



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Br. Knights!

On May 23, the K of C of Manitoba held its first state convention by conference call. Instead of three days, the state business of our order was compressed into 75 minutes. It was different! The highlight of the conference call was the pre-recorded message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. His message emphasized the importance of the Knights' initiative, 'Leave No Neighbour Behind', which was implemented in March as a response to the COVID-19 crisis. The five "pillars" of this program are clearly described in the May issue of COLUMBIA. Please read them on page 12. I would like to see our Council adapt and adopt these pillars as short-term goals for June, July, August. Since our usual agenda of activities is suspended for the foreseeable future, we can focus our attention in the following ways:

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**Support for brother Knights.** I ask that every brother Knight to look at their roster and personally phone the next two Knights appearing after their own name. The last names on our roster can call the first names. It is to be a brief, friendly and fraternal chat to assure them we want to make sure that all is well or to offer assistance if needed. This is especially important for our more senior brothers and their families. If possible, we should also check up on other members of our parish such as widows, single parent families, those who have been laid off, etc. Please be tactful and respectful in these contacts. Every Knight should receive at least two phone calls from a brother Knight. Then, contact me with an email at [mryczak@shaw.ca](mailto:mryczak@shaw.ca) or by phone to notify me that your two brother Knights have been contacted. This needs to be done asap.

**Support for the parish.** Please ensure that you are you are ready to support our parish priests and the parish community with offers of service and donations and by continuing your financial contributions (Sunday envelopes) if possible.

**Support for the Community.** Extend your charity to the community at large by offering assistance to many family and support systems. Be creative, helpful, and careful in friendly encounters with your extended family, neighbours, and everyone whom you might be able to help in some way. Support local businesses whenever possible.

**Feed the Hungry.** Job losses or lay-offs have created an even larger segment of our city burdened with feeding themselves and their families. Make contributions to your choice of food banks or offer to volunteer at their depots.

**Support the medical community.** Knights under the age of 60 and in good health are always encouraged to donate blood. This is a standing request as part of the Knights service to the community. However, there are other ways to support our hospitals and clinics through a variety of volunteer efforts that may not need your physical presence. Visit them online.

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Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

Just a few days ago, on May 27, word was received from Rome that should have caused Knights of Columbus worldwide to rejoice. The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, is on his way to sainthood. The following is taken from the website *Venerable Michael J. McGivney*

*Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.*

The lives of saints and blessed can inspire us to follow God and serve one another in new ways. This would be a perfect time for all Knights to become more familiar with the life of Father McGivney. By doing so, we gain not only information about our founder, but more importantly how he put the teaching of Christ into action. May Blessed Michael McGivney intercede for all us as we strive to follow God as he did.

*Peace & Prayers,  
Fr. Dmytro*



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

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You may not be able to accomplish all five in the days ahead but I expect every Knight to contact two brother Knights very soon; then, let me know. In the weeks and months ahead, our Council must continue to adapt to the social conditions we face. This means that meetings will be held via conference calls or online platforms. All council activities are cancelled for June, July, and August. Our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in 2021. We must keep encouraging more Catholic men to join us. Some brothers still need to complete their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. On most Thursday evenings, there are online exemplifications at 6pm and 9pm. Contact me for further information. Please pay you membership dues to Br. Gord Lasko. 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary caps and golf shirts are still available from Br. Don Gulchak.

I have asked all executive officers to remain in their roles for another Columbian year, although we need a new 3-year trustee. If you would like to volunteer for the executive or, are unable to stay on the executive, please let me know by the end of June. Stay informed by reading all the online publications from Supreme. If you have a computer but are receiving a printed Knights bulletin, please consider switching to the online version to save postage costs. Check the list of links from Supreme such as Knightline to stay informed.

Above all, continue to attend online liturgical services and pray the rosary. I look forward to reading your email or hearing from each of you soon! Stay safe!

