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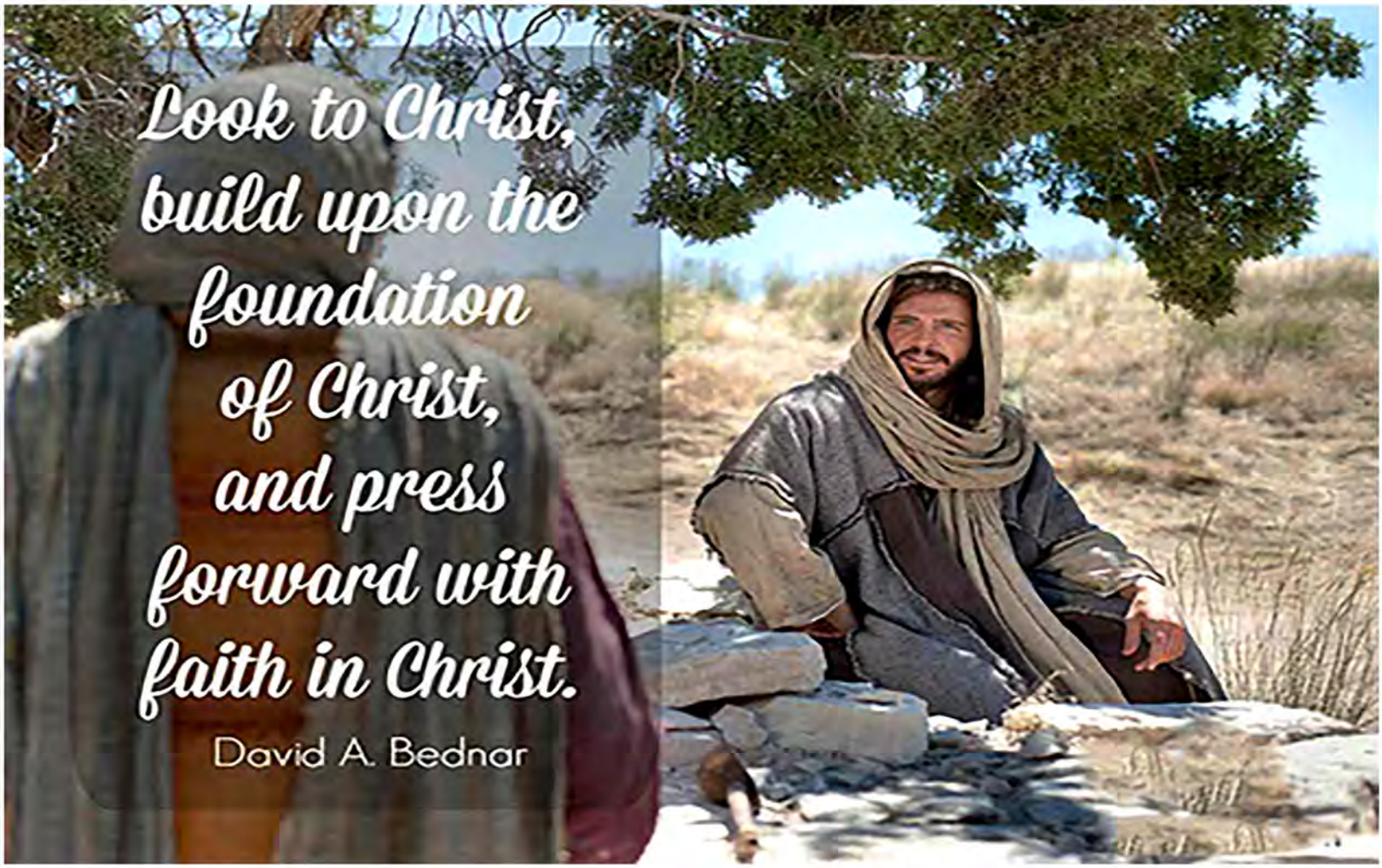

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

This month's Chaplain's message comes from our September 1980 edition, as written by our first chaplain Fr. Emil Iskat.

Some people are confused because the vatican council has given rise to a series of changes and innovations within the church. There have been question's, discussion's, and novelties since the day's of the council. But don't be scandalized that from time to time there are changes in the church. After all, Christ never said the church was a rock. Christ said it was built on a rock, on St. Peter. If you insist on the notion that the church herself is a rock, your concept of the mystical body will be lifeless and inert. Christ compared to church to living thing's ; to a mustard seed, a vine, a sheepfold, things that grow and develop.

