you all donors for the gift of life!

Notes from the Grand Knight

Happy Easter!

As we continue to celebrate the blessings of the Easter Season, we look forward to a number of activities and events during the next couple of months. Let me summarize these for you:

May 12– Council meeting and Third Degree Exemplification. A number of men will be joining our Order this evening and I encourage you to attend to welcome them!

May 14– Presentation of Youth Bibles to the Roncalli Catholic School's second graders that received their First Holy Communion this year. Please come for the 9:00 a.m. School Mass to support these students. (cont'd on page 6)

Grand Knight Notes (continued from previous page)

May 16– The 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be offered for the deceased Brothers of Council 710.

May 30– Parish and community blood drive sponsored by our Council. We need many donors to make this a successful event. Please volunteer to donate if you are able and help spread the word. Donors can register by calling the Parish office, registering online on the Versiti Blood Center website or by contacting me.

June 9– Council meeting

June 26 & 27– Council brat fry in conjunction with the St. Clare Society rummage sale at Roncalli Elementary School. Proceeds will be donated to SVDP Food Pantry!

July 14– FAMILY CELEBRATION in the Grand Worship site and Gathering Center. We will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by the installation of our Officers and a potluck meal. There will be activities for the kids and time to relax and socialize. Our families are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

July 18 & 19– Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival at Red Arrow Park, with our Council serving food and refreshments. This has turned into a major fundraiser for us, allowing us to continue our donations to the Parish, Roncalli Catholic Schools and myriad of other community organizations.

There is no way that we could continue to be the vibrant, proactive Council we have been without the support of our Brothers that step forward time and time again to say “yes” to volunteering their time and talents. We are so blessed by all of you and please know of my **ongoing appreciation!** I feel so grateful to be a part of Council 710. If you haven’t had the opportunity to get involved, I encourage you to do so. Similarly, if you haven’t been to a Council meeting for a while, come on back!

Fraternally,

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 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 4th 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
General Agent....Christopher Massoglia
Field Agent.....Lawrence London

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