



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925



November 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!

This year, on Remembrance Day, all Knights of our Council and their families are invited to gather at 10:00 am for a Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral. Our brothers of Canon Luhovy Assembly have asked us to join them at 10:00am for a bilingual Divine Liturgy and Panachyda concelebrated by His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence and other clergy. The format will be similar to the Remembrance Day service conducted in the past in our church. Everyone of the archeparchy and guests are encouraged to attend. Our council's formal dress code will be in effect with poppies worn on the left lapel. As well, please wear your council nameplate. This occasion gives us an opportunity to gather with some of our brothers from other Councils in prayer and with gratitude for those of the Canadian and Ukrainian military who have paid the ultimate price for freedom and justice and for veterans who bear the scars of war. Please make the effort to attend.

Your attendance is also encouraged at our Officers' Meeting (open to every Knight) on Thursday, November 10 and our regular business meeting on Monday, November 14. The agendas of these meetings will include a final review and passage of the budget for 2022/23. Conversations about this and other planned events will be held. Please come out and be a part of it.

Br. Dave Gnutel is still waiting for you to respond to his question of your availability in the spring to participate in the traditional Fish Fry Friday evenings. If you can be available in the mornings or evenings of every Friday during Lent, please let him know NOW via email or text. If we do not have the commitment from our brothers, it is impossible to purchase the food and supplies required for this major fundraiser. If we do not have enough brothers to restart the Fish Fry, we will probably have to cancel. However, we may consider working with our spouses or other members of our parish to continue. Please raise this possibility with your spouse before the November meetings of helping to continue this popular Lenten meal.

All Grey Cup pool tickets need to be returned immediately to Brs. Don Gulchak and Bohdan Wowczuk. Hopefully, it will be a Blue Bomber three-peat. Superbowl and ICCD tickets sales will begin soon. We are hosting the final draw for ICCD on April 29/23. We need to be active sellers to help raise all the funds needed to meet our financial commitments to our church and many other charities. *cont pg 2*

PLANNING MEETING
Thursday, November
10 at 7 pm



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

District Field Agent
Br Anthony D'Souza
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COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November
14 at 7 pm

The feast of St. Philip, also on November 14, initiates a special time in preparation for the feast of the Nativity (Christmas). Recently, our Metropolitan has asked everyone in our archeparchy to commit to fasting, prayer and action for peace in Ukraine. Please read his letter published in our parish bulletin or online. Let us take this request to heart and do what we can.

Encourage new members to join our council. I hope to see you all soon!

Lest we forget!
Vivat Jesus!

Michael Ryczak Grand Knight!



Слава Ісусу Христу!
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of November is filled with opportunities “to remember”. Allow me to mention a few.

Of course, there is “Remembrance Day”, honoring all those who fought for freedom. There is a song called “A Pittance of Time”, written by Terry Kelly in 2002. It focuses on the importance of the two minutes of silence that is observed on November 11th. I invite you to search for this song on YouTube. The message is very clear and powerful.

November 1st is another day with an opportunity “to remember”. On that day, a great church leader entered eternal life. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky was the leader of our Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1900-1944. His leadership was felt in the church and in society. He visited Canada twice. He saved the lives of many people during the Second World War. One newspaper article stated that Sheptytsky “*was first met with distrust but later gained respect even from his enemies.*” In 2015, Pope Francis declared Metropolitan Andrey “Venerable”. This is a major step forward in the process of his canonization. He is certainly a hero of our faith who can intercede for us and inspire us.

Towards the end of November, Ukrainians throughout the world “remember” the *Holodomor (Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933)*. Millions of people died through starvation caused by this man-made event. By remembering this tragic event it will help prevent other acts of injustice from happening.

Also in November, the Church encourages us “to remember” the importance of preparing for Christmas with the help of a special liturgical period. This time of prayer, fasting and doing good works begins on November 15th. It lasts 40 days. It is called *Pylypivka*, because it begins the day after the feast of St. Phillip.

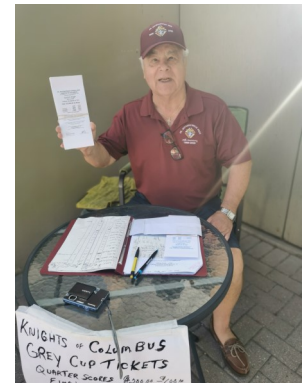
May our November “remembering” cause all of us to grow closer to Our God.

Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro

FUND RAISING FOR CHARITY 2022-23

GREY CUP TICKETS:

Brothers, thank-you to all who were lucky enough to receive and sell Grey Cup pool tickets during the past 2 months. We had a rush on these and they were all distributed by the beginning of Sept/22. We, Br. Bohdan and I, are waiting for the stubs and cash so we can close this account and determine the game winners on Nov 27.



