



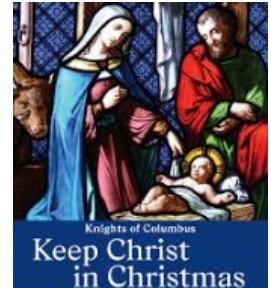
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Lights and Warmth!

Dear Brothers,

Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are about to endure perhaps the darkest and coldest time in their history.

Millions will be rationed of the basic things that most of us take for granted. Russian bombing has restricted the availability of water, electricity, and heat for the oncoming winter. The best we can do is pray for the restoration of these essentials to them and for their strength in continuing the struggle for freedom. Please continue to support the many charities that are helping Ukraine.



If you didn't ask for my recommended gifts from last year, I invite you to consider them for this Christmas and beyond:

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. As Knights, we should try to be like St. Joseph by protecting the fragile, the vulnerable and the unborn.
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.

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PLANNING MEETING
Thursday, December 8
7 pm

COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 12
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 ICCD ticket sales. Our Council will be hosting the final draw of the ICCD as part of our fundraising efforts for our council and parish. We hope that every Knight can purchase and/or sell at least 3 books. However, do what you can. Please circle April 29 and plan to attend the evening. I expect every Knight from our council to attend!

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!

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

Merry Christmas!

Michael Ryczak,

Grand Knight



Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brother Knights,

Several years ago in Thailand, a soccer team consisting of twelve boys and their coach were trapped. They were hiking through an underground cave, when suddenly it became flooded. Even though it did not collapse from above, we could say that a "cave-in" in their lives did occur. These young boys and their coach could not rescue themselves. Their rescue became a reality only because of the willingness of others who chose to enter into a dangerous situation.

The feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas, also involves a "cave". On the outside, the birth of Jesus, occurred in a manger, which was located in a cave. There was no room for the Holy Family at the inn, but there was room in the cave. This place became the "Cave-Inn", which was not a place of disaster, but the place where our salvation began.

Our God became one of us, took on flesh, to rescue a world that was "caved-in". The human race was surrounded by darkness. This is the only thing that can be experienced during a "cave-in". And it was in such a situation, that the Light of the World, entered into in order to bring hope to the human race.

Even though we may never have an experience like that soccer team, however we may have personal "caved-in" moments. On the outside, we see fine, but on the inside, we feel trapped. Stress and tension may cause us to feel that our lives are collapsing. When such moments happen, it is vital to remember why Christ came, to remind us that we are not alone in the cave, God is with us, leading us to the "Cave-Inn".

In the midst of this year's Christmas celebrations, let us find the time to visit the "Cave-Inn", where God is waiting for us. When we are there, our heavy hearts will become lighter and we will know in a new way that God is With Us. З нами Бог.

Peace & Prayers,
Fr Dmytro

I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER TICKETS

I.C.C.D. FUNDRAISER 2022-23

Thank you to our Brothers who picked up their ICCD books at church 2 weeks ago. Hopefully, all of you will pick up another allotment Dec 17 and 18 2022 when I'm back. Manitoba State distributed these books 3 weeks ago with a very short window for selling. Please come to church on Dec 17 or 18 and pick up your books or phone me for other arrangements. Manitoba State is giving Councils an additional 5% per book sold before January 2023 (waiting for exact date from Manitoba State).

Brothers, we need every Knight's support for this fundraiser. Please make them available to your family and friends to make this event worthwhile. I will be calling every Knight on our roster by the end of December.

Although this is a short notice before Christmas, selling these books to your family and friends will be an easy task. Who knows? Someone you know or love may be the winner of 5 great prizes.

Please phone me beginning December 17 and show your support with the purchase of 2, 3, or more books.

Thank you,

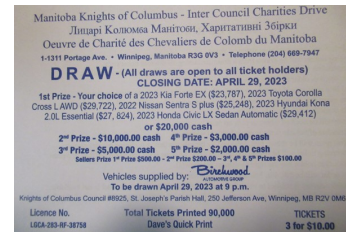
Br. Don Gulchak

I.C.C.D. Chair The Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkovich Council #8925



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CHRISTMAS: THE ULTIMATE PRO-LIFE STORY

Excerpts from an article by Andrew Haack, Human Defense Initiative

In the spirit of Christmas, I want us to revisit an old story. One which you have surely heard before.

But my hope, is that you hear the story in a little different light this time. Today, I want to show you how the story of Christmas is openly, and unapologetically pro-life.

Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, is sent from the very presence of God to a small, rural town called Nazareth. There, he finds a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name is Mary.

Mary is a young, unmarried, marginalized girl who is ill-prepared to be a mother. What would her parents think? Would they understand? Would they be supportive? And what about her fiancé? Would he believe her, or would he think she was unfaithful? Would he even stay with her?

She is scared.

If Mary chooses to have this baby, there is a very real chance she will lose her family, her friends, her community, and the man she loves. Kissing her child will mean kissing the future she has dreamed of goodbye.

What will she do?

“Let it be done to me according to your word,”

she tells Gabriel. And miraculously, in what can only be described as the most unplanned pregnancy in history, the virgin Mary is with child.

