

## A Musical Respite from War

Ukrainian singers participate in a liturgical singing workshop in Poland with support from the Order

Each year, the Dominican Liturgical Center in Kraków, Poland, organizes an “Extraordinary Music Workshop,” a one-of-a-kind singing course deeply immersed in prayer and liturgy.

The initiative has gained international recognition since it began in 2013, attracting participants from Western Europe and the United States. This year’s workshop, which took place July 3-9, welcomed a special group of singers: 10 musicians from Ukraine, who traveled to Poland and took part in the course thanks to financial support from the Knights of Columbus.

Spending a week learning Gregorian chant, polyphony and Eastern chant in a beautiful Gothic basilica in historic Kraków was more than a cultural opportunity for these Ukrainian musicians — it was an experience of faith, hope and solidarity.

“For me, it is not just material humanitarian aid; it is spiritual support,” said Olvia Yemets, a singer who traveled to Kraków from Dnipro. “Here I feel my heart healing, because this is an opportunity to live a calm, peaceful life for at least a week, without air raids or explosions at night.”

“The music we perform here, the liturgy we celebrate, and the adoration we hold in the presence of the Eucharistic Jesus are, above all, a cure for all the craziness and meaninglessness of the war that they experience,” said Father Tomasz Samulnik, a Polish Dominican who accompanied the Ukrainian participants as their chaplain.

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### *Minutes of the September Business Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on September 12, 2023 by Grand Knight Machovec. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from August were approved as written.

### **Membership Report**

Candidate Aaron Campoy’s nomination was M/S/A as a new member.

### **Grand Knight Report**

GK Machovec invited guests into the chamber. Representatives from the Interfaith Food bank provided a presentation and explanation of services and needs to the council.

GK Machovec shared a short personal enlightenment story about the power of Reconciliation.

### **Chaplain’s Report**

The Chaplain read excerpts from an article on the four pillars taken from the most recent Columbian magazine.

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**September Meeting Minutes****Continued from page 1:****Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$12,713.43

A check of \$5,000 shall be sent to open a CD.

**Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$70 dinner, \$3 – 50/50

Bills-Brother Koenig - \$119.14 Vigil Mass, hospitality supplies, Brother Trassare - \$760 – Eucharistic revival books, 'This is My Body', Brother Strazzo - \$126 Donut Sunday, \$170 picnic, \$400 Tri Tip Dinner, 15 tickets for the tri tip dinner, Brother Waverly – \$104.29, installation dinner, food, Brother Machovec - \$134.97, installation dinner beverages

**Communications**

No Communications

**Programs Director Report**

Wine and cheese after the first Saturday vigil mass. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. October host is the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Parish Picnic – August 13 after the 10 AM Mass – The Council shall provide and cook the meats. Installation of officers on August 20 after the SKD 10 AM mass at St. Pats and potluck in the hall. September 17 – Clergy appreciation potluck. Sept 30 Tri tip dinner. October 13, 14 and after the Sunday mass – Tootsie roll drive, volunteers are needed.

**Unfinished Business**

It was M/S/A to pay the bills.

**New Business**

It was M/S to donate \$2000 to help offset a medical bill for Fr. Arlon eye surgery. They shall be a 30 day comment period and this item will be voted on at

the next scheduled meeting. There was a request to donate funds for some of the materials to build a Respect Life Memorial on the grounds of the Moke Hill Catholic church. Labor shall be provided by Brother Knights. It was M/S/A to donate \$200.

**Advocate Report**

No report

**Chancellor Report**

No report

**Insurance Agent Report**

The agent is Dave Moeller

**Vocations Report**

No report

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

The next meeting is Thursday September 28 at St. Pats in Jackson.

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris gave a brief report.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Finetti and Hanora Moore. Pray also for Mrs. Tammy and Bridget Maher, Charlie Esola, Fr. Arlon, Jane Raguano, Joyce Perry, daughter of Ed Tolsdorf,, Steve Oneto, Deacon Ed, and Fr. Relihan.

