

BEAUSEJOUR COUNCIL

#05870



**BULLETIN FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2021**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2020/2021

The regular monthly meetings of the Beausejour Council commence with Mass at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday each month.

Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Rene CHARTIER	268-2453
Grand Knight	Ron OBODZINSKI (Maria)	268-9337
Deputy Grand Knight	Ed FARIAS (Valerie)	268-4904
Chancellor	Gerald GEALL (Anne)	268-4529
Advocate	Robert BARANOSKI (Nancy)	268-1365
Financial Secretary	Ron CHAY (Lucille)	755-2821
Recorder	Trevor SZAJEWSKI (Kelly)	268-4084
Treasurer	Gerald ANTYMIS (Alexis)	268-2707
Warden	Christopher KIAZYK (Barbara)	268-1972
Inside Guard	Richard ROGOSKI (Kim)	268-2467
Outside Guard	Roy ZARICHANSKI (Wendy)	268-3720
Trustee First Year	Irvine STEFANSSON (Mary Jane)	268-2443
Trustee Second Year	Bill ROLSKY (Shirley)	268-0037
Trustee Third Year	Lance WADELIUS (Cindy)	268-0400

BEAUSEJOUR COUNCIL DIRECTORS

Program Director	ED FARIAS (Valerie)	268-4904
Anola Round Table	Ron CHAY (Lucille)	755-2821
Community Director	David BORTLUZZI	492-0799
Church Director	Bill ROLSKY (Shirley)	268-0037
Faith Director	Christopher KIAZYK (Barbara)	268-1972
Health Services	Ron CHAY (Lucille)	755-2821
Family/Life Director	Gerard LANNOO (Margaret)	268-3224
Membership	Arley CORBETT (Joyce)	268-1464
Pro Life Couple	Gerard and Margaret LANNOO	268-3224
Public Relations	Stan PLESKACH (Anne)	268-2961
Recruitment Comm.	Arley CORBETT (Joyce)	268-1464
Social Convener	Joe BORTOLUZZI (Roseanne)	268-2978
Vocations Chairman	Robert BARANOSKI (Nancy)	268-1365

VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR COUNCIL

WITH THE EASING UP OF RESTRICTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE NOW ALLOWED TO HOLD OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS. THE PROTOCOL FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANATIZING AND FACE MASKS ARE TO BE ADHERED TO IN ORDER THAT WE CAN GET BACK TO SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY.

Vivat Jesus, Ron OBODZINSKI, Grand Knight

MEETING DATES FOR THE COLUMBIAN YEAR 2020/2021

06 MAR '21 – 9:00 a.m. Executive Meeting Lower Level at St. Mary.

08 MAR '21 – 7:00 P.M. – Mass, General Meeting to follow

10 APR '21 – 9:0 A.M. – Executive Meeting Lower Level at St. Mary

12 APR '21 – 7:00 P.M. – Mass, Followed by General Meeting

8 MAY '21 – 9:00 A.M. – Executive Meeting Lower Level at St. Mary

10 MAY '21 – 7:00 P.M. – Mass, Followed by General Meeting “ELECTION OF OFFICERS”

12 JUN '21 – 9:00 A.M. – Executive Meeting Lower Level at St. Mary

14 JUN '21 – 5:00 P.M. – Mass, Followed by LADIE’S NIGHT

GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights:

As we continue our Lenten Journey taking us up to the Easter Triduum, take this time to change your life in small ways for the better. Reach out to someone in need, continue to support our Parishes, our Council and the broader communities in which we live. Throughout these “40 DAYS”, ask yourself, “What can I do to better prepare myself to move closer to Christ in preparation for Easter?”

The “40 CANS FOR LENT” program is again hosted by our Council, please see the notice elsewhere in this bulletin for the hours of operation of the local Food Banks.

I am excited that we are able to resume our regular Executive, Masses and General Meetings. Please follow the safety protocols.

Our Order of the Knights of Columbus in celebrating the appointment of the 14th Supreme Knight, Patrick KELLY to this position on the 1st of MARCH 2021. We wish him well and God’s Speed as he embarks on this most important office.

