

The regular meeting of Court Immaculate Conception #322 was called to order by Regent Karen Selensky on **December 2, 2025** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish hall. Five officers were present. Twenty-eight members attended. Father John Paul Gardner blessed the medallions worn by the officers.

Krystyna Gorzelska shared her Christmas experience in south India. St Thomas brought Christianity there in 52 AD converting mainly Jews. Nativity scenes and symbols are set up everywhere besides the churches. All churches are lit up with lights as well as public places. They also display large colorful stars, and everyone participates in processions. Midnight Mass festivities begin at 5pm in the afternoon with processions and joyful noises. The midnight mass itself lasted for three hours! They exchange gifts at the church among friends, neighbors and family. Father Gardner shared that the Vatican recently approved a miracle of an image of Christ on a host in the same area of India Krystyna visited.

Betsy Hampkins became a member.

The Minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented and filed as shown. Regent Selensky reminded everyone that the \$25 dues may be paid at any time now for the 2026 year.

Regent Selensky reported that the Court has received end of year appeals from the Women's Care Center, Home on the Range, ND Right to Life, Assumption Abbey, and Real Presence Radio. We will be contributing to all in January per the budget except the Women's Care Center. Regent Selensky requested a motion to give some of the proceeds from the Puzzle Competition to Women's Care Center. Alvina Reichert moved to make the motion and Kelly Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

In Maddie Abbott's absence, Regent Selensky gave the following JCDA update. Regent Selensky, Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum and Maddie Abbot attended the JCDA meeting on November 23 at the Cathedral that included the installation of officers. Fr. Gardner attended as well. Twenty members have paid and there may be up to 30 members. Their next event will be caroling at the Benedictine Living Community this coming Sunday from 3-4 pm. The Pro-Life bake sale has been postponed to February. Marge Schempp will be given a prayer board for her 90th birthday made by the JCDA. Regent Selensky asked if any other members would like to take a prayer board to any inactive members. Virginia Dolajak and Krystyna Gorzelska will be taking a prayer board to inactive members they visit.

Treasurer Mary Ann Morford has formed a committee for the Puzzle Competition, and more details will be reported at the January meeting.

Regent Selensky followed up with the Cathedral office about contacting their homebound parishioners to see if they agree to have their addresses given to our members to visit. They reported that they would get back to us and let us know for our January meeting.

New Business

Regent Selensky asked members to review the 2026 budget. She mentioned that out of the \$25, our Court gets \$2. National dues are \$18 and the State gets \$5. Most courts have raised their dues to \$30. We would like to consider raising dues to \$30 for 2027. We are giving the minimum amount for our National and State projects right now. The question was asked for clarification on who the two groups we have allocated to support in our budget were. Regent Selensky reported that the St. Mary's Sisters are a small group of Sisters that are currently in the process of building a convent near the Cathedral and teach at the Light of Christ Schools. The Servants of the Children of Light are a small group of Sisters that teach at Christ the King Montessori School. Regent

Selensky reported there is also a \$50 fee for the website that we need to research as there is a possibility we could get that for free. Norma Rajme moved and Lorri Lengenfelder seconded to approve the 2026 budget. Motion carried.

Regent Selensky reported that we hope to gain more income with fundraisers to support our expenses. Question was raised about the \$100 reimbursement to Rose Mayo. Treasurer Mary Ann Morford reported that Rose Mayo had given a check made out to the Catholic Daughters to give to Home on the Range as she thought our Court would get some kind of tax break. Regent Selensky reported that the Court does not file taxes and we do not get a tax break so Rose Mayo was reimbursed so she could make her contribution directly to Home on the Range. Regent Selensky reported that the Standing Rules had been updated for this year.

Regent Selensky thanked Dan Mayo and Dale VanEckout as well as Greg and Mary Ann Morford for helping set up the nativity scene on December 2. She reported the blessing of the Nativity scene would be on Wednesday, December 3 at 3 pm at the State Capitol in Bismarck. State Representative Karen Karls is scheduled to welcome everyone to the State Capitol, Fr. Gardner will provide the blessing, and Colleen Reinhardt and Julie Ternes will lead the Christmas carol singing. All are welcome to attend.

Members were encouraged to wear Christmas sweaters to the December meeting. There was a wonderful turnout, and votes were submitted for the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Treasurer Mary Ann Morford was the winner of a \$25 gift card to Beloved Pearl donated by them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on Tuesday, January 6, at the Cathedral parish hall beginning at 6:30 pm.

Diane Krupinsky