



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925

September 2018



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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 Brother Knights,

As we are about to start a new Columbian Year, I look forward to working with all of you on the many projects and events that we have planned.

One of the most important tasks that we have ahead of us is recruitment of new members. As we all know, our council membership is aging and the number of Brothers has decreased substantially over the years. In order to keep up our good works in our Church and community, we require new and younger members with much energy and perhaps some new, fresher, and modern ideas.

I hope that all have had a wonderful summer with lots of beach weather and barbecues with family and friends. Our council held a Parish Picnic which many Knights and Parishioners enjoyed along with their families. We have also been asked to assist our Parish with other events this year so, we will be asking our Brothers to volunteer.

Well, I hope to see all you at our council meeting on Sept. 10th.

Yours in Christ
Grand Knight
Michael Kiernicki

Roster updates are due immediately!!!

Please review **ALL** of your personal contact info and notify Br. Dave Gnutel of any changes ASAP.

Please provide updated: email address, cell phone number, your birthdate, marriage date, spouse's first name, where you are employed ("retired" is a valid response for many..)

Email info to djgnutel@mymts.net or leave a detailed message at 204-633-3858.

EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, September 6

7:00 P.M.



COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 10

7:00 P.M.



Deputy Grand Knight's Message Br. Michael Ryczak

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Brother Knights! I hope that you all enjoyed the warmth of the summer while experiencing some vacation time with friends and family. Soon we will be beginning our new liturgical and Columbian year with many opportunities to serve our church and community!

On July 1, a new general revised program initiative arrived to all councils worldwide. "Faith in Action" focuses on programming in four categories: Faith, Community, Family and Life. Fr. Shyshkowich council has already been providing activities and programming in these areas for many years. The participation of all of our brother knights ensures that we are able to continue to serve our church and community most effectively. I invite all of you to rededicate yourselves to the ideals of our order and to volunteer whenever possible to assist one another in the many activities planned for the coming year. Encourage one another GENTLY to attend all our monthly council meetings which strengthen our fraternal bonds and provide opportunities for personal growth and service.

On Monday, September 10th, at 7pm., we will have our first "short" council meeting followed by a fraternal social evening to renew our friendships and enjoy some refreshments. We have approximately 90 members! Let's all attend!



Dying Healed

Br. Dennis Wawrykow, Culture of Life Director

Illness, disease, injuries...all bring suffering and distress...all are facts of life.

But even more importantly, there is another fact of life...God's love...a fact and a force giving hope and comfort to those who are suffering. In our society today, there is a desperate need for people to bring this hope and comfort to others. Unfortunately, this is not a skill which comes to us automatically. We need to learn it.

Fortunately, there is a way to learn. The "Dying Healed" program is designed to give volunteers the knowledge needed so that they will be confident that their visit with a suffering person is an invaluable service. This program is being promoted by Life's Vision (formerly the League for Life), and by a joint committee of the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and of St. Boniface, and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg. "Dying Healed" was developed by a national pro-life organization known as LifeCanada.

Right now the need is to train people who are willing to help train others to conduct the "Dying Healed" course. This training is available through two webinars that are each two hours long. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me at 204-599-6055, or by email at dennisw3@hotmail.com.

As well, you can get the "Dying Healed" brochure at this site:
<https://lifecollective.io/lifecanada/get-involved/programs>

More information will be provided in our Bulletin (and hopefully in our parish Bulletin) in future issues.



Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

At this time of year, a certain store has been known to play a particular song as background music in one of its commercial. What is this song? The answer is, *"It's the most wonderful time of the year."* When this song starts, we may think of a festive holiday season. However, this is not what is being advertised. The commercial shows parents rejoicing, because their children will soon be starting school. The *new school year* has arrived.

In a certain way, it seems like September is the beginning of a new year. Schools open, summer is over, governments and organizations get down to business. Even our Church begins anew. September 1st is the start of the new Church (liturgical) year. From a faith perspective, it is certainly a most wonderful time of the year, because once again, all of us, as a faith community, begin to travel through the cycle of feasts days and fasting, which invites us to come closer to our Lord. As we begin the new Church (liturgical) year, let us ask our Lord for all the graces and blessings, that are needed for our parish, our council, our families and ourselves. May I suggest, as a nice way of starting the new Church year that all of us read and reflect upon the Gospel for September 1st (Luke 4:16-22). In this passage, the Lord announces the year of grace.

