

ISSUE
MAY TO AUGUST
2026



Bro Chris Kyrzyk
Grand Knight and editor

Father Hannas Council

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CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

2.2 Million Members World Wide (2026)

Council Website

Check out our website.

<https://www.kofc10519.com>

COUNCIL CALENDAR

The Google Calendar can be linked to your mobile device to allow for convenient information access to our Council events.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE

The website includes a link to the current Council executive. A job description of each position is provided. We are actively looking for leaders who support our family and church values,

PROGRAMS

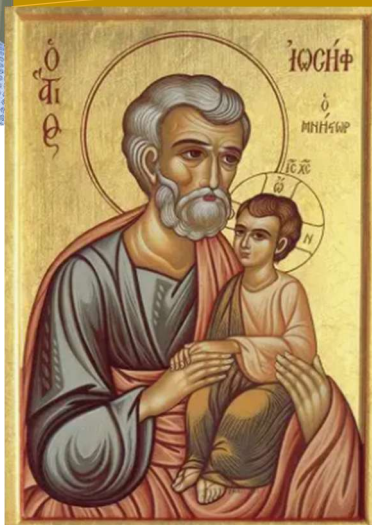
The Faith in Action programs include: Community, Family, Faith and Life.

FUNDRAISING

The programs provide scholarships, aid in church maintenance and fund our faith in action programs.



St. Joseph
the Worker



The Grand Knight's message

The Dignity of Work

Worthy Brothers,

Our Order recently released videos about St. Joseph the Worker. As a carpenter, husband and father, St. Joseph shows that ordinary labor done with love and faithfulness – can glorify God. To summarize, we should approach work as:

- Man is not for work, work is for man.
- Our work shapes the world but it also shapes us in profound ways.
- We can sanctify work by recalling that this work has been given to me by God.
- Work develops habits and by ordering work we can form good virtues.
- Leisure is an activity that is intrinsically valuable – it is not distraction nor transactional - it is prayer and actions that allow us to see the goodness in the world.

Self-reliance is a trap. Put trust in God who is the center of all things.

Bro Chris Kyrzyk, Grand Knight.

<https://tinyurl.com/StJoseph10519>

Гідність праці

Гідні Брати,

Нещодавно наш Орден випустив відео про святого Йосипа Робітника. Як тесля, чоловік і батько, святий Йосип показує, що звичайна праця, виконана з любов'ю та відданістю, може прославляти Бога. Підсумовуючи, ми повинні ставитися до праці так:

- Людина не для праці, праця для людини.
- Наша праця формує світ, але вона також глибоко формує нас.
- Ми можемо освятити працю, пригадуючи, що ця праця була дана мені Богом.
- Праця розвиває звички, і впорядковуючи працю, ми можемо формувати добрі чесноти.
- Дозвілля – це діяльність, яка має внутрішню цінність – це не відволікання і не транзакція, а молитва та дії, що дозволяють нам бачити доброту у світі.

Самостійність – це пастка. Поставте довіру до Бога у центр всього.

Брат Кристофер Кирзык, Головний Лицар .

<https://tinyurl.com/StJoseph10519>

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Father Gabriel

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Father Gabriel's Message

Under Mary's Mantle

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of May calls us to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through the Rosary and the message of Fatima—a call to prayer, repentance, and conversion that remains urgent today.



Our Lady taught that the Rosary is a powerful spiritual weapon. Through it, we enter the mysteries of Christ and strengthen our faith. As Knights, we are called to pray it faithfully and encourage it in our families and parish, witnessing that Christ is at the center of our lives.

The message of Fatima also reminds us to live faith, hope, and love in concrete ways—through service, charity, and fidelity to prayer. Our devotion must always lead us to the Eucharist, where we encounter Christ and receive strength for our mission.

Our Lady also calls us to sacrifice—offering our struggles for the conversion of sinners. In our daily acts of charity and quiet sacrifices, we participate in Christ's saving work.

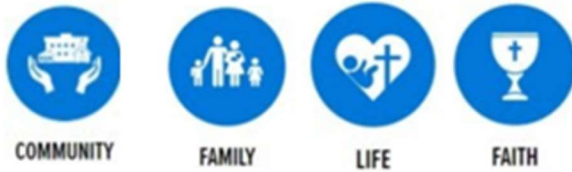
Finally, this Marian devotion strengthens our pro-life mission. As Knights, we stand for the dignity of every human life. Through the Rosary, we entrust all life to the care of the Blessed Mother.

Brothers, may this month renew our commitment to prayer, service, and courageous faith. Under Mary's protection, may we continue to build a culture of life rooted in Christ.

