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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

THE DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

For University students, the extra day in this Leap Year will mean a little extra time to complete that procrastinated assignment; for those investing in an RRSP, there will be an extra day to make a decision regarding our retirement plan; for those who fear birthdays, it will delay the inevitable for an additional 24 hours. A Leap Year with that additional day in the short month of February affects all of us in some manner, but its greatest merit lies in the fact that we get an extra day of Lent. Just a little more time to make a difference in our lives.

Fasting is an instrument of discipleship. Are we really willing to suffer with Jesus or are we just "hanging around" the gospel? The tiny acts of self-denial in fasting can be a preparation for greater demands God will make of us.

Extemal fasting is not enough. God wants more - the letting go of ourselves and any behavior that might hurt others or deny our total reliance on God. Fasting from food helps only if done in the proper spirit. Fasting should strengthen our spirit and make us even more loving - even when we might be prone to being cranky from our fast. Letting go of wicked words and anger can be a more effective form of fasting than letting go of food. Fasting should help us to be more focused on being present with Christ in His suffering.

Fast days should be days of prayer, not just in reflection on Scripture but primarily in tiny moments throughout the day. Every moment of wanting to eat something is an invitation to prayer - to speak with Jesus and to be aware of His presence. Saying no to food is easier when I have someone for whom to sacrifice. My inner bond with that person or group is deepened by the fast, and my willingness to sacrifice for them in other ways is increased.

The Catholic Conference of Bishops recommend that fasting "be accompanied by works of charity and service toward our neighbors." Little acts of service - an extra favour, a letter to a hurting mend - make the solidarity of fasting more genuine. Also, fasting and acts of self-denial generate savings that should be passed along to those who have less than we do. In all these ways, we are following Jesus along His self-sacrificial journey to Jerusalem and to Calvary.

Fr. Stephen Chmilar

Lecturer's Lesson

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM: The reading for the first Tuesday of Lent is the spirit in which we are to usher in the season. I have placed it here because I feel it is essential in your understanding of what it means to be one of God's children. The reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans: "Brothers and Sisters... All who are led by the Spirit of God are God's children. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which you can cry out "Abba – Father" The Spirit itself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well; heirs of God and heirs with Christ. We suffer with him so we can be glorified with him. I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the children of God. Creation was made subject to futility, no of its own accord but by him who once subjected it; not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God." These are powerful words and we need to breathe them in over and over again until they permeate our souls to the point they become one with us. There really is no greater gift. While at times life can be a bit overwhelming, we need to remember that to be one of God's children is to embrace not just the good times in our lives, but those times when illness and suffering come uninvited and tasks become overwhelming. Human weakness isn't new to the story of humanity, but through the course of our lives we can see when we let it get the best of us. In the Old Testament suffering was believed to be a punishment of God for the sins of humanity; if there was a catastrophe that couldn't be explained it was God's doing – he was showing the power of his vengeance. Jesus, in the New Testament gave us a much different image of God. Jesus teaches us that God is a loving Father that cares for His children. God is full of mercy and compassion – quick to forgive and that His love is unconditional. Over the years and throughout the history of the Church this image of a loving God has become a bit tarnished. Prior to the middle- ages God was merciful and forgiving, and slowly the image changed through the "dark-ages" to an image of a vengeful and punishing deity who would go as far as He could to punish humanity and to inflict suffering and pain on a sinful world. Only since the Second Vatican Council has there been an effort to move hearts from fear to love, and to move to an understanding of God that was more in line with the teachings of Jesus. +Pope John the 23rd and now Pope Francis "opened the windows to allow fresh air" to come in – in other words to call on the Holy Spirit to bring renewal into the hearts of the faithful and the Church. What is your image of God? Do you truly believe that He loves you just as you are? Do you accept His forgiveness by forgiving yourself? In other words can you accept and embrace your humanity? relationship with God through his Son Jesus.

Paul encourages us to do just that "You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear – but a spirit of adoption through which you can cry out 'Abba-Father.'" He gives us the image of a loving Father. Relationship is defined through love rather than through fear. Suffering is put into perspective – it isn't a punishment from God, no human parent would inflict pain and suffering on their child no matter what the circumstance, so how can we possibly reconcile the idea of a vengeful God with a loving Father? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on our

In the person of Jesus, God has chosen to walk with us through life, not to stand in front, nor to lag behind, but to stand beside us! Yes He is indeed God, but HE IS LOVING PARENT; not interfering in human affairs but being with us through those times our decisions have brought confusion, and at times, pain into our lives. He is there not to say "I told you so," but rather "I am with you." This is my God. This is the loving Father that I serve, and this is the image of God that have tried to share with those entrusted to me throughout my years of my priesthood. I have gone through the desert; I certainly know what is to be tempted and believe it or not, we priests understand the concept of sin just as good as you do. Through good times and bad I have witnessed and felt the God's presence, and through all the turmoil still experienced peace. I try to model my life after Christ – I try to be a servant rather than to be served, and all I do is out of love for those I care for. If I didn't love what I do, and if didn't believe in nor experience God's unconditional love I would have left my ministry a good number of years ago. My life just as yours is a Lenten journey, it is a constant opportunity of self-discovery and renewal – it is a journey that calms my fears and assures me of a Father's love for his children. I encourage you to come make an extra effort to

attend the Lenten services offered to you; in these prayers you will be reassured of God's love, come to an understand of the true meaning of sacrifice and suffering, and hopefully rediscover again the true meaning of faithfulness.

