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The annual tradition of Council 710's Nativity scene continued with set-up on a cold and snowy day in early December. Brothers that assisted in this project were (left to right) Tony Roberts, Mike Grall, Ed Dirkmann, Mike Myers, Ken Petersen, Pat Brandel, Dan Christensen, Mike Lambert and Tony Holzinger. Not pictured are Ben Harrison and Joe Debilzen. Thank you Brothers!

Fourth Degree Exemplification

On January 17, 2026, an Exemplification of Patriotism will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Waldo site). Any Third Degree Brother is welcome to register by contacting Ralph Schleis (920-860-6254) no later than January 6. Begin 2026 with renewed faith and purpose by joining the Fourth Degree!

January Birthday Greetings to Brothers:

Anthony Willhelm	1
Mark Pajula	5
Nicklaus Krauch	8
John Simon	9
Kenneth Petersen	14
Timothy Brey	15
Leo Szydel	18
Andrew Holzinger	19
James Cathcart	24
Jack Krause	24
Bill Kraemer	28
Jeremy Wheeler	30
If I missed your birthday or have the date incorrect, please let me know. GK Joe	

Who do you know...

That you can invite to join the Knights of Columbus? Is he sitting near you at Mass? Someone new in the Parish? Perhaps a son, grandson or another relative?

Your invitation is the key to keeping Council 710 doing good works in the future! If you need assistance, call Membership Director Tony Holzinger(920-629-8802).

Ascend Services Donation

Recently a check in the amount of \$2,618.25 was presented to Ascend Services to support the good work they do for those challenged with intellectual disabilities. This donation was made possible by funds raised through the tootsie roll drive in May 2025. We look forward to our 2026 drive!



“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest Winners!



Pictured above left: top row (L to R) are Marina Reif Oroz(4th Grade, 3rd place), Ella DeJardin(3rd Grade, 3rd place), Amelia Gauger(3rd Grade, 2nd place), Sylvia Schilling (3rd Grade, 1st place); bottom row (L to R) are Abigail Wilhelm (2nd Grade, 3rd place), Adilyn Kozaczuk(1st Grade, 2nd place), Vivian Duncan(2nd Grade, 2nd place), Eloise Gauger(1st Grade, 3rd place) Briar Disher(1st Grade, 1st place).

Pictured above right is Emily Reichwaldt(2nd Grade, 1st place)

Thank you Nick Nett for organizing the poster contest again this year!



Pictured left are Ethan Backus (4th Grade, 1st place) on the left and Dylan Backus (4th Grade, 2nd place) on the right.

Thank you to the Roncalli High School Art Class students for judging this year's poster contest!

Notes from the Grand Knight

Happy New Year! As we move from a very busy and productive 2025 and look forward to 2026, we will continue our focus on our core principals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity as we strive to serve our Parishes, Roncalli Catholic Schools and the community. Let's look at just a couple of upcoming January events: (1) 11th- Confirmation at St. Thomas the Apostle, with a Bible from Council 710 to those receiving the sacrament; (2) 16th- Council Brothers will continue our assistance in moving items from the current St. Francis of Assisi Parish office to the Grand site; and (3) 26th- Youth Bible presentation to 5th Grade religious education students at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. More details to come via email about these and other January activities.

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 6 for our Council's fish fry in the new Grand office and meeting facility. We will need lots of help to make this a success, so please watch your email for the opportunity to sign-up.

How are the sales of your State Charity raffle tickets going? Our Council goal is to surpass 2025's record sales and you can be part of this success story. In addition to supporting State charity grants, a portion of the proceeds come back to our Council to further our charitable efforts as well. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Nick Nett at 920-905-0181.

In case you haven't heard, Council 710 recently established a Council Charitable account through Knights of Columbus Charities. Contributions/donations to this fund meet the IRS's requirement as a charitable donation for income tax purposes. The intent of this fund is to provide another funding source to support our Council's charitable efforts. For more information contact Nick Nett or I.

I want to extend a personal invitation to attend our January 13 Council meeting, especially if it's been some time since you last attended. Our meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Waldo site social hall. Prior to that, we gather for Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by food and fellowship. It is so much fun to watch everyone enjoying themselves during this social time! Please come and join us.

Best wishes for a blessed 2026!

GK Joe

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 2025-2026

Chaplain.....Fr. Doug LeCaptain
Grand Knight.....Joe Debilzen
Deputy Grand Knight.....Greg Sandquist
Chancellor.....Max Wagner
Recorder.....James Clark
Lecturer.....Gregory Kostchka
Financial Secretary.....Nicholas Nett
Treasurer.....Michael Brunet
Advocate.....Daniel Christensen
Warden.....Anthony Holzinger
Inside Guard.....Eugene Neuser
Outside Guard.....Michael Myers
Trustee-3 years.....John Broeckert
Trustee-2 years.....Patrick Brandel
Trustee-1 year.....Michael LeGreve

Officers 4th Degree 2025-2026

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.....George Levande
Two Year Trustee.....Ronald Deets
Three Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich
General Agent.....Christopher Massoglia
Field Agent.....Lawrence London

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