



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925

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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. Michael Kiernicki



Dear Br. Knights:

As our Columbian Year is coming to a close we can look back and see that our Council has been very active. The activities are related to many areas including our parish, community, youth, support for the aging and the Respect For Life to name a few.

We still have several to be completed and with your help and the Good Lord, those too will be a success.

We have a number of items to be discussed and voted upon at our upcoming meeting. I encourage all Brothers to attend so that we can complete our year with all matters attended to. Look forward to meeting with you!

Grand Knight
Michael Kiernicki

Vivat Jesus! ("Jesus Lives!")

NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion made at the Business Meeting of May 8, 2017 by Br. George Koch and seconded by Br. Norris Pawlychka to approve \$750.00 to cover expenses related to purchasing one hundred (100) "**We Support Our Troops**" 24kt Plated Lapel Ribbon Pins".

As a fund raiser for The Royal Canadian Legion and in preparation for our Council's November 11, 2017 Remembrance Day program, each lapel pin will be sold for \$17. The net sale proceeds are to be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion.

This motion will be voted on at the June, 12, 2017 Business Meeting.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, June 8

7:00 P.M.

At the Monastery



Have a safe and restful summer

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 12

6:30 P.M.

Fraternal Wind-up to follow

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



Brothers,

Another Columbian year has come almost to an end. As usual, we have been a very active Council; if you read our report in the booklet of the parish's Annual General Meeting, you will see that it takes two pages to provide a brief summary of all that we do each year.

As we wrap up this year, we begin planning for next year. A primary concern is the election of officers and the appointment of various directors and chairmen. Each of us must strive to do what he can --- giving the best of his time and effort--

--not just what is left after providing for golfing, curling, watching television, and general recreation.

Yes, it will require sacrifice, but the personal rewards far exceed the cost---that is why so many Brother Knights get more and more deeply involved once they have started to share their time and talents.

To all who have given freely of your time and efforts --- thank you on behalf of the Council, and be assured that our heavenly Father rejoices in your gift of yourself.

CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

*DGK Br Dennis Wawrykow
Culture of Life Director*

Brothers,

As the month of May draws to a close, let's consider these Culture of Life events:

May 7--- Speakers' Forum sponsored by our Council regarding Palliative Care

Attended by over 140 people, and with four top-notch presenters, this was a very special event. There is a much more complete report in this Bulletin, so my purpose here is to extend thanks and congratulations to Br George Koch. It is he who worked for about a year to research, interview, and invite sponsors --- and then to promote and publicize the event, to arrange for the luncheon, and to oversee the proceedings of the afternoon. Our society today values expediency and ease; the values of compassion and love are sadly lacking---and that is why we must work to support a culture of life.

May 11 --- March for Life

The March for Life gathered at the Legislative Buildings, proceeded through a section of downtown, and returned for the presentation of personal testimonies proclaiming the value of human life. With this article are two pictures --- one showing the Eritrean drummers leading the March, the other showing the banner of Hope Now Family Concepts, Inc. (HNFC). We say that abortion is wrong; we say that life is to be preserved. But what is anyone doing to help those in a crisis? Here is some information from the website of Hope Now Family Concepts:

Hope Now Family Concepts, Inc. (HNFC) is a nonprofit organization providing safe housing and educational programs to pregnant women facing crisis. This is a Christ-centered program based in Manitoba, Canada. We provide support, Bible-based training and instruction, structure and discipline, and welcome young women from across Canada. We are located close to Clearwater, MB and less than 60 km from Killarney or 15 km from Crystal City.

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We also believe that we are intimately involved with the children and partners of our ladies. Decisions made to allow an infant to live will affect the whole family positively in the big picture. We are introducing families to the ultimate giver of life, Jesus Christ. He is interested in forgiveness and restoration. There are wonderful people in place who are passionate about leading you to that healing.

**Can you help support them? What else can we do?
Can we dare remain on the sidelines, silent and ineffective?**

Congratulations and thanks to Br. Tim Scatliff, Culture of Life Director for Manitoba State Knights of Columbus, and to your team, for this important event.