Vivat Jesus!  
Michael Ryczak, GK

### **35th ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS & CAPS**

Brothers, it has been 2-1/2 months since we have talked and gave out 85% of all the clothing that our Council had purchased in celebration of our 35 years as a great Council. I still have clothing that some members have paid up front and have not picked up their items, and I still have clothing that some members have indicated that they would like and have not paid or picked up their items. I also have some clothing, shirts and caps that our Council have ordered in advance anticipating that some members may take longer to decide if they wanted a shirt or cap or both — to those I say please call me TODAY to make arrangements to pick up their order. BROTHERS that's the 15% that the Council is looking for to BREAK EVEN.

I know that because of the pandemic we need to maintain a 6 foot physical separation so, I have set up a pulley system on the front driveway for just this situation. Your order awaits. Stay safe.

Br. Don Gulchak  
35th Anniversary Committee

### **The Way**

Official Publication of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

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

## Current Legislation in the House of Commons

*Br Dennis Wawrykow, Life Director*

Bill C- 7 was introduced by the current Liberal government.

Bill C-233 was introduced by Cathay Wagantall, Conservative MP from Yorkton-Melville.

The following information was published on the House of Commons website, and was re-printed by Life's Vision Manitoba in its May Newsletter.

### **Bill C-7 SUMMARY**

If passed, bill C-7 would amend Canada's current euthanasia/assisted suicide laws in the following manner:

- (a) repeal the provision that requires a person's natural death be reasonably foreseeable in order for them to be eligible for medical assistance in dying;
- (b) specify that persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness are not eligible for medical assistance in dying;
- (c) create two sets of safeguards that must be respected before medical assistance in dying may be provided to a person, the application of which depends on whether the person's natural death is reasonably foreseeable;
- (d) permit medical assistance in dying to be provided to a person who has been found eligible to receive it, whose natural death is reasonably foreseeable and who has lost the capacity to consent before medical assistance in dying is provided, on the basis of a prior agreement they entered into with the medical practitioner or nurse practitioner; and
- (e) permit medical assistance in dying to be provided to a person who has lost the capacity to consent to it as a result of the self-administration of a substance that was provided to them under the provisions governing medical assistance in dying in order to cause their own death.

### **Bill C-233 SUMMARY**

This enactment amends the Criminal Code **to make it an offence for a medical practitioner to perform an abortion knowing that the abortion is sought solely on the grounds of the child's genetic sex.** It also requires the Minister of Health, after consultation with representatives of the provincial governments responsible for health, to establish guidelines respecting information provided by a medical practitioner in relation to a request for an abortion.



### Congratulations to our Brother Knights

June

- 9 Steve Fedun
- 9 Wendell Kolsun
- 9 Dennis Wawrykow
- 11 Don Gulchak
- 12 Leonard Baron
- 15 George Koch
- 16 Lawrence Liska
- 29 Terence Presley

*Hppy Birthday and Mnohaya  
Lita!*

### A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

### DAYS FOR KNIGHTS

All K of C physical gatherings have been cancelled for May, June July and August. For future meetings and activities, please read all future emails and notices sent from Supreme, State and our local Council.

### 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/>



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***The Missing Project ----A Documentary Recording:***

- 1) the Current Status of Abortion in Canada***
- 2) the developments since 1969***
- 3) the damage to society as a result***

*Br Dennis Wawrykow, Life Director*

Last year, 2019, marked 50 years of legal abortion in Canada. To commemorate this tragic anniversary, LifeCanada and several partner groups including We Need a Law planned an ambitious creative project that explored the effects of abortion on Canadians across the country. We wanted to answer the question, “Why do Canadians care about abortion 50 years after it was legalized?”

Life's Vision has made this documentary available at no charge. Just follow this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=8RP-HpEAleg&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=8RP-HpEAleg&feature=emb_title)

*The Missing Project* is very informative and thought-provoking. You owe it to yourself to watch it. Are you really “too busy” to give it about an hour and fifteen minutes ? Really?

**EVERY HUMAN LIFE HAS VALUE, SO.....**

**THANK GOD**

**THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
ARE WORKING TO HELP US ALL TO DEAL WITH COVID-19**

**PRAY TO GOD**

**THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
WILL WORK TO HELP US ALL SAVE BABIES FROM ABORTION  
AND THE VULNERABLE FROM EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**

**PRAY TO STENGTHEN YOURSELF AND DO YOUR PART**

*Br. Dennis Wawrykow, Life Director  
Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925*