Fr. Gabriel Haber
OSBM
Pastor



Faith In Action



The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Program gives Knights and their families the opportunity to put their faith into action. The Catholic Church teaches that while faith is essential, it must be accompanied by works of righteousness.

Salvation is a process that requires ongoing cooperation with God's grace. (Ephesians 2:8-9 and James 2:17.)

Community -Blood Drive

Join us for fellowship and upload the Canadian Blood Services App and join "Team Father Hannas". Our next blood drive is Friday afternoon, May 15.



Blood and plasma are used to support health and save lives. Check out this official Knights of Columbus video:

<https://tinyurl.com/KnightsGIVEblood>

Council Team Members 9

Council lifetime total: 79 donations +1 plasma

Alberta/NWT Total for 2024: 1,888 donations

Bro Greg Scheller and son William Scheller donating blood.



Community - Canadian Wheelchair Foundation KofC Partnership

Our total pull tab collection has reached 1.96 million tabs, generating a lifetime fundraising total of \$8,800.

We have also placed a pull tab donation bin at the Father Hannas Council Bulletin Board at St. Nicholas UCC and are working with St. Brendan Catholic School to resume their collection efforts.

If you would like to help continue this work, please contact Bro Chris Kyrzyk. For details: <https://tinyurl.com/CWF500>



Tab Count 1.96 M
Fund Total: \$8,800

Community – Lenten Pancake Breakfast

We thank of knights, families and volunteers who made the March Lenten breakfast such a great success. Breakfast was served after the Sunday 9 am and 11 am liturgies. Great family fun!



Bro Dorian Yaniw, Bro Dan Bialobzyski, and Bro Lester Wasylycia in Knights Serving uniforms at the Lenten breakfast in March

Mothers Day Message:
Proverbs 3:17: "Her ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."



Family of the Year

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Yaniw family for being honored as the Family of the Year. Thank you for your dedicated volunteering at St Basil's Cultural Centre and maintaining our website.



Crystal and Dorian Yaniw accepting the 2026 Family of the Year Award.

Family - Scholarships

For twenty years **Bros Leo Derkach** and **Alex Stelmach** have led the scholarship committee. We congratulate our scholarship winners for 2026:

- ❖ Willam Scheller
- ❖ Nicholas Stelmach
- ❖ Allison Kaminsky

It was a pleasure to have met them and hear their speeches. We wish them success in their studies.

Bro Alex Stelmach, Nicholas Stelmach, Allison Kaminsky, Bro Leo Derkach and GK Bro Chris Kyrzyk



Faith – Prayer from Supreme

Supreme has distributed this prayer during Lent to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the war in Ukraine on February 24. Please include it your prayers this season of Lent.



○ Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind harken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine.

Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble servants, those who defend Ukraine and her much-suffering people, and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion.

For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen

Adapted from the Byzantine liturgical tradition ("Prayer Service Sung in Times of War," in Trebnyk, Book of Needs)



Faith – Morning Prayer and Coffee for Men

Hosted by: Alberta/NWT State Chaplain, Fr. Slavko Dumeč

Fr. Slavko Dumeč warmly invites all men to take part in "Morning Prayer and Coffee for Men", a monthly gathering organized through the Knights of Columbus.

This initiative offers a special opportunity for men to:

- Come together in **prayer and reflection** on the Word of God
- **Deepen their faith** and connection with Christ
- Build **brotherhood and fellowship** with one another
- Share and discuss the **challenges of daily life** in a supportive and faith-filled environment.

The two-hour session begins at **May 16, 9 am** St. Nicholas UCC with the Divine Liturgy followed by coffee and discussion. See our Council calendar for details

For more information follow these links:

<https://tinyurl.com/CORforknights>

<https://tinyurl.com/CORvideo1>

<https://tinyurl.com/CORsabout>



COR men's outreach – coffee for men.



Faith -Council Icon – Traveling Icon

Should a council Knight desire to borrow the icon for a duration of one month, **Bro Dorian Yaniw** has set up a request form that is available on our council's website. We are thankful to the late **Bro Jimmie Yeremiy** and his family for their role in developing the case. We are in search of a carpenter to complete the project that Bro Jimmie had begun.

For any questions, please get in touch with the Grand Knight.



Father Hannas Council Icon



Members Corner

Grand Knight **Bro Chris Kyrzyk** and FGK **Bro Jerry Dubyk** represented our council at the State Convention from April 24 to 26 in Calgary. During the convention we had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Calgary Ukrainian Catholic Council.

GK Bro Chris Kyrzyk with Calgary Bro GK Andrij Pavliv and Deputy GK from the Ukrainian Catholic Council in Calgary.



Birthdays

Многая Літа!

