



# FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



May 2024



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Christ Is Risen!

Dear Brothers,

Membership and Leadership

No one likes bad news, but all our brothers in Manitoba need to know the latest general statistics. Membership and leadership (or the lack of it) were the main themes of the last K of C state convention in April. There was some encouraging and inspiring news as well.

First, the bad news. Less than half of the 80 active councils sent delegates to the state convention. Additionally, there are more than 30 that are inactive or dissolved. 44 of about 77 active councils have not recruited one new member in the last Columbian year. More than 50 councils did not submit a written report to be included in the state annual report. There were many state program directorships positions left vacant. 6 of 15 district deputy positions were vacant. If the active membership situation continues to deteriorate, remaining active councils may be transferred to Saskatchewan state where there is growth. Manitoba State would then cease to exist. It was with great emotion and frustration exhibited by our state deputy, that delegates were implored to encourage present members of councils to volunteer for leadership roles at every level. As well, despite a slight net gain in membership in Manitoba during the last Columbian year, more men of every age need to be recruited for membership in every council to carry on the good works of the order. Reporting and documentation of council activities was also poor. Every minute spent meeting, planning, and executing programs and events needs to be recorded. This documentation helps to increase funding from supreme to state and local councils.

The good news is that the Knights continue to support a wide variety of charities and provide programming internationally, nationally, and locally. The best news, in my view, was an announced initiative begun by the fourth degree Knights of Manitoba called "Homes for Heroes". The fourth degree Knights in partnership with various levels of government, the Kinsmen Club of Manitoba, and other charities are raising millions of dollars to provide interim housing for over 200 armed forces veterans who are homeless in Manitoba. A complex of apartments with support staff will provide veterans with an opportunity to find suitable housing, counselling, and other support structures to help them re-enter mainstream society.

Thursday May 9

Divine Liturgy 7 pm

**Ascension Thursday**, a day of obligation to attend Divine Liturgy. Divine Liturgy will be at 7 pm and the **Planning Meeting** will follow.



**Knights of Columbus**  
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Monday May 13 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Group  
Rosary will be at 6:30 pm and the  
**Business Meeting** will follow.

Our council was heralded by the state executive for our continuing good works and financial success, especially with our ICCD sales last year (Br. Don G and others) and the many ways we strive to support our parish and community. As we are nearing the end of this Columbian year (June) and we need to nominate brothers to plan for our 40<sup>th</sup> year, we all need to ask ourselves a couple of questions: 1. What can I do to encourage greater membership in our council? 2. How can I personally help our council, district, and state to grow? If you are called to greater leadership in our council, district, and state, please volunteer; don't wait to be asked.

May is a very busy month for all of us. All brothers are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy (Ascension Thursday 7pm) before the planning meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, May 13, we will pray the rosary at 6:30 pm before our business meeting. Our special informative evening on Health care is on Thursday, May 23, and Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our yearly memorial Divine Liturgy for our deceased brothers will be held on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please show up for or help to plan all these special events.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Ryczak GK

### *Ladies Appreciation Night*

FRIDAY MAY 31 2024

DOORS OPEN at 6:00 P.M. Dinner served by 6:45pm.  
Charge to each Br. Knight for their wife is \$25.

This event will be catered and we must have an exact head count. Brothers, please call me with your RSVP.

Dinner will include Chicken Kiev, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, and dessert  
Refreshments include red & white wine, soft drinks and bottled water  
Bingo

Brothers, admission has to be prepaid by [May 22/24](#).

The event should be over by 10:00pm

Br. Steve Werhun  
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***If You Become Unable to Make Medical Decisions***



**WHO WILL SPEAK FOR YOU?**

***You require a Health Care Directive (HCD)***

It is a document which you can use to do either or both of the following:

- express your wishes about the type of health care you want to receive
- name the person(s) who will speak for you.

You are invited to attend an audio-visual presentation  
and discussion (90 minutes in all) with handout materials entitled:

**“Introduction To Health Care Directives”**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7 pm**  
**St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
**250 Jefferson Avenue**

Please RSVP George Koch at either 204 697-1988 or [gkoch5@mymts.net](mailto:gkoch5@mymts.net)

All interested parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

Everyone is welcome!

**Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkovich Council**  
**Supported Event**

## I.C.C.D FUNDRAISER 2023-24

THANK YOU TO ALL who supported our I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER that goes towards our Charities. Lady Brenda and I were at the FINAL DRAW last Saturday, April 20, 2024 along with around 30 other Councils.

A great evening, but unfortunately, our Council had no wining tickets on the Early Bird nor the 5 great prizes as well. A full listing should be on the Knights of Columbus state web site in two weeks. A full report will be presented at the next business meeting in May.

Again, many thanks to all who purchased book(s) tickets, or single tickets in support of your Council's charities.

There's always next year.

Brother Don Gulchak I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER



## Council Briefs

### Br Knights, please mark your calendars!

- Life Culture and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 100,000 Lives Flag Display to commemorate the 100,000 lives lost to abortion each year in Canada. On Thursday May 9, it will be a great time to walk through the St Boniface Cathedral grounds anytime between 9 am – 6 pm to view the Flag Display.
- Thursday May 9 is Ascension Thursday, a day of obligation to attend Divine Liturgy. Divine Liturgy will be at 7pm and the Planning Meeting will have to follow it. Snacks for those attending.
- Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Group Rosary before the Business Meeting
- Thursday, May 23 at 7pm  
Presentation entitled, Introduction to Health Care Directives  
Advance registration is required Br. George Koch 204 697-1988 or gkoch5@mymts.net
- Friday, May 31  
Ladies Night  
Doors at 6:00pm and dinner served by 6:45pm
- Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm  
Planning Meeting
- Saturday, June 8  
Divine Liturgy Memorial Service  
to remember our deceased Brother Knights  
at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Everyone is welcome!
- Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm \* Note date change  
Business Meeting, Elections and Fraternal Evening (Unable to get Chinese food delivered on a Monday)
- June  
Parish Picnic TBA



# Father Shyshkovich Council #8925

***Congratulations to our Br. Knights that have attained  
Honorary Life Membership in 2024.***



The Perogy Bee needs extra help with clean up. As you know from Fish Fry, the cooking and distribution of your product takes a huge number of volunteers. Similarly, with the Perogy Bee, we have many positions to be filled. Hopefully many of our Knights and their wives will come out to help.

We do need assistance with clean up. You are welcome to come for lunch around 12:00 pm, have a bite and then tackle the cleanup chores.

Upcoming Perogy Bee  
May 14 & 15

*Steve Sunka*



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- 3 Kelly Sidak
- 3 Ron Lukie
- 6 Gary Lukie
- 10 Ron Kasil
- 13 Leslie Dubowits
- 14 Isadore Burdeniuk
- 15 Donald Cilinsky
- 16 Steve Werhun
- 16 Mike Samec
- 24 Rev. Larry Kondra C.Ss.R.
- 29 Daniel Yarko

**Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panachyda Service to honour all deceased members of our Knights of Columbus Council  
Saturday June 8 at St. Joseph's  
Time: TBA**

Lights refreshments to be served.

Br George Koch

**FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925  
Bulletin and Meeting Dates  
2023 - 2024 Columbian Year**

Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday)	Planning Meeting (Thursday, 7:00)	Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00)
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May 9

May 13 Rosary 6:30 pm

May 27

June 6 (tentative)

**Tuesday June 11**

(\* Note date change)

Business Meeting

Elections

Fraternal Evening (Unable to get

Chinese food delivered on

a Monday)

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**Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Website**

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