Let us pray: Loving God, often life seems overwhelming and situations arise that come uninvited and for which I am unprepared. Help me during this Lenten season to rediscover my relationship with you as a loving Father. May all my fears give way to love and trust, and may I have the courage to always journey with you through Jesus to the meaning of life – to live, to love, to laugh, to pray, to share, to serve, to forgive and be forgiven and finally at the end of my days to rest in your arms.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

For all Catholics, Lent is well under way. Remember that this is the time for self reflection and contrition. Let us always remember in our prayers members of our families and loved ones, also those who are not as forunate as ourselves. During this Great Lent attend Mass as much as possible .

Our next Exec/General Meeting will be held **on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00pm.** Please make it a Lenten resolution to attend. We need more input and attendance from all Brothers to make our Council more viable.

Brother Knights, please put your "Faith In Action" by posting this important date of **Tuesday, April 21, 2020** to your calendars. On this date Brothers who already **have their first and second degrees** are instructed to attend the debut of the combined exemplification of charity, unity and fraternity, the new public ceremony that will be used instead of the individual degree ceremonies. Your families and friends are also invited to attend this event. Please note this exemplification ceremony will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at Queenston and Parkdale in Hamilton and starts at 7:30 sharp. Please be at the hall by 7:00pm for seating and assembly.

The Hamilton Trident Charities will be holding our monthly bingo on March 14, 2020 at the Princess Bingo Hall on Fennell Avenue. There will be 2 bingo's, the first at 9:30am and the second at 12:30pm. Also please remember our Perogie Dinner Event that will be held at the Church of the Resurrection on March 26, 2020 from 3:00pm to 6:30pm. Please come out and support our councils fund raisers.

There are still **a few Membership Dues that are past due**. Please make an effort to bring your membership dues up to date. Payment may be made at the upcoming meeting or sent directly to Bro. John Mikitzel at 95 Goldenview Court, Waterdown, ON L8B 0L3

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

Again, let us not forget to offer prayers for Priests, Sister Servants, Brother Knights and members of their families, who are ill or in the process of recovery. May God bless them and restore them to good health very soon.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Fraternally Yours,
Don Krochak – Grand Knight

News Updates and Events

For the first time in the history of KofC council #7464's perogy and sausage sale, Held Thursday February 26th had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.
Br. Bohdan Matwijiw placed the cancelled notice on the event sign.
Br. Bohdan also said a few costumers showed up and went away a bit disappointed, hopefully they will return in March.