Mnohaya Lita.... Birthday Greetings. We celebrate the months of May to August for the following Knights. **3 днём народження!**

May

- Bruce Grant
- Gregory W Yacyshyn
- Br. Michael S Chichak
- Edward Ewaskiw
- Eugene I Lozinsky
- Rev Matthew J Drury
- Tim Kantor
- Brian D Greening
- Fr. Gabriel M Haber
- Robert Petruk
- Rev Paul Chomnycky
- Alexander Dumeč
- Irvin P Krezanoski
- Vasyl Benzal

May (continued)

- Dmytro Borovets
- Mickey P. Fundytus
- Wayne J. Mackenzie
- Fr. Christiano Silva

June

- Lawrence W. Markowsky
- Roman Kravec
- Edward L. Kasowski
- Julian Eveneshen
- Steve Ray Holyk
- Br Marko Koval
- Andrew J. Laing
- Theodore Kantor

July

- Paul L Polotylo
- Eugene M Kozel
- Evan V Richie
- Rev Jaimie F Valus
- Jerry Dubyk
- Richard J Koshuta
- Daryl MJ Chichak
- Neil Koziak
- Lester J Wasylycia



August

- Morris Chichak
- Ilija Simcisin
- Emilian Dumeč
- Dr Walter W Yakimets
- Nicholas R Kunysz
- Mike Melnyk
- Curtis D Ruff
- Darrell M Shalley
- Ronald J Gulayets
- Dennis F Pawlowski
- Roman Korcaba
- Donald S Zurawell

Prayer for the Sick



Our council maintains a prayer for the sick list for a council knights, families and friends. Do you wish to include a loved one to our list? Please contact us.



Third Degree Exemplification

Our second council third-degree exemplification took place on March 27 in the St Nicholas Church. Thank you to our executive and **District Deputy Bro Ken Kluchky** for organizing this event. Our new knights are as follows:

- Bro Alex Dumeč
- Bro Mark Koval



FR. MCGIVNEY



Father Hannas Council Exemplification group photograph – (left to right) Bro Dan Bialobzyski, Bro Alex Dumeč, Grand Knight Bro Chris Kyrzyk, Bro Seminarian Marko Koval, PGK Bro Jerry Dubyk, District Deputy Bro Ken Kluchky, State Chaplain Fr. Slavko Dumeč.

Seminarian Support – RSVP Program

Our council is pleased to provide financial support through the RSVP program for **Bro Micheal Chichak** and **Bro Marko Koval**. Congratulations to Bro Michael for his recent marriage.

Seminarian Bro Micheal Chichak.



2025-26 Appointed Positions

The list of appointed officers, program directors and committee chairmen are listed below.

Appointed Officers	
Chaplain	Fr Ireneus Prystajecy OSBM
Financial Secretary	Bro Dan Bialobzyski
District Deputy	Bro Ken Kluchy
Lecturer	Bro Wayne Mackenzie
Service Program Directors	
Program Director	Bro Chris Kyrzyk
Community Director	Bro Mark Gowda Bro Kieran Kitchener
Family Programs	Bro Scott Drebit
Life Programs	Bro Ken Bosiak
Faith Programs	Bro Wayne MacKenzie
Standing Committees	
External Communications	Bro Dorian Yaniw
Internal Communications	Bro Jerry Dubyk
Newsletter Editor	Bro Chris Kyrzyk
Cultural Centre	Bro Greg Yacyshyn
Canadian Wheelchair Fdn	Bro Chris Kyrzyk
Scholarship Program	Bro Leo Derkach Bro Alex Stemach
Fundraising	Vacant
Bingo	Vacant
Grey Cup/Charity Appeal	Bro Bruce Grant
Membership	Bro Greg Scheller
St. Nicholas UCC Contact	Fr Slavko Dumeč Bro Alexander Kusche
Ukrainian Language & Culture	Bro Vasyl Bidochko
Council Archive	Bro Roman Kyrzyk

Knight of the Year

We congratulated **Bro Gerald Draganiuk** on his receipt of the Council Knights of the Year. Bro Gerald has serviced for several years as the Council Treasurer and the President of the St. Basil parish church council.



Bro Gerald Draaniuk – 2026 Knight of the year.



We Remember

We honor Bro Knight **Bro Vidado Simcisin** from our council who have passed away recently- Vichnaya Pamyat' Eternal Memory - Вічна пам'ять; <https://tinyurl.com/vlado-simcisin>.

Management

The following is the current list of executives. Refer to the Council website for a description of roles each position.

