



# FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



April 2026



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Dear Br. Knights

As I write this message we will be in the final week of Holy Lent and for us lent means a spiritual Journey. It is time to renounce evil and in God’s grace, to seek good, to pray, to fast and to be more charitable. We as good Catholics and members of the Knights of Columbus, should be well aware of the Lenten journey and its obligations. Let us all try to adhere to the teachings of the church so that The Spirit of Easter Sunday will indeed be a day of rejoicing and the encouragement in the assurance of the Resurrection. Lent will always mean being reborn in the spirit, so that we can celebrate the rebirth of Easter. Also at this time of Lent let us add special prayers for “world peace” and especially for peace in “Ukraine”.

Many thanks to all the Brothers that helped at our three “Fish Fry” events especially the Brothers that stepped up and took it up a notch \*\*Br. Dennis B. ,Br. Dave G. ,Br. Garry W. ,Br. Bohdan W.,and Br. Gordan L. We should have all the costs, sales and profit calculated for our next Council meeting on April 13/26.

Our Communion Brunch at The Holy Family is still in the planning stage and once we have a confirmed date, all the brothers will be notified. As discussed previously this event will include our wives and the widows of our Brother Knights that passed.

Since we own the Pool Table and the Shuffle Board we will start the repairs shortly after Easter once the activities in the hall subside. Once these are repaired we will plan an event some afternoon that would include our more senior members.

## Planning Meeting

Thurs Apr 9  
7 pm



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## Business Meeting

Mon Apr 13  
7 pm

As I stressed previously that we should organize a more family oriented events such as 5-pin bowling that would include our wives, children, grand children and our Christian friends. We could also plan to meet in our church basement after this tournament to award trophies and prizes. Snacks and Refreshments could also be served.

We could also possibly plan a family BBQ at one of the city parks eg. City Park, Kildonan Park or Ukrainian Park etc. Let's put our thinking caps on Brothers and come up with some ideas for our " Family Events ."

Upcoming dates to remember -- Thursday April 9/26 ---- Planning Meeting

-- Sunday April 12/26 ----- Rosary

-- Monday April 13/26 ----- Business Meeting

God Bless.

Br. Steve GK



Brother Knights of Manitoba,

April, 2026

This will be my first **State Convention** as the State Chaplain since I was appointed to this position back in June 2025. In reality, the Metropolitan-Archbishop Lawrence Hucaluk is the official Chaplain – I am humbly to represent His Grace when he is not able to be present and I am honoured...

I happily recall being challenged with this illustrious position back in 1972-73 for Manitoba and we all must confess – we were all much younger back then. I fondly recall participating in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supreme Convention of our Knights in 1982. How very much our Brotherhood of Knights have grown and expanded throughout the world! What a great blessing we are to the Church and to all!

I truly was blessed to participate in the State Chaplain's Seminar in New Haven in June 2025 and then the Supreme Convention in Washington in August. What an inspiring and challenging Convention! We all were challenged as Brother Knights – *"This is our Mission – to be Heralds of Hope. To give Hope to others through our service and sacrifice. We lift up the family and the faith. We lift up the vulnerable and the persecuted. And today, in a special way, we lift up our voices in thanksgiving..."*

If there is a word that summed up the message of the late Pope Francis's, it's HOPE. He gave Hope to the world and to the entire Church the Jubilee of Hope. The Pope reminded us that true Hope is based on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His victory over sin and death.

This is the Hope that guides the Knights and we share it through our Charity and Fraternity. Last year 2025, we dedicated 48 million hours of serving others. And our brother Knights donated a record of \$197 million for multifarious charitable causes. Behind those numbers are countless acts of quiet service. Through the Knights, eg. over 1.6 million coats for children in need.... this is only one example of Charity...over 158,000-wheel chairs have been given to those afflicted, and 1000's of other acts of Charity are shared with the world!

Are you aware that last year 96,000 new Knights joined our ranks? Presently, throughout the world, there are 2.1 million Knights in Canada, the USA, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Ukraine, etc. And what a delight to know – there are 8000 Knights in 146 College Councils!

Pope Leo XIV addressed the Supreme Convention with these inspiring and challenging words: *“You are meeting during the Jubilee of Hope... as Catholics, we know that the source of our Hope is Jesus Christ and He has sent His followers in every age to bring the good news of His saving Paschal Mystery to the entire world.”*

*“This year’s Convention has the timely theme of “Heralds of Hope”- reminding all Knights of the invitation to be Signs of Hope to all Christians of this world.”* Let each of us generously respond...

Like every generation that came before us, we will move forward – in charity, unity and fraternity. We will serve our Lord Jesus by serving others and we will sacrifice for them, like He did for us.

May Blessed Father McGivney, our founder, continue to be the inspiration and foundation of all our charitable Christian works of mercy and love. May the good Lord Jesus bless all our Brother Knights and their families throughout the coming years! What a glorious privilege and challenge each of us Knights have to make this world a more peaceful, joyful, loveful and faithful world!!!

**Father Bohdan Lukie CSsR, State Chaplain**

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkovich Council for their hard work in preparing “The Fish Fry” Fridays in our parish this Lent, which allowed many of us to gather together for fellowship.

Fr. Yevhen



**Financial Secretary Report Columbian Year 2025 JULY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

FEB 9, 2025 Meeting

6 – Disbursements Period from July 1 to Feb 9, 2026

Notables: Natalia Bilynskyy Gift of Service \$100.00

Fraternal Evening/Meeting \$195.66

Light-up For Christmas Exp: \$ 160.00

Council Expenses/Supplies \$60.34

Wendell Kolson St. Nicholas Concert: \$165.65

**Total Disbursements: \$681.68**

Financial Secretary,  
Gordon Lasko



Brothers, welcome to Spring or is it, sure does not feel like it.

**I.C.C.D. FUNRAISER:**

Brothers, the light at the end of the tunnel is near, in fact April is next week and the big draw is April 11, 2026. It has been a long 6 months for me trying to get our many Knights to support this fundraiser. After spending many week-ends at church and many church events to muster ticket sales. I THANK all those who purchased a book or two and supported our Knights this year and to our many parishioners who year after year have supported this worth while fundraiser. To our faithful sellers who again helped out to support our bottom line, we THANK YOU.

Please return all your sold books by Good Friday April 3rd or phone me to confirm your book status as Monday April 6th all books sold will be forwarded to the Manitoba State Office for processing. Please attend our regular monthly meeting on April 13, 2026 for a detailed account of the big winners and the results of the I.C.C.D. draw that happened on April 11, 2026.

Thank you for reading our newsletters in the past and please address any concerns. Have a wonderful EASTER WEEK with FAMILY and FRIENDS.

GOD BLESS

Br. Don Gulchak  
Fundraiser Chair



## K.U.C.A. 2025 Youth Winter Games

### Awards Banquet

### Saturday April 18

### Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall

### 390 Marion Street

### 6 pm to 10 pm

### All Participants Welcome

All costs covered by KUCA

Information: Bernard Boguski: 204-390-1537

Submitted by Br. Wendell

## April 2026 Council Meeting Message

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at [www.kofc.org/calculator](http://www.kofc.org/calculator). With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. Then, I can help you find the right coverage. No matter where you are on your financial journey, I'm here to help. Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs.

Thank you.



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## 2025 - 2026 Columbian Calendar Year

**Bulletin  
Submission  
Deadline**

**Planning  
Meeting  
Thurs 7 pm**

**Business  
Meeting  
7 pm**

	Thurs Apr 9	Mon Apr 13
Mon Apr 27	Thurs May 7	Tues May 11
Mon May 25	Thurs June 4	Mon June 8

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