



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



Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

A Wish List for Knights!

Dear Brothers,

At one of our larger extended family gatherings one Christmas morning long ago, the adults sipped coffee as they watched the kids tear open the Christmas packages and squeal with delight. One of the elders turned to the rest of us and said with a smile, "Christmas is for kids." As Christians, we should know that it isn't the whole story. The elder's words revealed a prevalent attitude that we decorate buy gifts for the sake of the children. Stores and charities state that every child should receive a gift. On the surface, it seems that there's nothing wrong with that. It's an enchanting time for many children (not all), especially in the western world. However, are we giving them gifts to nurture their souls, their inner beings that yearn for God? Good question! What about us big kids? Even the secular song tells us that "Santa knows we're all God's children....." That's true but we are not childish. What should Knights be wishing for? Here are a few holiday gift ideas. First, the "must have" essentials:

1. The wonder, simplicity, humility, and holiness of Christ's birth is a beautiful package. Do we really want it? Are we asking for a deeper understanding of Salvation? A Child is given. May we receive the gift of faith to understand the love with which He was given to us. May we learn more about this great mystery of love as we read and study the Holy Scriptures and listen to our pastors' homilies. May we learn from all the saints on earth and those in heaven. Then, we should pass these gifts to others.
2. The Holy Family is a model of family love. Do we want to be like them? Let's ask for the gift of forgiveness and the desire to grow closer to our spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, and other members of our extended family. Let's spend as much time as we can with them in the days and years ahead. May we remember and pray for our ancestors and for those friends who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The year of St. Joseph is concluding. We should try to be like him as we protect the fragile and the vulnerable who look to the Knights for protection.
3. May we ask for ways to deepen our relationship with our Lord and his Blessed Mother. May we serve them and turn to them for help in dealing with the problems and challenges of the world, in our church, in our communities, and in our families. May our relationship with them help us to be more charitable in our care for those in need, more fraternal in assisting our brother Knights and sisters and more unified and bolder in promoting our Christian values and faith. Let us pray the rosary whenever we can. *(cont. Pg 2)*

PLANNING MEETING  
Thursday, December 9  
7 pm



COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, December 13  
7 pm

4. The stocking stuffers that we want are practical and necessary to raise funds for our charities. Our Council's leadership hopes that our members be very active in our current fundraising drives throughout the holiday season: Grey Cup tickets, ICCD tickets and our new charity MEAT DRAW raffle. Great gifts!

Please wear your "Keep Christ in Christmas" buttons, assist our brothers and parishioners with the indoor and outdoor Nativity scenes in December, and be ready to give the gift of yourself in charity and friendship to everyone around you! May you get what you want or better yet, what you need!

With best wishes and prayers from my family to all of my brothers and their loved ones,

Merry Christmas!

Worthy Grand Knight Br Michael Ryczak



Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

There is a story about POWs (prisoners of war). It takes place during the Second World War in Japan. A certain number of the prisoners were devout Christians. Every morning and evening they gathered for prayer before a crucifix. This just fascinated the prison guards. When Christmas came, they placed before the crucifix, a manger with the Christ Child. As usual, every morning and evening, they gathered together to pray before these symbols of faith. The guards were still amazed when the prisoners gathered to pray. One day, a guard approached the prisoners, pointed to the crucifix and to the manger with the Christ Child and asked, "Same person?" One of the prisoners responded by saying, "Yes". Then the guard responded by saying, "I am so sorry". The guard had no idea of the connection between the manger and the cross.

During this time of year, we try to connect with family and friends. We also connect with our memories of loved ones who are no longer with us and with recollections of past Christmases. Our Knights here at St. Joseph's, as well in many other places, encourages our society to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Within these few words, we find a very important connection. By taking the time to think about this message, I am sure that we will easily see the connection between the manger and the cross. Hopefully, one of the insights that will emerge will be that the greeting "Christ is Born!" only makes sense when it is connected with the greeting "Christ is Risen!"

May this year's feast of Christ's Nativity be filled with many moments of special "connections".

*Peace & Prayers,  
Fr. Dmytro*



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## I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER TICKETS

### I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER:

Dear Brothers!

Christmas is almost here so get your I.C.C.D. books today! We only have 5 weeks left before the Early Bird Draw on January 15, 2022. Last year's totals at this time of the year were 3/4 of our total sales. We only have about 1/4 of our books sold right now. Please brothers, I urge you to call me today and get your books to be eligible for the Early Bird draws. Our charities fund will grow only if all of our brothers support this great fundraiser. As in the past, we urge all of our brothers to purchase at least 2 books, one for yourself and one for your family or to sell to your friends and neighbors. I thank all of the Knights who have already purchased or sold at least 5 books. I will be calling all of you for support and to commit to this fundraiser. Even better, phone me at 204 338-1030 or leave a message saying how many books you are willing to take.

Brenda and I would like to wish all of our Knights and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year!

Thank you,

Br. Don Gulchak

Chair, I.C.C.D. Fundraiser

### Treasurer's Notice

In September, I announced that this Columbian year will be my final year to act as the Council's Treasurer. With the announcement, I encouraged anyone interested in taking over these duties to contact me. Since then, I have also personally contacted several Brothers and asked them to assume the position. To date no one has contacted me nor was I successful in recruiting my replacement.

With this notice, I am again requesting a Brother Knight to consider the Council's need and to come forward to volunteer.

