



The Knights of Columbus Order was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. Fr. Shyshkovich Council #8925 was granted a Charter on March 27, 1985.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Grand Knight Br. Norris Pawlychka



Br. Knights,

The month of November was a busy one. Our Remembrance Day Service was very well attended again and gets better each year - thanks to Br. George Koch for that.

After a shaky start our Wine Tasting event flourished and was a welcomed success. A big thank-you to our Chair, Br. George Hayes, and all our Br. Knights who worked on this event.

Br. Larry Trach, DGK Mike Kiernicki and I attended the "Koats for Kids" event at the Welcome Home. This was a wonderful and happy time with recipients flashing "mega watt" smiles which made it such a worthwhile evening. It seems the Koats for Kids and the Knights' Wheelchair contributions in the recent past, "scored big", in the hearts of the receivers.

Our ticket sales "masters", also restored some much needed confidence in our Council's Finances. Looking ahead into the second half of our Colombian Year, we have gained much needed traction and our future looks good. In short order, it will be Fish Fry time. You'll be asked to volunteer regularly as a few of our senior Knights are not as agile as they once were and some of the younger Knights have left, or are leaving on a winter vacation. If you are able, your help will be much appreciated. We are also investigating the possibility of some type of fundraiser later in the New Year.

Our Fraternal evening will take place following a short Council Meeting on December 14 which will start at 6:30. You will have an opportunity to meet our District Deputy Gerald Pronyk who will be present that evening. DGK Mike Kiernicki and I will meet with our faithful supporter, Frances Stelman to decide on the menu. Plan to be there! The phoning committee will be asked to take a count so we can determine the amount of food to prepare. Personal awards will also be presented that evening.

As this will be the final bulletin issued this year, and also my final contribution as RGK (Recycled Grand Knight) I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many of you who stepped up, made my life easier, as well as contributed to the success of our Council. I am also grateful to my wife, Jennie, who did a lot of computer work for me and the Council.

Together, Jennie and I wish our Council members and their families, a spiritual and fulfilling Christmas — remembering "The Reason for the Season".

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, December 10

7:00 p.m.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 5
After 5:00 p.m. Liturgy

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 14

6:30 p.m. (time change)
Fraternal Evening to Follow



Deputy Grand Knight's Message Br. Mike Kiernicki

Brother Knights,

Another month has gone by and I am happy to report that we have had a very productive month thanks to the hard work of our Brother Knights. Our Remembrance Day service was well attended and very meaningful. The Wine Tasting Event was a huge success in that it was very well attended, enjoyed by all and provided our Council with funding to support our charitable work. Brother Knights also helped at the Perogie Bee, the fall church yard cleanup, Fall Parish Supper, and put up the "Keep Christ in Christmas" display .

Another very important event was the distribution of the coats to the children at The Welcome Home . The coats were well received and the children were grateful and very happy to have warm coats for winter.

Brothers, there are several upcoming events, so we ask that you be generous with your time so that they too can be successful. Our reward is knowing that we have made a difference in helping our parish and community.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Look for Chaplain Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian's message in our January Bulletin

Hiding from God

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.... Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."¹

You may have read about the strict professor (supposedly at the University of California) who was extremely rigid with his students. In reminding them about their final exam for the course he was teaching, he said they were not to begin their test until he told them exactly when they were to commence, and after exactly one hour they were to finish precisely at the time he said they were to stop, and immediately bring their test and place it on the front desk as they left the class room. If they failed to follow his instructions precisely, he would fail them.

So ... at the final exam all the students followed the professor's instructions exactly as he demanded—except for one student who kept writing after they were told to stop. The professor demanded that he stop writing, but he didn't. He just kept working on his final exam. When he was finished, he brought his test to the front desk where the furious professor was sitting.

"Why didn't you follow my instructions?" the professor demanded.

"Because I needed more time," the student replied.

"Don't you know I am going to fail you? What is your name?"

"You mean you don't know my name?" the student replied.

"How could I?" the professor barked, "I have 400 students in this class!"

"Good," said the student as he slipped his test into the pile of 399 other examination papers on the professor's desk—and walked out of the room!

In this life we can hide all sorts of things from all sorts of people, but we can never hide from God. He sees all. He knows all. And He loves and accepts us anyhow. But we can also be sure that, unless forgiven, our sins will find us out—even if it is eventually!

Suggested prayer, "Dear God, thank You that I can never hide from You, that You know all about me, and that You always know where I am and what I am doing. Help me to so live that I will never need to be afraid of Your seeing me, and help me to take comfort in the fact that no matter what circumstances I am in, You will never leave me nor forsake me. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus's name, amen."

