



Celebrating 35 Years of Service

February 2020

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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



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Dear Brother Knights,

Shifting into High Gear!

Our brothers were treated to a tasty breakfast and terrific tour of HFH. It was good to see about 25 of our Knights in attendance. We missed you and you missed a great educational experience lead by Jean Piche CEO.

It's time for all Knights to take an active role in our anniversary year. Have you ordered your 35th anniversary golf shirt? There are also handsome caps available in a new maroon colour for this year. Please indicate your shirt size to Br. Don asap. Tickets for our May 2nd celebration go on sale very soon. We have many activities for the winter and spring which requires everyone to assist whenever and wherever they can.

We have a Pushchynia coming up this month; tickets are available. As well, our famous fish fries begin at the end of February. Br. Norris says that the number of committed individuals is down a bit this year. Please contact him asap to help out.

ICCD sales are picking up and hopefully all of our Superbowl tickets were sold. Please read the following list of important activities and events which everyone should get involved with. It is heart month and the Great Fast is around the corner. Here are a few suggestions from last year.

1. Pray in silence for inspiration and guidance. Attend liturgies and receive the sacraments.
2. Show your love to family, friends, and others by kind words and deeds. Improve your fitness.
3. Volunteer by contacting the event chairmen of Youth Winter Games, Pushchynia, Fish Fry, etc.
4. Sell and/or buy at least to 2 books of ICCD tickets (proceeds for charities).
5. Attend our council business meeting on Feb. 10 to show your support, contribute your ideas and strengthen our fraternity. Encourage new candidates for membership in our council.
6. Attend the group rosary sessions to pray together.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Let us glorify Him!

Br. Michael Ryczak

EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, February 6
7:00 P.M.



COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 10
7:00 P.M.



Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

Just a few days ago, our church has completed the 40 day liturgical cycle of the Nativity of Our Lord. Just before its conclusion, a minor feast day was celebrated on January 30, commemorating three bishops: Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom. These saints were great leaders and teachers of the faith. These three bishops have been referred to as satellites.

The moon is a satellite of the earth. The earth is a satellite of the sun. During its orbit a satellite will reflect the light of the sun. In a similar way, the three bishops reflected the light of the Son of God in their teaching and preaching.

On February 24, the liturgical season of Great Lent begins. It is a time to check our orbits. In other words, how we are living our faith, how we are reflecting God's love to the world, and how we can improve. May our Lenten journey be filled with many special blessings.

Peace & Prayers
Fr. Dmytro

Pushchynia (Pre-Lenten Dance)

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

St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church *on* *Saturday, February 22

*6:30pm -12:00am *\$17.50 per person * Lunch *Live Band – “By Request”

For Tickets & info call:

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FISH FRY – 2020

The date of our first Fish Fry, February 28, is quickly approaching and there are a good number of items that need attention. Some of the items include final pricing for the menu items, contacting and lining up extra volunteers, purchase of supplies, posters etc.

Our volunteers can expect an email outlining a work schedule by the middle of February, that will indicate where in the process our members will be working. We are hoping everyone will be ready to make our 2020 Fish Fry an annual success. A complete list of Fish Fry Dates for the year is as follows: **February 28 March 06 March 13 March 20 March 27 April 03**

Good Friday is on April 10 Easter Sunday is on April 12

Br. Norris Pawlychka

Chair, Fish Fry



Father Shyshkowich Council Communion Breakfast January 26, 2020

Divine Liturgy was attended by 22 Brother Knights at 11:00 AM at St Joseph's Church. Following Liturgy, we were hosted by Holy Family Home for brunch and a tour of the newly expanded and renovated personal care home. Jean Piche, CEO of the Home was our guest speaker. Jean provided a passionate talk on the unique aspects of the Home and the need for its expansion. Holy Family Home is a not for profit facility owned by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Home is funded approximately two thirds by Provincial Government and one third by residents based on their income. The Sisters are active in the management and operations of the Home. Emanating from the charism of the Sisters, a Ukrainian Catholic community of Sisters, the Mission of Holy Family is to minister to seniors in a holistic approach with compassion and with the love of Christ. With their involvement some 200 people volunteer their time in support of the Sisters' mission and care for the elderly. The roots of the home were to provide a home and care for the elderly from the Ukrainian and Slavic community. Today some 70% of residents come from that background.

Planning for the expansion of the Home started in 2009 with construction commencing in 2016 and completion in early 2020. The project included 157 new resident rooms, new kitchen, laundry and workshop, a new Atrium and intensive exterior landscaping that will be completed in the spring of 2020. The Chapel was completely renovated. The cost of the entire project is approximately \$67 Million. The reason for the expansion at this time was to provide services to the elderly toward the anticipated increasing need to the year 2030. Holy Family Home is now the largest personal care home in Manitoba.

Brother Knights enjoyed a tour of the kitchen, laundry and workshop. These areas are generally not accessible to the general public. We then toured the fourth floor of the new building "C" and ended in the Atrium and "town centre" of the Home.

I believe the brunch and tour was appreciated by all.

