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Chaplain's Words of Wisdom

CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...



Here we are, another Christmas come and gone and celebrating a New Year. Sad how we seem to only celebrate "God with Us" at Christmas. It would seem that as soon as the decorations come down and the Christmas music stops playing our memories seem to fade when it comes to the 'miracle' of Christ sharing our humanity; that we might have a Savior Who is familiar with all the ups and downs of what it means to be human. The miracle of Christmas can be experienced every day if only we seek to find Christ everywhere. We are quick to call upon our Saviour in times of need, but do we also share our good times with Him and live gratefully our lives. Do we portray our belief in a God who loves and cares for us by

sharing this good news to all around us by the way we interact with one another. This New Year is an opportunity to look back, not do dwell in the past since we cannot change it, but to see the lesson learned and then to apply to the present. Life can be ugly, then beautiful. It can be sorrowful and then joyful, it can be filled with pain, but also can be filled with faith. When we recognize life as a gift, only then can we celebrate it as it is meant to be celebrated... keeping our eyes on Christ, Who will see us through all things if we only ask. This past year we have seen much violence in our world; the war on Ukraine by the Russian Terrorist State, human rights being trampled on in many countries of the world. We still see hunger, starvation, and homelessness in the streets of the communities in which we live... how we need to go farther in reaching out to those Who Christ came to comfort. Early in this New Year we begin the countdown to Great Lent - the opportunity to travel inward, into the deepest recesses of our heart and soul to rediscover our identity as a child of God. During this time the Gospel readings help us to focus on who we are, with the calling of Zacchaeus whose life was transformed when he accepted Christ's invitation. We are given the story of the Publican and the Pharisee teaching us the true spirit of prayer and life. The story of the Prodigal Son illustrates to us how easy it is to be reconciled with our Saviour... we don't need to prepare a script, there is no room for fear, but rather our Saviour comes to meet us when we are truly contrite and seek healing. Our God is an awesome God! He has shown and continues to show His love for you and me everyday... if only we had eyes to see! My dear friends... may 2024 be for you a year of hope and new beginnings. May you start this year refocused on Christ and may your faith be your strength as you journey through all the situations you may have to travel. The antiphon of Christmas rings loud and clear... not only at Christmas but throughout the year : "God is with us, understand O you people, and be humbled for God is with us!"

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Христос Рождается !!! Славімо Його !!! Щасливого Нового Року !!!

Jesus Christ is Born !!! Praise Him !!! A Healthy and Happy New Year !!!

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish all Brother Knights and their families' health, happiness, prosperity and God's blessings in the New Year 2024.

Please note that our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 starting at 7:00pm. The next Trident Charities Bingo will be held on January 13, 2024 at the Princess Bingo Hall on Fennell Ave. There are no Perogie and Sausage Dinners scheduled for December 2023 and January 2024, this event will start up again on Thursday, February 29, 2024 depending on weather conditions.

As your Grand Knight I would like to thank all the Brothers that attended and participated in our meetings and events throughout the year. I would be pleased to see more brothers participating in 2024. Please try to make a few hours available for taking part in our worthy efforts.

A special thank you to our Chaplain, Fr Anton Szymchalski, for his monthly contributions to our bulletin.

A special thank you to Bro. Dan Kaluzny, our Bulletin Editor, for his great work preparing our bulletins this past year.

A special thank you to Brothers John Mikitel and Don Segodnia for keeping our financial reporting in good order.

A special thank you to Bro. Steve Dushko's wife Carol, our Bingo Coordinator, for volunteering at our monthly Saturday Bingos in 2023.

A special thank you to all the ladies and brothers that helped our council and Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection with the monthly Perogie and Sausage Dinner events held this past year 2023. They were as follows: Olga Lamb; Cathy Hewko; Anna Pyz; Anna Iskat; Irene Kaczmarek; Mary Kahut; Orysia Lazar; Sonia Moroz; Judy Storozinski; Zenon Holadyk; Alex Zahachewsky; Don Segodnia; Ernie Bablak; Mary Anne Krochak; Pat Cino and Olga Strychar Bodnar.