Vivat Jesus
Ron OBODZINSKI

Chaplain's Message

Dear brother Knights,

On December 8th, 2020, Pope Francis released the apostolic letter *Patris Corde* — “With a Father’s Heart” — in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX proclaiming St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. From the letter’s publication until December 8th, 2021, the Holy Father has **declared a Year of St. Joseph**, celebrating him as a beloved, obedient and courageous father who played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Pope Francis relates how the COVID-19 pandemic led him to reflect on the role of ordinary people whose daily work sustains the livelihood of so many. Our Holy Father writes: “Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

Patris Corde beautifully highlights St. Joseph’s tenderness, obedience, acceptance, fortitude, creative courage, self-gift, trust, and a chastity that is “freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one’s life.” Asserting that “Fathers are not born, but made,” Pope Francis reiterates the need in families as well as in the Church for fathers modeled after St. Joseph: “The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”

The holy season of Lent and the preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th provide excellent opportunities for all brother Knights to reflect on the virtues of fatherhood and how to put them into practice, in imitation of St. Joseph.

“In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father,” writes Pope Francis.

Dear brother Knights, may our Lenten season, through the intercession of St. Joseph, bring about the grace of our own conversion. May the Lord bless you and watch over you, your spouses and your families, during this special time of renewal.

Vivat Jesus! Father René E. Chartier, chaplain

FAITH DIRECTOR - Christopher KIAZYK 268-1972

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the twelfth month of this pandemic several things have become apparent:

- 1) Some families have been forced to spend more time together due to changes in working from home.
- 2) Grandparents haven’t been able to visit with children and grand children as much. Holidays and get together s have been limited.
- 3) Many of our seniors have had their travel plans put on hold.
- 4) Seniors who are living in personal care homes have had their contact with their families cut off due to the risks of in-person visits. They are lonely
- 5) The way we worship spend time with our church community has changed. Some people have stopped going to church.

Our Founder Father Michael J. McGIVNEY, soon to be beatified and called “Blessed”.from the start wanted to form the Knights so that the family unit would grow stronger. We may not be able to do all the things the way we would with our families in normal times, however we can use the times to strengthen the bonds we have with our loved ones. Examples might be, calling them on the phone using Facetime, or Zoom or other social media to connect with our loved ones. Using the increased quiet time to pray for not only our personal family but all people who have become lonely and isolated due to the pandemic. Maybe you can use this time to reflect where you are at in your faith life. Maybe go on Your computers and accessing You tube or some other Catholic sites to learn more about our faith. Maybe blow the dust off your Bible and read a few passages and then spend 10 minutes in prayer and reflection. As November is the month to remember the dead. I hope that everyone would take time to reflect on how important to your faith have the people who passed on their faith to us been. Do you pray for your deceased loved ones. Maybe we can pray and ask ourselves how we need to pass it on to our families. Maybe God has given us an opportunity to grow closer to him through our families and develop a closer relationship with him?

Unfortunately many of the plans I had for group faith development this year have had to be postponed for now. We may need to focus on our individual development instead.

Just a reminder that the **SUNDAY MISSAL 2020/2021** is now available.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR – Brother David BORTOLUZZI 492-0799

Our recent Blood Donor Clinic in Beausejour was most successful in that we had 94 donors attend with 87 units collected. These generous donations mean that at least 261 recipients will benefit from this hour of the donor’s time.

A reminder to drop off food/monetary donations to the Food Bank. It is open on Monday and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

FAMILY DIRECTOR - Brother Wayne EWASKO 268-2306

Feed the Hungry is a new banner under the “Leave no Neighbor Behind” initiative. Many individuals and families have already stocked their personal pantries in preparation for quarantine. This has resulted in reduced donations to local food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens. Councils are encouraged to reach out and support local food banks through donations of food and especially funds. We are blessed to have Brother Ron CHAY and his wife Lucille very involved with the Beausejour and Anola Food Banks. Please be generous in your support during these challenging times.

LIFE DIRECTOR - Brother Gerard LANNOO 268-3224

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said “Yes” to “Life”. “You will conceive and bear a Son”, the angel told you. Despite the surprise and uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. “Be it done unto me according to Your word”.

Mary, we pray today for all mother who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened, and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God my give them for the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. They say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the held of Christian people, and know the peace of doing God's will. **AMEN**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Brother Arley CORBETT 268-1464

Brother Knights, please share this message with your sons, brothers and Catholic acquaintances. As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The Knights of Columbus can help all of the above answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives them access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. They will also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help them protect your family.

As part of a council, they will be able to serve their parish and community directly with the support of a fraternity of brothers who share their faith, values, and desire to live with purpose. Simply ask them to indicate their interest in joining a council and when they fill out the online application a local Knight will contact them.

