



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

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Grand Knight Br. J. Larry Trach*



### Christ is Among Us! - He Is and Will Be!

Dear Brother Knights, I am proud and honoured to have been the leader of the Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925 of the Knights of Columbus for the last few months. I truly hope and pray I met your expectations and didn't disappoint.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Executive Officers who helped me through my tenure as Grand Knight with your consistent support, ideas and willingness to step up. To Fr Dmytro our Worthy Council Chaplain and Fr. Frank thank you for your spiritual guidance and support for our council and to the Knights of Columbus.

I also wish to thank the Activity Chairmen who led our activities and the Brother Knights who volunteered to help with these many activities. None of our achievements would be possible without your devotion to the Knights, our council and our activities. It is through your efforts we have accomplished so many good things for our parish and community.

Let us not forget a special thanks to our families who both helped and/or sacrificed family time so that their loved ones could promote our core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

**Special Notice:** Please be advised that the **last council meeting** of this Columbian year and our **fraternal wind-up** will be on **June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm** rather than the usual 7:00 pm in order to have our fraternal wind-up meal earlier in the evening (details elsewhere in the bulletin).

I would like to thank all the Brothers who made the effort to attend the May Council meeting however we were one member short of a quorum which has delayed the passing of notices of motions and other motions in order to carry on the council's day to day business. One of these notices of motion is to allow the council to reduce the number in attendance for a quorum from 25 members to 20 members which we hope will allow future business to be conducted in a timelier manner. Brothers again I ask you to **make every effort to attend the June council business meeting so we can clear up the backlog of unfinished business.**

The **Elections for Council Officers** will take place at our June General Council meeting. Do you as a Brother Knight have an interest in running for a Council Officers position on the Executive? Any Brother who is considering running for Grand Knight at a later date would benefit greatly by being on the executive and especially in the position of Deputy Grand Knight. If you are interested in a Council Officer position we can provide a mentor for you to learn the ins and outs of the position. This will make you much more comfortable in your knowledge of what the position entails. Should you be willing to let your name stand for any Council Officer position please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee our Past Grand Knight Br. Dennis Wawrykow at (204) 339-4261, Trustee Br. Peter Washchshyn (204) 338-7771 or GK Br. J. Larry Trach at (204) 633-3304.

Doreen and I wish you and your families a warm, relaxing and regenerating summer. And as always, we are looking forward to praying, working and playing with all of you during the remainder of this Columbian year and in the fall.

Yours in Christ,  
Br. J. Larry

**Vivat Jesus! ("Jesus Lives!")**

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Thursday, June 9**

**7:00 p.m.**



### COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, June 13**

**6:30 p.m.**

**"Fraternal Wind-up to Follow"**

**2016 – 2017  
Nominees for Council Officer Elections  
Fr. Shyshkowich Council # 8925**

Dear Brothers,

The Columbian year is rapidly coming to an end and our nominating committee has been working to establish nominees for the approaching year. The committee (PGK Br. Dennis, GK Br. Larry, Trustee Br. Peter) have contacted many of our Council's Brothers to develop a slate of officers for the planned elections. It is the committee's intent to present the slate to the Council at the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 business meeting and conduct the election at that time. The slate achieved to date is presented below.

As you can see, we have not been successful in achieving a nominee for one critically important position. We encourage you to consider servicing in the position of Deputy Grand Knight as the service will be to God, Church and your Council.

Grand Knight	Mike Kiernicki
Deputy Grand Knight	<b>No Nominee to Date</b>
Program Director	Appointment
Co-Treasurers	Garry Winch
	Dave Gnutel
Recording Secretary	Bohdan Wowczuk
Chancellor	Jim Tchir
Warden	Jack Eyer
Advocate	George Gaba
Youth Director	Wendell Kolsun – Appointment
Lecturer	George Koch – Appointment
Membership Director	Appointment
Inside Guard	Rudy Macsymach
Inside Guard	George Koch
Outside Guard	Rick Kendall
Outside Guard	Ed Tycholis
Trustee (3 year Term)	Dennis Wawrykow

Note: The positions of Council Chaplain, Financial Secretary, Lecture, Youth Director, Membership Director and Program Director are appointments. The position of Past Grand Knight is the current Grand Knight once a new Grand Knight is elected providing he is available. The 2nd & 3rd year Trustees were elected in previous years respectively to fulfill 3 year terms. Please contact any of the nominating committee members to add your name as a nominee for any position or with any questions you may have. You will need a fellow council Brother to nominate you for positions not appointed.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

The Executive will be putting forth the following motion for your consideration at the June 13, Business Meeting:

***'That our existing Council's Quorum of 25 members be reduced to 20 members'***

### NOTICE OF MOTION

The Executive will be putting forth the following motion for your consideration at the June 13, Business Meeting:

***'That a \$600 donation is made to enable youth members of the Winnipeg Archeparchy to attend World Youth Day in Krakow Poland on July 24 to August 1, 2016'***

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## Editorial (Manitoba State Council)

The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is pleased to announce that it has chosen anti-euthanasia/assisted suicide activist Alex Schadenberg as winner of this year's Archbishop Adam Exner Award for Catholic Excellence in Public Life. The award will be presented at the CCRL's annual Spring Dinner on June 2 in Toronto, featuring a keynote address by Douglas Farrow, Professor of Christian Thought at McGill University and holder of the Kennedy Smith Chair in Catholic Studies.

