



Christ is Born!

Glorify him!

2023: A Time of Hope!

For Christians, the Nativity of Our Lord reminds us that the Light of God came into a world of darkness, the darkness of sin and injustice. Jesus was born into a time of political and social conflict. The Romans invaded and occupied the Holy Land. The people experienced brutality and violence. There were great political divisions among the people of Judea. Some familiar? Our communities, our nation, and our world face similar dark times. How should we react?

I have spent the last few days of December reflecting on some of the happy times and some of the dark times of 2022. Most people do this as the old year ends. Events such as the war in Ukraine, the passing of friends and former teachers and neighbors, and the recent death of my mother have been sad. However, the support of many world governments to help Ukraine, the efforts of brother Knights to support Welcome Home, our parish, and other charitable programs have been inspiring. These examples, as well as the compassion recently displayed by friends and family have left me with a feeling of hope for 2023. The light of Christ is shining.

I am hopeful that many more brother Knights will engage in the programs and activities of 2023 and be soldiers of the Light. I am hopeful that many more of you will help our Council to achieve its goals by attending our monthly meetings, assisting the chairmen of various committees, and by encouraging new Catholic men to join us. I invite you to read the excellent information sent to you by Manitoba state. Among the many activities and programs planned, be prepared to obtain and sell your allotment of ICCD tickets. Contact Br. Don Gulchak. Our council is hosting the final draw on April 29th; plan to attend.

On Monday, January 9th, following our regular business meeting, we will be sharing a delicious Chinese buffet dinner at a nominal cost. Please call or email brothers Bohdan Wowczuk, Don Gulchak, or me as soon as possible before the phoning committee calls you to confirm your attendance. Please answer when they call.

Happy New Year!

Michael Ryczak GK

PLANNING MEETING

Meeting Cancelled



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COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 9
7 pm



**Христос Раждается!
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Dear Brother Knights,

At the start of a new year, many people make resolutions. In other words, plans are made to change their lives for the better. However, we do know that “the unexpected” can quickly change these hopes.

A change in plans is usually an inconvenience and sometimes may cause disappointment, especially if we have been investing our time and efforts into something that is close to our hearts. However, it may be worthwhile, to consider the possibility that *a change in plans* may be *a blessing in disguise*.

This certainly can be seen in the Christmas story. God invited Mary, Joseph, the Magi, and the Shepherds to be part of our Savior’s birth. To accept this invitation required that their schedules be rearranged. Those invited had to leave their homes, their countries, and their work. They had to change their daily routines in order to encounter the Christ Child. And after this extraordinary encounter with the Christ Child, their lives were not only *changed*, but more importantly, they were *blessed*.

When our plans are interrupted by the unexpected, let us not be too quick to react or to judge, because it just may be *a blessing in disguise*.

As we start this new year of 2023, let us always seek God, so that our hearts and minds always be open to His loving guidance.

*Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro*



I.C.C.D. 2022-23 FUNDRAISER EVENT

A belated Merry Christmas from my wife Brenda and me. I look forward to a wonderful new year.

2023 is upon us and it is time to start a new year of fundraising. Brothers, thank you for supporting our I.C.C.D. Fundraiser Charities Fund. As well, thank you to those who were at one of the 3 Divine Liturgies on December 17th and 18th to pick up their allotment of raffle books. As mentioned in my November bulletin message, our window to sell and collect an EXTRA 5% bonus is very small. However, after speaking with the executives at Manitoba State, we still have no cut off date for sales towards this bonus. This is helpful for us as less than half of our membership have picked up or purchased any books. My calls to all our brothers during these past 2 weeks have resulted, mostly, in leaving messages. Brothers, we rely on you for support and your family and friends for purchasing tickets with chances to win great prizes and cash. Let's all do our part and support our Knights of Columbus ICCD sales so that we in turn, can support our many church or community programs.

As we begin 2023, we look forward to new adventures in fundraising because that is an important part of what we do as Knights. We raise funds so that we can support as many worthwhile causes as possible. Without your help and support our wheels on the drive will stop turning and our charities fund will dry up. Brothers, there is still time for you to get engaged and support your Council.

To our brothers who have already picked up or purchased books, the cut off date for the bonus might be around the end of January or the middle of February. If you have not yet received your allotment of raffle books, please phone me this week. I will get them to you. I will leave them at the church office for you to pick them up or have them available at one of the 3 Divine Liturgies or at my house or we can make other arrangements.

Thank you, Br. Don Gulchak I.C.C.D.Fundraising

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DRAW - (All draws are open to all ticket holders)
 CLOSING DATE: APRIL 29, 2023

1st Prize - Your choice of a 2023 Kia Forte EX (\$23,787), 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross L AWD (\$25,722), 2022 Nissan Sentra S plus (\$22,245), 2023 Hyundai Kona 2.0 Essential (\$27,564), 2023 Honda Civic LX Sedan Automatic (\$23,412) or \$20,000 cash

2nd Prize - \$10,000.00 cash 4th Prize - \$3,000.00 cash
 3rd Prize - \$5,000.00 cash 5th Prize - \$2,000.00 cash
 Sales Prizes 1st Prize \$500.00 - 2nd Prize \$200.00 - 3rd, 4th & 5th Prizes \$100.00

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 To be drawn April 29, 2023 at 9 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Council #8925, St. Joseph's Parish 1461, 120, Jefferson Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2V 0M6

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January

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- 8 Chris Winchar
- 11 Dave Gnutel
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- 21 George Gaba
- 21 David Hladun
- 23 Stefan Baluta
- 25 Jack Eyer
- 28 Mark Galarnyk
- 28 Gerald May



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As Men of Prayer, Let Us Pray For Our Families

*Adapted from "Working Knights" issued
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From: Br Dennis Wawrykow

PRAYER FOR MY SPOUSE

Lord Jesus, grant that (*name spouse*) and I may continue to have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths.

Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and selflessness.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You together.

Let our love grow to perfection; now and forever and ever.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

O God the Father of mankind, who has given us our children, and committed them to our charge to bring them up for You, and to prepare them for eternal life: help us with Your grace, that we may be able to fulfill this most sacred duty.

Teach us to give them the greatest gift that we can give: the gift of Your love and ours. Grant that, both by word and example, we may lead them in the ways of wisdom and love so that at last with them, we may be admitted to the joys of our true home in heaven.

O Heavenly Father, we commend our children to Your care. As their God and Father, supply whatever is lacking in us through frailty or lack of knowledge.

Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world and deliver them from the snares of the enemy.

Pour out Your grace so that their hearts are full and strengthen them with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow daily in Grace and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever and ever. Amen.

ALL NEW WEBSITE ...

For MANITOBA STATE K OF C

mbstatekofc.com

The Manitoba State Board is making every effort to improve communications to all of our brother Knights. A brand-new website was released into production early December. It will take a while before the search engines will find it instead of the older site. You can go directly to the new site by searching for "mbstatekofc.com". We want to make every effort to keep this website current - simple yet functional, and easy to navigate.

This is only the beginning. The Manitoba State Board is always looking at ways to improve communications, while protecting your privacy. Your feedback is always welcome!

And here is an article from the Website:

Wheelchairs Needed in Ukraine NOW!

Larry Kustra - PSD and Former Supreme Director

In the recent "Knightline" article (October 18), Oleg Vorobyev, a brother Knight from Ukraine was highlighted. This brother knight was killed in battle on May 30, 2022. As part of the Manitoba degree team, we visited an army hospital in Ukraine to identify their need for wheelchairs. It was so sad to see so many young men who were seriously injured and in pain.

During our degree work in Ukraine, many of those initiated were young men. They were so happy to become members of the Knights of Columbus. What was truly amazing was their overwhelming love for their country - truly patriotic this war drags on, the need for wheelchairs increases.

I appeal to each council and to each member to consider a donation to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation for wheelchairs to Ukraine. Remember each and every donation will help someone in need.

From: Br Dennis Wawrykow

Lights On For Christmas Reception Saturday, December 3 following Liturgy

There's not much better when it's chilly outside than settling in with a steaming hot cup of chocolate with mini marshmallows and a snack. Thank you to all our guests who enjoyed fellowship in our parish hall following the lighting of our outdoor Christmas display! A Thank You to Br Dennis, Stefie and Jean for their help. The step by step tutorial in how to turn the stove and dishwasher on and off was very helpful! Br G Koch



Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest

Hi Brothers,
This is the list of the winners of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. They are;

GRADE 1 & 2 winners

- 1st place- Carmyn Waldbauer
- 2nd place- Evan Thullner
- 3rd place- Oscar Carroll

GRADE 3 & 4 winners

- 1st place- Brooklyn Michaluk
- 2nd place - Elia Deschenes
- 3rd place- Sofia Thullner

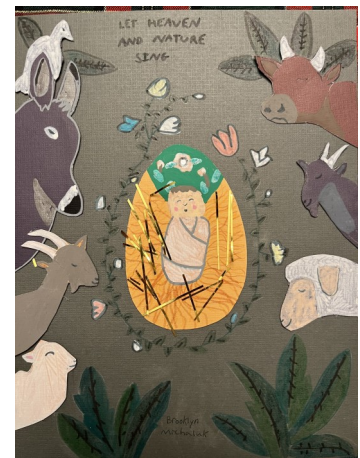


First place received \$30, second place \$25 and third place \$20.

First place winners will have their entry sent on to the State competition.

Thank you to all the children who participated and we hope enjoy viewing their art work throughout our Bulletin!

Br. Wendell



Br Knights, please join other members of our Council who completed the **Food Safety Course**. The course website is <https://www.safecheck1.com/> Our Council will reimburse your \$24.98 registration cost once you have successfully completed the course requirements!



2023 Membership

Our Membership dues are being excepted. \$40 Regular Membership and \$25 Honorary Life Member. You may forward your membership in person, by mail or electronically to council8925@gmail.com
If you have any questions, please contact Br Gordon Lasko

For the Good of the Order

SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live." and he jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live" He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The smartest made in the world just took off with my back pack."



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925

Bulletin & Meeting Dates

2022 / 2023 Columbian Year

Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday)	Planning Meeting (Thursday, 7:00)	Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00)
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January 30	<u>Meeting Cancelled</u>	January 9
February 27	February 9	February 13
March 27	March 9	March 13
April 24	<u>Meeting Cancelled</u>	April 10 (8 pm)
May 29	May 4	May 8
	June 8	June 12