SUPER BOWL TICKETS;

Brothers, we will be selling one series (900 tickets) of Super Bowl pool tickets. These should be available to us by the middle of November, just in time for the Grey Cup parties. Stay tuned to where you can pick-up your supply and check the distribution centers (church courtyard) on Sunday mornings. If you missed out on Grey Cup tickets, get in line for your Super Bowl tickets.

I.C.C.D. BOOKS:

Manitoba State just announced that this year's ICCD fundraiser will go ahead during this Columbian Year (2022-23). I do not have all the details regarding this event. The books will be available to all councils by the mid-to-end of November.

Our Council has been busy trying to bring our fundraising activities up to pre-Covid times. We are asking for your support to meet our charity commitments to our church and community.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS:

It has been three years since the last of Fish Fry Fridays, our council's pride and joy. Since that time, many things had taken place during and after Covid. Although we have not seen one another on a regular basis, we can renew our commitment to fundraising. We have reached a point where we can accomplish a great deal with our current council members. Covid hit everyone of us, some harder than others, and some of our key players now have health issues or mobility issues. Please voice your concerns or suggestions at our upcoming Knights meeting on November 14. See you there!

Thank you.

Br. Don Gulchak, Fundraising Chair

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SLIDING DOWN THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

Br Dennis Wawrykow, Council Life Director

When Assisted Suicide was first suggested, we were told that it would be available for only the most serious cases and that the rate of deaths would be low. Church Leaders warned that this would change, and that Assisted Suicide would soon be extended to many more types of medical cases.

Government leaders rejected and ridiculed these warnings, saying that opponents were simply using a slippery slope argument--in other words, in their view, the argument had no merit.

But now, many are recognizing the truth. The following comments are excerpts from an article in the Winnipeg Free Press.

MAiD concerns continue to grow

Royce Koop Friday, October 14, 2022

Royce Koop is a professor of political studies at the University of Manitoba and academic director of the Centre for Social Science Research and Policy.

CANADA'S medical assistance in death (MAiD) regime continues to generate concern as the number of cases increases, and as stories pile up about ill and disabled Canadians turning to MAiD to escape from poverty and lack of support.

MAiD was first developed in 2016 in response to a 2015 Supreme Court ruling. Assisted death, under this law, was available only to Canadians for whom death was "reasonably foreseeable." But the 2019 ruling in Tsuchon vs. Canada found this limit violated Canadians' charter rights.

Instead of challenging the ruling, the federal Liberal government went ahead in creating a new MAiD track for Canadians whose deaths are not reasonably foreseeable. Indeed, the government went even further, extending MAiD eligibility to Canadians suffering from psychological illness — a measure that will begin in 2023.

The federal government's third annual report on MAiD and its administration reports that 10,064 Canadians died under the conditions established by MAiD. That is a 32 per cent over the number of MAiD deaths in 2020.

That alone is concerning. Even more so is the increasing number of cases where ill or disabled Canadians are opting for MAiD in response to poverty or a lack of government support. The most recent example occurred here in Winnipeg: 44-year-old Sathya Dhara Kovac ended her life using MAiD last week. Kovac suffered from ALS, but her death was not imminent. To the contrary, Kovac only ended her life because she felt as though she had no choice given a lack of home support options available to her.

"Ultimately," Kovac wrote in an obituary to friends and family, "it was not a genetic disease which took me out, it was a system. ... I felt like I had no choice but to end my life."

Final note from Br Dennis:

What do you think of the changes that have been made? Do you believe these are new ideas, or **do you think all of this was part of a game plan, executed one step at a time?**

Some say that Assisted Suicide is okay with limits. But the truth is: it is not a good policy which somehow developed problems. **It is a policy which is fundamentally wrong, both morally and socially.** Why do we still have a government that promotes and expands it?

Welcome Home – Thanksgiving dinner



With the waning of COVID, our Council resumed our Thanksgiving dinner at the Welcome Home mission. Thanksgiving dinner was held Thursday October 06, 2022.

As Head Chef, with the assistance of Brs Garry Winch, Bohdan Wowczuk, Don Gulchuk, George Koch we pulled off our menu preparation without a hitch. The meal consisted of roasting, carving of turkeys, chopping of vegetables, peeling mashing potatoes and preparing the stuffing.

Menu for Thanksgiving dinner included;

- Roast Turkey and gravy
- bread stuffing
- mashed potatoes
- mixed vegetables
- cranberry sauce and dinner roll
- pumpkin pie and whipped topping



Approximately 55 meals were provided. 35 guests were in attendance including children. There were 15 requests for seconds. Plenty of great food to go around for everyone. The event was well received!

Br Dave Gnutel



Honoring Indigenous People

Canada's Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October every year. This year, it was Monday, October 10th. Thanksgiving Day commemorates a successful harvest and gives thanks for the blessings of the past year. It is also a time to reflect on the challenges faced in the previous year and to give thanks for any good fortune experienced. So, yesterday, or possibly on another day on Thanksgiving weekend we took a moment to give thanks for all that we have.

