



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



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



Christ is Risen!

A Time for Renewal!

Brother Knights,

Human history is marked by positive achievements in science, medicine, and technology which have improved the quality of life for many. However, there have been wars, famines, and plagues such as COVID which have caused great pain and death. After important world events, humanity is compelled to change because everyday circumstances have been altered in some way. The resurrection of Our Lord was the most important event of human history. It changed everything. For the next 2000 years, the spread of Christianity provided an impetus for change in many ways and in many places. What can we, as Knights do to provide positive change in a post-Covid 19 world?

The K of C mission of promoting the gospel of Christ and positive change to the world occurs on many levels. Our Supreme Board directs charitable works around the world and manages the financial resources. Our state and district officials provide information and direction on a provincial level. Every local council, including Fr. Shyshkovich Council, continues to respond to the needs of their home parish and community. The Easter season in spring is an optimistic time. It is a time to rejoice in new life and to look forward to the future. It is, also, a good time for our Council to re-examine its priorities and to set short-term and long-term goals.

On Thursday, April 8, at 7pm, our Council will conduct an online meeting completely devoted to establishing priorities and goals. All other matters will be deferred to our regular business meeting online on Monday, April 12. I ask that all of you make a special effort to attend these meetings and to respond to the TEAMS invitations that I will send to you. Your participation matters. As well, whether you are able to attend or not, please share one new idea, initiative or project that you think our Council should consider. It may be categorized under the headings of Faith, Family, Community (including our parish), Prolife, Membership, etc. If possible, please send your suggestions to me at mryczak@shaw ahead of time so that I may prepare a list.

Indeed, He Has Risen!

Michael Ryczak

Grand Knight

PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, April 8, 2021

7 pm online



COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021

7 pm online



Христос Воскрес!
Christ is Risen!

Dear Brother Knights,

The question, “*What’s in a name?*” is often associated with Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. It is certainly a good question to ask about the various names that we call the great feast of the Resurrection of Christ over sin and death, which has granted all of us life. Let’s take a quick glance at a few of these names.

Easter In the English speaking world, the word *Easter*, is probably the most popular name that is connected with the feast of the Resurrection. The roots of this word seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, *Eostre*, who was celebrated at the beginning of spring.

Pascha When we hear this word, we may think of bread. However, in Latin and Greek, the feast of the Resurrection of Christ was and still is called *Pascha*. The word originally denoted the Jewish festival known in English as *Passover*, commemorating the Jewish Exodus from slavery in Egypt. The Resurrection celebrates the *new Passover*, our freedom from sin and death. In St Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, we read, “...for our *paschal lamb*, Christ, has been sacrificed.” The Catechism for our Ukrainian Catholic Church is called *Christ, our Pascha*.

Великдень (Velykden) In Ukrainian, the name for the feast of Christ’s Resurrection says it all, “*Великий день*,” *the Great Day*. May all the blessings of the Great Day be experience now and throughout the year.

Peace & Prayers,

Fr Dmytro



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I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER TICKETS

WINNER WINNER! That's right, Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925 may have winners on this years draw scheduled April 24, 2021. Brothers, we are at the wire and only some 4 weeks left until the winners are announced. Since the Early Bird draw date of January 28, 2021, our ticket sales amounted to around 10 books and only 4 ON LINE Sales. Brothers, Manitoba State gave us bonus monies for every book sold online and I did urge all our members to get onboard.

I thank all those who bought a book or two or three and those who purchased a ticket or 3/\$10.00; it all goes into the final tally. Many thanks to a handful of our Brothers who really stepped up to the plate and purchased 5 to 10 books each. Online book sales will cease on April 12, 2021. So Brothers, please get the urge and purchase books to increase our free monies. To those who still have books in their possession, I will be phoning you to forward your sold books to me by April 18, 2021. I have been to the two masses every week for the past 3 weeks in the court yard. I intend to continue that practice until April 18, 2021. Many thanks to our parishioners who supported our Knights in our one and only FUNDRAISER. Please log on Manitoba State Web site April 24, 2021 and watch the draws as it happens, or wait for my final report next month.

Thank you.

Br. Don Gulchak
Chair, Fundraiser I.C.C.D.
Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925



Congratulations to our Brother Knights!

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- 6 Rick Kendall
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- 8 Steve Prokop
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- 14 Garry Winch
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LifeCanada Presents!

We are extremely honored to introduce to our series Mrs. Cathay Wagantall, elected in 2015 as Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville, Saskatchewan, for the Conservative Party of Canada.

Through her parliamentary work, Cathay has been committed to standing up for the most vulnerable in society and to working to defend and protect fundamental rights such as freedom of conscience, religion, belief, and expression.