There are two dates in September that I would like to highlight. Sunday September 23rd is our parish Praznyk. On this day, we honour the patron of our parish, St. Joseph and we give thanks to God for all the blessings that He has bestowed upon our parish. The participation of our Council in helping this day to run smoothly is always greatly appreciated.

The other date to keep in mind is Saturday September 15th. On this day, all of us are invited to come to St. Boniface Cathedral to remember Fr. Achilles Delaere, CSsR, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth. He was a Roman Catholic Redemptorist missionary who became "Ukrainian Catholic" in order to serve our church and its people over 110 years ago. Through his efforts the Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorists came to be and just under 50 years later, St. Joseph's parish was founded by the Redemptorists. Divine Liturgy on September 15 will begin at 5:00 pm. Our Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan, Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, as well as the Archbishops of St. Boniface and Winnipeg will celebrate the Divine Liturgy. It will be followed by a reception. Tickets for the reception are available in church and through the parish office. Also, if there is enough interest, a bus will depart from St. Joseph's at 4:00 p.m. for this event. Details are in the parish bulletin.

The Patriarch of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, addressed the 136th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus that took place in Baltimore in August 2018. The presentation can be found on YouTube. I recommend viewing it. Patriarch Sviatoslav shares about the activity of the Knights in Ukraine. He also speaks about the war in Eastern Ukraine and the war on truth in today's culture. As we begin our new Church year, may our God bless all of us in many special ways.

Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro

UKRAINE IN THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE SECOND DAY OF K of C SUPREME CONVENTION

(information gathered from the website of our Archeparchy
by Br Dennis Wawrykow)

The second day of the 2018 Annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus began with a truly soul-lifting Eucharistic Liturgy with the participation of very many bishops and clergy and, by one estimation, about 2.5 thousand lay attendees of the Convention. Among the hierarchy was the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk). As the Head of the largest Eastern Catholic Church, he was appropriately given a place of honour right beside Pope Francis' Representative to the United Nations, Archbishop Bernardino Auza. At the States Dinner, His Beatitude Sviatoslav was the special guest of honour, and gave the Keynote Address.

During the meal, it is a custom to salute each "state" (which in Knights-speak means jurisdiction of a certain status... it could mean a state in the US, a province in Canada, or an entire country). As the song is sung, the delegates from that state rise and cheer and wave their particular flag. When the song for Ukraine was sung, it was truly moving to see how many hundreds of delegates from other "states" rose to join in support of Ukraine. The Ukrainians joined in the singing as the song chosen was the popular "Ukraina" by popular artist Petro Petrynenko.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave his traditional report on the activity of the Knights of Columbus worldwide over the past year. During this report he spoke at some length about the progress of the Knights in Ukraine... how the Order has expanded and about all their good charitable accomplishments. He also announced that the jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine was officially raised from the status of a "territory" to that of a "state". There are now over 1000 Knights in Ukraine associated with some 25 Councils.

(Notes from Br Dennis:

1. *Congratulations to the Ukrainian Councils in Manitoba who provided the manpower and talent for establishing the first Council in Ukraine.*
2. *To see the presentation of "Ukraina" on youtube, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiY0TW_K504*

FATAL FLAWS

(A film commentary by Br Dennis Wawrykow)

Brothers,

Several years ago I had a conversation with a lady who had immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands. She told me that, in the Netherlands, people are killed in hospitals. Even though she was a health care professional whose work I respected greatly, I simply could not accept that she was correct. I was so shocked by her statement that I decided she must have been exaggerating based on perhaps one unusual situation.

Yesterday the film "Fatal Flaws" showed me out how right she was...and that the situation is getting worse.

Euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide have been legal in the Netherlands since 2002. "Fatal Flaws" examines how the system works, and how things have changed and expanded over the years...in the Netherlands, in Belgium, and in the state of Oregon. More and more medical conditions have been added as qualifying for euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide; as well, rules that are supposed to supervise and control doctors' action are easily avoided.