They can begin their journey in just a few minutes when they fill out the online application to become a Knight. When they join online, they instantly gain access to Knights.net, the online portal that is home to faith formation resources, news from Knights around the globe, important information on issues important to Catholics, and a calendar to keep them in the know.

The Online Application is at <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FRATERNAL INSURANCE AGENT MARCH – WILL YOU BE READY?

Will you be ready to change occupations when you reach your company's madatory retirement age? If you do not have an adequate monthly incomeat that time; there's a good chance that you will be working at low-paying, part time jobs just to maintain a decent standard of living.

Well over 50% of the people who retire need supplemental income because they find that their retirement benefits and company pension plans cannot keep up with inflation and the every-rising costs of living. And no one wants to drastically reduce their standard of living fter they've spent their working years trying to raise it.

We want you to enjoy your retirement years in dignity. Let me help you plan to be comfortable.

Call me for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

Brother Knight Rocky RIZZO – General Agent Rocky/Rizzo@kofc.org

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brother Knights: Rev. Fr. Rene CHARTIER, Rev. Fr. Robbie McDOUGALL, William ROLSKY,

Michael KAMINSKI, Robert MARKO, Ron CHAY, Joseph BORTOLUZZI

Ladies: Shirley ROLSKY, Mary HUTNIAK, Anne WOLIGROSKI, Iona MARKO, Mary LOZINSKI, Adele BIALEK

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

6 MAR ' 21 – 9:00 A.M. – Executive Meeting – Lower Level at St. Mary

8 MAR '21 – 7:00 P.M. – Mass & General Meeting – Lower level at St. Mary

1 APR ' 21 - 7:00 P.M. – Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary

2 APR '21 - 3:00 P.M. – Good Friday – St. Mary

3 APR '21 - 5:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass – St. Mary

4 APR '21 - 9:00 A.M. – Easter Sunday Mass – St. Mary

10 APR '21 – 9:00 A.M. – Executive Meeting – Lower Level at St. Mary

12 APR '21 – 7:00 P.M. – Mass & General Meeting – Lower Level at St. Mary

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Our yearly dues of \$30.00 are now payable for the calendar year of 2021. Make your cheque out to K. of C. Beausejour Council #05870 and turn it over to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Brother Knight Ron CHAY. Mailing address is Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 1001, BEAUSEJOUR, MB R0E 0C0

THE 24-HOUR KNIGHT

Imagine if you were able to tell a man that he could just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Order.

12 Hours a Year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, Columbia magazine, and surfing the State council and Supreme Council websites.

2 Hours a year volunteering at a council charity activity.

2 Hours a year attending, with his family, two council religious activities.

2 Hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council, family or youth project of his choosing.

2 Hours a year attending one council meeting.

3 Hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance or picnic.

1 Hour a year visiting with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to ensure that your family is protected now and in the years to come. **Presented this way, joining is not intimidating at all.**

Brother Knights, please consider becoming a member of Eastman Life's Vision, our local Pro-Life organization. This is an affiliate group of Life's Vision Manitoba. Eastman Life's Vision mission is to contribute to the protection of Life from the moment of conception to natural death. To uphold, advocate and promote, in an ethical and moral manner, the respect all human life deserves.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

OUR BEAUSEJOUR COUNCIL IS HOSTING A MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL RAFFLE, WHICH WILL BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY THE 9TH OF MAY 2021 AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

PRIZES:

1st prize – 20 MIXED BOTTLES OF WINE – RED & WHITE SELECTION AND ONE OUTDOOR HANGING BASKET OF DECORATIVE FLOWERS

2nd PRIZE – 10 MIXED BOTTLES OF WINE-RED & WHITE SELECTION AND ONE HANGING BASKET OF DECORATIVE FLOWERS

3RD PRIZE – 6 MIXED BOTTLES OF WINE-RED & WHITE SELECTION AND ONE HANGING BASKET OF DECORATIVE FLOWERS

TICKETS ARE : \$2.00 OR 3/\$5.00 – AVAILABLE AT OUR MEETING ON MONDAY THE 8TH OF MARCH AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR WORTHY GRAND KNIGHT RON OBODZINSKI AT 204-268-9337, OUR WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT ED FARIAS AT 204-268-4904, OUR WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY RON CHAY AT 204-755-2821,

DONATIONS OF FULL, SEALED BOTTLES OF WINE AND/OR MONEY WILL BY GREATFULLY ACCEPTED TO MAKE THIS FUNDRAISING VENTURE A SUCCESS.