



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



Celebrating 35 Years of Service

October 2020

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The Knights of Columbus Order was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925 was granted a Charter on March 27, 1985.



Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers!

“Sign! Sign! Everywhere a Sign!”

In 1971, the Five Man Electrical Band had a popular hit song “Signs”. I suggest you listen to it. The point of the song was that our world was being regulated everywhere by an overabundance of written restrictions that were often hampering humanity’s sense of freedom or unity. Most of the signs in the song refuse entry or employment based on social status. The song, itself a sign of the social revolution in the 1960’s, also pointed to the social injustices that we impose on each other because of fear, prejudice or ignorance. These problems still exist. Knights seek to address some of these problems in many ways.

Today, there may still be too many signs but many are extremely important. Everywhere we go, we are reminded to protect ourselves and others from the COVID virus. We may bristle when we are told to wear a mask, practice physical distancing and wash our hands repeatedly. Our selfish sense of independence may cause us to rebel despite the evidence that this is the only way, for now, to avoid serious illness or even death. As the song says, “Can’t you read the sign?”

As Knights, are we responding to the many important signs or invitations to participate in the activities of Fr. Shyshkowich Council? Are we doing what we can to attend online Divine Liturgies? Are we praying the rosary? Are we trying to attend online meetings and seminars prepared especially for us? Are we reading the many notices and bulletins that call us to action? Are we doing what we can to protect the unborn by participating in Life activities? Are we still supporting our parish financially? These are just a few of the basic questions we should ask ourselves despite the limitations imposed on us by the pandemic.

Congratulations to Fr. Deacon Walter Dudych, a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph’s, on his ordination to the diaconate. Kudos to our brother Knights who worked at Ukrainian park, helped out with the Welcome Home vegetable sale and served as ushers and cleaners for our Divine Liturgies.

Many of our programs and plans depend on the success of our fundraising efforts. Approximately 50% of the monies raised through the ICCD ticket sales could be rebated to our council. If every Knight buys or sells at least 2 or 3 books, the monies raised will help offset the financial setback we will experience with this year’s cancellation of Grey Cup ticket sales, several Fish Fries, and other fundraising events. Please see Br. Don to pick up your ICCD booklets.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Leonard Ratushniak C.Ss.R, a member of St. Joseph’s community of priests who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, September 27 at HFH. Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights will be beatified on October 31 by Pope Francis naming him “Blessed”. Thanks be to God!

At the conclusion of the song, “SIGNS”, the singer notices a church sign that invites him to take refuge inside without any conditions. With relief he sings, “Thank you Lord for caring ‘bout me! I’m alive and doin’ fine!” May our actions and participation in our parish and Council activities reflect our own thankfulness!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Michael Ryczak GK





Слава Ісусу Христу!
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

At the end of September, our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrated the holiday known as *Yom Kippur*. It is a day on which those of the Jewish faith “atone” for their sins. In other words, seek forgiveness for their wrongs committed against God and each other. One of the results of such a spiritual exercise is improvement in how one lives life from day to day.

Our Catholic faith also calls us to “atone”, to seek forgiveness and healings for our sins. We are blessed to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly referred to as “confession”, as a part of our faith. In my experience as a confessor and as one who goes to confession, I know that is a wonderful and powerful moment of encountering God’s love and forgiveness.

During confession a “penance” is usually given. Just as sin causes damages. A penance, whether it is prayers or some type of action, helps to heal the damage and to prevent more harm.

During this time of Covid-19, a certain priest offers the following thoughts about masks and penance.

“I suggest that we wear our masks in a spirit of penance for our sins and for the sins of our nation, and we offer this as a sacrifice to the Lord, especially when we put them on as we gather together to pray — to make this specific intention to the Lord.”

“This is not a great sacrifice, but it is still a sacrifice. As we offer this small penance to the Lord, let us specifically be aware of the words that come out of our mouths in sin, and ask his help to convert them to words of sincere worship, expressions of gratitude and Christian encouragement to others, especially those most in need. Let our masks even become a reminder that our first thought should not be about a virus, but about the divine physician, the healer of bodies and souls.”