Christ said "I will build my church." "I will" refers to future progressive work. "I will build" indicates permanent dynamic action. The church is depicted as a building under construction, the subject of continuing development until the end of time.

All of us are called to collaborate in the mystical construction of the church. We especially as the 'Knight's of Columbus' help build the church with Christ and for Christ. The Vatican Council tried to give us an awareness of the continuing development of the church in the modern world. An awareness that we grow with the church, progress with God's grace and our cooperation. The Building itself is constructed of 'living stones' the faithful themselves.

The church is depicted as a building under construction, but the construction must be accomplished according to a concrete, visible, well planned blueprint of which Christ is the author and achitect. As Ukrainian Catholic's, we must continue the construction of the church by confirming to the design's, the architecture pre-established by Christ. We should confidently trust in Christ. The "connerstone" of our church, as we refer to him in our modern prayer services.

We should not be suprised if we are criticized by others for the trust we put in Christ's established authority. After all, even Christ is a stone of rejection by the builder's. He became, however, the cornerstone of God's messianic design. We are not any better than Christ. Since we are living stones of the mystical building, the church, we too should expect to be criticized by a misunderstanding world.

Let us pray that guided by our hierarchy, Pope John Paul and Patriach Joseph, we might grow in our love for our church. Let us as Knight's pray for great understanding what the church is, and how we, living stones, are yet co-building with Christ. While the rest of the world percolates with fear and confusion, we can rest secure in the eternal truth and authority of God's church.

Lecture's Lesson

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM: If you listen carefully to the readings that immediately precede Lent, you will see a beautiful tapestry being woven reminding you of why it is that our God is so awesome.

Beginning with the story of Jesus calling to Zacchaeus to dine with him, the story of the Publican and the Pharisee, followed by the reading that teaches us the true spirit of fasting, and finally the separation of the sheep from the goats.

Our life with Christ begins with an invitation. Once that invitation is accepted life will never be the same. Just as Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree so he could get a good look at Jesus as he was passing by, you and I often climb to the height of our own despair or trials and look for Jesus, once we choose not to give in to doubt or despair, there he is, where he always was, helping to carry us through, even though we did not recognize him. This first encounter with Jesus transformed the life of Zacchaeus forever and he recognized immediately that he was a child of God. The first step of any relationship is accepting the **INVITATION.**

The following Sunday we read the story of the Publican and the Pharisee, and if you and I are honest we can see both of these characters in ourselves. We all at times are pharisaical with regard to how we look at others or even live our own lives – these are the times "we don't practice what we preach", and we all at one time or another have been humbled to the point where we knew that there was no way we could go on with life without God's help. Jesus reminds us that the sure way to a peaceful existence is to accept ourselves and our own truths; if we do this we are able to experience immediately the divine love that envelops us – God's love which is unconditional. If God can accept us as we are, why is it so difficult for us to accept ourselves?

The next step in a good relationship is **DEPENDING ON EACH OTHER**. The following Sunday we hear the story of the prodigal son, so full of pride that he thought he could make it on his own. He learned quickly the "grass wasn't so green on the other side of the fence and agonized over how he could return home. All the time his father felt his pain and was sorrowful at his loss. Returning home the son realized that he had nothing to fear, that the love that was present there when he wandered away was always there, and having the courage to admit his weakness, his father's loving embrace was stronger than ever. In good relationships we don't say "I told you so," when once is struggling for words to make amends – **WE ARE THE FRIST TO REACH OUT AND OFFER HEALING**.

As we move on to Meat fare Sunday we hear the true spirit of fasting. Jesus teaches that eating or abstaining from certain foods means nothing if it is not done with sincerity or if it holds no meaning. He tells us that when we choose to fast we are not to let anyone know, we should groom ourselves and not go around moping and groaning "like the hypocrites do." In all that we do there must be desire – an understanding that this action for me has spiritual significance, it is not just the mere following of a rule for the sake of the rule. As we mature in our relationships we learn to **SACRIFICE** with joy and expect nothing in return.