**Lecturer Report**

A presentation on the Nicene Creed was read and shown.

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer by the Chaplain.

GK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:56.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

## Musical

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Most members of the Ukrainian group had sung together previously at workshops organized by Father Samulnik and other Dominicans in Kyiv. Reflecting Ukrainian society, the musicians represented several different Christian traditions — Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Greek Catholic, even Eastern Orthodox — but they all shared a passion for liturgical singing.

For many, this was their first opportunity to study Roman Catholic liturgical music extensively.

“In Ukraine, we don’t have a chance to learn Gregorian chant,” said Yemets, who is Roman Catholic. “We have a strong intention to bring this chant to our parishes and sing it there.”

Svitlana Humeniuk, a lecturer at the National Music Academy of Ukraine in Kyiv, hoped the workshop would help her bring Western chant to an even wider audience. “I’m interested in the methodological aspects of working with people who have no previous training so I can expand the circle of those interested in chant,” she said.

The Ukrainians joined about 400 singers from a dozen countries, among them Denmark, Switzerland, Great Britain, Mexico, Argentina, the Philippines and Australia. In addition to chant and choir instruction in Kraków’s 13th-century Basilica of the Holy Trinity, the program included tours of the city, talks, Mass and praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and group meals. These opportunities to spend time with other people of faith were especially meaningful to the singers from Ukraine.

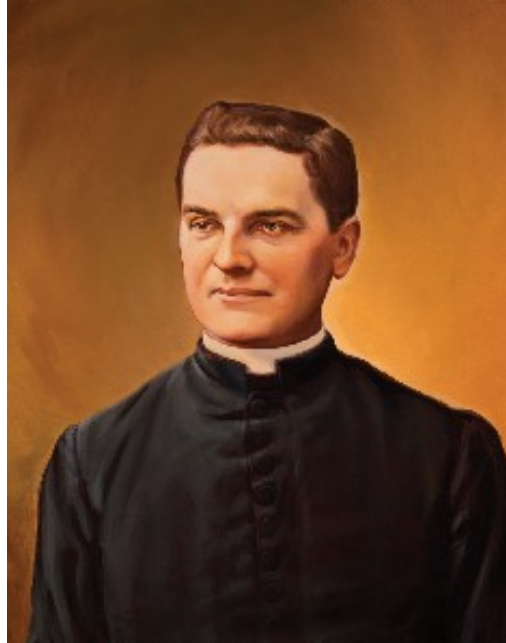
“We really appreciate that the Knights of Columbus

care about supporting people spiritually and morally in this way,” explained Olga Levchuk, a participant from Lviv. “This is really important — to feel solidarity.”

The ongoing war in their home country has given them new perspective on the importance of faith and music, Humeniuk said.

“Probably the biggest lesson from this war is that things that seem to be strong and enduring, houses or stone walls, don’t withstand an attack,” she explained. “But faith and music — these are the things that are actually more solid, more powerful and enduring. And they give us the strength to go on.”





Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Dinner Hosts**

**Steve Frias Oct 10**

**Joe Trassare Nov 14**

**TBD Dec 12**

### **The Officers of Council**

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# Knights of Columbus Council 1849

## Events Calendar 2023—2024

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2023 until June 2024.

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St. Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2023 until June 2024. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Family Fishing Day, Silver Lake, July 1st, 2023

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 20, 2023 (3rd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 30, 2023 (5th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence 5:00 PM September 17, 2023

### **Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 2023**

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 12, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, SKD 6 PM, December 15, 2023 (3rd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD 6:30 PM February 3, 2024 (1st Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM March 26, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD 6:30 PM April 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM May 18, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Room

## October Calendar of Events

*Wednesday, October 4: Officer Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM.*

*Saturday, October 7: Knights Wine and Cheese Hospitality at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.*

*Tuesday, October 10: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at 7 PM.*

*Tootsie Roll Drive, October 13, 14, 15: Various Locations in Amador County.*

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