Is this compassion or convenience?

"Fatal Flaws" was presented by Life's Vision. Copies of the DVD are available for purchase, and can be used for public gatherings without any additional fee for copyright permission.

I.C.C.D. TICKETS:

WELCOME BACK BROTHERS - For those who do not know I have had health issues since April/18 and can not give my 100% to the Council. I have made a commitment to be available at the very beginning to give out the books to our members and to assist Br. Trach in distributions of Grey Cup Tickets. Our Council is looking for someone to take over the mall sales and arrangement of members to help out at different venues. This involves some running around which is far from where I am now. Please give our Grand Knight a call for your services. BROTHERS Please come to the Sept. meeting and get your I.C.C.D books and your Grey Cup Tickets and if not, I will be available at the Services on Sept. 22 & 23 and Sept. 29 & 30.

Don Gulchak don.gigi2000@gmail.com



Fr. Shyshkovich Council Knights of Columbus



Our Knights Council, supported two informative lecturer parish events. Firstly, was the **Mature Drivers On Road Review** Saturday, June 16.

Br Knights, driving is a skill that can be sharpened and continually improved. Ten proactive mature drivers accompanied by a Safety Services Manitoba instructor ventured onto Winnipeg's streets for their On Road Review. The Review helped our fellow Knights, their wives, and parishioners to enhance their positive and safe driving attitude. It was a great way for mature drivers to receive a refresher about the important rules of the road, regulations, and responsible strategies that can help on the roadways. While driving along, the instructor took notes. At the end, each driver received a written evaluation. It highlighted what was good about their driving as well as possible areas for improvement. My wife and I enjoyed the experience!

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Lecturer Event Tuesday, June 19

Our Knights hosted 30 guests at our **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** presentation. Our evening presenters, **Justine Spearman, Recycle Everywhere** and **Candi Bezte, Manitoba Eco-Network** highlighted environmentally friendly practices with recycling and waste management.

Knights, you are invited to submit nominations for guest speakers at future lecturer events. There is no limit to the number of names and topics you may submit for consideration.

I am looking forward to planning our next lecturer event! Br George Koch, Lecturer



2018 Grey Cup Sports Raffle and 2019 Super Bowl Sports Raffle

Our Raffle License Applications have been approved for \$5.00 per ticket on two (2) series of 900 tickets totaling 1800 tickets for the 2018 Grey Cup Sports Raffle and the 2019 Super Bowl Sports Raffle for \$5.00 per ticket on two (2) series of 900 tickets totaling 1800 tickets.

We expect to receive the 2018 Grey Cup Sports Raffle Pool tickets from our printer and 1800 the tickets should be ready for distribution by the weekend. There have been requests for tickets prior to the Labour Day long weekend so to meet those demands you may pick up your allotment of 2018 Grey Cup Pool tickets from Br. Larry Trach (phone 204- 633-3304). Raffle tickets will be available for pickup at the September General Council meeting on September 10th, 2018.

We will order the two (2) series of 2019 Super Bowl Sports Raffle Pool tickets for distribution prior to our November General Council meeting or earlier. These tickets are great sellers at Grey Cup parties so please ensure you secure your allotment of Super Bowl Sports Raffle tickets prior to the Grey Cup.

Fraternally, Br. Larry Trach

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Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Website:

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Bulletin & Meeting Dates

2018/2019 Columbian Year

Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday)	Executive Meeting (Thursday, 7:00)	Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00)
August 27	September 6	September 10
September 24	October 4	October 9 <i>Tuesday</i>
October 29	November 8	November 12
November 26	December 6	December 10 <i>6:30</i>
December 31	January 10	January 14
January 28	February 7	February 11
February 25	March 7	March 11
March 25	April 4	April 8
April 29	May 9	May 13
May 27	June 6	June 10 <i>6:30</i>

2018 – 2019 Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian
Grand Knight	Br. Mike Kiernicki (term to December, 2018)
Deputy Grand Knight	Br. Michael Ryczak (term from January, 2019)
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	Br. George Hayes (2 year term)
	Br. Peter Washchyshyn (1 year term)

Please make a copy of this schedule for future reference