Yours In Christ,  
Brother Garry Winch



DECEMBER 23  
Jim Keller



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<http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/>

## **Delta Hospice Society**

*A Story You Won't Want To Believe*

Br Dennis Wawrykow  
Life Program Director

Brothers, here is the condensed version of this horror story:

### **Background**

**1991** The Delta Hospice Society was incorporated in July 1991 in British Columbia as a non-profit, community-based organization. Its purpose was to support families living with the diagnosis of a life-threatening illness and those who are bereaved. It was registered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a registered charity.

**1992** Initially the program had 15 volunteers, and focused on home and hospital visiting and twice yearly training programs for new volunteers.

**2004** A service contract was negotiated between Fraser Health Authority and the Society for a .6 FTE counselling position. (The Fraser Health Authority is one of five public health care regions in British Columbia).

**2007** Delta Hospice Society signed a letter of intent with Fraser Health under which Delta Hospice built and paid for a 10-suite Hospice and Centre for Supportive Care on government owned land adjacent to Delta Hospital. (All debt incurred was paid off by 2014).

**2011** In the first year of operation the Hospice served 140 residents, their families and their friends. The Centre for Supportive Care had more than 6,000 people visit and more than 11,000 phone calls.

### **The Federal Government Sets Up MAiD**

**2018** The Board called the membership and the community to identify the Society's role in the continuing evolution of the implementation of the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) legislation. The Board informed Fraser Health that the Society will continue to transfer patients requesting assisted death to another venue for the procedure.

**2020** Fraser Health gave a one-year notice to the Society that the Service Agreement would be terminated February 2021 without cause. **The reason was that the Delta Hospice Society Constitution did not allow the provision of medical assistance in dying (MAiD) as one of its purposes. It was the wish of Fraser Health to have all hospice settings provide MAiD.**

**2021** The ending of the Service Agreement with Fraser Health triggered a default in the Lease Agreement and the Society was required to give up occupancy of the property. Hospice Services still continue virtually, by telephone and in person.

Not surprisingly, there are legal proceedings, as the Society fights for the right to operate a publicly funded facility that believes that care, not killing, is the answer to illness.

More information is provided on the Society's website: <https://deltahospice.org>

**Reflections on**  
**Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council Remembrance Day Service**  
**Thursday, November 11, 2021**  
**10 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Remembrance Day Service**

Thursday, November 11, 2021 marked Remembrance Day. With restrictions loosened a bit, St Joseph's parishioners and Fr Shyshkowich Council Knights assembled to honor and remember Canada's fallen Veterans and support those who served and sacrificed for our country. It was meaningful to be able to get together in person.

At this year's ceremony, we assembled at 10:00 am for a Divine Liturgy in church to pray. Our Remembrance Day Cross was placed at the front with our flags on display. During Liturgy, Fr Dmytro addressed the importance of remembering those who died for the cause of peace by answering the call to defend the world against tyranny and aggression in many wars and armed conflicts.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your continued support of Remembrance Day at St Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Br George Koch  
 Remembrance Day Event Coordinator



Good of the Order

**pay it forward.**

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November 20, 2021  
Winnipeg Free Press

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**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** ● EMAIL: [FPKINDNESS@FREEPRESS.MB.CA](mailto:FPKINDNESS@FREEPRESS.MB.CA)

**He thanked us for privilege of defending freedoms**

This past Nov. 11, a few members of our organization, the Knights of Columbus, participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies at our local church to honour and pay respect to our veterans for their ultimate sacrifice to guarantee our rights and freedoms. After the ceremonies, our group decided to meet at a local restaurant for a fraternal meal. A veteran sat opposite our table, dressed in the armed forces uniform, enjoying a meal with his family. When it came time to pay, our waitress informed us that our meal had been paid for by the veteran-gentleman. He and his family had already left and we were not able to express our appreciation. I quickly realized that the roles had been reversed: we paid respect to our veterans and he showed his appreciation by covering our meal. Our heartfelt gratitude. It is we who should have covered you and your family's meal, sir. You have warmed our hearts and made us proud of Canada and of those who defend our liberties and freedoms.

*— District Master of the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus, Sir Knight Reginald Robert*

Submitted by: District Master of the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus, Sir Knight Reginald Robert



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Fr. Shyshkovich #8925  
Charities

*Ukrainian New Year's Meat Draw*

**4 Prizes of \$100.00 Gift Cards**  
Supplied by Tenderloin & Karpaty Meats

*To be drawn on January 12, 2022 at 12 noon.*  
St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
250 Jefferson Avenue

LGCA 2942-RF-36778      \$5.00 Each      No. \_\_\_\_\_  
400 Tickets Printed

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Fr. Shyshkovich #8925  
*Ukrainian New Year's Meat Draw*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_      No. \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers, for tickets please call  
Br Mike Kiernicki at 204-694-9196  
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**FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925**

**Bulletin & Meeting Dates**

*2021 / 2022 Columbian Year*

Bulletin Submission Deadline <i>(Monday)</i>	Planning Meeting <i>(Thursday, 7:00)</i>	Business Meeting <i>(Monday, 7:00)</i>
December 27	January 6	January 10
January 31	February 10	February 14
February 28	March 10	March 14
March 28	April 7	April 11
April 25	May 5	May 9
May 30	June 9	June 13



Nativity Scene  
at Seven Oaks Hospital