The final Sunday before entering into Lent is Cheese fare Sunday. On this Sunday we hear the story of the separating of the "sheep from the goats" on the day of Judgement. How do you think of yourself and your spiritual health? Jesus uses sheep and shepherds because the people of his day could relate to the story. Sheep are docile, not that intelligent even though they think they are, once wandering away they are easily lost; they need a lot of attention and care. Sound familiar? Goats on the other hand are stubborn and don't care to listen to anyone. They will wander and quite frankly are happy to do so – they know everything and think they can go it better alone. Sound familiar? Where do you fit in? Did you know that the priests stole is a symbol of the lost sheep? It is a reminder to him that he is to go after the lost sheep and try to bring them home safely. Many priests when administering absolution will raise their stole over the head of the penitent while praying. This is to reassure them that they are back in the fold. They are safe now and will remain safe so long as they remain in the flock… for us this is our parish. In any relationship, if sacrifice is sincere the next natural progression is learning to help one another and to be quick to **OFFER FORGIVENESS AND TO SEEK FORGIVENESS.**

This is the spirit in which we are to enter into Lent, this is the spirit in which are to live our lives, and for the Christian this should be a way of life, not something that we think about for an hour on Sunday – but should come naturally because we have "put on Christ" as we proclaim at our Baptism. In this context will we understand and be able to receive "eternal life" and only in this context the true meaning of resurrection is revealed.

No need to buckle up as we prepare for Lent... these preceding weeks are there to help us "enjoy the ride."

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Let's not forget the principles of our order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity. Your input is very important. Let's commit to attending our monthly meeting, help in recruiting a new member and taking a more active part of our activities in this new year 2020.

We are very happy to advise that our council has acquired a new member, his name is Mykhaylo Furtak who lives in Waterdown, Onrario. We welcome Mykhaylo and his family into our family of brother Knights. Brothers, please welcome and congratulate Mykhaylo at our next monthly meeting on February 11, 2020.

This month we also celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Be kind to your loved ones and offer a prayer for families and friends near and far. Another important day this month is Family Day Canada 2020 occurring on February 17th so please participate in numerous activities with family.

The Knights of Columbus, Sheptytsky council will be hosting a retreat at Mount Mary Retreat Center - Ancaster in English for men beginning Friday evening Feb 21 and ending Sun. Feb 23 at noon. The Retreat Master will be Fr. Anton from St Catharines. Cost will be $175.00. Any of our Knights who are interested should contact Wally Denyszyn at 905 275 6199.

The 35th Annual Bishop Crosby Charity Dinner Dance is being held on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at Carmen's Banquet Centre. We still have tickets available so please call me 905-869-9462 to reserve your tickets.

Membership Dues of $35 for 2020 are now due. Payment may be made at our **next meeting on February 11, 2020** or sent directly to Bro John Mikitzel at 95 Goldenview Court, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H4.

I extend Birthday greetings to all Brothers celebrating their birthdays as well as Happy Anniversary to Brothers celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. Mnohya Lita! May God grant them many years.

Please remember in your prayers our Brothers and their family members who are ill or recovering from an illness. If you know of any Brother or their family that is ill please advise me by phone call 905-869-9462.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally yours,

Don Krochak
Grand Knight

News Updates and Events

Our council #7464 made a presentation of $500.00 to St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church at their Annual Praznyk this past December.

Welcome to our newest member, Mykhalylo Furtak, who took his first degree at council #1454 January 15th. Let's all do our best to welcome him and make him part of us.

If you have any annoucements of a church function please let us know, it can be announced in our newsletter , to inform our readers.