1. [Psalm 139:1, 7-14](#) (NIV).

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Daily Encounter: A Week-day Devotional by Richard (Dick) Innes of ACTS International

2015 Grey Cup Sports Raffle Pool Tickets

Status of tickets from both the Blue & Orange series is 899 + 900 were sold totaling 1799 tickets. Returned from the Orange series were 900 tickets however, only 897 were returned from the Blue series. Of the missing tickets, 2 were sold & lost while 1 was unsold and lost. Fortunately none of the missing stubs were winners avoiding any complications in paying out the prizes. The Gross Revenue including both series is \$8,995.00. All scores were verified and 20 prizes worth \$2,300.00 for each series will be paid out by cheque via Canada Post totaling 40 prizes for \$4,600.00. A list of prize winners is published elsewhere in the Bulletin.

2016 SUPER BOWL SPORTS RAFFLE

Both series of Super Bowl Pool tickets on LGA Raffle Lottery License LGA-2942- RF are been distributed. You may pickup your allotment of 2016 Super Bowl Pool tickets from Br. Larry Trach (phone 204- 633- 3304), or Br. Don Gulchak (phone 204-338-1030) at either of their homes. Brothers Don Gulchak & Mike Samec (Phone 204-339-4063) will also have raffle tickets available at as many Divine Liturgies as possible. They will also be available at our December 14th, 2015 Council Meeting for distribution and sales. Reminder we have 2 series of 2016 Super Bowl Sports Raffle tickets to sell this year instead of the 1 series like last year so we need to ensure we accomplish that. Our Raffle License LGA-2942-RF must be displayed at point of sale i.e. Malls, Church Vestibule on the Bulletin board and on the Parish Hall Bulletin board. At the date of this submission to the bulletin it would appear that 580 Yellow series tickets are out for sale with 59 ticket stubs returned sold and of the green series 430 are out with 30 ticket stubs returned sold. Please return any sold tickets & money ASAP to either Br. Don Gulchak, Br. Mike Samec or Br. Larry Trach at Sunday Liturgy or their respective homes to ensure that the tickets and money are not misplaced or lost. All tickets sold and/or unsold tickets must be turned in no later than our January 11th, 2016 Council meeting. Super Bowl 50 will be played on Sunday, February 7th, 2016, at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara , California..

Fraternally,
Br. J. Larry Trach
Raffle Chair

DUES DUE

If you have not paid your membership dues to date, please bring them to the December 14 Business meeting or forward them to:

Financial Secretary
Bro. Gord Lasko
7 Lindenshore Drive
Winnipeg, MB
R3P 2M8

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Brothers are reminded that there is still time to pick-up your allotment of I.C.C.D books and get in on the 10 \$100.00 draws.

Thank-you to all our brothers who have picked up their 2 or 3 books. In order to keep pace with last years sales, we need all our brothers to pitch in and help us to achieve this goal. Remember that 50% of all our sales go back to our charities fund so that we may continue funding our many church and community programs.

Upon turning in your books don't forget to sign the front cover of the books and return them to me by the January 11th Business Meeting.

We are still in need of our brothers to fill some sitting dates. Please call me at 204-338-1030 to book your spot. Again, many thanks to those who volunteer.

Br. Don Gulchak



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Remembrance Day Service

The Br. Knights of the Fr. Shyshkowich Council # 8925 hosted their annual Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Divine Liturgy was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Panakhyda Service. After the service, all the Br. Knights, families and guests attended the coffee klatch in the parish hall.

The Remembrance Day Service was a beautiful event! A gracious thank you, to Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak and Fr. Dmytro for the lovely Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda Service. Many parish members, Catechism children and youth, guests, as well as SK David Hladun joined us at our Remembrance Day service.

There were many people that were involved that made it such a special morning! Including; SK Len Baron in arranging for a 4th Degree Honour Guard, Br Ron Lukie our cantor, Br Don Gulchak for his many photos of our Remembrance Day program, West Kildonan Legion for providing the poppies and stickers. Br Jack Eyer's students who prepared the Last Post & Reveille. The many widows of the deceased Br Knights in attendance, Cynthia, our Parish office Administrative Assistant in copying the Remembrance Day program and Br. Harvey and Br. Walter for initiating the telephone reminder .

A special thank you to Mrs. Michelle Thiessen, the Director of our Catechism program in supporting our Remembrance Day Service. The Catechism children, teachers and parent volunteers who on Sunday, November 8th prepared the Remembrance Day's wreath, poppy table top cylinders, colored poppies and wrote peace dove messages. These beautiful items were displayed during Liturgy and in our Hall for our reception.

