



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Grand Knight Br. Michael Kiernicki



Dear Br. Knights:

Easter is behind us and I hope that everyone had a peaceful and safe Easter as did our family. Now we are into trying to shed those extra pounds gained from enjoying the rich traditional Easter dishes.

Our annual Fish Fry proved to be very successful and enjoyed by many parishioners, friends, as well as visitors. It was a pleasure to see everyone enjoying the meals and I found it rewarding to be a part of the committee that made this event possible. All of us had a great time working together through the Fish Fry Fridays although it was tiring for many of us. I would like to thank all who helped and participated in this event and, a special thanks to the ladies who looked after the bakings and dainties that were enjoyed for dessert.

As you may know, our annual Knights Of Columbus Convention was held April 21st to 23rd. I was very fortunate to have attended the Convention and came away with new information and ideas which I will be sharing with our Council in the upcoming meetings. The services were all in Ukrainian this year with His Grace Bishop Huculak as the Celebrant. The Homilies were especially inspiring. The main topic of the convention was recruitment. Membership is down in all areas of the province and it was stressed that we need to focus, and put real effort into recruiting new members - if we do not, we will see many Councils folding in the not-to-distant future and ours may be one of them!

On another note, we are having a Palliative Care event on May 7th. It would be really nice to see all the Knights from our Council attend. This event has been well publicized and much work has gone into it. So Brothers, let's all make the effort to attend and show we appreciate the work of our fellow Knights.

I look forward to see you at our next Council meeting on Monday May 8th.

Grand Knight
Michael Kiernicki

Vivat Jesus! ("Jesus Lives!")

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, May 4

7:00 P.M.



COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8

7:00 P.M.

**Deputy Grand Knight's Message
Br. Dennis Wawrykow**



“TOO POLITE OR TOO HESITANT?”

There might be quite a debate: are many of us too polite or too hesitant?

The question arises from the fact that many are so slow to volunteer. The Grand Knight or an Event Chairman asks for volunteers: is he flooded with offers? Or is he left to contemplate the silence?

Is it because we are being polite, and therefore allowing others the chance to go first?

Or is it because we hope..and hope... that someone else will volunteer first?

Speaking for myself, let me say this: Once I became involved, I realized this simple fact: the sooner the better. The personal rewards of involvement far outweigh the cost of the effort.

Consider this: God has given each of us certain talents/gifts. As we discover them, and use them, we grow and develop. What was once hard becomes easy. And a new challenge quickly presents itself...and so it goes on. And along the way, we meet and get to know others, to recognize their gifts, and to benefit from knowing them.

*****CONGRATULATIONS*****

We don't do it for the awards, but we do receive some anyway! At the Manitoba State Convention, our Council was recognized by being awarded:

Certificate for Runner Up in Youth Activities.

This referred to the involvement of youth in our Remembrance Day ceremony. We owe a special thank you to Br George Koch for his dedication to the overall event, and, in particular, for his work with the children and youth who prepared symbols of remembrance and attended our Council's Remembrance Day Service. See pictures on page 7.

Certificate and Plaque for Runner Up for English Bulletin.

No surprise to us --- we know that Br George Gaba does a great job, and we thank him for all his work. At the beginning of the year, he prepares a schedule for each month ---meeting dates, date to send out the reminder, and deadlines for preparation, printing and distribution. And, if there are bumps in the road, he takes it all in stride.

And keep in mind that there are about 100 Knights of Columbus Councils in Manitoba!!



CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

*DGK Br Dennis Wawrykow
Culture of Life Director*

There are two major Culture of Live events coming up:

May 7—Sunday Right to High Quality Palliative Care ---more information on page 4

May 11---March For Life ---more information below

Both of these events go to the core of our belief as Christians: that God is the source of all life.

Some people may object to the March for Life, saying that we are trying to impose our values on them. But, in truth, we are not trying to force them to follow us; rather we are appealing to them to see the value of life. When we see the value of something, we do not need a law to tell us how to act.

Are you married? Do you need a law that tells you not to strike your spouse? Or do you treat her with love and respect because that you know in your heart that this is what is right?

Are you a parent? Do you need a law that tells you not to abuse your child? Or do you treat your child with love and respect because you know in your heart that this is what is right?

