



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



Grand Knight's Message Br. Steve

Dear Brother Knights,

Now that our summer holidays are over and our visitors have gone home, our lives will return to normal - hopefully. Even though we will miss the little critters waking us up from our afternoon nap by plopping their wet diaper on our stomach. -- OH, the joys of the grandchildren. They crave our attention and we should cherish those moments. Brothers those who are fortunate to have the little ones enjoy them now -- those moments will be precious memories. Now that I teared up over my keyboard - let us continue.

As we start our new Columbian year with our first business meeting which will be on Sept 3/26, please bring your fundraising ideas to our first meeting - so we can discuss and plan.

So far, some food for thought; Sunday noon *** Pancake Brunch** after our Divine Liturgy, Fall BBQ - on a Sunday 11:30 A.M. Fall Social - Live Band

As you probably noticed that I have booked 4 weeks for our annual "FISH FRY". I felt that last year we were all geared up that extra week. So, not to disappoint our Brothers *** we should do 4 weeks ***. Reason being last year the 3 week **FISH FRY** raised \$4700. It was donated to our Church for the painting of the domes. I suggest that this year the 4th week would stay in our account to support our charitable donations and any fraternal activities. I don't know how this will fly maybe like a lead balloon.



Get Hooked!

Fr. Shyshkowich Council's Fish Fries

Planning Meeting

Thurs Sept 3 at 7pm



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**Business Meeting &
Fraternal Evening**

Mon Sept 8 at 7pm



Fundraising Message Br. Don



Welcome back Brothers to our new 2026 2027 Colombian year. I trust you all had a great summer and every thing is good to go.

GREY CUP TICKETS

Yes these are back and from what I am hearing and seeing almost half have been accounted for. Please see either Brother Bohdan or myself at our three masses for your allotment of tickets for either selling or to purchase for yourself. I have been allocating many books of tickets at our 2 masses for the last month and looking forward to our first meeting of the year in Sept. to distribute the balance of our 1800 tickets. Please support our Fundraisers, Grey Cup Tickets and our I.C.C.D. And other events so we can give support to our church and local organizations and community events.

I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER

Hopefully these will available by the end of Sept or sooner for your purchase and claim 1 of 5 major prize drawings. Many thanks for your support to our Knights.

Thank you,
Br. Don Gulchak



State Chaplain's Message Fr. Bohdan



Dear Brother Knights of Columbus and families,

How very quickly our summer has come and almost gone! Even I have been caught off-guard with this sudden passage of time, but alas! we all are blessed, *God willing, of course*, to commence another Knightly year of wonderful charitable and love-filled Christian activities. God the Father is most generous to us and He truly wishes that all of our Councils of Brother Knights will heartily devote themselves to fulfill the Knightly virtues of Unity, Fraternity and Charity in our families, in our parishes and in our communities.

On June 27th, as the State Chaplain, I happily celebrated the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving for our Manitoba State Board and their spouses in the chapel of Holy Family Nursing Home (*where I also have the privilege of being the Chaplain*) and our State Deputy Mark proudly installed our State Board for this coming year. The prayers of Installation truly are inspirational and very challenging!

The Supreme Convention at Denver in August was most informative and almost overwhelming. The State delegates representing the 2.2 million Knights from the USA, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Philippines, France, Poland, Ukraine, Spain, etc. listened almost in awe of the wonderful Knightly accomplishments throughout the world, eg., 300 million in Christian Charity, 300,000 'Coats for Kids', over 100,000 new members joined our Brotherhood in the past year alone... And of course, the speeches were verily enlightening and challenging and most motivating for all to do even more in this coming Knightly year.

But most impressive and memorable were the prayerful celebrations of the Divine Liturgies with some 60 Bishops, over 200 priests and over 2000 delegates, praising God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit in joyful song and chant. What a phenomenal expression of Unity, Fraternity and Charity... yes, it was wonderful to express our love of God and our love of all humanity. How pleased I personally was that all the Hierarchy and Knights so sincerely prayed for the suffering people of Ukraine that this horrible unjust Russian war would soon end so people could live in peace, love and harmony.

