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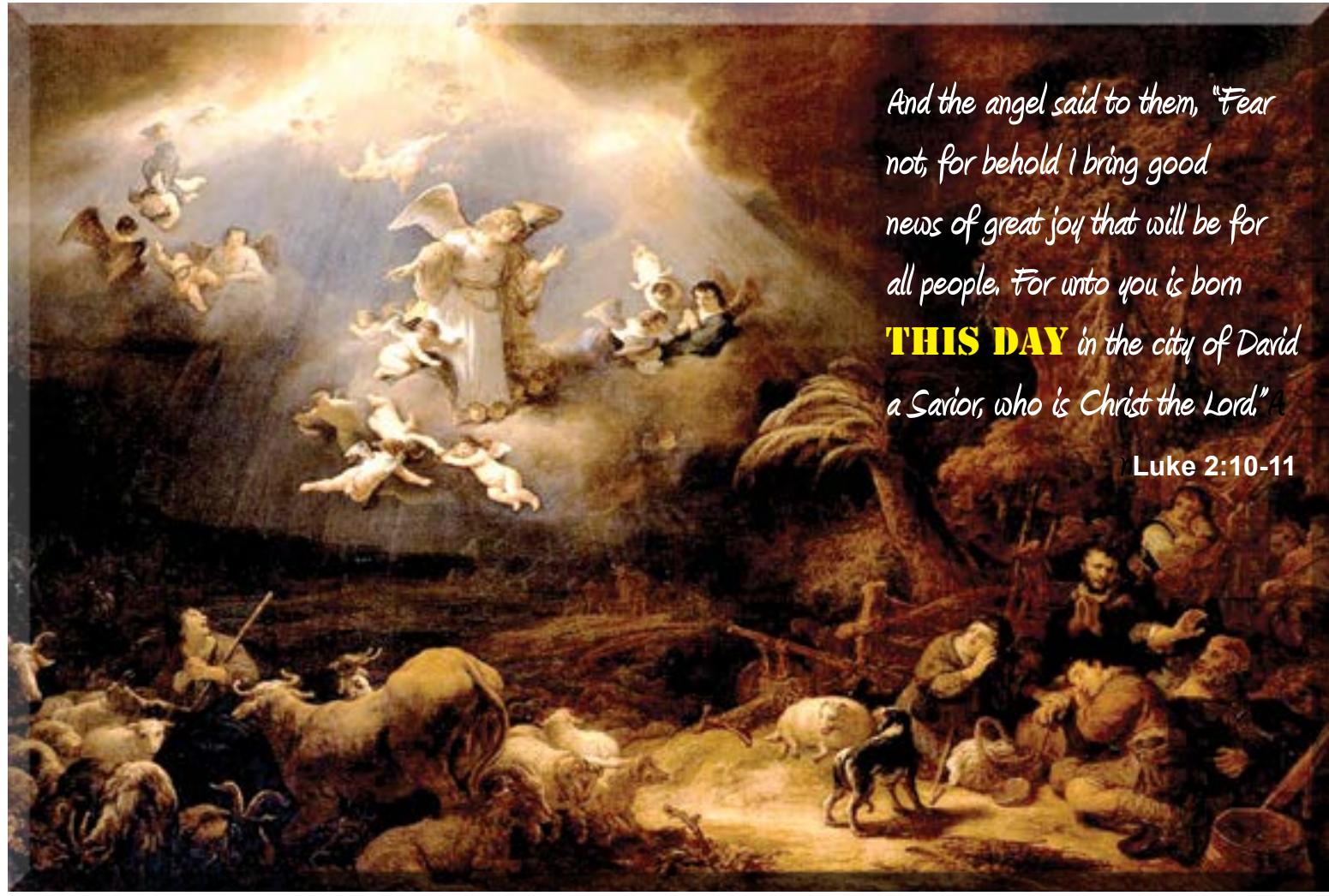
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And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold I bring good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born **THIS DAY** in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." A

Luke 2:10-11

Chaplain's Words of Wisdom

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM:



important to take time somewhere quiet, away from the noise and stress of the season to take a deep breath and to just be. Ask yourself why it is that you put so much preparation in getting ready for Christmas. What is at the centre of all this work? Could you celebrate Christmas without a Christmas Tree, the abundance of food and presents? Christ is the reason for celebrating...over two thousand years ago God chose to put on humanity and to share our lives in a real and tangible way. He enters human history as a helpless babe, dependant on his parents for everything. As he grows, he begins to recognize his mission even as a young child and as the years go by, he changes the world. This Jesus that we worship and celebrate was quite the character. Jesus chose to keep company with those who were outcast of society, the lepers, the poor, the tax collectors, the harlots, and the tax collectors. Why? Because in his own words he said, "I came to save that which was lost." Our mission as Christians and as Church is the shine bright with the light that shone that first Christmas from the manger in Bethlehem. We no not stand on a soap box and tell people how