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Pysankove Bingo

Easter Egg Bingo

SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2020

Doors open at 12:00

Cabbage Roll & Pyrohy Dinners from 12:00 to 2:00pm

Bingo starts at 2:00 pm

Admission $6.00

Easter Basket Raffle - Goose Egg Raffles - Snack Bar

Free Coffee

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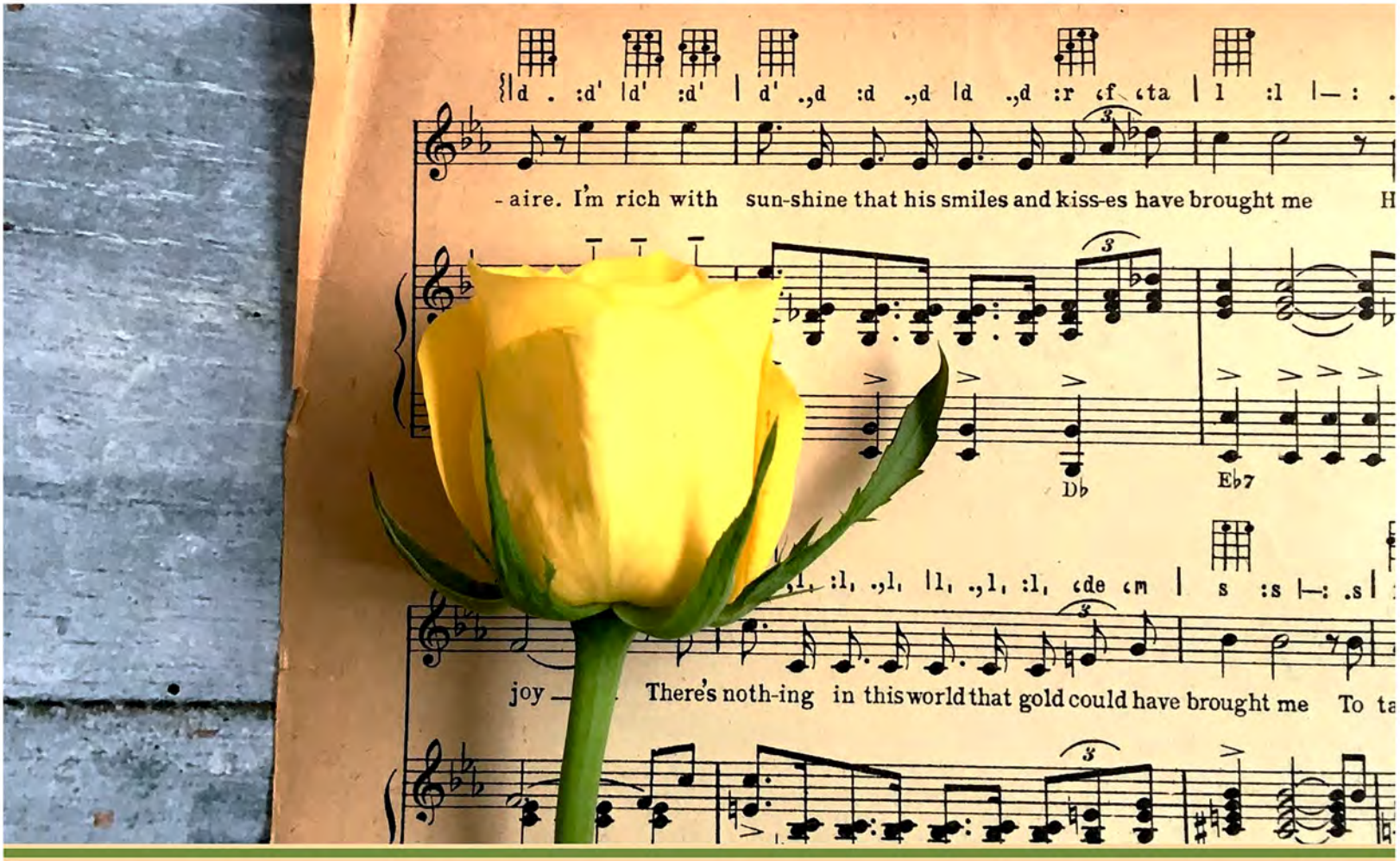

The Svitanok Choir invites you to their annual

SPRING TEA

Пісня буде поміж нас

Enjoy a musical afternoon accompanied
by an array of sweets and savories

SUNDAY APRIL 5 2020 2PM

Ukrainian Church
of the Resurrection
821 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton

905-681-6519
svitanokchoir@yahoo.ca

Admission $15

Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada (CYM) - Hamilton Branch

Monthly Smile

Jokes for Seniors

" The Game"

On an overseas flight, a lawyer and an older man were in adjoining seats.

The lawyer asked the senior if he'd like to play a little game. The older man was tired, and he told the lawyer he only wanted to sleep.

But the lawyer insisted the game was a lot of fun.

"Here's how it works," he said. "I'll ask you a question. If you can't come up with the answer, you have to give me a dollar. Then it's your turn to ask me one. But if I can't answer it, I have to give you $20."

The senior figured if he just got this over with, maybe he could get some sleep. So he agreed to play.

The first question from the lawyer was "How far apart are the earth and the moon?"

The senior stayed completely silent, reached for a dollar, and gave it to the lawyer. Then he said, "My turn. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The lawyer was stumped. He thought and thought. He tried to remember all the riddles he knew. He searched every corner of his brain.

He even cheated and asked the flight attendants and other passengers.

Finally he gave up. He woke up the older man and gave him a twenty. The senior stuffed the twenty in his coat and went immediately back to sleep.

The lawyer couldn't stand it. He woke up the older man and said, "I have to know. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The senior got out his wallet, gave the lawyer a dollar, and went back to sleep.

NOTABLE DATES

March 07	*Saturday*	**Bishop Crosby Favourite Charities Dinner Dance.**
March 08	*Sunday*	**Appreciation Moleben 4:00 pm and Banquet 5:00pm for Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar, D.D. Emeritus @ Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian C.C. Mississaugua. Call 905-279-9387**
March 10	*Tuesday*	**Exexcutive Meeting 7:00pm** **General meeting 7:30pm**
		Breakfast Session 9:30am
March 14	*Saturday*	**Bingo Princess Bingo**
		Matinee Session 12:30pm
March 19	*Thursday*	**First day of Spring**
March 26	*Thursday*	**Pyrohy-Kobassa-Kapussta sale**
March 27-29	*Friday to Sunday*	**UCWLC 2020 Silent Retreat @ Mout Mary Ancaster. English by retreat director Mitrat Anton Srymchalski, Also in Ukrainian with Fr. Peter Shumelda on April 3-5. Check with Mount Mary Retreat Centre for booking**
April 05	*Sunday*	**Spring Tea Presentation with Svitanok Choir @ Church of the Resurrection. Admission $15.00. See poster on our website ukofc7464.com**

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

March 02 Zenon Holadyk
March 03 Jerry Pekaruk
March 20 Fr Victor Petroych Nazartchyk
March 20 Stan Sulymka

Многая Літа

As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wideness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ' (Luke 3:4-6)

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