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Council 710 Welcomes Three New Knights

On December 14th we completed the Third Degree Exemplification and welcomed Father George Daniel, Cameron Gruenke and John Simon as our newest members. Father George was unable to attend the Exemplification in person as he has begun his new pastoral assignment in Antigo. The Exemplification was recorded for Father George to view remotely. Pictured above in the front row (left to right) are District Deputy Charles Reis, Cameron Gruenke, John Simon and State Deputy Corey Coonen. Left to right in the back row are Deputy Grand Knight Max Wagner, Financial Secretary Nick Nett, Grand Knight Joe Debilzen, Chaplain Father Dour LeCaptain, Recorder Jim Goonan and Warden Tony Holzinger, who also serves as our Membership Director.



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Notes from the Grand Knight

Brothers,

I hope that you had a healthy and blessed Christmas! As we continue to celebrate this Christmas season, we continue to thank God for the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Looking ahead to January, there are two events to plan for. The first is our monthly meeting on the 11th. I invite you to join your fellow Knights to the 6:30 p.m. Mass, followed by our meeting at 7:15 p.m. The next evening is the Parish's annual meeting at the Grand Avenue site at 6:00 p.m. Following the annual meeting will be a social for which our Council is providing the refreshments. I encourage you to attend both!

Recently Jim Clark volunteered to accept the position of Faith and Family Director for our Council. Thank you, Jim! Our Council already does many activities in these areas, so one of our focuses going forward will be to provide opportunities to strengthen our Faith component. If you are interested in working with Jim on this, please contact Jim or I.

It seems like yesterday, but I have had the opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight for six months already! What a very busy six months it has been, so let me recap our activities: (1) refreshment stand at Parish picnic; (2) brat fry for "Welcome Back" weekend; (3) membership drive at St. Thomas Parish; (4) Third Degree Exemplification in October; (5) 40 Days for Life march;

January Birthday wishes to Brothers:

Anthony Wilhelm	01
Henry Sturm	01
Brian Karman	08
John Simon	09
Timothy Brey	15
Leo Szydel	18
Andrew Holzinger	19
James VanSleet	19
Jack Krause	24
Paul Stangel	29

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

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Christmas Poster Contest

On display to the right you will see the winners of our annual Christmas Poster Contest, all from Roncalli Elementary School. The winners are:

1st grade—Olivia Horkheimer

2nd grade—Gemma Garceau

3rd grade—Carson Kluczinske

4th grade—Jax Arkens

These winning entries have been forwarded for competition at the Diocese level. We were pleased to receive a large number of entries from the Religious Ed program as well as Roncalli Elementary.

Thanks to Financial Secretary Nick Nett for again organizing this contest.



Grand Knight notes (con't)

(6) rummage sale in conjunction with St. Clare rummage sale; (7) participated in the International Food Fair sponsored by Roncalli Catholic Schools; (8) in conjunction with our State Council, conducted a membership drive aimed at the Spanish Mass at St. Thomas, followed by the distribution of coats through the Coats for Kids program; and (9) conducted a second Third Degree Exemplification in December as noted on the first page of this newsletter. All of this is possible only because of the dedication of our great Council volunteers and the leadership provided by our Council Officers. Please accept my thanks for your participation and dedication to our Council!

I am pleased to report that we have exceeded our membership growth goal already for the year as a result of recruitment efforts by several members and the leadership of our Membership Director, Tony Holzinger. Please continue to invite good Catholic men to join our Council in the months to come. Thank you Tony and everyone that has extended an invitation for membership.

I wish you a blessed, healthy and happy 2022! 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 2021-2022

Chaplain.....Fr. Doug LeCaptain
Grand Knight.....Joe Debilzen
Deputy Grand Knight.....Max Wagner
Chancellor.....Michael Myers
Recorder.....James Goonen
Lecturer.....Robert Schneider
Financial Secretary.....Nicholas Nett
Treasurer.....Michael Brunet
Advocate.....John Sowinski
Warden.....Anthony Holzinger
Inside Guard.....Mark Leonhard
Outside Guard.....Dave Vraney
Trustee.....Michael LeGreve
Trustee.....Leonard Gatien
Trustee.....Ronald VonDrachek

Officers 4th Degree 2021-2022

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
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