



# FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



February 2022



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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 to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Worth Repeating!

Dear Brother Knights,

In humility, I am repeating a message I sent before and have edited because it contains the same vital information that we need to read and consider for the following months.

When driving your vehicle, especially in winter when the roads are covered with snow and ice, it is important to keep your eyes fixed on the road ahead. Our council may be thought of as a vehicle through time. The journey through the last 37 years has been graced with many stops and starts but it isn't over. We can control the direction and speed. There are roadblocks of pandemic, age and perhaps apathy. We must keep going. The destination is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth through the channels of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. Are we all onboard? Are we looking in the right direction? Are we willing to keep it moving? Are we ready to jump into the driver's seat? Are we preparing ourselves for the many worthwhile projects and activities that need to be completed? The rear-view mirror is only a fraction of the size of the windshield. We look back occasionally but the road before us commands our attention. What are the signs for 2022?

This is a year for preparing and planning during the continuing times of COVID. Every Knight of our council should get involved in the process. This means that we should attend meetings online, volunteer to help with committees that improve the life of our parish and community. You can also participate by:

1. Picking up your ICCD tickets from Br. Don Gulchak and responding to his phone calls.
2. Signing up for a variety of online webinars.
3. Complete the K of C environmental safety and the provincial food handlers' courses offered online. Our council will pay for any fees.
4. Contact one of the officers or directors (executive) to offer your assistance in committees that interest you.
5. Encourage new members to join and pay your membership dues. **(continue Page 2)**

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PLANNING MEETING February 10

COUNCIL MEETING

February 14

7 pm

As the time of the Great Fast (Lent) approaches at the end of February, we are also obliged to prepare spiritually for the resurrection of our Lord at Pascha (Easter) and the possible emergence of our world from COVID. We should make time in the heart month of February to:

1. Improve our spiritual life by attending services online and praying the rosary.
2. Show our love to family, friends, and others by kind words and deeds.
3. Contact our brother Knights and others to make sure they are doing well.
4. Improve our physical fitness through appropriate activities.

Please attend our regular Officer (Feb. 10) and General business (Feb. 14) meetings with TEAMS online to hear what your brothers are doing to keep our council active for the next several months.

With sadness we send our deepest condolences to brother Guy Shelemy whose sister Vala passed away recently, to the family of brother Lawrence Liska who reposed in the Lord recently and to Ms. Orysia Hull, and original member of St. Joseph's whose mother Sophia (spouse of the late SK Andrew Hull) passed away at the blessed age of 102. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Fraternally,

Michael Ryczak, Worthy Grand Knight



Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

Currently the *Winter Olympics Games* are happening in China. Before the Games begin, the *Olympic Torch Relay* takes place involving many people. It is interesting to note that it is not the "torch" that is passed on from runner to runner, but the "flame". And it is this flame that will light the *Olympic Cauldron*, which will stay lit during the length of this international sporting event.

Just a few days ago on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrated the feast day of the *Presentation (Encounter) of our Lord in the Temple*. On this day, we have the beautiful tradition of blessing candles, in honor of Christ the Light of the World. And it always should be noted that this light can never be extinguished. However, it does need a *relay*. This type of faith relay does need participants which could be called *Light Bearers*, those who are willing to share the Light of the World to others, by word and action. In other words, to be witnesses for Christ. In the 5th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew we find the following:

***'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)***

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to share our faith by word and action. We do this as best we can. It does not mean that we have to be perfect. However, it does mean that we must try at all times. And if we do, the Light of Christ, is passed on throughout the world.

*Peace & Prayers,*

*Fr Dmytro*

## 2021-2022 I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER

The early bird deadline for ticket sales has passed. Thank you for your support of the I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER effort towards our charity's programs. However, participation and sales from our brothers have not been as strong as in previous years. Hopefully, we will see greater participation and sales during the next two and a half months to maintain our tradition of placing among the top 3 Councils in sales in Manitoba. I urge all of you who have not supported this fundraiser effort this year to at least purchase one book of tickets for the draw this April. I know that during the past 2 years, our Council has not been able to meet in-person for most meetings, church programs, and fellowship. Please log on to our Teams platform and get first-hand information of what is happening in your great Council. Please log on next week and get all the information from me about how we did during the first half of fundraising and who is the leader of the pack. Yes brothers, I will be phoning all of you! Yes, I will leave messages asking how you and your family are doing. If I cannot reach you the first time and I leave a message, please return my call!

THANK YOU BROTHERS!

Br. Don Gulchak  
Chair, Fundraiser I.C.C.D.  
Fr. Shyshkowich Council #8925



### FEBRUARY

4 Raymond Rawluk  
8 Harvey Slobodzian  
10 Richard Safiniuk  
14 Mike Kiernicki  
16 Edward Tycholis  
17 Michael Ryczak  
27 Peter Washchysyn



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#### Catholic Foundation of Manitoba Website

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

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE BROTHER KNIGHTS?

*Edited by Br Dennis Wawrykow*

***Material provided by Br Tim Scatliff,  
Life Program Director for Manitoba State***

Br Knights,

Some of us, but not all, recently received an email from Manitoba State containing a document entitled "**Working Knights**". Of those who received it, some – but likely not all ---have read the Life Program Material. Those who did not can begin by reading this article. Those who did read "Working Knights" can read this to refresh their memories. There is much work to be done to promote the value and sanctity of life. Each of us must ask:

Do I have the time? Can I make the effort? And dare I say...do I have the courage?