May 14 Mother's Day

As in the past, we honoured Mothers on the weekend of Mother's Day. We give a stick-on rose to each person at each Liturgy on the weekend, and all the proceeds collected are forwarded to Life's Vision. Once again, Br. Norris Pawlychka has handled the organization of all the work involved. Br. Norris, thank you to you and your team for your efforts.

K.U.C.A. REPORT

*DGK Br Dennis Wawrykow
KUCA Representative*

Brothers,

Youth Winter Games

The main project of KUCA (Knights of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy) are the Youth Winter Games. It takes a lot of work, and---fortunately---our Council had a number of Brother Knights willing and eager to pitch in.

In fact, this year our Council received the KUCA Trophy ---- which is awarded to the Council which works the hardest to make the Games a success. And so a hearty thanks and congratulations are due to our Brother Knights who: publicized the Games: promoted them to the youth; recorded rsvp information for events; helped supervise participation at the events; purchased the food items; cooked, delivered, and served the hot dogs---officially the best of the Games---and other goodies!

And that is not all: St. Joe's Parish received the Trophy for the greatest participation by its youth. That does not happen by accident. It is due to the work of the Brother Knights who were involved, and to the efforts of the parents who brought their children to the Games. Thanks to all for your efforts, and congratulations! The Trophy is great, but even more important is the fact that the kids had lots of fun, got to meet those from other parishes, and could see that someone cared enough about them to put all of these events together.

And next year will be here before we know it.....

Ukrainian Catholic Convention October 20-22

This Convention is held every two years. Participants are representatives from the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, the Knights of Columbus, and Parish Councils. There will be more information in the fall, but please note this now: The Knights will have a business session on Saturday, October 21. One important task is choosing an executive for KUCA for the following two years. We need to be represented and to be willing to help with these executive roles.

We have many who are qualified --- all that is needed is the will to act.

**It's time to focus on
The Rights to High Quality Palliative Care For All
Canadians At The End of Life
In Conjunction with Life's Vision Manitoba — Respect Life Week**

The Fr. Shyshkowich Council of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church are committed to protecting and caring for the most vulnerable in our society; this includes, of course, those who suffer and the dying. Our Council stands opposed to Medical Assistance in Dying or (MAID) and supports fully funded palliative care for all Canadians.

Our speaker's event entitled **The Rights to High Quality Palliative Care For All Canadians At The End of Life** was sponsored and organized by our Council. Sunday, May 7 was a significant day at St. Joseph's with 147 guests in attendance, including Archbishop Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Fr. Dmytro, Fr. Larry, Fr. Frank, parishioners, community members and fellow Knights. Our Knights were proud to organize and sponsor an informative afternoon emphasizing the need for quality palliative care, explaining the care currently available, and presenting the details of a way in which volunteers can be involved.

I would like to thank Mrs. Frances Stelman and her volunteer ladies in assisting with the organizing of our luncheon. The donated baking items were absolutely delicious! I was extremely thankful to have had an extra set of Knights helping hands just when we needed it the most. Br Knights, it was wonderful that you were able to volunteer your time and talents to help make our palliative care event a success!

A total of \$940 was donated through a good will offering to Palliative Manitoba and a signed petition requesting that Palliative Care be a defined medical service was forwarded To The House of Commons. I would like to thank my fellow Knights for your support!

Br George Koch
Event Coordinator



Panelists: Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mike Goldberg, Palliative Manitoba, Dr. Mary Shariff, The Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, Dr. Chantale Demers, Palliative Care Consultant, WRHA. Br George Koch, Event Coordinator, Br Dennis Wawrykow, Panel Moderator, and Grand Knight Br. Mike Kiernicki



Donation presentation to Palliative Manitoba from Fr. Shyshkowich Council of the Knights of Columbus

For a photo story account of the event please visit our St. Joseph's Parish website at www.stjoeswinnipeg.com/knights-of-columbus/high-quality-palliative-care-event-sunday-7-2017. Also see the Times article on page 6

Fr. Shyshkowich Council — 2017 Fish Fry Report

A big “HANK YOU” and appreciation is extended to approximately 40 plus volunteers who helped make our Annual Fish Fry an outstanding success.

