



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **February Meeting**

Fr. Peter Galadza gave an interesting presentation on 'Ukrainian Marriage.' He spoke on the various rituals and customs that are included in traditional and modern Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic marriage ceremonies.

He explained the origins of some of these traditions which date back to the first Millennium and were introduced in what is now Ukraine through Byzantium. He also mentioned some of the basic qualifications to enter into marriage and, also, a few of the circumstances which invalidated a marriage.

We thank Stanley Klosevych for lending a video of a traditional Ukrainian marriage ceremony made at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine. Sections of this video were used to illustrate Fr. Galadza's presentation.

### **Membership Dues**

Membership in the Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region follows the calendar year, that is, from January to December.

Members pay their dues or renew their membership in January. Donations are also accepted. The dues are \$15.00 per individual or per couple.

If a member makes a presentation during the year, their dues for the following year are exempted. Also anyone who is not a member but makes a presentation to the UGG automatically becomes a member for a year.

Paid members receive the Newsletter, Annual Report and any additional information and also will be allowed to borrow periodicals, publications and other resource material from the Library.

### **The 2009 "Discover Your Roots Tour" to Western Ukraine - CANCELLED**

*From the TORUGG Website*

*Due to the economic and political turmoil in Ukraine, we cannot guarantee the security of funds sent to Ukraine. We are sorry that we must cancel the 2009 "Discover Your Roots Tour" to Western Ukraine. We will plan one for 2010 given the circumstances.*

## **Community Events**

**To March 25.** Ottawa artist Terry Sametz has a solo show at Centrepointe Gallery. 'Distilled Life', painterly still life's in photography."

**April 23**, Thurs. 7:30 pm. Kyiv Chamber Choir at Christ Church Cathedral. 439 Queen Street (at Sparks). Tickets: \$40. Cathedral Box Office, or [www.ticketweb.ca](http://www.ticketweb.ca) or toll-free at 1-877-266-2557. See [http://www.platinumconcerts.com/concert\\_information.html](http://www.platinumconcerts.com/concert_information.html)

## **Gene-O-Rama (next weekend)**

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in partnership with the Ottawa Public Library presents the 26th Gene-O-Rama on March 27-28, 2009 at the Ben Franklin Place, The Chamber, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa.

On-line registration:  
[www.ogs.on.ca/Gene-O-Rama/](http://www.ogs.on.ca/Gene-O-Rama/)

For information:  
[www.ogsottawa.on.ca/](http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/)  
[www.library.ottawa.on.ca/](http://www.library.ottawa.on.ca/)

## **A little Ukrainian Humour**

A Ukrainian walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Kyiv on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank.

The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the Ukrainian handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. The Ukrainian produced the title and everything checked

out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest. Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the Ukrainian for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the Ukrainian returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire.

What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The Ukrainian replied: "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?"

Ah, the Ukrainians... See! Kovbasa & Vodka is good for the brain.

## **April Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be held on April 28, 2009.

B/Gen. (Retd) I. Popowych and Ron Sorobey will make a presentation on the research each had undertaken to make an application and receive a Coat of Arms. They will explain the symbolism included on their respective Coats of Arms and their significance in their family history.