



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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William P. Stephani Council 710

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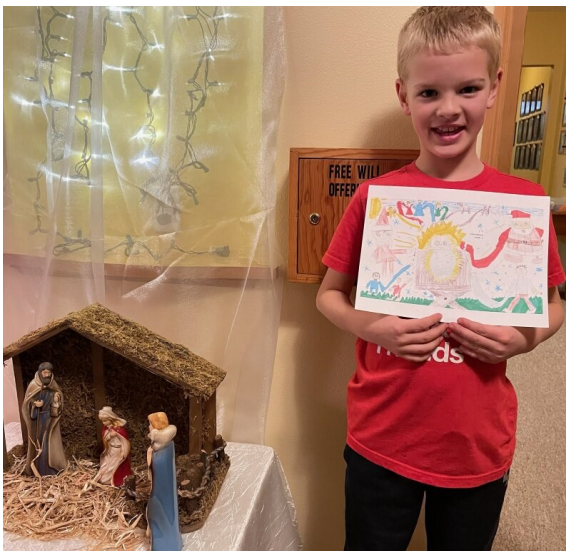
## Christmas Poster Contest Winners!



Emily Reichwaldt (left) won for First Grade and is home schooled.



Olivia Horkheimer (above left) won for Fourth Grade, while Sylvia Schilling (above right) placed first for Second Grade. Olivia and Sylvia are students at Roncalli Elementary School. Ethan Backus (left) won for Third Grade. Ethan is enrolled in the Religious Education Program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



### February Birthday Wishes to Brothers:

George Gosz	1
Ronald Wagner	1
Richard Rohrer	2
James Kaufmann	5
Greg ory Kostechka	8
Thomas Brull	11
Michael Myers	12
Frank Gosz	16
Pedro Guzman	16
Paul Christensen	17
Lorenzo Sanchez	18
Thomas Kuenzi	19
Michael McGlin	21
Michael Barta	22
James Leist	22
John Sowinski	25
Kenneth Brooks	26
Robert Schneider	26

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

### ***Welcome Transfer Members!***

Marc Boren                      James Brauer  
David Anderson                Dick Kornely

We've been blessed by these men transferring to our Council!

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### ***Our Council Namesake!***

Quite some time ago, one of our newer Brothers at the time asked "if there's room in the next mailer, could someone explain the history of the name of our council?". Let me begin by apologizing as many months have gone by since he asked. Not knowing the answer myself, I sent a request to a couple of our "seasoned Brothers" and want to share their responses. It is my understanding that Mr. Stephani owned a burial vault company and was a well respected Catholic gentleman in the community. Here what Ed Brey shared with me: "William Stephani passed in 1970 and left money to the council if named after him and his picture was to hang in the clubhouse for 40 years." Bob Becker shared this: "I went to school with his granddaughter, Mary Ellen. The Stephani's belonged to St. Andrew Parish for many years and had the "vault" business for final burial and it's still there on Viebahn Street. I wonder if he donated the property for the clubhouse?".

If you have any knowledge relating to this question, please contact GK Joe.

# Unity and Fraternity!

*Celebrating with Greg and Nina!*



On January 11, at the invitation of Brother Greg Sandquist and his bride, Nina, many of our Brothers gathered to celebrate their wedding Mass, followed by a reception. We were honored to be invited and to share in their most special day. Above we are pictured following the Mass. Not pictured is Brother Ray Mack, who provided these photos. Thank you Ray!



## ***Council 710 Free Throw Competition***



Students ages 9-14 participated in the Council 710 Free Throw Competition at Roncalli High School on December 30. Thank you to the students that participated, their parents that supported them, Nathan Kaderabek (Roncalli Athletic Director) , Roncalli Catholic Schools , the Council Brothers that assisted and especially Jim Clark, who organized the event! Pictured above with the students are Jim (right) and John Simon (left).

### **Notes from the Grand Knight**

I invite and encourage you to attend our February 11 Council meeting and bring along someone that you think should be a Knight. Our meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Waldo site social hall, but if you are able to join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass that evening, please do. Food and fellowship will follow Mass until the meeting time.

**Pancake and porky breakfast**– Sunday, February 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Roncalli Elementary School cafeteria. This will be a fundraiser for the Manitowoc Warming Shelter and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, so please promote this with family and friends. We hope to see you there as well.

**State Charity Raffle tickets**– A portion of the proceeds come back to our Council for local use, so please continue to sell! More tickets available. (con't page 5)



## Rebuild My Church

Council 710 continued support of the “Rebuild My Church” campaign with a pledge of \$50,000 as a challenge grant to seek matching donations. Council 710 will have naming rights for the meeting room in the new Grand building.

### ***Grand Knight Notes continued:***

**Blood drive** will be March 8 in the Roncalli Elementary School from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To register to donate, please call GK Joe (920-629-1601) .

The next Mass for the L/D members of Council 710, will be Saturday, February 8 at St. Thomas the Apostle at 4:30 p.m.. Please come to join your Brothers in worship!

The evening of February 8, will be a Marriage Blessing event at the Waldo site. We are donating the champagne for the reception that follows in the social hall. You can register for this family event by contacting the Parish office.

The weekend of Epiphany, Council members assisted in the distribution of the book, “33 Days to Eucharistic Glory” , which we donated. During February, these books will be distributed at St. Thomas the Apostle, also donated by our Council. My thanks for all our Brothers that assisted with the distribution!

We continue to be blessed with new Brothers as well as those that have transferred to our Council. Thank you to your efforts to recruit new members, which we all need to continue to do. I continue to be thankful that 10 years ago, someone invited me to join the great group. More Knights = More Good Works! *Blessings, 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 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  
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