



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



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Christ Is Risen!

Dear Brothers,

Reminiscing and Moving Forward!

As you read this, we are giving thanks to God for the past 40 years as a K or C council and we are looking ahead to continue our good works and fellowship. We congratulate and thank the many brother Knights and other parishioners for their work preparing our 40th anniversary celebration.

Brother Steve Werhun and I recently attended the K of C State convention and the issue of recruiting more younger Knights was an important topic. Moving forward, this should be a very important goal for every Council. 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 to carry on the good works of the order. Let us strive to add more Catholic men to our own Council, remembering Our Lord's words: "...The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few..." (Matthew 9:37).

Reporting and documentation of activities from all councils was generally poor. Every minute spent meeting, planning, and executing programs and events needs to be recorded by everyone, not just the Grand Knight. This documentation helps to increase funding from Supreme to State and to local Councils. Only 12 councils in Manitoba qualified for State achievement awards due to the lack of applications or documentation.

Other news was inspiring. Worldwide, the Knights continue to do wonderful work in many countries including Ukraine. We have a new State Deputy, Mark Desjardin, and many returning members to the Manitoba State executive. There will be two new, but familiar faces added to the State team. Metropolitan Lawrence has appointed our founding Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Bohdan Lukie, as the K of C State Chaplain for the next two years. Manitoba State has appointed me as State Faith Director. My tasks will include assisting Fr. Bohdan prepare for State liturgical services according to our Ukrainian rite and to promote other faith activities. I will step down as your Grand Knight at the Tuesday, June 10 business meeting. After the meeting, we will enjoy some fellowship and another tasty meal.

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Business Meeting
Monday May 12 at
7 pm
Budget Review



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As your Past Grand Knight, I will continue to be active in our Council. Please consider a new or different leadership role for yourself and encourage and nominate others to step up to the plate. Consider how you can 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. The next Columbian year begins July 1.

On Monday, May 12, we will have two important gatherings. Our K of C business meeting at 7pm will begin to consider plans for the next Columbian year including budget items for possible passage at our concluding business meeting in June. Earlier that morning, at 10:30 am in our church, we will pray for the repose of the soul of our brother, Zorian Hudyma, who fell asleep in the Lord last week. We will form an honour guard and assemble at 10:15 am in the hall. Dress code is in effect. We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Leona, his family and friends. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Indeed, He is Risen!

Michael Ryczak GK

Fundraising Report by Br Don

I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER 2024-25:

Brothers, our provincial I.C.C.D. draw took place on April 26, 2025. Unfortunately, there were no winners from our Council #8925. Our total number of sold tickets this year has decreased for several reasons. One, we had fewer of our Knights selling or buying ICCD tickets: 31 Knights this year versus 38 last year. Two, there were fewer venues to sell from in our area. Three, fewer people carry cash with them. Four, more dollars are spent paying for rent and food.

Our council thanks all brothers who contributed to this fundraiser and our parishioners who have always supported our Knights. Stay tuned to for more upcoming fundraising events for the 2025-26 Columbian year.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS:

Our Council had successful Fish Fries again this year raising approximately \$3,800.00 for the parish's boiler project. We thank our brothers who came together with fellow Knights and others to serve many guests on the three last Fridays of Lent.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COUNCIL MAY 10, 2025

Brothers, we hope that all our Knights have their banquet tickets and come together to celebrate our 40th in style. I hope this newsletter gets out before Saturday, May 10 and the last-minute Knights will phone ahead and be counted.

Next month, we will be voting for our new Grand Knight and other executive leaders for 2025-26 and beyond. Please throw your name into the ring, become a leader and/or become a more active member of our excellent Council.

Please read the rest of this newsletter and to gain more information about our Council and our brother Knights in action.

Thank you Brothers!

Br. Don Gulchak
Fundraising

Father Shyshkowich Council #8925

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3 Kelly Sidak
 6 Gary Lukie
 10 Ron Kisil
 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



2024 - 2025 Columbian Calendar Year

May 10 – Anniversary Celebration

May 12 – Budget Business Meeting

June 5 – Planning

June 10 – Business Meeting, Budget Approval, Elections, Fraternal Meal

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