



# FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925

October 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,

Our first month of this Columbian year has gone by very quickly. During September our Executive dealt with several important planning matters for the coming months.

Thank you to all our Brother Knights who volunteered to assist with the annual Parish Praznyk this past Sunday. Your help was very much appreciated.

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the folks at the Welcome Home on Thursday, October 11th. We require several volunteers to assist with the preparation of the dinner. Preparation starts on Wednesday the 10th, and finishes on the 11th with delivery to Welcome Home. If you are able, please come and help. We will not have Brother Dave to cook for this event.

On a more serious matter, I have noticed that the attendance has been down at Sunday services. I encourage all Brother Knights and Parishioners to encourage family, friends, and others to come to pray together at our services. This is extremely important as you may have noticed that other religious organizations are actively recruiting new members - We must do the same.

Yours in Christ  
Grand Knight  
Michael Kiernicki

### 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2018-2019 budget will be presented to the Council at the General Business meeting on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for your review, discussion, adjustments and approval. Please note that a quorum is required to approve a budget.

Brother Garry Winch  
Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, October 4**

**7:00 P.M.**



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 9**

**7:00 P.M.**



### Deputy Grand Knight's Message Br. Michael Ryczak

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!  
Decisions! Decisions!

October is the time when all of us should pause and give thanks for the many blessings that we enjoy. Everyone experiences times of trouble but in October, we should think about the many good things we enjoy in the best country in the world. Our prayers of thanksgiving should be repeated daily. There are at least 3 other ways in October that the Knights of Columbus anchored at St. Joseph's can help to keep the blessings flowing:

1. Complete the 2018 K of C fraternal survey that is mailed to you. This is an opportunity for you to enhance your financial profile through the K of C insurance program.
2. Vote in your municipal elections on October 17 or during advance polls. As Knights, we are encouraged to community activism. One of the easiest ways is to help choose leaders for good government.
3. Attend the special parish meeting called for Sunday, October 21 to review comments of the parish survey and to help our pastors and church leaders plan for the future of St. Joseph's.

To coin a phrase that at least two of our former pastors at St. Joe's use to say, "Don't be a turkey!"

Happy Thanksgiving!



### 2018 Grey Cup Sports Raffle



As I write our submission for the October bulletin ticket sales are progressing nicely with all but 80 tickets from the Blue series of 900 distributed to Brother Knights for sale. 38 Blue tickets stubs have been returned sold. Only 50 tickets are left of the 900 for distributing from the Yellow series with 65 tickets stubs returned sold. The Raffle License must be displayed at point of sale i.e. Malls, I have already posted licenses in the Church vestibule on the Bulletin Board and on the Parish Hall Bulletin board. If you have not received your allotment of Grey Cup Pool Tickets for sale or require more, please contact Br. Don Gulchak at 204-338-1030 or Br. Larry Trach at 204-633-3304. Also, please return all sold tickets and money as soon as possible to either Br. Don or Br. Larry at Sunday Liturgy, their respective homes or the October council meeting to ensure that they are not misplaced or lost. The 106th edition of the Grey Cup will be played on November 25, 2018 4:00pm at the Brick Field at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta, to decide the champion for the 2018 CFL season. Go Bombers Go!!!

### 2019 Super Bowl Sports Raffle

We have received our license for two (2) series of Super Bowl Pool tickets on LGA Raffle Lottery License LGA 2942-RF. The tickets will be ordered the 1st week of Oct. and should be available by our Nov. 2018 Council mtg. for distribution and sales. These tickets are great sellers at Grey Cup parties so please ensure you secure your allotment prior to the 2018 Grey Cup. The 2019 Super Bowl, Super Bowl 53rd or LIII (NFL) championship game which will decide the league champion for the 2018 NFL season is set to be played on Feb. 3, 2019 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. This will be the third Super Bowl in Atlanta, having previously hosted Super Bowl XXVIII in 1994 and Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000. Fraternaly,

Br. J. Larry Trach  
Raffle Chair



Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, our church celebrates a much loved feast day, the "Protection of the Mother of God". This holy day is also known as "Pokrova". This day celebrates the prayers of the Virgin Mary, of the Mother of God for the all of us. Her prayers save us, because they lead us to her Son.

***O Most Holy Mother of God, Save Us***

This brief prayer is very familiar to all of us. Let's for a moment reflect upon it and by doing so, we will acquire a better understanding of Mother of God and her role. On first appearance, this prayer, "*O Most Holy Mother of God, Save Us*", may seem strange. How can Mary save? Isn't that God's job? Is not that the reason why Jesus was sent to earth, to save us? These are certainly very important questions to ask.