Of course, Mary had some idea that her baby was special. But she was not the only one. Shepherds, prompted by a host of angels, visited Jesus the very night of his birth. And wise men, astrologers from the East guided by a star, traveled hundreds of miles to pay him homage. Though he was just an infant born to a poor couple from a backwater town, seemingly insignificant in every obvious way, they all recognized in him extraordinary value and worth. That, in essence, is the anthem of the pro-life movement:

We recognize that every person, no matter how seemingly insignificant, is of value and worth.

For Joseph, this baby means a significant life change. If he chooses to support Mary and her baby, everything will be different. Many men today face this same dilemma. And sadly, many take the route of Herod. When faced with the opportunity to take responsibility, they instead pressure the mother into forfeiting the life of their child. Herod uses soldiers; they use doctors. But not Joseph.

He is a reminder that real men honor women and defend children.

So.... remember that this season is not just about colorful lights, warm cocoa on a cold night, or presents around a tree. Nor is it about yule logs, or carols, or mistletoe.

Christmas, at its core, is about celebrating life. Blessings & Merry Christmas!

Edited by Br Dennis Wawrykow, Life Director

Volunteers Needed The Welcome Home Christmas (Turkey) Dinner Thursday December 8, 2022



I require volunteers to help me prepare and serve this annual meal.

- 2 volunteers are needed Wednesday December 7 for preliminary food preparation (chopping for Thursday AM), turkey baking & broth making.
- 4 volunteers are needed Thursday December 8 AM for turkey carving, stuffing assembly and cooking, potato peeling cooking & mashing, kitchen clean-up.
- 2 volunteers are needed Thursday December 8 PM at Welcome Home to serve (plate) the Turkey dinner for attendees.

Please contact Br. Dave Gnutel at 204-633-3858 to assist in this council event.

Regards,

Br. Dave G



Remembrance Day Service November 11, 2022

Written by S.K. Robert Erstelle

Just over 107 faithful's attended our 1st Remembrance Day service. We had the privilege of witnessing and receiving our newest Icon for our Ukrainian Catholic Churches and Communities.

While laying our first wreath for our Ukrainian/Canadian veterans, it was truly an honor to have the oldest and last Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Branch 141 of the Royal Canadian Legion, left in Manitoba and Canada.

Thank you to Lady Ruth Erstelle of the Polish Legion Branch 246, who escorted City Councilor Ross Eadie who laid the Wreath for our Canadian Veterans.

It was truly an honor to have Brother Knights representing 8 Ukrainian Councils, 41 members 16 Sir Knights, 23 Ladies, over 64 members of the public taking part in the Service. While having over 65 attendees to the reception, which included our Metropolitan, 7 Clergy members and two SSMI.

Highlight within the program for our Knights is when Metropolitan Lawrence held up our Knights of Columbus Columbian Magazine November edition speaking about Ukraine.

Our sincerest appreciation to Sir Knight Michael Ryzcak Grand Knight of Fr. Shyshkovich Council and their members that came to support this Remembrance Day Service Event. Thank you to the Brothers of St. Volodymyr Council #15743 for their assistance, and most importantly members of our Assembly, who took on this challenge and successfully completed it.

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On behalf of our committee, we thank you all for answering the call on this historical event, delivering a beautiful faith filled event. Check out CTV website for a video interview with our Faithful Navigator.

Our sincerest appreciation to His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence, OSBM and all the Clergy members participating within the liturgy & blessing of the Icon and our SSMI Sisters Darleane and Ruth.

Yours in Christ.

S.K. Robert Erstelle



Br Knights, please join other members of our Council who completed the **Food Safety Course**. The course website is <https://www.safecheck1.com/> Our Council will reimburse your \$24.98 registration cost once you have successfully completed the course requirements!



2023 Membership

Our Membership dues are being excepted. \$40 Regular Membership and \$25 Honorary Life Member. You may forward your membership in person, by mail or electronically to council8925@gmail.com
If you have any questions, please contact Br Gordon Lasko



Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree

Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374

Annual Fundraising Raffle Draw

2022 Beneficiaries

Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Fund

&

Local Community Charities

Monday December 12, 2022

Draw held at 7:00 pm.

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church

35 Marcie Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Christmas Cash & Gifts

Grand Prize \$1000.00

2) \$300.00 3) \$250.00 4) \$200.00 5) \$150.00

10 draws of \$100.00

Additional Prizes



Neumann's Market gift certificate value \$150.00,



Knights Asst. Liquor Basket value \$150.00



NorthStar Motors gift certificate \$100.00,



Budget Catering Dinner for 4 value \$100.00



Assorted Wine Basket value \$100.00,



Petals flowers & Gifts gift certificate value \$100.00

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Ticket Packages are 5 for \$100.00

Only 100 packages Available

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Every ticket holder has the right to witness the draws



Br. Bohdan Wowczuk's crew prepare to set up "Light Up for Christmas" display Thursday December 1. Check out January's Bulletin for the official Light Up photos following 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy December 3. Thank you to all who helped!



FR. SHYSHKOWICH COUNCIL #8925

Bulletin & Meeting Dates

2022 / 2023 Columbian Year

Bulletin Submission Deadline (Monday)	Planning Meeting (Thursday, 7:00)	Business Meeting (Monday, 7:00)
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November 28
December 26
January 30
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 29

December 8
Meeting Cancelled
February 9
March 9
Meeting Cancelled
May 4
June 8

December 12
January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10 (8 pm)
May 8
June 12