It is rather interesting this year that all the State Chaplains for the 120,000 Knights in Canada are of the Ukrainian Byzantine Rite – Bishop Bayda for Eastern Canada, myself for Manitoba, Fr. Warren for Saskatchewan, Father Slavko in Alberta and finally, Bishop Michael of B.C. (*this young Bishop is slated to become the Metropolitan-Archbishop of Manitoba on Nov. 8th – we truly are blessed!*)

I, in turn, wish to commit myself, as your State Chaplain, to greater serve our Order and hopefully, provide further spiritual guidance for all of you as we, brotherly and generously, commit ourselves to the wonderful work of Christ this coming year. May the good Lord Jesus and our blessed Founder Father Michael McGivney bless each of you and your families with much love and joy and peace and good health...

Father Bohdan Lukie CSsR



Message from our council's Spiritual Director - Michael Ryczak

Brothers!

In a few short months, St. Joseph's Parish will begin celebrating its 75th anniversary. It will be a time to be to review the graces of the past and to see a vision for the future. Our Fr. Shyshkovich Council has played a very important role for over 40 years. Our Council has endeavoured to help our parish thrive through the years with acts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I ask many of you now to demonstrate the directive of the fourth degree: Patriotism.

The fourth degree exemplifies patriotism in many ways. It emphasizes our love for Canada, Ukraine and other homelands of our people. It honours the living and deceased members of our armed forces and fraternal order by participating in liturgical events, funerals, memorial occasions, and other special occasions.

It is my honour to have been appointed District Master of the fourth degree for Manitoba and I ask you, if you are physically able, to join this important group. Fourth degree Knights are the most visible and recognizable Knights in our church and community. When we see more 4th degree Knights active in the church and community, we attract and encourage others to join our local councils and assemblies.

On November 8, our Ukrainian Catholic Church will be celebrating a very rare but extremely important occasion: the installation of our new Metropolitan for Canada. Our patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, many archbishops, bishops, and clergy from many churches will be present. Our chancellery has requested the participation of as many 4th degree Knights as possible. If you contact me as soon as possible, you can be a part of this memorable date and/or many others. We will need many 4th degree Knights to assist the archeparchy with several tasks associated with this great day. How wonderful it would be to see many Knights from our council to be active in this regard.

All Knights need to continue to grow spiritually by participating in as many prayer activities as possible. Our Fr. Shyshkovich Council has pledged to pray the rosary every 2nd Sunday of the month, asking for the intercession of Blessed Mother to Her Son for the many intentions we have. The Pope and our Patriarch have both stated emphatically that the greatest weapon against evil is prayer. There is a lot of pain and evil that needs to be vanquished with our Lord's help. Let's continue to make every effort to be present to pray as a brotherhood as the anniversary of our parish draws near.

Michael Ryczak DM, PGK

Notice Of Motion.

"Our Council's worthy treasurer Br. Les Storozuk prepared a budget for the 2026-2027 Columbian year (effective July 1, 2026).

This budget document (v1-Jun/26) was reviewed at the last K of C business meeting on June 8, 2026. Copies of the budget were made available at the June 8th business meeting and a notice of motion was presented at the meeting. The budget document v1-Jun/26 will be voted upon at the next K of C business meeting on Monday September 8, 2026."

September 2026 Council Meeting Message

Thomas (TJ) Fogarty Field Agent

I want to start off this month's message with an interesting, but lesser-known story about Father McGivney. We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. He was also very practical about what a parish community most often needs: money.

One fall, with St. Mary's in debt to creditors, he led an ingenious combination fundraiser and social event. St. Mary's hall turned into a coffeehouse filled with music, dancing, skits, dessert and, of course, coffee, which was a profitable draw at the time. The party was only supposed to last one night, but the people of New Haven kept coming and drew it out for a week! In the end, Father McGivney was able to pay down a good amount of the debt — and further solidified his reputation as a priest deeply embedded in the life of his parish. Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God. Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith.

Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What are the pillars of your family culture? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here?

Life insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones.

We can talk about these options and more, and whether they might best be covered by temporary or permanent policies. Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve.

This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect, give me a call.

Father Shyshkowich Council #8925



SEPTEMBER

3	Garr Kukura
20	Nelson Wolfe
23	Rev. Bohdan Lukie C.Ss.R.
25	Jozef Popiel

Dates To Remember

Our monthly Rosary second Sunday of each month

Starting	September 13
	October 11
	Nov 8
	Dec 14

Our Meeting dates have been booked as follows:

Meetings		Planning	Business
2026	September	3	7
	October	8	13
	November	5	9
	December	10	14
2027	January	7	11
	February	4	8
	March	4	8
	April	8	12
	May	5	10
	June	10	14

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