Are you a child of aging parents? Do you need a law that tells you not to abuse your parents? Or do you treat your parents with love and respect because you know in your heart that this is what is right?

And so it goes. When we know in our hearts how we are to act, we do not need laws to tell us.

2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

Br. Dennis Wawrykow
Culture of Life Director

Thursday, May 11

10:30 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
10:30 Gathering at Calvary Temple (Buntan Chapel)

11:30 Gather at the grounds of the Legislative Building
Opening Remarks and Speakers

Noon: March for Life
Memorial to Portage to Kennedy to Broadway to Legislative grounds

Help is needed!
Can you be a parade marshal?

As in previous years, we will have a police escort. The traffic marshals will be given safety vests to wear and their primary role is to keep the marchers safe and in formation as we walk.

And of course we need participants! Brother Knights, families, and friends!

Dear Br. Knights,

Fr. Shyshkowich Council's - Palliative Care Speakers Event Sunday, May 7 - is just around the corner!

Our Council has brought together a knowledgeable list of speakers for an afternoon of learning and networking about various palliative care topics.

An event such as this such requires our Knight support. Firstly, I am looking forward to seeing my fellow Knights and your spouses in attendance for this engaging afternoon. Also, help is needed to serve coffee and tea during the luncheon. Please lend a hand.

Respectfully yours,

Br. George Koch, Event Coordinator

It's time to focus on

**The Right to High Quality Palliative Care For All
Canadians At The End of Life
In Conjunction with Life's Vision – Respect Life Week**

**Sunday, May 7, 2017, following 11 am Divine Liturgy
St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church
250 Jefferson Avenue
Parish Auditorium**

Panelists

Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, CSsR, St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Dr. Chantale Demers, Palliative Care Consultant, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
Dr. Mary Shariff, Associate Professor and the Associate Dean, The Faculty of Law,
University of Manitoba
Mike Goldberg, Community Outreach & Education Coordinator, Palliative Manitoba

**Invitation to attend a light lunch in the Church auditorium following
Liturgy
Everyone is welcome. Please join us!
A Good-Will Offering**

Sponsored by: Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925 Knights of Columbus

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KNIGHTS OF THE UKRAINIAN ARCHEPARCHY

YOUTH WINTER GAMES REPORT

DGK Br. Dennis Wawrykow

REMINDER

Youth Winter Games Windup
 St. Basil's Parish - 200 Harcourt Street, St. James
 Friday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Music, Games, Food **FREE ADMISSION**

For youths who participated in the Games, their siblings, and parents

I will not tell the whole story now, BUT: when it comes to awards, it will be **EXCITING** for our Council and Parish !!! Questions??? Call me...Br Dennis Wawrykow 204-339-4261 or denisw3@hotmail.com

With the great group of Knights from other KUCA Councils, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to represent our Council at KUCA meetings, and with support from our Council, it has been fun to be involved in the Youth Winter Games events that we have sponsored: Curling and Indoor Soccer

Thank you to all who have helped and to all who have attended!



Cropo Funeral

Chapel Lawn Funeral

Chapel

Home



1442 Main Street, Winnipeg
 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Tuesday

4000 Portage Avenue
 12 – 1:00 pm – Tuesday

(Please note the change of day)

Please Register at 204-885-9715

Please Register at 204-586-8044

Grief: A Roller Coaster of Emotions
 January 10, 2017

Self-Care in Grief
 February 28, 2017

Getting Through the Difficult Days
 February 14, 2017

Moving On...Isn't Forgetting
 May 23, 2017

Sharing Circle
 March 14, 2017

Grief Doesn't Take a Vacation
 July 25, 2017

Finding the Resources You Need
 April 11, 2017

Hope During Grief
 September 26, 2017

Grief Can be Complicated
 May 9, 2017

The Holidays Can Be a Difficult Season
 December 5, 2017

Who Am I Now?
 June 13, 2017

People Just Don't Understand
 September 12, 2017

Family Dynamics
 October 10, 2017

Using Rituals in Loss and Grief
 November 14, 2017

I'm Not in the "Holiday" Mood
 December 12, 2017

Helping you live today.