Well, it has been a long and very busy week and I am just now sitting down to offer my reflections late Sunday evening. Christmas is just around the corner and hopefully you are preparing to 'TO MAKE HIM ROOM.' Today here at St. John's we had the privilege of hosting many of our brothers and sisters and their children who have fled Ukraine because of the Russian Terrorist invasion. What a moving and beautiful experience, the tears in many eyes and the smiles on all the children's faces were so moving and heartwarming. I think we would all agree how much we take things for granted here in Canada, and that the hardships that we endure, more often than not, do not compare to what these poor souls are going through. As you prepare for Christmas it is

wrong they are, but rather if our light should shine bright enough, they would ask the source of that light, and that my friends is how we effectively live the Gospel message of love. To you my brother Knights and you families, from my heart to yours.... May the light that shone from the manger over 2000 years ago dispel any darkness and despair you may be experiencing. May the love that become incarnate in an innocent babe envelope you and may you truly feel loved as God's precious child. May the joy of the Angels song fill you with happiness and hope, understanding that you are never alone, for God is with you. And may the peace that you seek be yours this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

May we remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and do all we can to make all who seek refuge here in our communities feel welcomed. May we assist in any way we can, sharing from our blessings. The verse from the Christmas Carol "Vo Vefleyemee/In Bethlem" should have even more meaning for us: "Hlyan okom scherom, O Bozhay Sinoo, na nashoo zemloo, na Ukrainu. Zee shli eez neba, dar prevelikyj, Schob Tya slavinla na veechnee veekee.

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, 2023. 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 Brother Knights 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 especially the Ukrainian Humanitarian situation this past year.

Please note that our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 starting at 7:00pm. The next Trident Charities Bingo will be held on December 17, 2022 at the Princess Bingo Hall on Fennell Ave. The next Perogie and Sausage Dinner event will start up again in January 2023. Please note that our Knights council will not host a Christmas party this year.

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. Please keep the following Brother Knights in your prayers as they recover from their illnesses: Bishop Emer. Chmilar, Br Izidor Nebesny, Br Andre Nebesny, Br Bohdan Matwijiw, Br Bob Moskel, Br Steve Dushko, Br Boris Dosanowsky and Br Joe Szpak.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

Fraternally Yours,

Don Krochak - Grand Knight

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

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News Updates and Events

The Father Markian Shashkevych council #7464 purchased 10 boxes of winter coats that are intended for children that need them for the coming winter. Most of the coats are earmarked for the refugee children from war torn Ukraine, who came here with very little to wear . Some of the coats were delivered by our Grand Knight Don Krochak to The Ukrainian Canadian Congress. Below is a thank you note from Elena Lazar President of UCC Hamilton.

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, I would like to extend our heartfelt Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Shashkevych Council for your generous donation of children's snowsuits. They were immediately placed in our UCC storefront Stricha and have been gratefully selected by parents and their children newly arrived from Ukraine. They are grateful and touched by the kindness showed by the Knights and Canadian community. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

*Elena Lazar, President
UCC Hamilton*



Other boxes of coats were donated to the Ukrainian Women's League of Burlington, they were in the middle of preparing perogie for an up-coming Bingo to raise money for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. The toques were knitted and donated by Grand Knight Don Krocak's wife Mary Anne.

Other boxes were donated to local school boards to make sure no child went cold this winter..





As he went to open the freezer one morning before going to work, the man turned to his wife and asked, "What shall I take out for dinner?" the woman turned and with a sweet smile said, "**Me.**"

It was the second day after Christmas vacation. Sister Rita had told her 21 second-graders on the first day after vacation: "Tomorrow we will visit the crib in the church. How about everyone bringing some little gift for the Infant Jesus? Nothing expensive: nothing too big, bring it in a sack so nobody will see your gift until after Jesus sees it first in the crib." Tomorrow came. Twenty-one little hearts were beating faster than usual as they took turns placing their gifts at the feet of their Little King - candy bars, a whistle, a baseball, a toy computer even some fruit, and even a can of mixed vegetables. But standing out was a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, about 7 or 8 inches high. Billy put up his hand when Sister asked whose gift that was. She asked him why he had chosen that gift: Billy replies:

"I think Jesus would like to see what He is going to look like when He grows up."

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NOTABLE DATES

December 08	<i>Thursday</i>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 13	<i>Tuesday</i>	Council Meeting St Nicholas Church meeting room 7pm
December 17	<i>Saturday</i>	Bingo Princess Bingo 9am Covid Restrictions in effect
December 21	<i>Wednesday</i>	Winter Solstice
December 24	<i>Saturday</i>	Christmas Eve
December 25	<i>Sunday</i>	Christmas Day
December 26	<i>Monday</i>	Boxing Day
December 31	<i>Saturday</i>	New Years Eve
January 01	<i>Sunday</i>	New Years Day
January 06	<i>Friday</i>	Feast of the Epiphany
January 07	<i>Saturday</i>	Ukrainian Christmas

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

December 08	MORRIS M ZADVORNY
December 11	PETER N HARKAY
December 24	DEMETRUS ROMANKO
December 24	ANDRE NEBESNY
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