Peace & Prayers,



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LIFE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*Br. Dennis Wawrykow
Life Director for #8925*

Brother Knights,

From time to time, I have mentioned various aspects of the programs in the Life program area. Now we all have an easy opportunity to see and hear an explanation of all the activities available through Manitoba State.

Here is the link to the Youtube channel for all the presentations from Manitoba State this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsufkCRSA-iJlahxNdGssEA>

I especially encourage you to watch the Life Presentation by Br Tim Scatliff, Manitoba Director for Life programs. Br. Tim is a very dedicated and knowledgeable pro-life supporter; hopefully some of his dedication and zeal will rub off on each of us.

I.C.C.D BOOKS 2020-21;

BROTHERS.. One month has already past and I still have many available books for distribution. Brothers our Charities Program is very important to our organization and to people who count on us for support. Without our support we will find programs in the future non existing. Our fundraising efforts have already begun to show signs like only 3 weeks of Fish Fry Fridays resulting in the lack of funding towards our charity fund and no Grey Cup ticket pool resulting in a loss of \$3,500.00. A possible cancellation of Super Bowl pool would result in another \$3,500.00 lost..

Today we only have one fundraising program and that is our I.C.C.D. books. Manitoba State advised us late in August 2020 that there will be no \$2.00 tickets nor 3 for \$5.00 instead we will be selling \$5.00 tickets (Book of 8) for \$40.00 and 3 for \$10.00 (book of 12) for \$40.00. In the past our Council has experienced instant success in selling 3 for any amount versus individual tickets for any amount. Here is our opportunity to do the same this year since we have lost out Grey Cup pool and a possibility of losing our Super bowl pool to step up and focus on our fundraising efforts by purchasing 2 or more books of I.C.C.D tickets and, the possibility of winning on the Early Bird draws of \$100.00 (10 Draws) plus the added draws of 1st place of choice of any 5 of 2021 vehicles or \$20,000.00 and there are 4 other cash draws of \$10,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$3,000.00, and \$2,000.00. Two of our Council members won money in April of this year on the 2019-20 Draws. I urge all our Council members to support this worth while fundraiser. Brothers, we no longer have the support of patrons in Malls, nor the support of patrons at our past venues such as IGA, Sobeys, No Frills, the Wellness or Seven Oaks Hospital or even right now even our own Parish lobby due to this pandemic. Where are we, as a working Council going to offer these ticket books????????? We have to rely on YOU good people to spread the news of opportunities to each member of our Council, to the members of your family, to close friends, to neighbours, etc. Starting this week, I am going to call up each and everyone on our Council Roster and get your feedback and support of how many books you will undertake. I welcome any suggestions and thank-you Brothers for your support during this time of Covid 19.

Br. Don Gulchak



Proposed

Knights of Columbus Fr Shyshkowich Council

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

10 am Divine Liturgy

Remembrance Day Service to follow

In consideration of COVID-19 restrictions, our Remembrance Day Service will be different than past services.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Divine Liturgy will be limited to 45 individuals and attendance by advance registration only. I would like to encourage my fellow Knights and their spouses to please register through the parish office to attend Divine Liturgy and Remembrance Day Service.

Phone 204-339-4512 or email office@stjosephukrwinnipeg.ca

Dress code will be in effect and we will meet in our assigned pews.

Please note the Catechism Program Remembrance Day activities, the Knights procession upstairs and Luncheon have been cancelled.

Br George Koch
Remembrance Day Event Coordinator



**Brothers Stephen Fedun,
George Gaba, Don Gulchak
and Les Storozuk volunteered
and enjoyed a productive
and enjoyable day
undertaking maintenance at
Ukrainian Park on September
11th.**



Congratulations to our Brother Knights

October

- 6 Rev. John Sianchuk C.Ss.R
- 8 Paul Lee
- 13 Edward Ozubko
- 13 Norman Dobson
- 16 Larry Trach
- 18 Martin Fydirchuk

Happy 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

From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil for 1 hour or more from 8am – 8pm, in the public right-of-way outside (Health Science Centre, Women's Hospital,) 665 William Ave corner of Sherbrook). You can already sign up for 1 hour or more on the calendar at: www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg).

If you'd like more information please contact: (Maria Slykerman at 204-452-2459. clcwpgmb26@gmail.com).

All K of C physical gatherings have been cancelled for October. 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/>