



## Celebrating 35 Years of Service

September 2020

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The Knights of Columbus Order was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925 was granted a Charter on March 27, 1985.



Brother Knights!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

My first hope is that everyone is weathering the events of the past months with good health and faith in our Lord to help us continue our mission as we begin the new Columbian year. Our world is sick, some of our leaders are incompetent and/or misguided and many others are frightened with uncertainty. What should we do to calm the fears and make the best choices on our path through the COVID crisis?

St. Paul says "...Pray always ..." (1 Thesal, 5). I look at the Ukrainian Catholic website out of Ukraine almost every day. Ukrainian Catholics are blessed to have a very strong leader, Patriarch Sviatoslav. In one of his recent exhortations, he also beautifully states that as Christians, everything we say, do and think should be a prayer. When you think about it, the basic principles of the Knights: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, when employed, are action prayers. When Knights do good things, we are, in a way communicating with a good and loving God. We are responding to his call to love others. Of course, there are the other forms of prayer. We should frequently pray the rosary to our Blessed Mother and ask the newly Blessed Fr. McGivney, Blessed Velychnowsky and others to intercede for us.

The call to action as prayer is a saving grace for us and for others. Some may despair, as some do who ignore God or keep Him at a distance. However, when the Knights of Fr. Shyshkowich Council, plan, commit to and complete the smaller and bigger tasks in faith, we are a comfort to each other and our community. Facing unprecedented circumstances, what are some of the good options for the coming year?

We must communicate frequently in cumbersome, and perhaps, new ways. We will not be able to gather in larger groups for the foreseeable future. We must use the phone and computer to meet and check up on each other, share our ideas and work together. Keep in touch! Congratulations to the Knights who contacted at least 2 of their brothers over the summer. A special thank you to Br. Don Gulchak who made good of my challenge by contacting EVERY SINGLE KNIGHT on the roster. Wow! "Leave No Neighbour Behind" is the continuing theme of the Knights worldwide. This is the action prayer of Unity and Fraternity. Please take advantage of the many online resources coming from the Supreme and State headquarters to improve your participation in K of C activities. We may hold our first general business meeting online on September 14<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified if that happens. All of our plans should reflect the "5 pillars" of service I have mentioned before: Support for brother Knights, Support for the parish, Support for the community, Feeding the hungry and Support for medical and other service personnel.

Thank you to all of the brother officers who accepted the responsibility of serving on the executive for another year. Please respond with enthusiasm and a commitment to support your committee leaders when you are called upon to assist with any projects or tasks in the coming Columbian year.

On Saturday, September 12, the Welcome Home is holding an outdoor fundraising vegetable sale on the parish parking lot. Read the poster in this bulletin. We will be supporting this event with a financial contribution and manpower. If you can help, please see the contact information in the letter.

Vivat Jesus!  
Michael Ryczak, GK

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, September 14**  
**7:00 P.M. ONLINE**



Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

I once heard the following bit of wisdom: *“Every depth has a surface, but not every surface has a depth.”* I saw this play out in real life, when observing city employees working on a pothole. When they realized that were standing on just asphalt, with no support underneath, they backed away quickly, not wanting to fall into the hole.

As summer leaves and the fall begins, we know that our way of life has changed to what is being called the “new” normal.

On the “surface”, this certainly influences how we, as Knights of Columbus, meet and what type of activities are possible. This certainly will be a challenge. Confronting the new normal is made easier if we remember, the “depth” of the Knights of Columbus, which can be found in the four principles/values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism. Let us remember that these values as well as our Catholic faith provides all of us a solid foundation to stand on as we face the “new” normal.

*Peace & Prayers,  
Fr. Dmytro*



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**Catholic Foundation of  
Manitoba Website:**  
<http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/>

## Canadian Abortion Facts

*Source: Campaign Life Coalition --- contact details given below*

*Br Dennis Wawrykow  
Council Life Director*

### Law

1. Canada has been without a law on abortion since 1988. Abortion is permitted throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason, up to the moment of birth.
2. In Canada, almost all abortions are funded by taxpayers – even though polls reveal that a majority disagree with their money being used to kill unborn babies out of convenience.
3. In 2012, it was discovered that a form of infanticide is becoming commonplace in Canadian hospitals and private abortion facilities, with roughly 50 cases occurring annually. These take place where a child survives an abortion and is born alive. According to Canada's Criminal Code, once born, these survivors are to be accorded all legal rights, including medical treatment. However, a government report shows that these born children are either killed or left to die. When brought to the attention of the RCMP, the apparent homicides were ignored.

### Statistics

1. Over 100,000 abortions were committed in 2015.
2. Since legalization of abortion in Canada in 1969, over 4 million Canadians have died from surgical, elective abortion. Countless more chemical abortions occur annually with drugs like RU-486 (which is now an over the counter prescription in most provinces) and the "morning-after pill".
3. Less than 1% of abortions are for the so-called "hard cases" of rape and incest. Only 3% of all abortions are committed for the alleged hard case of "health risk to the mother". Today therefore, abortion is used primarily as birth control.
4. Nearly 1 in 4 pregnancies today results in abortion.
5. About half of women with an unplanned pregnancy choose abortion. The other half keep the child. Less than 1% offer the baby for adoption.