Remember to offer prayers for our Brothers Knights, Priests, and Sister Servants as well as members of their families who are ill or in recovery. May God bless them and restore them to good health very soon. Please keep Ukraine and its people in your prayers. Please pray for their safety and strength as they endure the evils of war forced upon them.

The following Brother Knights passed away during the month of January in past years. Let's keep them in our memory and our prayers as well: +Bro Harry Kariam; +Bro Nicholas Procajlo; +Bro Gabriel Evanik; +Bro Robert Spilchuk and +Bro Joseph Urbanski.

Thanking you for your continued support. Stay safe and stay healthy!

*Fraternally Yours,
Don Krochak – Grand Knight*

News Updates and Events

On Tuesday December 12, 2023 ; KofC council #7464 celebrated Christmas in St. Nicholas Church Hall.

It's members and family were invited to attend. First off the celebration started off with the Divine Liturgy in the Church upstairs then after Mass the celebration began downstairs in the Church hall. The attendees were treated to great food, goodies and soft drinks. There was a raffle for prizes and all

who attended were eligible to win a prize. Also at the celebration KofC council Grand Knight Don Krochak presented a cheque of \$1000.00 in the name of their council to St. Nicholas Church. Accepting the gift was the Church's new pastor. All in all everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities.



KofC Council #7464 Grand Knight presents \$1000.00 cheque to St. Nicholas Church pastor.

picture by Morris Hucal

See below pictures of some of the attendees



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Worthy Grand Knight,

As graduating high school students prepare applications for universities and colleges many of them will also be looking for some financial aid to help pay for their further education. They will approach their guidance office for a list of organizations that offer bursaries and scholarships. Many councils offer their own bursary to a graduating student, but I also encourage you to advertise the State Bursary program too.

The Ontario State Board offers five bursaries valued at \$1,000.00 each. The deadline for applications is June 1st so please mention the State Bursary program over these next five months to your members at the membership meeting, in your parish bulletin announcements and your council email correspondence.

Do you have a council chairman who could deliver a copy of the bursary to your local high school to make them aware of our annual bursary? Any efforts you do will be appreciated by those students that become aware of this State Bursary and apply for it.

Full details are found on the application. Applications can be downloaded here:
<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>

Fraternally,

Joseph Bodnar
State Treasurer

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“Mamma,” declared little Billy excitedly, “I have to write another letter to Santa Claus.” Laboriously he wrote it, but before she put it in an envelope Mamma read it: “Dear Santa Claus; Tear up that letter I sent you last week, I am sending a new order, ‘cuz this afternoon I found all the gifts I asked for under the bed in the spare room upstairs.”

A lady stopped to visit her neighbour who had a little son about five or six years of age. The visitor noticed the boy staring at her. She asked him: “What are you looking at, Johnnie?”
After a moment the lad replied: “Mama said you were two-faced. But I can see only one.”

Our two little granddaughters were blonde, blue-eyes and four and five years old when our son got married. Their mother, our daughter, had made them long matching dresses and rolled their long hair into French rolls on top of their heads. She sat them on the couch while she went to the church to unwrap gifts.
When my sister came she thought they were so pretty and surely would be part of the wedding. She asked, “What are you two girls going to be at the wedding?’ Both looked at her, then in unison, Answered, “Good.”



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January 09 **Tuesday** **Meeting: St. Nicholas meeting room 7pm**

January 13 **Saturday** **Bingo: Princess Bingo 9:30am**

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

January 07 **LORNE A. LOZINSKI**

January 17 **DAVE PAULINO**

January 26 **JOHN A. MIKITZEL**

January 31 **MORRIS G. HUCAL**

Многая Літа

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

Matthew 2:12-15

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