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The love of a

FAMILY

is life's greatest blessing

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

The glow of Christmas is speeding down the track of time. In village and city squares, in shop windows and homes, many of us display reproductions of the cave and crib of Bethlehem. The nativity scene has become familiar to all of us. But its full meaning, perhaps, has been worn too smooth by centuries. When Christ came to us almost two millenia ago, he was telling us something about the family. After all, He could have come to us in many different ways.

But Christ chose to come to us through the family. He tells us, better than words can say, about the nearness and dearness of every family to him. God took familiar household words: father, mother, son love, child devotion and formed them into a cornerstone of faith. And because He did this, He gave the word 'family' a glow and a glory that it could not have known otherwise. Remember that the family of Jesus can be looked at in several different ways. His most intimate family includes the Father, the Son, and the Mother. Popularly we think of Jesus, Joseph and the Mother. We say that the Church is God's family, and by extension, every worshipping parish community is a Family.

When we look at the nativity scene (icon or creche) we should not notice the Family did not no TV in the cave of Bethlehem, no refrigerator, no BMW, parked outside, no greeting cards with a microchip that plays Jingle Bells. Rather, we notice what the Family did have. And it is this that we ask for: family love, joy in our marriage, confidence in our hearts, and Jesus in our home. Here is God's finest gift at Christmas or any other time of year, our family.

The trouble is that we have grown used to it; we treat it casually and without consideratio. We, too, as a council of the Knights of Columbus, are a family of brothers. We, too, take many things for granted. We can show greater awareness of family by attending meetings regularly, helping out with projects, supporting one another in our prayer life. In the glow of this Christmas season, may we not fail the grace of understanding the message of the cave.

Z namy Boh - God is with us!

Father Emil Iskat

Lector's Lesson

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MSGR. ANTON... Dear Friends, here we are again, another Christmas and another opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus. What a wonderful time of year. On this holy night take some time to go outside and simply be... look up to the heavens and listen. Listen to the wonderful silence and feel the stillness of this night. In our fast-paced lives this is something that we have forgotten. Stand for a moment and really listen... can you hear the angel's song? Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of goodwill." This night is indeed special, and we made the effort to prepare our homes, to cook our feasts, hours have been spent shopping and wrapping gifts, but how much time have we spent preparing ourselves? Have you taken the time to sit quietly and read the Christmas story in the Scriptures? Have you meditated on the love that entered the world in human form over 2000 years ago and how it has changed your life? Do you really understand the "miracle" of this day? Turning on our televisions and watching the news it is easy to get discouraged. It is easy to be pessimistic and hopeless, for all we hear about is what is wrong in our world. We see violence, war, hunger, homelessness, oppression, prejudice, bigotry and hatred everywhere, and humanity seems to be falling apart. If you look around and look with the eyes of Christ, you can see the goodness in this world, which outweighs the evil. There is a light that pierces the dark, and light radiates from a stable where an innocent child enters the world, and whose ministry and life will change the course of humanity. God chose to come into the world and live the human experience so that no longer our experience of Him would be of someone who is distant from us and whom we cannot relate to, but rather as one who lived a human life fully. Jesus was born to human parents of meagre means. As a child he was helpless, dependant on Mary and Joseph for food, clothing, religious instruction. For his scrapes and bruises he would run to his mother. From Joseph he would learn carpentry and be advised on daily life. This Jesus was the same as you and me. It wasn't until his baptism that the people understood that He was the promised one, the Messiah. It was when the voice of God was heard: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." The message of Jesus was simple... Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus entered our world to reach out to the lost, the poor, the oppressed, the outcasts of society. He ministered to the sinner, the sick, even enemies of the state. He witnessed his father's love through example, and that is what you and I are called to do. This Christmas it is my hope and prayer for you that you experience the peace of Christ even amid turmoil and that that peace can flow to all around you. May you accept the gift of love that entered our world and was offered and continues to be offered to all humanity. Once this gift is accepted from the heart of God to yours, your life will change, it can be and will be transformed. You will see the world through the eyes of love... the eyes of Christ. When someone is suffering you will see Christ suffering. When someone is in despair you will see

Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. When someone is in pain, you will see your Saviour hanging on the cross. When you see the addict and the alcoholic you will see Christ in them calling out for help. You see… this is what it means to be a child of God, we are all connected and therefore we all feel each others pain, sorrow and joys. To see Christ is this world and to experience his love is to allow ourselves to be used as his instruments. To bring Christ to a broken world we must use our feet to take him where he needs to be. We must use our hands to do his work. We must use our eyes to look out on our world to see its suffering and pain. We must use our ears to hear the cries of help and desperation. We must use our mouths to speak his truth and to share his good news. We must use our hearts filled with his love to change another human heart. Indeed, to experience the miracle of Christmas is to make "HIM" room, that the message of the angels over two thousand years ago can still be heard "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of good will" My heartfelt wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas, and that the spirit of hope, love, joy and peace enter into your lives and that you share them with all around you. If you are ill, I pray for your healing. If you are distraught, I pray for your peace. If you are worried and anxious, I pray for your contentment. If your faith is in crisis, I pray the Holy Spirit enkindle in you the fire of His love. If you live in hopelessness, I pray for you the gift of faith that you might know the joy of life lived with Christ. If you are mourning the loss of a friend or loved one, I pray you know that they are still with you, just a prayer away. May God give you comfort. If you are alone, depressed or feeling abandoned by family and friends, I pray God envelop you in his love and that you accept that love and know you are his precious child. From my heart to yours… love, peace and joy! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of the Executive and myself, I wish to extend to all Brother Knights and their families the Warmest Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas, Health and Happiness through the New Year, 2020. May the Christ Child bless you and your loved ones with Peace, Joy and Love.

I would like to thank each and every one of our Knights, spouses and families that helped and made possible the various functions that our Council sponsored during the year. These allow us to continue in making donations to our Churches and other Charitable causes.

Please note that our next General Meeting will be held **on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 starting at 6:45pm** with a Liturgy followed by a short meeting after which we will conclude with our annual Christmas Social. All Brother Knights and families are invited.

I wish to extend Birthday as well as Wedding Anniversary greetings to Brothers celebrating this month. Mnohya Lita! May God grant you many years.

If you know of any of our Brothers or members of their families that are ill and in need of our prayers, please pray for their recovery.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!
ХРИСТОС РОДИВСЯ - СЛАВІМ ЙОГО !

Fraternally Yours,

Don Krochak – Grand Knight

Words of Inspiration

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. **(Exodus 20:12)**

My child keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart alway; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they wil talk with you. **(Proverbs 6:20-22)**

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Christmas Funnies

NOTABLE DATES

December	**08**	*Sunday*	**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
December	**08**	*Sunday*	**St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Praznyk following 10am mass Tickets Adults $25.00**
December	**10**	*Tuesday*	**Mass 6:45 pm St. Nicholas Church** *(to be held before council meeting)*
December	**10**	*Tuesday*	**Executive Meeting 7:00 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm**
December	**10**	*Tuesday*	**Christmas Social after General Meeting** *(downstairs St. Nicholas Parish Hall)*
December	**21**	*Saturday*	**First Day of Winter**
December	**21**	*Saturday*	**Breakfast Session 9:30am Bingo Princess Bingo Matinee Session 12:30pm**
December	**24**	*Tuesday*	**Christmas Eve**
December	**25**	*Wednesday*	**Christmas Day**
December	**26**	*Thursday*	**Boxing Day**
December	**31**	*Tuesday*	**New Year's Eve**
January	**01**	*Wednesday*	**New Year's Day**
January	**06**	*Monday*	**Feast of the Epiphany**
January	**07**	*Tuesday*	**Ukrainian Christmas** *(Julian Calendar)*

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

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Dec 11 Peter N Harkay
Dec 21 Michael P Pudlo
Dec 28 John W Marshall

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