



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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William P. Stephani Council 710

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**Blessings
To You In
2023!**

The Crossing of Manitowoc County update

During our December meeting we received an update from Belinda Esquinas (pictured left) , Executive Director of The Crossing of Manitowoc County relating to their many pro-life, pro-family initiatives. Belinda expressed her thanks to our Council for the continued support we have provided over the years. She noted that the 3D ultrasound that our Council is fundraising for will provide a powerful tool as they work with women to make a pro-life decision! If you haven't donated yet, please consider doing so.

Welcome James & Gerald Lax

We are pleased to welcome James and Gerald to Council 710 as they transfer their membership from Pewaukee, WI. During our December meeting we also welcomed John Broeckert (pictured below) .





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January Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Henry Sturm	1
Anthony Wilhelm	1
John Simon	9
Timothy Brey	15
Leo Szydel	18
Andrew Holzinger	19
James VanSleet	19
Jack Krause	24
Jeremy Wheeler	30

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

Correction!

No, it was not a test...I messed up! The headline in last month's newsletter stated "Council 710 Welcomes Seven New Members!". If you counted, there were seven new members pictured, but it was also noted that one Brother was not present. So, $7 + 1 = 8$ new members. Sorry! GK Joe

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Drive

At the weekend Masses on January 14 & 15 we will conduct a membership drive . If you can help, please contact Membership Director Tony Holzinger (920.629.8802).

Plan to attend!

March 5, 6 & 7, 2023

Parish Mission

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

See Parish website for details and to register

Pictured below is Ken Walters (left), Council 710, presenting our donation for the new warming shelter to Rev. Matt Sauer.





Nativity scene setup— The crew that tackled this project on a blustery day included (L to R) Greg Kostechka, Mike Brunet, Kevin Bertler, Mike Myers, Ron VonDrachek, Tony Holzinger, Greg Satori and Len Gatien. Not pictured are Fr. Matt Colle, Al Forner and Joe Debilzen. Thanks to all!

Notes from the Grand Knight

Happy New Year! Looking back to December, we celebrated Mass on the 11th to pray for the living and deceased members of our Council. We look forward to doing so again on February 5 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Grand worship site and I encourage you to attend. Our meeting was well attended with 35 present, many of whom participated in the 5:00 p.m. Mass and enjoyed the meal before the meeting. We also distributed “Keep Christ in Christmas” yard signs & magnets, as well as sponsoring a Christmas poster contest for our younger students.

As we enter 2023 we have a lot of activities to look forward to in addition to items mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. The details are not set yet, but we will be sponsoring for our Parish members the KC produced movie *“Mother Teresa—No Greater Love”*. Please watch for more information in the bulletin and via email.

The weekend of February 11 & 12, we will participate in World Marriage weekend by distributing Marriage Prayer cards at Masses plus helping sponsor the marriage blessing event . Again, watch the bulletin for more details.

We will again sponsor the Knowledge Contest at Roncalli Middle School and new this year will be a Free Throw Contest for ages 9-14. More details to come.

Our Council is blessed to have a great group of men focused to serving our Parish and community. I am thankful for all of you, whether you have been a member for many years or have joined us recently. Your dedication, sincerity and enthusiasm are evidenced in all that we accomplish. *Vivat Jesus!* GK Joe

Meeting Location & Time

Mass – 5:00 p.m.	
Grand Avenue Worship Site	
Meeting – 6:00 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 Goonan
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.....
One Year Trustee..... Raymond Berres
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