



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



March 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!

“Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!”

Dear Brother Knights!

In horror, as we witness the cruel war occurring in Ukraine, we may wonder what the world will do to stop the madness in our ancestors’ homeland. How will the world’s leaders bring it to an end? We may also be emotional, as I am. I prayed for inspiration to begin this message to you. This morning, the words of a favorite song at St. Joseph’s parish came to mind, “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”. All of us must contribute if we care, we all must become the means for peace. How? Let us look to the example of our leaders!

The song is based upon the well-known “Prayer of St. Francis”. Look at a copy and pray or sing the words. Providence provided us with a holy pope who chose to model his papacy on the principles of simplicity and humility, even choosing the name “Francis” to emulate the humble saint who discarded his wealth. Pope Francis avoids extravagance and discriminating protocols, wearing workaday shoes, travelling in a small car instead of a limousine, he recently made his way to the Russian embassy in the Vatican to plead for peace. Today, he calls upon the entire Catholic church to fast and pray. Likewise, our beloved patriarch, Sviatoslav, who is hunkered down in his residence basement in Kyiv, is blessing us with his messages of encouragement. Our bishops, priests and sisters are leading us in prayer. Many world leaders have attended prayer services in Ukrainian churches all over the world. Someone said that “the greatest weapon for peace is prayer and fasting”. We must begin simply with humility, pray for guidance, and then act as individuals and as brothers. Faith in action. As Knights, this is how we should answer the call for help. The Great Fast (Lent) also invites us to a closer relationship with God and all people, here and in Ukraine.

We pray for the world’s political leaders to confront this evil. President Zelensky has inspired and rallied his people to defend Ukraine with any means possible. He is committed to protecting his country, his family, and compatriots. As Knights, we share the same values. Therefore, we need to make similar commitments. For example, we should make a financial contribution as a means of support. St. Michael and all the angels, please pray for Ukraine and help us to defend her. *(continue page 2)*

PLANNING MEETING

Thursday March 10
7 pm



COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 14
7 pm

While praying for peace in Ukraine, we must continue our work at home. We must continue our charitable work by supporting our parish and community. Here are some of the important items that we should address at our March meetings and in the following weeks:

1. A substantial contribution for a handwashing station for the parish hall kitchen is needed. Please read the notice of motion.
2. ICCD ticket sales.
3. Written service reports for our state council
4. Membership rebate and bursary incentives from our state council
5. Silver Rose and St. Joseph devotions.

Please respond to the invitations to attend our first in-person meetings in the parish hall on March 10 and 14 since 2020. Social distancing and hand sanitation protocols will be in place. Masking is required for the entire evening. There will be no food or beverages served or permitted.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael Ryczak
Grand Knight

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory to Jesus Christ!



Dear Brother Knights,

As I write these few words, Ukraine is on my mind. I would like each brother Knight to pray for all the people of Ukraine. In a special way, please remember our brother Knights who are there.

Archbishop William E. Lori, the Archbishop of Baltimore, is the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. In the spirit of support and solidarity he recently visited St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Baltimore, Maryland. While there he mentioned that the Knights of Columbus have established the Ukrainian Solidarity Fund. This caught my interest. So, after an Internet search I came upon this article about this fund entitled, "Order Pledges, Mobilizes Aid for Ukrainian Refugees. (Feb.25, 2022) It can be found at the website of the Knights of Columbus (kofc.org). I would encourage each Knight to read this article.

Allow me to make you aware, that since the invasion of Ukraine began, our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, has been live streaming a daily message to Ukraine and the world. Just a few days ago, he reminded those watching that one of the patrons of the city of Kyiv, is St. Michael the Archangel. He went on to say that "We believe today that the Archangel Michael together with the whole Heavenly Host is fighting for Ukraine." May all of us in our prayer seek the intercession of St. Michael for the people of Ukraine.

Alleluia!

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro

Слава Ісусу Христу!

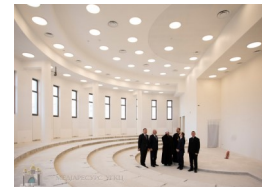
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

Our Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world gather together annually to discuss important issues of our church. Such a gathering is called a *Synod*. In Greek the word *Synod* is translated “assembly”. The matters discussed at such gatherings focus on issues of pastoral concerns and of administration. There are currently over 50 bishops of our church throughout the world.

Of course, when the bishops gather, they need a place to assemble. Thanks to the support of the Knights of Columbus such a place is nearing completion. Recently, a memorial plaque, at the entrance to the new “Synod Hall”, dedicated to the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael J. McGivney was unveiled by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav and former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, at the Ukrainian Catholic Sobor of the Resurrection in Kyiv, Ukraine. This event may be seen on YouTube by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuaTti8yJ2o&t=163s>



It is interesting to note that currently in Ukraine there are 29 K of C Councils. Seventeen are found in Ukrainian Catholic parishes and twelve are found in Roman Catholic parishes.

Let us remember in prayer our Bishops and our brother Knights throughout the world, especially in Ukraine.

Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE BROTHER KNIGHTS?

Edited by Br Dennis Wawrykow Council Life Program Director

Br Knights,

In order to do work in the Life Program, it is important to know the issues that are important right now and to know where to get information about them. Brother Knights are working hard to help us all to increase our knowledge in these areas.

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

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

Here is Br Tim's introduction:

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!

Bro. Scott Hayward: Co-director and co-founder of *RightNow*.

Born to a strong pro-life family in Brandon, MB, Bro. Scott was always passionate about defending life. He discovered that *"There was no organization organizing and mobilizing Canadians on a full-time basis to vote in nominations or campaign for pro-life candidates. Not only that, but there wasn't an organization that was identifying new pro-life voters to get them involved in up-coming nominations and elections either."* RightNow has an incredible track record of filling that void, You must visit their website at <https://www.itstartsrightnow.ca> to get a real appreciation of the depth, talent and impact of the organization he co-founded.

Bro. Kyle Coffey: Leader of Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform's Manitoba Initiative

Raised near Dauphin, MB, Kyle leads CCBR's Manitoba Initiative. Their mission is to make abortion unthinkable within our lifetimes. Kyle is very well trained and experienced in apologetics. He is also a volunteer for Life Culture Canada.

Kyle needs people like us to support him with prayers, as well as moral and financial support. This is a full-time ministry for Kyle, who is also a family man with several young children. We need pro-life missionaries like Kyle in our province! If you have a heart for his ministry or you wish to have a presentation to your council, please contact Kyle directly at 204-720-3906 or kcoffey@endthekilling.ca. You may support Bro. Kyle's ministry by donating at <https://www.endthekilling.ca/donate/>.

Bro. Kevin Dunn: Pro-Life Filmmaker and Speaker

Bro. Kevin Dunn now lives in Ontario, but for many happy years, he and his wife raised their young family in Manitoba. It's been a delight to know Kevin over the years! *"Kevin is an award-winning filmmaker, international speaker and entertainer whose productions and talks on the dignity of the human person have touched the hearts and minds of thousands around the world. He speaks to the power of presence in a broken world. Among his many accomplishments, he's been praised by the medical profession for exposing the ethical landslide around assisted dying laws — and how they affect society over time. His films Fatal fLAWs and The Euthanasia Deception (DunnMedia & EPC) — along with his work producing the annual National March for Life give Kevin a unique and current perspective on life and family issues. As a seasoned entertainer, broadcaster and family man he continues to keep audiences engaged and empowered in places like Australia, the UK, the USA and Canada. The key solution he says, is in learning to become a 'prophet of hope' in the lives of those around us."*

His website is: <https://kevindunn.info>

PROTECTING CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

Br Dennis Wawrykow Council Life Director

The following text is directly from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

Fundamental freedoms

Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

- (a) freedom of conscience and religion;*
- (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;*
- (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and*
- (d) freedom of association.*

Sounds pretty good, right? Freedom of conscience and religion must be pretty important --- first in the list! Here's the problem: Assisted Suicide

Now that assisted suicide by doctor is legal, what about this: Suppose a doctor does not want to assist a suicide? Suppose the objection is based on conscience and/or religion? Should be no problem, right? After all, just look at the Charter!

WRONG!!!

In Canada --- despite what it says in the Charter--- there is no federal law that specifically protects doctors and other medical personnel who do not want to be involved in assisted suicide. In fact, **some provinces have laws which specifically require doctors to be involved in assisted suicide.**

And so, in reality, medical personnel can be subjected to pressure to do what they know is wrong. It can lead to a person having to get out--- either out of the profession, or out of the country.

If all doctors in Canada have to be in favor of assisted suicide, who do you think the doctor is going to say when telling you your options? What seems quick and easy?

To deal with this problem, Bill C-230 has been introduced by Kelly Block, a Member of Parliament from Saskatchewan. Her Bill would amend the Criminal Code to make it an offence:

To intimidate health care professionals for the purpose of compelling them to take part, directly or indirectly, in medical assistance in dying.

To fire, or to refuse to hire, healthcare professionals if the reason is based on a person's refusal to take part, directly or indirectly, in medical assistance in dying.

There is an online petition which you can sign to support this Bill. Or, if you wish, you can write to your Member of Parliament.

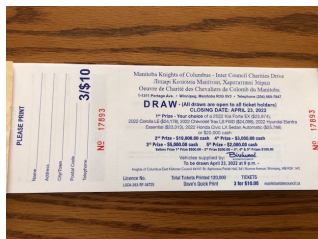
To sign the petition, you can go to the website for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, which is headed by Br Knight Alex Schadenberg: www.epcc.ca

You will see a blue bar in which one of the words is : Petitions

Click on that, and the first petition on the list is for Bill C-230. Click on that, and away you go.

**Ukrainians in Ukraine are standing up to tanks!
Can we in Canada at least sign a petition to protect life and conscience rights?**

2021-22 I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER TICKETS



Hello to all our Brothers who are just starting to get warm and to those who are just checking their calendar and noticed that is it indeed March, 2022. Brothers, it was indeed a very cold 2 months in January and February and that reflected the sales of our I.C.C.D. tickets: FROZEN.