Meet Mrs. Wagantall, learn about her life and career and hear how she is working hard to put an end to gender-selection abortion in Canada.

Ms. Wagantall's Sex Selective Abortion Act, Bill C-233, was introduced in February 2020. The bill would amend the Criminal Code of Canada to create a new penalty for medical practitioners who knowingly perform an abortion solely on the grounds of the pre-born child's genetic sex.

The bill includes a directive for guidelines to be established on how information outlining the prohibition on sex selective abortion is provided by a medical practitioner to a pregnant woman.

The Sex-Selective Abortion Act has received written letters of endorsement from the Vedic Hindu Cultural Society of British Columbia, and the United Sikhs of Canada, whose Director recently initiated an electronic petition in support of a sex-selection law.

Join us as we speak to Cathay about her life's work and her Bill on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00PM EST.

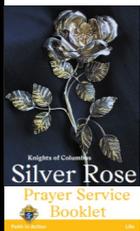
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If you have any questions, contact me at: dennisw3@hotmail.com or 204-599-6055

Submitted by Br Dennis Wawrykow,
Council Life Program Director

The Knights of Columbus Silver Rose



On Sunday, March 14 our WGK Br Michael had in his possession The Silver Rose for our Family Rosary. The K of C Silver Rose Program demonstrates the unity between our councils in Canada, USA, and Mexico. Every year March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by K of C Councils. Each stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion. On Sunday evening, we shared the message that promotes respect for life.

This story began in Mexico in 1531. It involves Virgin Mary-the mother of Jesus, Juan Diego a Aztec convert to Christianity, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Juan's uncle, and The Silver Rose.

In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared as an apparition twice to Juan Diego. She instructed him to visit the Bishop to tell him that a church should be built in her honor. The bishop was reluctant to believe the story and needed a sign before believing that it was really Our Lady who had appeared. *(cont)*

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In the meantime, Juan Diego's uncle became gravely ill. Our Lady appeared to his uncle and cured him. The Lady told Juan to go to the top of the hill and gather the flowers he would find there. Upon arrival at the top, he found in the frozen ground a garden of roses not native to the area. He gathered some roses and brought them to the bishop as a sign. When Juan Diego saw the bishop, they both saw a portrait of Our Lady imprinted with roses on the fabric of his jacket.

The church that Juan Deigo was instructed to build is now the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe located in Mexico City. Our Council's Silver Rose program was a reminder of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego.

In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas, and in 1990, St. John Paul II beatified Juan Diego. On July 31, 2002, Pope John Paul visited Mexico City and declared sainthood of Blessed Juan Diego. Today, the Feast Day of St. Juan Diego is December 9. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12, and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is still celebrated and visited by pilgrims year-round.



On behalf of Fr Shyshkowich Council, I would like to thank Br Tim Scatliff Life Director from Manitoba State and Br Dennis Wawrykow for their collective efforts that promote respect for life.

Br George Koch

Easter traditions with our children were a mixture of catechism lessons, Liturgy, culture and family traditions. When they were old enough, Easter egg or pysanky production would consume the entire weekend. For the Koch Family children, one of their favorite parts of Easter was preparing their baskets for blessing on Holy Saturday. They took their time creating clove crosses over the foods and into the bread. Baskets were stuffed to the brim with pascha, ham, butter, cheese, and Ukrainian eggs. Bryce and Abby would take their time in preparing their baskets including chocolate and marshmallow treats.

Jean would purchase a chocolate hen or lamb from Morden Chocolates. Even the pussy willows received on Palm Sunday were added to their baskets. Our kids would carry their own baskets down to the parish auditorium, lined with a cross stitched covering. It was entertaining hearing the children's giggles of joy as Father sprinkled holy water over the basket and their clothing. Following the blessing, the children enjoyed sharing an item with the Fathers but of course not their chocolate treats. All of this created lasting memories!

Happy Easter brother Knights!

Good of the Order
Br. George Koch



Brother Knights

It has been my privilege to serve as editor of our Fr. Shyshkovich Council monthly Bulletin over the past ten years. Thank you for your support and contributions to our monthly Bulletin.

The time has come for me to retire and our Br. George Koch will take over as our new editor.

Please continue to assist, support and contribute monthly articles to Br. George so that our Knights are kept aware of our Council's activities.

Fraternally,
Past Editor
Br. George Gaba



Dear Br George.

Thank you for all your hard work you put into the Bulletin! Know that your past efforts as Past Editor are recognized and greatly appreciated. We are grateful for everything that you have done over the past several years since you were Editor. I would also like to thank Br George for his assistance as I prepared April's bulletin. I am pleased to bring to you my inaugural issue of our Council's bulletin. Thank you for the opportunity and I hope you all enjoy it!

Br George Koch