Finally, a thank you to Mrs. Stelman, Br Knights' wives and others who helped with the planning and preparation of the coffee klatch. A huge thank you to my fellow Knights and wives who donated baked goods for the reception.

Well done everyone!

Br George Koch
Remembrance Day Service



Owners of Knights of Columbus annuities are now the recipients of a fraternal benefit called the Medical Withdrawal Option (MWO). The MWO (provided at no cost by the way) allows the annuitant to withdraw all or part of the Accumulation Value of the annuity with no surrender charge, provided that:

The annuitant has a medical condition that is expected to result in death within twelve months, or

The annuitant undergoes a major organ transplant, suffers major burns, or is diagnosed as having life-threatening cancer, heart attack, unstable angina, stroke, end-stage kidney disease, paralysis or coma, or

The annuitant is confined in a licensed skilled nursing facility for at least sixty (60) consecutive days.

The MWO is available once the accumulation value of the annuity is \$5,000 or more, and became available February 1, 2006 for both existing and newly issued annuities. To be eligible, the annuitant must have a qualifying medical condition that commenced after February 1, 2006 or the date you started your annuity, whichever is later.

Please note that any waiver of Knights of Columbus surrender charges will have no effect on any tax reporting, tax withholding or tax penalty that may be imposed by the U.S. or Canadian governments.

There are a number of additional restrictions and conditions that apply to the MWO. I'll be happy to visit with you and your wife to fully explain this and the Order's entire portfolio of fraternal benefits. Virtually all Knights of Columbus annuities are covered under the MWO, and as a reminder, surrender charges are also waived in the event of the death of the annuitant.

The Knights of Columbus Flexible Premium Annuity Plan provides our members and their families with a safe and secure place to accumulate funds on a tax favored basis. Your Order strives to offer the most competitive interest rates possible while absolutely guaranteeing the safety of deposited funds.

Don't have a Knights of Columbus Annuity Plan? You can start an annuity with a deposit of as little as \$300 – but no deposit is too large. Why not start building your nest egg by meeting with me soon?

I'm at (204) 589-5831. - let's talk, John.Rydygowski@KofC.org

**Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council # 8925
2015 Grey Cup Pool Ticket Winners Raffle Lottery License LGA-2942-RF**

			<u>Blue Series</u>	<u>Orange Series</u>	
	E	W	Winners	Winners	Prize Each
Ticket	00	00	Christian Tarol	Pat Sylvester	\$25.00
Ticket	29	29	Rick Sehon	Irene Zapisocki	\$25.00
1st Quarter Tkt.					
<u>Game Scores</u>	E	W			
East - T.D.	06	00	Brenda Halipchuk	Larry Schlamb	\$25.00
East - Conv.	07	00	Dan Yarko	Gino Guarino	\$25.00
East - T.D.	13	00	Keith Anderson	Alvin Semenek	\$25.00
West - F.G.	13	03	D. Genaille	Grant Cobb	\$25.00
West - T.D.	13	09	Jim Cook	J Joss	\$25.00
West - Conv.	13	10	Bob Wackal(Mackal)	Caroline Dubowits	\$200.00
Reverse	10	13	Frank Bencharski	A. Syrotiuk	\$100.00
2nd Quarter Tkt.					
			Winners		Prize
East - F.G.	16	10	Joe Dudych	Don Lecuyer	\$25.00
West - Punt Single	16	11	Larry Smith	Jean Koch	\$25.00
West - T.D.	16	17	Michelle Langan	Todd Monnier	\$200.00
Reverse	17	16	Robert Filipowich	Pierna F.	\$100.00
3rd Quarter Tkt.					
			Winners		Prize
East - F.G.	19	17	Rita Read	Tim Jones	\$25.00
West - Punt Single	19	18	Guy Shelemy	Neville Trevenen	\$200.00
Reverse	18	19	Jean Koch	D. Dubni-coff	\$100.00
4th Quarter Tkt.					
			Winners		Prize
East - Punt Single	20	18	Elise Massicotte	Jim Keller	\$25.00
West - T.D.	20	24	Chris Rawluk	Ken Sloane	\$25.00
West - 2 Point Conv.	20	26	Agnes Giesbrecht	Brent Fawkes	\$1,000.00
Reverse	26	20	Roman Lesiuk	D. Hartley	\$100.00
Totals	Prizes		20	20	\$2,300.00

Most winners information was confirmed and Prize Cheques were delivered or in Canada Post by Tues. Dec. 1st. Remaining highlighted winners prize cheques will be issued once their info is verified. Each series paid out \$2,300 for a total prize payout of 40 prizes worth \$4,600.

Congratulations to all prize winners
and thank you for your support to all who purchased & sold tickets.