CCRL President Phil Horgan confirmed the League's selection: While our country may be moving in a sad direction so as to accept physician assisted killing, Alex Schadenberg has been tireless in his advocacy for the affirmation of life and of sustaining the Hippocratic tradition in health care. He speaks for the disabled, for the vulnerable, for healthcare workers, and for so many of us with a genuine zeal for a life affirming approach, even at the end of our lives. The CCRL is delighted to recognize the ongoing work of Alex Schadenberg with the Archbishop Exner Award for Excellence in Catholic Public Witness.

Schadenberg has been the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) since July 1999 and the Chair of EPC - International since November 2007. His articles are published regularly in domestic and foreign newspapers and his blog [www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com](http://www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com) is the world's most widely read on issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

He has spoken against euthanasia and assisted suicide in Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy as well as in many US states. Under his leadership the EPC organized international symposia on euthanasia and assisted suicide in Toronto, Washington, and Vancouver. The EPC co-hosted European symposia on euthanasia and assisted suicide in Edinburgh and Dublin.

Alex published the book *Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*, which was reprinted by Connor Publishing in Australia. The second edition will be available soon.

Brother Alex has been active with the Knights of Columbus in Ontario, for several years. Please join me in congratulating Brother Alex Schadenberg!

Larry Kustra Supreme Director

*Article reprinted from Manitoba News (June 2016)*

## State Deputy's Message Karl Brosch

Currently, the Government of Canada is debating Bill C-14, the doctor assisted suicide/euthanasia bill and the ramifications for our society. We as concerned citizens and Catholics must stand up and voice our concerns to our elected MPs. A link to your Member of Parliament can be found at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members?currentOnly=true&province=MB> Please take a few moments and contact your MP.

We have less than 2 months remaining in this Columbian year, and we have identified many councils in our jurisdiction that have a very good chance at attaining Star Council status this year. I would encourage all councils to continue their recruiting efforts through to the end of the Columbian Year, and get all the necessary paperwork done to qualify for the various Supreme Awards. Most councils have a very active schedule of programs, therefore you only need to fill out the SP7 (Columbian Award) form to qualify for this award. The form is available on our website for your use.

We hosted a Recruiting Skills Development day on May 7th with very little support from area councils! Brothers, we must take the recruiting of new members more seriously! How else are we to keep our councils active and vibrant? We had previously announced that we will have another Recruiting Skills Development day on June 4th & 5th. We will have to move this date a week later, June 11th and 12th because of the Fourth Degree Exemplification. I will again encourage all interested councils to attend this session and learn techniques that will help your council members be more at ease when State Chaplain's Message L'abbé René Chartier approaching potential members. We have a proven plan that will help with your efforts. All we are asking is that you keep an open mind and accept the invitation to join us when one of our Team Leaders contacts you in the near future, or call the State Office and let us know how many are coming from your council. We want every council to keep recruiting through the summer months and on throughout the year. Our churches don't close for the summer and councils should also be active in supporting their church and community.

Councils are in the process of electing new executives and I would encourage members to not be afraid to take on these responsibilities. Consider mentoring newer members that may not be familiar with the responsibilities of various positions. This way you can train newer members in these various council executive positions.

Again, a reminder to get your Columbian Award (SP7) Form into Supreme as soon as possible and please complete all required paperwork for the new Columbian year. I wish all councils continued success!

Vivat Jesus

## Walk for Alzheimer's Make Memories Matter Tuesday, June 14th, 2016

5:00 p.m. at The Forks Everyone is welcome!  
*Join the Alzheimer Society as we walk in support of  
all people affected by dementia*  
Head over to [www.alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa](http://www.alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa) to register  
as an individual, join or create a team!

## Attitude of Gratitude

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

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever."<sup>1</sup>

A legend tells the story of a fisherman called Aaron who lived on the banks of a river. Walking home with his eyes half-closed one evening after a hard day's work, he was dreaming of what he could do if he were rich. As he walked his foot struck a leather pouch filled with what seemed to him to be small stones. Absentmindedly he picked up the pouch and began throwing the pebbles into the water.

"When I am a rich man," he said to himself, "I'll have a large house". And he threw another pebble into the river. He threw another one and thought, "My wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things." And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light

caught it and made it sparkle. He was not throwing ordinary stones but valuable gems, throwing away the real riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future."<sup>2</sup>

Don't wait until tomorrow because "what-ifs" rarely, if ever, come. Be thankful for the blessings you have today for today is the only day we ever have. Live in the present for yesterdays are gone forever and tomorrows are only a hope and always a day away!

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, please open my eyes that I may see the countless blessings You have already provided for and given to me. Help me to feel the wonder of it all and give me a thankful heart for all You have done and are doing for me. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus's name, amen."

1. [Psalm 136:1-3 \(NKJV\)](#).
2. Brett Blair [www.eSermons.com](http://www.eSermons.com). Adapted from a sermon by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild: "The Man Without Wedding Clothes."



Brothers Bohdan Wowczuk, George Gaba & George Koch  
Ukrainian Park Cabin Cleaning 2016