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February 2024

Council 710 Free Throw Contest



Pictured above are the winners of the Council 710 Free Throw Contest held on January 15, 2024 at Roncalli High School. Boys and girls, ages 9 through 14 competed to earn a medal, winner's certificate and the opportunity to represent our Council at the District competition in the near future. There were a total of 23 students participating, a significant increase from the 8 in 2023. Thank you to Roncalli High School and Athletic Director Nate Kaderabek for their assistance in making the gymnasium available. Special thanks to Jim Clark for leading this project along with our District Deputy Ray Berres and our Council Brothers that assisted that day! We look forward to continuing to offer this program in the future.

February Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

George Gosz	1
Ronald Wagner	1
Richard Rohrer	2
James Kaufmann	5
Greg Kostechka	8
Thomas Brull	11
Michael Myers	12
Frank Gosz	16
Pedro Guzman	16
Paul Christensen	17
Albert Forner	18
Thomas Kuenzi	19
Michael McGlin	21
Michael Barta	22
James Leist	22
John Sowinski	25
Kenneth Brooks	26
Robert Schneider	26

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

No March

Newsletter!

March Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Donald Fogltanz	1
William Scholten	1
Steven Thiele	1
Robert Jameson	2
Ronald VonDrachek	3
Clyde Pfeffer	5
Joseph Holzinger	6
Robert Pietroske	9
Joseph Chizek	13
Darren DiMaria	15
Cameron Gruenke	16
Ralph Schleis	25
Dennis Weber	25
Mark Dvorachek	28

Council 710 Apparel

Polo shirt \$25

Tee shirt \$10

Hat \$10





Supporting Parish Mission!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will present a Lenten Parish Mission on March 3-5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Waldo worship site. Council 710 is providing support in three ways for this Stuebenville Parish Mission that brings dynamic resources from Franciscan University of Stuebenville, Ohio. Pictured above is Council Treasurer Mike Brunet presenting a \$1,000.00 check to Deacon Mark LeGreve to support the Mission. The second aspect of support involves providing the refreshments for the socials each evening. The third, and most important, way we are supporting the Mission is with our attendance. If you attended last year's Mission, you know how impactful coming for one, two or three nights can be! If you didn't have the opportunity to attend last year's event, you are encouraged to do so this year. You can register on the Parish's website or by calling the Parish office.

Don't delay, register today!



Confirmation Bibles

On January 13, 60 young adults from St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes were confirmed by Bishop Ricken in a beautiful liturgy. For the second year in a row, Council 710 gave a Bible to each Confirmand. Pictured at left displaying their bibles that evening after Confirmation are GK Joe's precious twin granddaughters, Michaela and Sydney.

Notes from the Grand Knight

I encourage you to attend our February 13 meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Roncalli Elementary School social hall (please use the ramp entrance). Please join your Brother Knights for the 5:00 p.m. Mass just preceding our meeting at the Waldo worship site, followed by food, refreshments and fellowship until the time of our meeting. After the cancellation of our January meeting due to a snowstorm, it will be great to get together once again!

My thanks to the Brothers that came together on very short notice to take down the Nativity scene at the St. Bonifice site prior to the arrival of another snowstorm in early January!

The weekend of January 20/21 we were at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (three English Masses) to encourage men to join the Knights of Columbus. (con't on page 5)

Grand Knight Notes continued

We have been and continue to be blessed to have many men from St. Thomas as members of Council 710. However, a question to seriously consider is whether it is perhaps time to form a new Council for that Parish, which I know that Father Beaudry supports. Please stay tuned as we explore this more fully in the near future.

The 2024 Knowledge Contest is in progress and I want to express my appreciation to Brother John & Donna Sowinski for once again making all the copies for the math and spelling test for the 5-9 grades at Roncalli Catholic Schools. There will be 205 students participating and I look forward to sharing more about this in the April newsletter.

A reminder of the Reaffirmation of Vows and Blessings of Marriages on Saturday, February 10 in the Waldo Church at 6:30 p.m., followed by a social. Council 710 will again provide the champagne for the celebration. See the Parish website or call the office to register.

Council 710 will be presenting bibles to the 4th grade students in Roncalli Catholic Schools on February 29 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. You are encouraged to attend Mass and after the presentation to join the students for a picture!

A reminder to sell your State Charity raffle tickets and get the sold ticket stubs and money to Nick Nett as soon as possible. I encourage you to take more tickets to sell, which are available at meetings or by contacting Nick or I.

We have been blessed with the many new Brothers that have joined our Council in recent years, bringing new energy, enthusiasm and ideas. Thank you to our Worthy Membership Director Tony Holzinger for his leadership! Please continue to invite good Catholic men to join us in the many good works that we do!

Please note that there will not be a March newsletter. Our March meeting will be the 12th, at the same time and place as the February meeting. Our special guest that evening will be our General Agent Tim Nowak! Hope to see you there.

Fraternally

GK Joe

Meeting Location & Time

Mass – 5:00 p.m.
Waldo Worship Site

Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Second Tuesday
of each month

Roncalli Elementary
School Social Hall

Officers 3rd Degree 2023-2024

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.....Daniel Christensen
Warden.....Anthony Holzinger
Inside Guard.....Eugene Neuser
Outside Guard.....Kenneth Walters
Trustee.....Michael LeGreve
Trustee.....Leonard Gatien
Trustee.....Ronald VonDrachek

Officers 4th Degree 2023-2024

Faithful Friar.....Fr. Richard Klingeisen
Faithful Navigator...Ralph Schleis
Faithful Captain.....
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..... Raymond Berres
Two Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich
Three Year Trustee.....George Levande
General Agent.....Timothy J. Nowak
Field Agent.....James J. Patz

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