Elected Officers for the 2025 Columbian Year	
Grand Knight	Bro Chris Kyrzyk
Deputy Grand Knight	Vacant
Chancellor	Bro Leo Derkach
Recorder	Bro Jerry Dubyk
Treasurer	Bro Gerald Draganiuk
Advocate	Bro Nicholas Kunysz
Warden	Bro Mike Yakymyshyn
Inside Guard	Bro Stephen Sendziak
Outside Guard	Bro Greg Scheller
Trustee Year 1	Bro Ron Gulayets
Trustee Year 2	Bro Dorian Yaniw
Trustee Year 3	Vacant

Elections for 2026-2027 Columbian

The search for the 2026-2027 executive has begun and the elections are set for the May 26, General Meeting. We thank **Bro Greg Scheller** and **Bro. Leo Derkach** for leading the effort. If you wish to become more involved, please contact us.

Council Archive

We thank **Bro. Roman Kyrzyk** for volunteering as the Council Archivist. The archive encompasses our past newsletters, minutes, awards, and meeting records. These digital documents can be accessed via the Council's Google Drive. Should you wish to access the archive, please reach out via email at



frhannas10519@gmail.com.

Charity Fundraising

Zelensky Tee-Shirts

- For sale - olive men's military green tee shirts.
- Get you shirt while supplies last.
- To inquire contact **Bro Dan Bialobzyski**.



Big Valley Jamboree – Volunteers Needed

Our council is planning a major council fundraiser! We are in need of 20-30 volunteers for each day to help. The chair set up is on Wednesday July 29 and the chair take down is on Monday August 3.

All food and water are provided. Transportation to and from the site are available. The work starts at 8 am will finish about 4 pm.

Contact: [Jerry Dubyk @ jerdubyk@shaw.ca](mailto:Jerry.Dubyk@jerdubyk@shaw.ca)



2025 Team Father Hannas Council set up crew.

Lawn Fertilizer Fundraiser – Help Needed

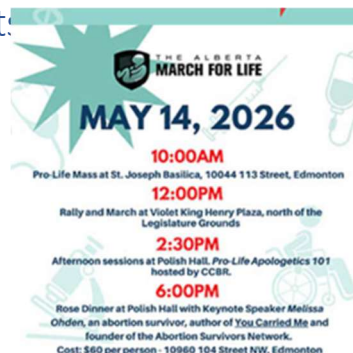
The council has secured lawn fertilizer to help with fundraising. We would love your support by selling for our council. The funds raised will be directed towards the council's charities. Special thanks to **Bro Leo Derkach** and **Bro Dorian Yaniw** for organizing this program.

To purchase: frhannas10519@gmail.com

Life – Upcoming event:

Join **Bro Ken Bosiak** our *Life Director* and support his continued good work. The upcoming May 14 March for Life.

<https://albertamarchforlife.com/>



Upcoming Events at Glance

Bingo Dates

Father Hannas Council has bingo fundraising events at the following dates in 2026:

- ❖ May 25, Monday
- ❖ June 16, Tuesday



Location: Castle Downs Bingo –
12222 137 Ave NW, Edmonton

Please volunteer. Contact **Bro Jerry Dubyk** at jerdubyk@shaw.ca or 780-263-2943.

WE ARE IN NEED FOR A BINGO CHAIRMAN. TO INQUIRE PLEASE CONTACT BRO JERRY DUBYK

Men's COR

LOCATION: St. Nicholas UCC
TIME: Saturday Mornings 9 AM TO 11 AM.

- ❖ May 16
- ❖ June 20

Men helping men



Charity Lobster Dinner

May 30

St Joseph's Basilica, O'Leary Hall

Tickets are \$75.00 each.
Contact: kluchky@telus.net



Fr Hannas Blood Drive

Friday May 15

LOCATION: Canadian Blood Services - 4211 106 Street NW (Whitemud Dr).
Come for fellowship



Chapter BBQ and Elections

RSVP – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church June 3

First Communion Breakfast

St. Basil's Cultural Centre - June 7

Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage

July 18-23
lacsteannepilgrimage.ca



Big Valley Jamboree – Volunteers Needed

Set up: Wednesday July 29
Take down: Monday August 3



State Golf Tournament

Devon Golf Club - August 8 – Gem.Mella@cadm.ca

Padre Night– Supporting our Clergy

Santa Maria Goretti Centre (Italian)
Oct 8



★ FATHER HANNAS ★
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 10519



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— 25-10-12 Formula —

- ✓ 10 kg (22.4 lbs) bags
- ✓ Greener, Thicker Lawns
- ✓ Perfect for BBQs, Family Time & Summer Fun

★ ONLY \$25 PER BAG ★

 **NOW ACCEPTING PRE-ORDERS!**

 **Pick-Up Day: Saturday, April 11**

 **TO PRE-ORDER:**

frhannas10519@gmail.com



 **Grow Green. Give Back. Enjoy Summer.** 

Thank you for supporting Father Hannas Council 10519!