***Here is Br Tim's introduction:***

Over the years I have been greatly impressed and inspired by the dedication and sacrifices of several of our brother Knights in Manitoba and Canada-wide to the defense of the pre-born babies and all the vulnerable in our great, but wounded, country. By their leadership, they are truly helping to move our country to being more and more pro-life every day. Some of these brother Knights are recognized internationally for their continued contributions in the world stage. At the risk of missing some very dedicated brother Knights...I'd like to highlight some who I do know. I am very proud to recognize them as brother Knights.

**The organizations they represent need our moral, financial and prayer support!**

### **BR. CAM CÔTÉ**

**Co-host of The Pro-Life Guys Podcast and Western Outreach Director for CCBR.**

Br. Cam was also a guest speaker at the 2020 Catholic Apologetics Virtual Conference with "Pints With Aquinas" where you "... hear from top apologetics presenters in the Church today..." including names like Scott Hahn, Chris Stefanick, Stephanie Gray Connors, Christopher West, Trent Horn, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Fr. Mark Goring and many more. People all over the world listen to his podcasts at <https://prolifeguys.com>

--learning how to talk respectfully and effectively about tough subjects like abortion. You'll also learn about the incredible work CCBR does in Canada to defend the pre-born.

You may also visit: <https://www.endthekilling>

### **BRO. ALEX SCHADENBERG**

**Executive Director and Co-founder (1998) of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC)* and past Ontario State Life Program Director.**

The EPC is an internationally known centre for education, advice and resources related to euthanasia prevention. If you need help in how to understand and defend our families, friends and neighbors from current and expanding assisted suicide and euthanasia legislation, he's the man. <https://www.epcc.ca>

to understand the full range of resources and services the EPC has to offer.

*To be continued in the March Council Bulletin.*

Submitted by Br Dennis Wawrykow,  
Council Life Program Director



# Knights of Columbus

If a member just handed you this information

February 2022

**“You can now become a Part-Time member of the Knights for Free”**

Blessed Father Michael McGivney a 29-year-old priest started the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago and today the Knight's Councils serve more than 17,000 Parishes around the world

**You can read more about the Father McGivney story and his Knights at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)**

Today's Catholic family don't have a lot of free time to help on activities (all the time), so to keep your membership fresh and keep our families connected; potential members are being asked to become new Online Member as a part-time member.

Knight's groups look for new members to help our parishes on weekends with things that happen at mass, or to help in building maintenance and cleaning, or help feed the poor, or help raise money for community causes.

A catholic man can become a regular member, but we suggest that you start as an Online Member first for at least 6 months to get to understand who we are. The home office will keep you connected with regular information by email every 4 to 6 weeks, while you and your family help when you can. And then transfer into a local Council at any time.

### **But here's the thing:**

- a) If you are a Catholic man, 18 years old or older you can become an **“Online Member of the Knights for Free”** for a year. Then if you want to continue after a year or join your local Council, that's your call.
- b) And if you become a member between **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, our local group will earn a Rebate for your membership from the Provincial Council that a group can use in a Parish or area community to help more people.
- c) **Did you know that all Manitoba Bishops, and Father Barry are current members of the Knights of Columbus?**

If you are willing to sign-up as an Online Member for free, and we ask that you include our Council name and Council number when you get to that Online sign-up screen while on your computer at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

**Signing up takes 5 minutes on your computer or smart phone Your free code is: MCGIVNEY2020**

**This is the information you will need to give credit to your Council group.**

*Our group (Council) is called: **Stonewall Council #8894***

*Our Parish is called: **Christ the King RC Church, Stonewall, MB.***

### **4 Principles / 4 Reasons = Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Guy Precourt [precourt399@gmail.com](mailto:precourt399@gmail.com) or phone (204)467-9858

### Fr Shyshkovich Council Grey Cup Raffle Results

Our Council's 2021 Grey Cup Raffle was a success! We made a profit of \$1,598.46. The procedures will support our various charities. We would like to thank all the Br. Knights who helped sell and/or purchased our raffle tickets.



Thank you again!

Br. Bohdan Wowczuk and Br. Michael Dudar  
Co-chairs Grey Cup Committee

### Winners

#### Fr. Shyshkovich Council #8925 Ukrainian New Years Meat Draw



- Ticket # 0052 - John Kutcher
- Ticket # 0162 - Brittany Hiebert
- Ticket # 0180 - Dennis Wawrykow
- Ticket # 0327 - Magdaline Skazyk

Thank you.  
Br. Bohdan

### Happy Valentine's Day 2022 to You and Your Families!

Dear Brother Knights.  
Remember those special ladies and family members in your life as we near St. Valentine's Day!



February is the month where couples celebrate their love for one another. One special way of doing this is to work together to have a world filled with more love, peace and understanding.

Here's wishing all our family and friends a very happy Valentine's Day!

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#### Bulletin & Meeting Dates

2021 / 2022 Columbian Year

Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday)	Planning Meeting (Thursday, 7:00)	Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00)
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	Feb 10 cancelled	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