Long before settlers arrived, Indigenous peoples used agricultural practices still relevant today. Thanksgiving's roots in Canada can be found in Indigenous cultures and food. In Saturday's Winnipeg Free Press article entitled Roots Run Deep writer Jay Whetter provided a brief history of Indigenous agriculture. He wrote about early Indigenous farmers as he recounts the crop production practices.

One of the most significant contributions that America's Indigenous peoples have made is with respect to agriculture. Many of our most beloved foods (e.g. chocolate, potatoes, corn) are native to the Americas, being initially cultivated or domesticated by Indigenous farmers.

You maybe surprised to find out that Indigenous people were practicing agriculture in Manitoba in the early 1400's. There is evidence that corn, beans, and squash were being grown as far north as Lockport during that time. These three plants were traditionally planted close together with the beans climbing up the corn stalks and the squash helping suppress weeds. Corn, beans, and squash are called the "three sisters." Indigenous people always inter-planted this trio because they thrive together, much like three inseparable sisters.

Raising plants in this manner improved the fertility of the soil as beans harbor a special bacterium that turn gaseous nitrogen into a form available to all plants. Together these three plants were the foundation of a healthy, vegetarian Indigenous diet. Sunflowers, often called the fourth sister, were typically grown along the edges of Indigenous fields, and provided an additional source of fat and protein.

That writer stated, "I'm not saying Manitoba farmers should grow squash between rows of wheat and canola, but we may want to look at how these methods could help us today."

Scott Iserhoff, a Mushkego chef from Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario, (located in Kenora District prepares Indigenous cuisine. He stated, "Much that's included in Thanksgiving, it's all Indigenous food." You got the squash, you got the tubers, (which are sweet potatoes and yams), the potatoes, the mashed potatoes, the turkey, the corn ... they were here before settlers came, and that was a food source of ours."

"Giving thanks and celebrating the harvest and changing seasons are also part of Indigenous cultures", he said. "Part of reconciliation is simply accepting that Indigenous culture is valuable. Another part is supporting the efforts of Indigenous peoples in keeping their culture alive". Food has a way of bringing people together. Maybe the path forward is to continue to plan and prepare Welcome Home Thanksgiving meals and then we sit down and share a meal with our guests.



Membership Roster 2022-23

An abbreviated roster will be distributed via email to you in the next week. The abbreviated roster will only contain the Council 8925 Executive and alphabetic Member contact information. I am still waiting for updates to our District councils, DD and KUCA councils information.

Br. Dave Gnutel





**Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree**

Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374

&

Father Shyshkowich Council #08925

Hosting

Community Remembrance Day Service

With

**His Grace Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
Archbishop of Winnipeg Archeparchy
Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada**



Friday November 11, 2022

St. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral

**115 McGregor Street
Winnipeg, MB.**

10:00 am.

{Doors open 9:30 am.}

Bilingual Service



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



Brothers, formal dress code with council nameplate is in effect.

Everyone Welcome!



NOVEMBER

- 10 Lawrence Chuckree
- 14 Peter Samorodny
- 17 Guy Shelemy
- 30 George Seidel

Notice of Motion

“Whereas our Council’s worthy treasurer, Br. Les Storozuk, has prepared a budget for 2022-2023 (dated Oct. 11/22) for the council to review and whereas the budget has been presented to the October council meeting and is now included with the Council’s November bulletin, it is important we consider the budget as soon as possible. Motion has been made by Br. Les Storozuk that the budget be approved with any additions or changes, any as may be appropriate. Seconded by Br. Peter Washchshyn.”

For those members that receive the Council’s Bulletin by Post mail, copies of the budget will available at the November business meeting.

Fish Fry - Status



Dear Brothers.

You received an email on October 20th, providing information about our annual fish-fry event and a request to respond with your time commitment in support of the upcoming event.

To date, nine brothers have responded.

Only two brothers have committed to the AM slots - involving food and venue preparation. All nine have committed to the PM slots - serving and cleanup. Direct your response to email: blue6000g@gmail.com

The lack of support for the AM slots jeopardizes the entire fish-fry event. (in it’s historic format)

Without the food and venue prep, there is no need to spend time seeking the best price for fish, groceries and supplies.

As it currently stands, the fish-fry event for 2023 appears to be a non-starter.

Br. Dave Gnutel

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Bulletin & Meeting Dates 2022 / 2023 Columbian

| Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday) | Planning Meeting (Thursday, 7:00) | Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00) |
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| November 28 | December 8 | December 12 |
| December 26 | January 5 canceled | January 9 |
| January 30 | February 9 | February 13 |
| February 27 | March 9 | March 13 |
| March 27 | April 6 canceled | April 10 8 pm |
| April 24 | May 4 | May 8 |
| May 29 | June 8 | June 12 |