### Harm to Women

1. In 2011 the British Journal of Psychiatry studied 877,181 women, of whom 163,831 had had an abortion. It found that, compared to the others, those who had had an abortion also had:
  - an 81 percent higher risk of subsequent mental health problems;
  - higher rates of anxiety by 34%;
  - an increase of 37% for feelings of depression;
  - an increase of 110% in alcohol abuse;
  - an increase of 155% for suicidal behavior;
2. An authoritative Finnish government study found that the suicide rate associated with abortion is 10 times higher than the suicide rate associated with childbirth.
3. Increased risk of infertility and ectopic pregnancy.

*For more information, and details as to the sources of information quoted, please see:  
[www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com), or email: [clc@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:clc@campaignlifecoalition.com)*



### Congratulations to our Brother Knights

#### July

- 4 John Hykawy
- 10 Bohdan Wowczuk
- 12 Dennis Beyak
- 18 Jim Tchir
- 19 Terrance Hryniuk
- 21 Russ Horbal
- 27 Frank Koreman

#### August

- 8 Robert Moroz
- 9 Ron Marchenski
- 16 Andrew Popiel
- 20 Tom Shymko
- 26 Zorian Hudyma
- 31 Stan Sirdar

#### September

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

*Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Lita!*

### A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

### DAYS FOR KNIGHTS

All K of C physical gatherings have been cancelled for September. For future meetings and activities, please read all future emails and notices sent from Supreme, State and our local Council.

#### Deepest Sympathy

We wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Br. Tom Rodeck on his passing on May 29.

#### Deepest Sympathy

We wish to extend our condolences to Br. Steve Werhun on the passing of his mother Olga on June 26.

### INTRODUCTION TO ROYAL DOORS:

*Royal Doors* was launched as a website to provide English language resources for Ukrainian Greek Catholics in July 2011. We hope to have an ever-growing collection of catechetical resources, liturgical services, "how to" videos, news articles, and many other items that will serve the needs of the Church. *Royal Doors* is an unofficial site. We submit to the authority of our Patriarch, Sviatoslav, the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, and, through their communion with the Holy Father, to Pope Francis. We promise to strive to present Church teachings accurately. If you believe that we have failed or could do better, please contact us – we are very open to hear from you.

<http://www.royaldoors.net/>



*Knights of Columbus*  
*Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374*  
***“Farmer’s Harvest Charity Market”***

August 29, 2020

**Dear Brothers in Christ:**

Sir Knights of Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374 are once again seeking your support on this the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmer’s Harvest Charity Market, on Saturday Sept. 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., being held at St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church 250 Jefferson Ave

We are once again supporting this event to assist the Welcome Home “Windows into the Future” project. Brothers in Christ, by purchasing 10 Harvest bags which now contains 18 pounds of fresh locally grown vegetables for \$15.00 per bag. “The Welcome Home” would receive 180 pounds of fresh local vegetables for their Food Bank & help with food needs within the Home, or donate to your charity of choice.

During this time with the current health crisis, Covid-19 Pandemic, our society’s less fortunate truly needs the programs that The Welcome Home provides every week, Wednesday morning Food Bank, Thursday Community Family meal, etc.

Your support is extremely important, attending this very worthy event at this time would certainly enhance its success. Think of the impact this could have within the community, while assisting the Welcome Home “Windows into the Future” project. With your help we are attempting to raise \$2,000.00 in funds & donate 3,500 lbs. in fresh local vegetables this year.

If you should require any further information, please don’t hesitate in contacting myself at 204-339-3837 or by e-mail at [coltsp2015@gmail.com](mailto:coltsp2015@gmail.com), or SK Peter Skrinski at 204-632-0484. We will hold this opportunity open till Friday Sept. 26/20, for additional orders.

Thanking you in advance for any/all consideration given to this request. May the Lord’s Blessing be with you especially during these trying times and always.

**Please make cheques payable to Neumann’s Market**

*Yours in Christ;*

*Robert Erstelle, PFN*

*Event Assistant Coordinator*

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Assembly #0374



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**Father Shyshkovich Council #08925**

**Special Harvest Vegetable Bags \$15.00**

**{Potatoes/Carrots/Onions/Cabbage}**



### I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER BOOKS

BROTHERS. Man. State will be forwarding our allotment of I.C.C.D. books for this coming 2020-21 Columbian year. As you all know and heard that Charities are taking a huge hit for all fundraising events and sponsored programs this year and the years to follow. Our Knights have been very active in fundraising events and hopefully will continue this effort during this covid -19 crisis. Right now we are asking our Knights to participate as much as possible to fulfil our charities commitments from previous years to purchase at least 2 books or more this year in order to sustain our charities programs. Please call me at 204 338-1030 for your allotment and will do my best to forward these to you.

### 35 ANNIVERSARY HATS AND SHIRTS

I want to **thank** all our Knights who have purchased a hat or golf shirt or both to celebrate our 35 years of accomplishments. I still have 6 hats and 4 golf shirts that have not been sold and await your purchase in order that our Council will not be accounted for. Please call me at 204 338-1030 for sizes and hats to go along with your shirt purchase.

Thank-you Brothers  
Br. Don Gulchak  
Chair, Fundraiser.

### *On The Light Side*

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration. "Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?" "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.

### **The Way**

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