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Welcome to Council 710!



We welcomed as new members in December Nick Brisch, John Check, Rick Balzan and Steve Johnston. Pictured above following the Third Degree Exemplification are (L to R): Jim Goonan, District Deputy Ray Berres, John Simon, Joe Debilzen, Nick Nett, Nick Brisch, John Check, Rick Balzan, Steve Johnston, Fr. Doug LeCaptain and Tony Honzinger. Please continue to invite good Catholic men to join us!



Nativity Scene— Thank you to Tony Holzinger, Mike Grall, Mike Brunet, Mike Myers, Mike Lambert and Len Gatien (pictured left to right) for setting up the Nativity scene in front of St. Boniface Church in early December.

January Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

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

Invitation

An invitation is extended to all Council 710 members to attend Assembly 1212's meeting on January 16, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Roncalli Elementary School Social Hall. The speaker will be Kevin Hermening, a Marine Corp Sergeant. At the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran (44 years ago), November 4, 1979, 66 Americans were initially taken hostage. Kevin and 51 others spent 444 days as prisoners. He has a very interesting story to tell. Contact FN Ralph Schleis (920-860-6254) with questions.



ADRC Donation

Recently FS Nick and GK Joe presented a check to the Manitowoc County Aging and Disability Resource Center, part of the proceeds from our 2023 Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. ADRC staff is grateful for this support.

Notes from the Grand Knight

Happy New Year! As you can see in this newsletter, our Council ended 2023 with lots of activities. As we turn our calendars to 2024, hopefully you can join us on Tuesday, January 9 for our monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Roncalli Elementary School social hall. I also encourage you to join your Brothers at the 5:00 p.m. Mass just prior to the meeting, followed by lunch and fellowship.

At our December meeting we approved sponsoring a quarterly broadcast Mass and additional Masses at other sites. The first scheduled Mass will on January 28 (continued on page 4)



Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

The “Keep Christ In Christmas” poster contest resulted in 84 entries being submitted from students in Roncalli Elementary School and the St. Francis of Assisi Religious Ed program , which was the most in recent history. Pictured above are the first place winners in grades 1-4: Amelia Gauger (Grade 1– upper left); Dylan Backus (Grade 2– lower left); Lynda Guzman (Grade 3– upper middle) and Emma Johnson (Grade 4– right).

Amelia Gauger and Lynda Guzman are students in Roncalli Elementary, while Dylan Backus and Emma Johnson are in Religious Ed. Judging of the posters was done by art students in Roncalli High School. These first place winners were forwarded to the Diocesan level for that competition. Thank you to Nick Nett for organizing this contest.



Top Three Poster Entries– Grade 4: First place- Emma Johnson (upper left); second place -Eliza Backus (bottom); and third place– Josie Schmidt (Upper right).

Grand Knight Notes continued

....at 9:30 a.m. at the Waldo worship site. There will be some pews reserved near the front and I encourage you to join us there and wear your KC apparel. If you like to plan ahead, the next Mass will be Saturday, February 24 , 4:00 p.m. at the Grand site.

Hopefully you've already sold the State Charity raffle tickets you received in last month's newsletter and want to get a bunch more to sell. You can do so at our January meeting or by contacting Nick Nett or me.

Congratulations to Brother Ken Walters for receiving the 2023 Harmony Award from the Clipper City Cordsmen in recognition of Ken's community service in our Council, Grow It Forward and the Warming Shelter. A well deserved honor!

Thank you Brothers for all your involvement that made 2023 such a successful year! I look forward to working alongside you in 2024 to serve our Parishes, community and those in need. Best wishes for 2024! Vivat Jesus! GK Joe



Christmas Book Distribution

A new undertaking for Council 710 was the gifting of the book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" to those attending the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The book was selected by Parish leadership to align with the Eucharistic Revival. Pictured above are volunteers preparing the books for distribution. Council Brothers assisted with the distribution after all Masses.

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
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