The best way to explain this prayer is in the following way. You are swimming, in a pool, river, or ocean, and suddenly you find yourself in trouble, you begin to drown. Nearby there is a life guard. Are you going to shout to the lifeguard, "Pray for me" or are you going to yell as loud as you can, "Save me".

***O Most Holy Mother of God, Save Us***

In the Old Testament, a name was considered special and sacred. Therefore, the choice of a name for a child would take into consideration certain qualities and expectations. According to the *Proto-evangelium of James*, the angel of the Lord who announced to Joachim and Anna the upcoming birth of their child, gave them an order to call the baby a certain name, Miriam (Hebrew), Mary (Greek). This name was rarely used in the Old Testament. It appears only once. The reason being that the Jewish people had great reverence for great heroes of the faith. Miriam was the sister of Moses. Miriam saved Moses, who would become the liberator of captive people of Israel. Therefore, the name Miriam/Mary, in Jewish Tradition, comes with a memory that recalls the saving action of God. Mary of Nazareth gives birth to the One who saves more than a nation. Mary, the Mother of God, the Theotokos, gave birth to the Savior of the world.

***O Most Holy Mother of God, Save Us.***

In northern parts of the Canada and United States there was a time when ranchers and farmers, at the first sign of a blizzard, would run a rope from their home to the barn. During a storm, they held on to the rope and followed it to safety. There were many stories of people who had not held on to rope, wandered off and froze to death while still in their own backyards. In most icons of the Mother of God, Mary's right arm is pointing to Jesus. Her arm may be considered to be like a life saving rope that guides us toward salvation.

***O Most Holy Mother of God, Save Us.***

My Brother Knights, when we find life hard, let us call upon Mary, the Mother of God, who will always lead us to Our Redeemer. It may help to keep in mind, the words that are prayed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon of our Divine Liturgy:

***"Through the prayers of the Mother of God,  
O Saviour, save us."***

Peace & Prayers,  
Fr. Dmytro



## 40 Days For Life

*Br. Dennis Wawrykow  
Culture of Life Director*

### What is 40 Days For Life?

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families.

### What is 40 Days For Life doing in Winnipeg? And where?

From September 26 to November 4, our community will pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. We will do this on the public right-of-way by Women's Hospital, 735 Notre Dame Avenue. We will maintain a prayerful vigil starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. each day.

### What good does it do?

Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007 through the end of 2017, local campaign leaders have reported these blessings — God's answers to their prayers:

- 5,605 total campaigns
- 769 cities
- 50 countries
- 750,000 individual participants
- 19,000 churches
- 14,643 lives saved from abortion
- 177 abortion workers quit their jobs
- 96 abortion facilities closed

**LOCAL CONTACT INFO:** Maria Slykerman home: 204-452-2459 cell: 204-802-5522

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Or go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/winnipeg>

*Participants are asked to sign up in advance for a shift of one hour.*

*Please participate in this important prayerful event!*

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**Manitoba State:** <http://www.manitobastatecouncil.ca>

**Catholic Foundation of  
Manitoba Website:**

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

**I.C.C.D Tickets:**

Brothers,

Last month sales were so impressive that I needed no documentation on 2 books. I realize that we have 6 more months to go until the closing date but sales opportunity for Thanksgiving week-end and Christmas week can greatly increase our fundraising efforts for our Council. I will be at the regular masses October 13 to the end of October to have ICCD books available and collect sold books.

Hopefully I will be able to set up some venues in the new year and get our Council Members engaged for this fundraiser event. Please pick-up your yellow or blue books during the last weeks of October.

Brothers, we are looking for a Brother Knight or more to step forward to help me with some of the running around to the various venues as this has become difficult for me. Please give me a call if you are able to do so.

Wishing all members and their families a wonderful Thanksgiving week end.

Don Gulchak

[don.gigi2000@gmail.com](mailto:don.gigi2000@gmail.com)

**POCKET NAME TAGS**

Our Council will be ordering pocket name tags within the next week. If you do not have a tag or have accepted an executive position for which you do not have a tag, please call me or send me an email or text, and I will include you in the order (no cost). We already have the following Brothers on the order:

JOE MICHALCHYSYN  
MICHAEL RYCZAK----G.K.  
MICHAEL RYCZAK----D.G.K.  
RUDY MACSYMACH-----INSIDE GUARD  
DAN YARKO  
LES DUBOWITZ  
DAVE GNUTEL  
MICHAEL KIERNICKI-----TRUSTEE

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