



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Fourth Degree Exemplification



The Fourth Degree Exemplification was well attended on January 17 with 32 candidates advancing to the Patriotic Degree. SK Dave Christel, SK Peter Hoffman, SK Tony Holzinger, SK Ryan Koehler, SK Mike Myers, SK Eugene Neuser, SK Mike Pratt, SK John Simon, and SK Max Wagner are now part of Assembly 1212. The State Chaplain, Father James Lobacz, stated that he was impressed with the solemnity and reverence of the event, noting it surpassed others he has attended previously. Congratulations Sir Knights!





## Grand Gathering Center Ribbon Cutting

On February 17, Fat Tuesday, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners gathered to celebrate the completion of the Grand Gathering Center. Council 710's strong financial support of this project was recognized during the ribbon cutting pictured above. Following Mass, the new facility was blessed and all then enjoyed a Mardi Gras themed social. The main meeting facility is named the McGivney Room in honor of our Order's founder!



### March Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Donald Fogltanz	1
William Scholten	1
Steven Thiele	1
Robert Jameson	2
Clyde Pfeffer	5
Joseph Holzinger	6
Joseph Chizek	13
Benjamin Harrison	14
Darren DiMaria	15
Cameron Gruenke	16
Ralph Schleis	25
Michael Pratt	26
Mark Dvorachek	28
If I missed your birthday or have the date incorrect, please let me know GK Joe	



Financial Secretary Nick Nett presenting Supreme's matching ASAP grant check to Belinda Esquinas, Executive Director of The Crossing

# No April Council Newsletter...

Due to editorial staff taking a  
Seashore sabbatical!

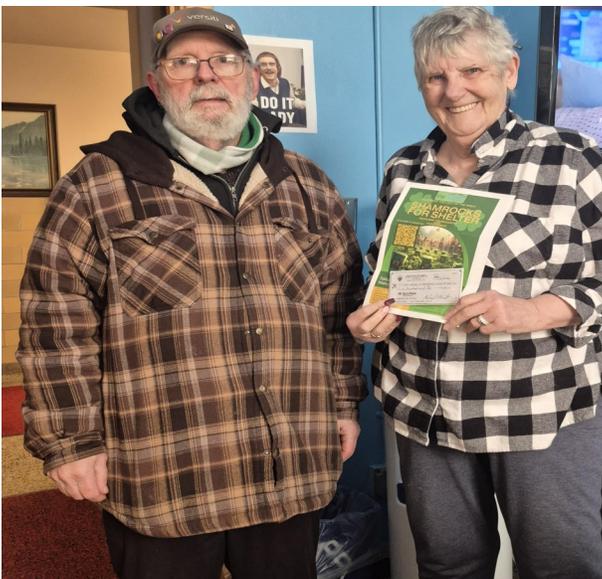
### April Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

Steven Pfeffer	1
Patrick Check	4
Taylor Geiger	8
Sean Blau	9
Kenneth Knauf	13
Robert Becker	14
Jerry Labinski	17
Kenneth Walters	19
Jeffrey Jagodinsky	21
William Broeckert	22
Richard Kornely	22
Eric Bertler	23
Marshall Ledvina	23
John Check	24
Max Jacky	24
Michael Jerger	25
Darryl Delain	30
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### **Youth Bible Presentation**

After blessing the Bibles, Father Gade and GK Joe presented them to the fourth grade religious education students at St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the Family Night Celebration near the end of January.



Michael Myers presented the Council's \$500 donation to Jenine Soucoup, Volunteer Coordinator at The Haven for their "Shamrocks for Shelter" fundraiser coming in March.

### ***Invitation***

Please join us on  
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

For our March Council meeting in the

McGivney Meeting Room

Grand Gathering Center

MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

TO FOLLOW!

## Council Brothers Assist in Parish Office Move



Brothers from Council 710 were active in the move of the Parish office to the new Grand site. Pictured above left are Len Gatien and Ron Deets in the midst of their shelf moving project. Ed Dirkmann is pictured above and in the background is Ben Harrison and his son, Jacob. Tony Robert (left) is shown moving supplies. In addition to the final moving day, we assisted on several occasions before that, bringing energy and enthusiasm to our service to St. Francis of Assisi Parish!



## Confirmation Bibles

The program from the recent Confirmation at St. Francis of Assisi Parish stated “Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus Manitowoc Council #710** for their generous donation of bibles to the confirmandi students.”

Pictured (left to right) is GK Joe’s grandson, Ethan Reimer and Ethan’s friend, Logan Kinzel, with their bibles following Confirmation.

Bibles were presented at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in January to students being Confirmed there.

### Notes from the Grand Knight

As you can see by looking at this newsletter, it has been a busy month for Council 710 and it won’t be slowing down anytime soon. Our guiding principals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity have been on full display, thanks to our Brothers’ enthusiastic embracing of service to our Catholic Church, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes, Roncalli Catholic Schools, our community and those in need.

We continue to be blessed with men stepping forward to join our Order and are thankful for our Brothers that extend these invitations. Who can you invite to join us?

I remain grateful for each of you!

Fraternally, GK Joe

## Meeting Location & Time

Mass – 5:00 p.m.  
Grand Worship Site

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

McGivney Room-  
Grand Gathering Center

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Two Year Trustee.....Ronald Deets  
Three Year Trustee.....Michael Winrich  
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Field Agent.....Lawrence London

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