



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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710 Welcomes Five Brother Knights



On December 10, we were honored to welcome five men as Third Degree members of Council 710, bringing to eleven our newest Brothers since July 1, 2024. Seated (left to right) are Kenneth Petersen, Taylor Geiger, William Broeckert, Joseph Trader and John Stern. The Exemplification team included (standing left to right) Tony Holzinger, Worthy District Deputy Ray Berres, Jim Goonan, Worthy Chaplain Father Doug LeCaptain, Joe Debilzen, John Simon and Nick Nett. A "shout out" to our Worthy Warden and Membership Chair Tony Holzinger for his continued efforts to grow our Council!

January Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Anthony Wilhelm	1
John Simon	9
Kenneth Petersen	14
Timothy Brey	15
Leo Szydel	18
Andrew Holzinger	19
Jack Krause	24
Jeremy Wheeler	30

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

GK Joe

Notes from the Grand Knight

Let me begin my message by thanking Brother Ray Mack for his many photos that are appearing in this newsletter. You know Ray's photos by their quality, the other ones are usually mine. We are fortunate to have Ray as our talented Council photographer!

In 2025 we will partner with the St. Francis of Assisi Respect Life committee to provide age-appropriate baptism prayer book. This is another means to display our pro-life passion. (con't on page 3)

Council Erects Nativity Scene

On a cold and windy day in early December, Council members gathered to erect the Nativity scene at the St. Bonifice site. . Pictured (L to R) are Greg Kostechka, Tony Holzinger, Pat Check, Mike McGlin, Mike Myers, Mike Grall, Mike Cisler and Mike Malek. Thank you Brothers!





Star Council Award!

Council 710 has been recognized as a Star Council for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This award recognizes that our efforts met three criteria that included: (1) growth in membership; (2) meeting *Faith in Action* programming requirements in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life; and (3) Fraternal Benefit Night activities. Thank you to all our Brothers for your efforts that continue the long tradition of Charity, Unity and Fraternity that have been a hallmark of Council 710!

Grand Knight Notes continued:

Here is a summary of upcoming dates to remember for 2025:

- January 4 & 5– Brothers will assist in the distribution to parishioners of books donated by our Council at all St. Francis of Assisi Masses
- January 14– Monthly Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Join us for 5:00 p.m. Mass , followed by food and fellowship in the Waldo site social hall.
- January 18– 4:00 p.m. Mass at the Grand site for L/D Council Brothers
- February 22 & 23– Distribution of books to St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners of the books donated by our Council (continued on page 4)



Accepting our donation to Manitowoc County Special Olympics are (L to R) athletes Quentin Krummel and Max Tegen along with Annette Wuellner, a local leader. We are proud to continue our support for this wonderful organization!

Our spring 2024 “Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities”, previously known as the Tootsie Roll campaign, resulted in donations to Special Olympics (above) and Ascend Services of Manitowoc County. Accepting for Ascend Services is Executive Director Deanna Genske.



Grand Knight Notes continued:

- 2025 Blood Drives— March 8 & November 8
- June 27 & 28— Brat fry in conjunction with St. Clare rummage sale
- July 18-20— Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival at Red Arrow Park

As I reflect on all that our Council accomplished in 2024, I am grateful that God has blessed us with dedicated and talented Brothers and the resources needed. 2025 will provide us with new opportunities to serve our Parishes, Catholic schools and community and I am humbled to be able to travel this road together with you!

Fraternally, GK Joe

December 2024 Exemplification



Meeting Location & Time

Mass – 5:00 p.m.
Waldo Worship Site

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

Waldo Site Social Hall

Officers 3rd Degree 2024-2025

Chaplain.....Fr. Doug LeCaptain
Grand Knight.....Joe DeBilzen
Deputy Grand Knight.....Max Wagner
Chancellor.....Michael Myers
Recorder.....James Clark
Lecturer.....Gregory Kostechka
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.....Patrick Brandel

Officers 4th Degree 2024-2025

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.....Michael Winrich
Two Year Trustee.....George Levande
Three Year Trustee.....Ronald Deets
General Agent.....Timothy J. Nowak
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