Hopefully, this warm weather will bring some new interest and your commitment towards our only fundraiser for our Knights of Columbus. Again, many thanks to those of you that have purchased books of tickets and to those who, I hope, will commit to a book or two. Our window is getting smaller as time passes and that window is only 6 WEEEEKS AWAY. Many of you still have a book or two in your possession and I look forward in getting those back, all sold. To date, we only have about 45 Knights that have participated in this fundraiser and I look forward in receiving a phone call from the rest of our Knights for book purchases.

Any amount of a sale, whether one ticket for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 1 book for \$40.00 has a strong impact on our charity programs. The charities' needs are great and in the last two years we had to scale back our financial commitments due to a lack of funds. Please assist us by telling your family, relatives, friends and neighbor's of about our fundraiser and show them the great prizes that can be won. Ticket draws are on April 23, 2022. DO YOU HAVE YOURS? If not, please give me a call!

Thank you Brothers,

Br. Don Gulchak

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

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K of C Websites

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Manitoba State: <http://www.manitobastatecouncil.ca>

Notice of Motion

Motion has been made by Br. Bohdan Wowczuk and seconded by Br. Gord Lasko that our Council donate \$1,000 towards the purchase and installation of a hand washing station in the kitchen of St. Joseph's Parish. The total cost of the installation is \$2,023.77. This motion will be voted upon at our in person Council meeting on March 14, 2022.

Note: The Parish Executive will be asking other Parish organizations to contribute to this worthwhile project.

Thank you, Br. Bohdan

Canadian Training Menu for March

Thank you to those who have joined us for training coming from our Canadian training "Menu".

Please be advised that these trainings are **LIVE AND INTERACTIVE**. You can ask questions and the presenters will answer in real time.

Attached to this email, you will find here the "[March Menu.](#)"

Your Canadian Supreme Fraternal Mission team have now concluded your "Menu" for you to use and **SHARE** with your **MEMBERS/OFFICERS**. This "Menu" is intended to assist your officers and/or members in their training needs from the comfort of their homes, via computer, laptop, phone, or tablet.

Why spend time attending our training? To understand how to perform your duties better related with your council and/or district.

If you want to comment your experience while attending our training, I encourage you to share these with me at alain.cayer@kofc.org.

Thank you for all that you are doing for the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Alain Cayer
Territorial Growth Director – Canada



Fr. Shyshkowich Council Ukrainian New Years Meat Draw



Our Council's 2022 meat draw was a success. We made a profit of \$1,486.80

The proceeds will support our various charities. We would like to thank all our Br. Knights who helped sell or purchased the raffle tickets.

Thank you.

Br. Bohdan Wowczuk and Br. Mike Kiernicki
Co-Chairs Meat Draw Raffle

CARITAS
VIRTUAL AWARD DINNER
April 21, 2022

Join us via YouTube from the comfort of your home
Musical entertainment: 6:15 p.m.
Official program: 6:30 p.m.

Home Delivered Meal

Sara Riel inc.
Compassion. Respect. Recovery.
Compassion. Respect. Rétablissement.

On-line 50/50 draw
www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca

Caritas Award Honouree

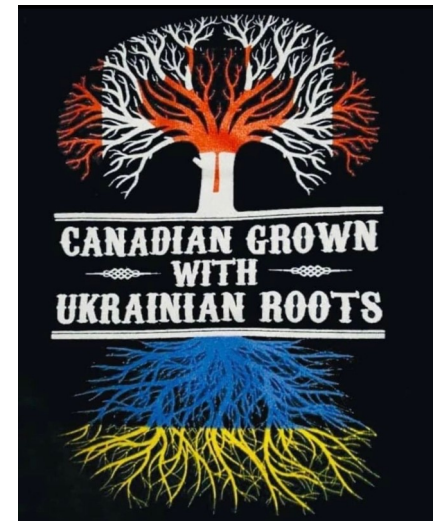
Sara Riel Inc. provides community-based support to persons who experience issues with mental illness or mental health challenges including substance use disorders and addictions.

Service Award Honouree Sharon Blady
Founder of Speak Up: Mental Health Advocate and a former Minister of Health for Manitoba

2022 Charity of Choice
artbeatstudio runs a unique community-based, self-directed, peer-supported programming that provides studio space, community and opportunity for creative initiatives to facilitate mental, spiritual and economic health.

Tickets: \$80 (tax receipt \$30) available on-line at www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca or call 204-233-4268
50/50 Draw will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 21, 2022





February 25, 2022

Dear Brothers, I hope your families in the Ukraine are safe and well and able to avoid the tragedy of war. And our Brother Knights...

Yours in Christ,
Br Tim Scatliff
Culture of Life Director

Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.



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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>
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March 28	April 7	April 11
April 25	May 5	May 9
May 30	June 9	June 13



What is your Lenten sacrifice?



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
 YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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