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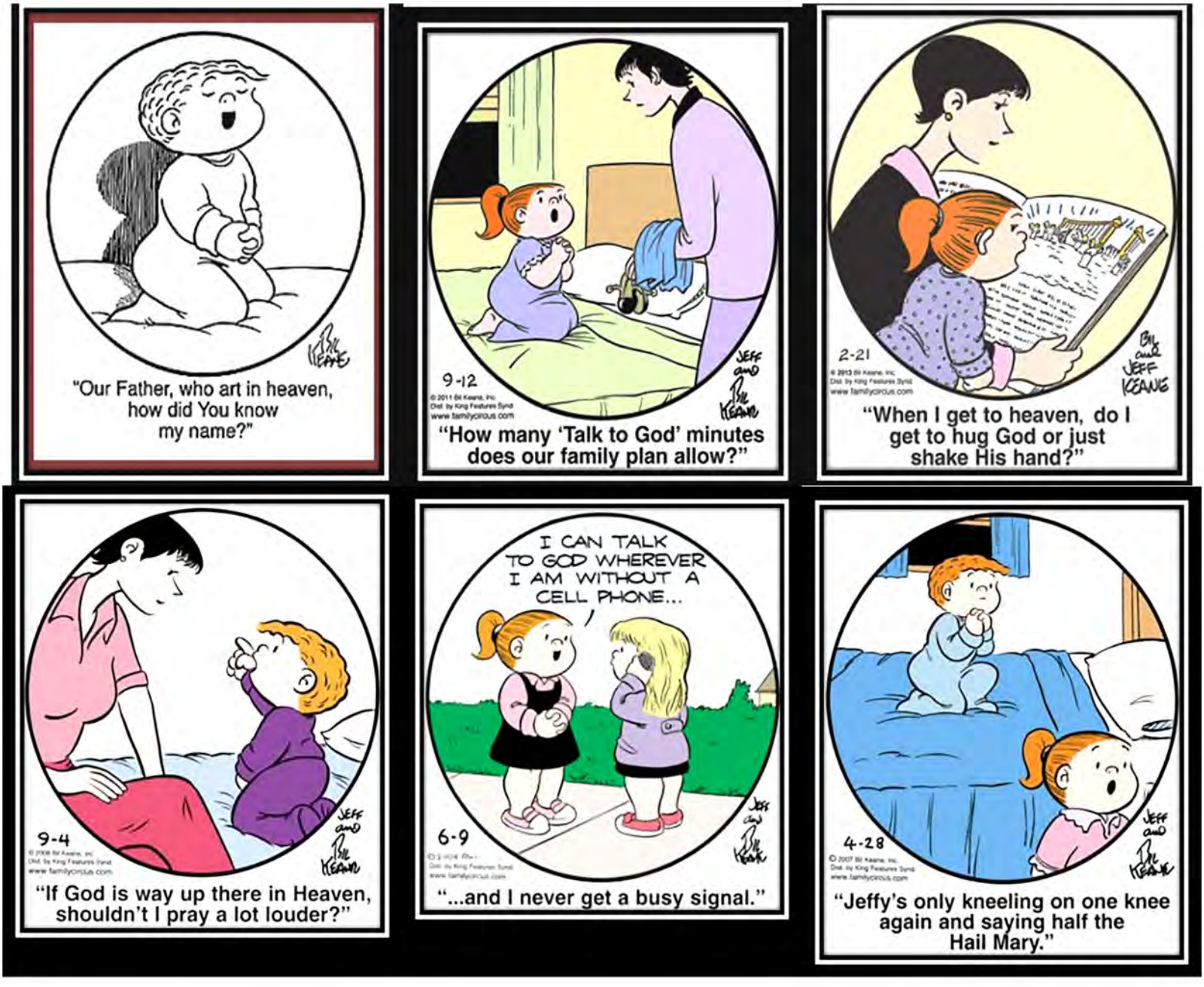

NOTABLE DATES

February	**11**	*Tuesday*	**Exexcutive Meeting 7:00pm** **General meeting 7:30pm**
February	**14**	*Friday*	**St. Valentine's Day**
February	**15**	*Saturday*	**Breakfast Session 9:30am** **Bingo Princess Bingo** **Matinee Session 12:30pm**
February	**17**	*Monday*	**Family Day**
February	**26**	*Wednesdayy*	**Ash Wednesday Lent begins**
February	**27**	*Thursday*	**Pyrohy-Kobassa-Kapussta sale**
March	**07**	*Saturday*	**Bishop Crosby Charity Dinner-Dance**
March	**08**	*Sunday*	**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

February 05 Maurice S Storozinski
February 10 Fr. Ivan Trush
February 14 Matthew I Paulino
February 17 Steve Dushko
February 19 John Kohut

Многая Літа

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
(Psalms 118:22)

Therefore thus says the Lord God, see I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: One who trusts will not panic.
(Isaiah 28:16)

Jesu said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell yo, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that produces the fruits of the kingdom".
(IMatthew 21:42-43)

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