Initially, we tried to incorporate one-half day shifts for our volunteers to ease their work load, but this still needs some tinkering. It helped when volunteers who couldn't make it for their shift that evening phoned in advance so we could get substitutes.

Final clean-up involving a designated team worked very well relieving the kitchen crew after a hard day's work.

One area where we will be looking for improvements is the laundry detail. Presently, only one or two people were washing towels and aprons for the entire six week period.

On the positive note, volunteers worked efficiently and displayed great team spirit. This attributed to a joyful parish and community function.

Many thanks to Pat Beyak, who was in charge of the dessert table, the ladies who assisted and to all the ladies for their donation of dainties.

A detailed report will be available at the next K of C meeting. See you there!



Roses for Life — May 13 & 14

Fr. Shyshkowich Council held its annual Roses for Life campaign on Saturday and Sunday, Mother's Day weekend. A total of \$393.60 was raised and donated to Life's Visions.

Many thanks and appreciation to Brs. John Hykawy, Len Baron, Steve Prokop, Rudy Macsymbach and George Koch for helping with the tagging.

*Norris Pawlychka
Fish Fry/ Rose Sunday Committee*



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Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Website:
<http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/>

The need for palliative care continues to grow



Cheryl Girard
COMMUNITY
CORRESPONDENT

WEST KILDONAN

Mike Goldberg learned at a very young age how crucial support can be when someone is seriously ill or dying.

“When I was seven years old, my sister, who was 22 months younger than me, was diagnosed with cancer. I was in Grade 2. I was sitting at my desk thinking about my sister, I just froze, became paralyzed and I started crying,” Goldberg said.

A guidance counsellor came, got down on one knee and just listened, Goldberg remembered.

“It was such a moving experience to me to have that support.”

Many years later, Goldberg said, the same guidance counsellor was one of the first volunteers he worked with at Palliative Manitoba.

A community outreach and education coordinator at Palliative Manitoba, Goldberg

was one of four speakers at a palliative care panel discussion held recently at St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in conjunction with Respect Life Week.

Palliative Manitoba, Goldberg said, “provides complementary support services to the health care system.”

A volunteer-based, charitable agency, Palliative Manitoba provides volunteer support, grief seminars and more to Manitobans affected by any life-threatening or life-limiting illness.

Dr. Mary Shariff, associate professor of law at the U of M, shared a legal perspective and statistics related to the number of recent assisted deaths across Canada.

Government statistics from December 2015 to December 2016, Shariff said, indicate that there have been 970 assisted deaths during that period.

“This is only up to 2016 so the numbers are much higher now,” she added.

Dr. Chantal Demers, a palliative care consultant with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority presented information on the WRHA palliative care program.

“It’s still patchwork quilt,” she said. “Unfortunately palliative care is only really available

to about 16 to 30 per cent of the Canadian population... so there is work to be done.

“There’s a big push for more hospice beds...we are really ‘under-numbered’ for what we need here in Manitoba.”

Demers also said that as Baby Boomers become seniors the issue of palliative care provision is not going away.

Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, pastor at St. Joseph’s, addressed the topic from a spiritual perspective and spoke of his many years of ministering to those who are suffering or dying.

We live in a society, Dmytro said, “that is influenced not always in a good way by technology and a society that is influenced to avoid the reality of an earthly journey... We must acknowledge that as human beings we will suffer at one time or another, we are not immune but we shouldn’t be afraid...”

For more info on Palliative Manitoba, call 204-889-8525 or visit palliativemanitoba.ca

For info on the WRHA palliative care program, phone 204-237-2400 or visit www.wrha.mb.ca/prog/palliative/

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Palliative Care Event — May 7



March for Life — May 11 -