



# 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. Boniface 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!







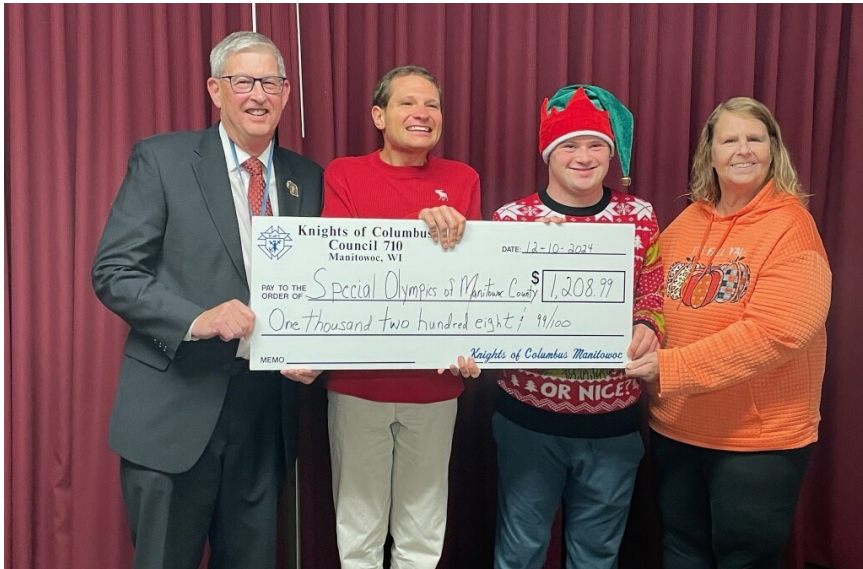
## ***Star Council Award!***

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
Field Agent.....James J. Patz

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