Br. Peter Washchyshyn, Trustee & Event Organizer

YOUTH WINTER GAMES WHY?

*Br. Dennis Wawrykow
K.U.C.A. Representative*

Because...Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and stop keeping them away." Each event begins with a prayer led by K.U.C.A. Chaplain Fr Yaroslav Buduykevych, and each child receives a brochure with a spiritual message, pictures, and activities.

Because...Children cannot get together on their own...the adults need to bring them together. And then they get to know one another, and to know that they are part of a group.

Because...When children feel like they are part of a group, they feel more like coming...to Church...to catechism...to serve at the altar...to learn about God and to learn how to live.

NEXT EVENT:

Winter Carnival: Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 Immaculate Conception Church Cooks Creek (68003 Cooks Creek Rd, Hazelridge). 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, 11:15 am. Games; 12:45p.m. Fire Pit Lunch, 3:30 p.m. Candy Scramble. Events: Snowshoeing, Snow Hockey, Wagon Rides, Snow Horseshoes, Big Steaks Bingo (inside).

COMING EVENTS: **Curling:** SUNDAY, March 1, 3:00-5:00, **Mini Olympics:** SATURDAY, March 21, 1:30-5:00; **Indoor Soccer:** SATURDAY, April 25, 2:30-5:00; **Windup:** SATURDAY, May 9, 5:30-10:00

DETAILS IN FUTURE BULLETINS, OR GO TO:

archeparchy.ca/events...go to News, Events & Photos...scroll through events ...click on any YWG event to see details of all events.

**2020 Theme: " I Can Do Everything Through Christ
Because He gives Me Strength" Philippians 4:13**

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternatively stroking her own cheek. Finally, she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart, he answered" "God made me a long time ago"

"Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago"

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he!"



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Br. Anthony D' Souza
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Rosary Sunday - Reminder

Feb. 16 - Brs. Ed Tycholis, Wendell Kolsun, Joe Michalchyshyn, George Gaba, Dave Gnutel

Mar. 15 - Brs. Don Gulchak, Bohdan Wowczuk, Dennis Beyak, Mike Kiernicki, ...

All Council members should be participating in this 35th Anniversary Rosary Sundays.
Please contact Br. Dave Gnutel @ 204-633-3858 to fill future / Open slots.

Roster Updates

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Page 31 - **March** Council Activity dates should read:

March 06 - Lenten Fish Fry

March 13 - Lenten Fish Fry

March 15 - Rosary Sunday

March 20 - Lenten Fish Fry

March 23 - 35th Anniversary planning mtg.

March 27 - Lenten Fish Fry

INTRODUCTION TO ROYAL DOORS:

Royal Doors was launched as a website to provide English language resources for Ukrainian Greek Catholics in July 2011. We hope to have an ever-growing collection of catechetical resources, liturgical services, "how to" videos, news articles, and many other items that will serve the needs of the Church. *Royal Doors* is an unofficial site. We submit to the authority of our Patriarch, Sviatoslav, the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, and, through their communion with the Holy Father, to Pope Francis. We promise to strive to present Church teachings accurately. If you believe that we have failed or could do better, please contact us – we are very open to hear from you.

<http://www.royaldoors.net/>

*Introduction is from Royal Doors website which was located by our
Faith Director Br. Dave Gnutel*

Membership Dues

The 2020 Council Dues are now payable. Dues are \$40.00 for regular members and \$25.00 for Honorary Members. Honorary Life members are exempt from dues. Please make your cheque payable to "Fr. Shyshkowich Council" and leave it with me at our next meeting or, place your cheque in an envelope marked "K or C Dues" and drop into the church collection plate or, mail it to me at 7 Lindenshore Drive, Wpg., MB, R3P 2M8.

Fraternally,
Br. Gordon Lasko



Congratulations to our Brother Knights

February

4 Raymond Rawluk

8 Harvey Slobodzian

10 Richard Safiniuk

14 Michael Kiernicki

16 Edward Tycholis

17 Michael Ryczak

27 Peter Washchyshyn

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Lita!

DAYS FOR KNIGHTS

Feb. 2, Sunday, Superbowl

Feb. 6, Thursday, Executive Meeting

Feb. 9, Sunday, UCWL Valentine Luncheon

Feb. 10, Monday, Business Meeting

Feb. 16, Rosary Sunday

Feb. 22, Saturday, Pushchynia Fundraiser

Feb. 22, Saturday, Archeparchial Fundraising Gala

Feb. 24, Monday, 35th Anniversary Committee Mtg.

Feb. 28, Friday, First Fish Fry

Mar. 5, Thursday, Executive Meeting

Mar. 6, Friday, Fish Fry

Mar. 9, Business Meeting

Mar. 13 & 20 Friday, Fish Fry



Br. Knights Communion Breakfast and tour at Holy Family Home on January 26.

ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CANADA: VIEWS OF CAM MACDONALD...CEREBRAL PALSY PATIENT

Submitted by Br Dennis Wawrykow, Life Director

BACKGROUND:

Cam MacDonald is the Interim Executive Director of Life's Vision Manitoba. Here is how he is introduced on the Life's Vision website:

I am extremely excited to join Life's Vision Manitoba. I was born at 29 weeks gestation and have Cerebral Palsy as a result. In high school, I was involved in many initiatives: I was Vice-President of the student council, led a "Rachel's Challenge" group and was part of the Recreational Athletics Leadership Program. After graduating high school I have not slowed down. I led a fellowship group at Canadian Mennonite University that focussed helping first and second year students smoothly transition into university. I also had the privilege to represent Canada twice in International swim competitions. I believe that my story is a testament to the fact that every life has the potential to positively impact our society, no matter what challenges they face.

VIEWS ON LIFE AND DEATH:

(The following statements are taken from Cam's summary of comments he made in a recent news interview)

- 1. I stressed the fact that striking down the eligibility requirement of a "reasonably foreseeable death" sends the message to our community that assisted suicide is a great option for those who are struggling with obstacles related to their disability.*
- 2. Additionally, I explained that we as a society, need to do a better job of eliminating suffering, instead of eliminating those who suffer. As an example, I quoted psychiatrist Victor Frankel, who concluded, during his time in a concentration camp, that despair equals suffering without meaning. With this in mind, I mentioned that what people need in a tough time is a sense of peace, hope, and purpose.*
- 3. It is important to know that the leading reason for requesting assisted suicide is loss of autonomy. We as a society need to send a message to the disabled that states: your humanity does not depend on whether you can or cannot do things. On the contrary, disability often allows us to be more human because we have the opportunity to grow deeper in community with those who require help.*

Because of his disability, Cam requires a wheelchair and faces many challenges every day. Yet, despite those who might say his life is not worth living, Cam treasures life and is committed to working for the right to life...the most basic human right...the one on which all other rights depend.

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<https://ukrcap.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/theway190811eng.pdf>

I.C.C.D. TICKETS

Brothers the Early Bird Draw was held on Jan 25th/ 20 at St. Anne's Parish of which my wife and I attended. At the draw the co-chairmen announced that just over \$87,000.00 was collected from all the councils for this draw. That makes about 4,300 entries in the big draw drum. Congratulations to Brother George Koch on winning one of 10 \$100.00 prizes. We still have another 3 months of selling these tickets and at the end of the rainbow there are some lovely prizes. One lucky winner will be given the option of picking one vehicle of five or \$20,000.00 plus there are 4 other cash draws. We have 3 more months of opportunities to purchase books of tickets towards the final draw date of April 25, 2020. Brothers please support your council in this Fundraiser as every \$20.00 book we get \$10.00 in funds for our own Charity Programs.

Brothers as this newsletter is being printed our volunteers are at No FRILLS selling these books and the following week we are at Sobeys on North Main. We are always looking for volunteers to staff these events and wish to relieve those who are always there and don't forget that one Knight ME, MYSELF, AND I, who I will not name. Brothers my phone number is still the same, 204 338-1030 and volunteer for your time slots.

35th ANNIVERSARY GOLF SHIRTS AND CAPS

Brothers I have been mentioning this for the last two newsletters and also have spoken to all of you at our two previous general meetings of your Councils wishes to celebrate our 35 years since our Charter Date of March 25, 1985 of having shirts and caps made. We are at the cross roads now to put our order in but are short of the 36 orders especially for the caps. I have not heard from all our Brothers, either they do not know of our 35th Anniversary celebrations or have not stepped up to the plate. BROTHERS PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AND PLACE YOUR ORDER OR YOU WILL MISS OUT.

SUPER BOWL TICKETS

Brothers, this year's super bowl tickets were difficult to unload, but I want to Thank-you all for pitching in and distributing the last 400 tickets in grand style. Your support is always appreciated and who knows, you might be winners as well. THANK YOU

Br. Don Gulchak
ICCD Chair

2019 Grey Cup Sports Raffle

As I write our submission for the February bulletin I have completed and provided the Financial Report on The 107th edition of the Grey Cup which was played on November 24, 2019. I also gave the council net profits from the Grey Cup raffle fundraisers by cheques for each raffle of our council at the mtg. in Jan. The Yellow series net profit was \$1927.98 and the Blue series net profit was \$1912.99 totaling \$3840.98.

2020 Super Bowl Sports Raffle

All tickets are out for the 2020 Super Bowl game on Sunday February 2nd 2020. In the Pink series there have been 708 tickets returned sold and in the Green 721 tickets have been returned sold totaling 1429 returned leaving approximately 371 tickets still outstanding. Please ensure you return all outstanding tickets ASAP since the game is Feb.2, 2020 to either Don Gulchak or myself at our homes or this Sunday Liturgies. The 2020 Super Bowl, Super Bowl 54 or LIV (NFL) championship game which will decide the league champion for the 2019 NFL season is set to be played on Feb. 2, 2020 at Miami Gardens, Florida.

Fraternally,
Br. J. Larry Trach, Raffle Chair

