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Brothers and Sisters,

I'll bet you missed it and did not even know it. It was the holiday of holidays at the Schroeder house when my children were young. It was the result of a family conversation about benefits and privileges, **(I called them Labor / Management meetings, because I always thought it was important that the kids knew who labor was and who management was).** My boys just did not think the playing field was level, because there was a Mother's Day and a Father's Day and their labor union was seeking equality.

Realizing that they were negotiating in good faith, management gave in to their demands and so in 1981 we created and proclaimed **August 1 each year to be "Kids Day"**.

On that day they could choose what we would do as a family and over the years we did every fun thing you can imagine. Well the kids are grown and gone from home now and Kid's Days is not as much fun as it used to be, but I do have 3 Grandchildren ages 4, 2, & 2, two boys and a girl, so there is hope. What my children do not know yet, is that as Grandpa I plan to sit on the board of my Grandchildren's Labor Union and give advice about rights and benefits. **And I am looking forward to helping them negotiate.**

This year we took our 2 year old Granddaughter to the big Aquarium in downtown Denver and had a great time.

Do you want to have a better relationship with your children and your Grandchildren? Here are 2 options. **First** let them read this and then help them negotiate for a Kid's Day.

If you do you will be going to water parks, amusements parks, swimming pools, fishing, camping, go cart racing, movies, Dairy Queen, etc. and often you will do 2 or 3 in the same day.

Here is the only rule you need to know: They choose what they want to do and you take them and you pay!

Second if you are in Denver, take them to the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Family Community Picnic **this Saturday, August 13 from 10am-1pm!**

There will be Wonderful Entertainment: Soundwaves will perform at 10:00 am, The John Philip Sousa Band at 11:00 am, Ultarsonix a Barbershop Quartet at Noon-1:00 pm.

Activities include: the Jesters, a Bounce House complete with slide, Cotton Candy, Air Brush Tattoos, Snow Cones, Child I.D. booth, popcorn, hot dogs & hamburgers.

There will be a few groups setting up booths plus a sand art activity and basketball game. **Everyone is welcome and here is the best part it is free!**

What a great way to promote your Masonic Heritage!

Saturday afternoon I was blessed to perform the Wedding Ceremony for Ryan and Melissa Grassmick. What a beautiful couple they are. He is currently standing on the 2nd degree in

Black Hawk Lodge 11 and in September he will receive his 3rd degree. **Ryan is a 6th generation Mason.** Not many can say that. What a wonderful heritage he has been given. For me it was a true

blessing to counsel with them over the last 2 months and to get to know them and their wonderful family. Ryan speaks of being a Mason with a kind of reverence. He believes it is an honor and a

privilege to follow in the footsteps of his Father and Grandfather's. He said, and I think this is a tribute to his parents Sam & Paula, that he was raised with Masonic principles to be honest and ethical

in everything he does. I don't know about you but that brings a tear to my eye. Ryan is blessed with a true Masonic Spirit and Heritage. **It reminds me of what St. Paul said about our Heritage in**

the 8th chapter of his letter to the Romans (v15-17) "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order

that we may also share in his glory". NIV "Abba" means Daddy. Like Ryan we are blessed with a Heritage that we did not earn, but were born into.

It almost makes you think that every day is "Kids Day". Let's celebrate!

If you are in Denver you are invited to our Sunday Night Service @ 6:30 PM to the Robert Russell Eastern Star Chapel

I pray God will Bless you and yours,

Rev. Steve Schroeder PM

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Note: there will be NO Bible Study on the Book of Revelation this Wednesday 8/10/11