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<http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/>

I. C.C .D.

Brothers, after a long 6 months of ticket selling and mall events we are finally finished. This week end is the final draws and I will tell you all the winners at the May general meeting. I would also like to thank all the brother knights who had sat at the many places through cold and hot, through rain and snow. Although our sales were less than last year and individual sales were less, I thank you for your support, and look forward to next years sittings.

Don Gulchak, Chair I.C.C.D.



Baked Goods Donation Request
for our Council's upcoming
Palliative Care Speakers Event
 Sunday, May 7, 2017

Br. Knights, a light lunch & dainties to be held following the completion of 11 am Divine Liturgy

Please consider donating baked goods such as muffins, tarts, squares, cakes, and loaves or any other yummy items such as fruit, cheese, pickles!

Please drop off donations at:
 St Joseph's Church Auditorium

Every little bit helps.
 We appreciate your donations!

The Power of One

"And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies."¹

Throughout the entire Bible whenever God had a job to do he called a person—usually just one person. When he wanted to form a nation, the nation of Israel to be his own people, he chose and called Abraham. When he wanted to deliver the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, he chose and called Moses. When he wanted a leader to take the children of Israel into the Promised Land, he chose and called Joshua. When he needed an earthly mother for the Christ child, he chose and called Mary.

From Genesis to Revelation, God's methods are people—calling one at a time. You, too, can be one that God uses. As the unknown poet wrote:

One song can spark a moment,
 One flower can wake the dream.
 One tree can start a forest,
 One bird can herald spring.
 One smile begins a friendship,
 One handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,
 One word can frame the goal.
 One vote can change a nation,
 One sunbeam lights a room.
 One candle wipes out darkness,
 One laugh will conquer gloom.
 One step must start each journey,
 One word must start each prayer.
 One hope will raise our spirits,
 One touch can show you care.
 One voice can speak with wisdom,
 One heart can know what's true.
 One life can make the difference,
 You see it's up to YOU!

As Edward Everett Hale said, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, thank you that you use individual people through whom you do your work on earth. I am available. Please use me to be one person to make a difference in the world in which I live—for time and eternity. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

1. Hebrews 11: 32-34 (NIV). <:)))><

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

**LOVE GROWS BY GIVING!
THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY
14-21 MAY 2017**

Every year the Church in Canada sets aside one week as a special time for prayer and reflection on life and the family. Given the cultural climate in which we find ourselves – with the value of human life and the central role of the family constantly called into question – can anything be more deserving of our attention?

The recent canonization of St. Theresa of Kolkata brings to mind her now famous response when asked how one might best help to “change the world.” “Go home and love your family!” she replied. In the same spirit, Pope Francis has repeatedly called the faithful to go out to the “periphery” in pursuit of those whose choices have put them outside the ordinary life of the Church. Nearly every one of us has a family member whose circumstances of life would seem to place them “outside the fold”; someone for whom Christ’s mercy might seem out of reach; for whom we might become the face of Christ’s mercy.

In their document, “Elements of a Pastoral Plan for Life and Family” – adopted in 2011 – the Bishops of Canada reminded the faithful that “every form of poverty” has its roots in the family. Today, the harried demands of family life continue to rob many of us of precious opportunities to make Christ’s love present in the world. In the fourth chapter of his recent encyclical, “The Joy of Love” (*Amoris Laetitia*) the Holy Father offers us a penetrating reflection on St. Paul’s hymn to Love (1 Corinthians 13:2-3). Let us all seize the opportunity, during this year’s National Week for Life and Family, to reflect with Pope Francis on the wonderful role which God has entrusted to the family in transmitting true love. Let us ask ourselves how we can better reflect God’s unconditional love and mercy, whether in the context of our own day to day family life or to family members or friends “at the periphery”.

As the Gospel of John reminds us “love comes from God” . . . God is Love! Can the family survive – can the trials of life be endured; can life itself be truly valued and nurtured -- in the absence of love; without the awareness and the experience of God’s loving and merciful presence mediated by the selfless love of parents and family? We all know the answer. Let us embrace it with expectation and change the world; for love grows by giving! (Catholic Organization for Life and Family.)



Children and youth prepared symbols of remembrance and attended our Council’s Remembrance Day Service