



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. LOUIS BOUÉ ASSEMBLY #2355

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April/2024  
News Letter

Serving Our Communities With  
Charity - Unity - Fraternity, Patriotism



Serving Councils In  
Amherstburg, Harrow  
Kingsville, Leamington  
McGregor, River Canard

## Faithful Friars Report:



### **Sir Knights and Ladies,**

He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! As we celebrate the great feast of Easter, I believe that sometimes we can lose sight of how big an event this was (and should still be). Can you imagine being one of the apostles knowing that your friend and teacher was just brutally killed and now is alive? Can you put yourself in the garden, like Mary Magdalene, where the tomb was and encounter the gardener who calls you by name (because he was the resurrected Jesus)? They must have been so excited. And obviously they were a little fearful too. Maybe we experience similar emotions. We are so excited that Jesus rose from the dead for US! It shows us how much he truly loves us. He rose from the dead so that we could enter eternal life with him in heaven. However, it can be a little frightening when we realize that the actions of Jesus require us to go into action too. If Jesus was that willing to give of himself for us, what are we willing to give in return? The Easter message is one of joy. Maybe that can be one way we can go into action. My experience in associating with various people is that sometimes people can have a very negative outlook or attitude. One could argue that we live in a world with many challenges and unfortunate things, thus justifying the "dark" attitude. I would say though, many times we let the darkness consume us and fail to see any light. That is where our attitude of joy can come in. We need to show people the light, the joy, the Good News of whatever situation we are in. Let us combat all the "complaining" conversations with conversations of appreciation of the gifts (even if they are small ones) we have around us. Celebrate joy, don't foster gloom!

*Fr. Matt, Faithful Friar*

## Fr. Louis Boué Assembly Executive 2023

### Faithful Friar:

Rev. Fr. Matthew Kucharski

### Faithful Navigator

SK. Dan Orawski (Diane) 519-733-4183

### Faithful Captain

SK. Dan Orawski (Acting Captain)

### Faithful Admiral

SK. Larry Everaert (Eleanor)

### Faithful Pilot

SK. Richard Laporte

### Faithful Comptroller

SK. Paul Peltier (Sheila) 519-736-1723

### Faithful Purser

Deacon & SK. Leonard Tetreault (Paula)

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SK. Kevin Klinck - 226-787-6963

### Faithful Inner Sentinel

SK. Ron Amlin (Mary Kay)

### Faithful Outer Sentinel

SK. Wilfred Kobelsky (Mary Ann)

### Faithful Trustee's

1 Year: SK. Lawrence Beneteau (Lisa)

2 Years: Vacant

3 Years: SK. Phil Anderson



## Faithful Navigator's Report:



**Sir Knights and Ladies,**

Hoping that ALL had a **Very Holy and Happy Easter.**

The month of **April** traditionally starts the **election process** by holding nominations for ALL Executive positions except the 2 Trustee positions (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year). I have said this before but I am saying it again, WE need MEMBERS to step forward at this time.

PLEASE, IF NOMINATING SOMEONE ASK THEM FIRST.

*If you have been nominated, SERIOUSLY THINK about it, your name will stand until the May meeting and that is when WE NEED YOU TO STAND UP AND TAKE A POSITION.*

**Descriptions of the Executive positions are in this newsletter in a separate section.** My Prayer is that we will have many Members nominated so that at the **May 2024 General meeting** we can fill all 12 positions and can continue as the **Fr. Louis Boué Assembly #2355** the **“Most Southerly Assembly in Canada”**.

The **Annual Assembly Fish Fry** took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and I wish to THANK ALL those who supported it by their presence, their donations and their hard work. I would like to THANK Sir Knights Lawrence Beneteau, Richard Laporte, Michel Nouhra, Joe Vaillancourt, Jim Fryer, Lady Chris Hall and Brothers Gary and Lou for their hard work on that date; for me it was great helping bread the fish again this year.

A **SPECIAL THANKS** goes out to **Sir Knight Ron** and **Lady Rita Monforton** for their generous donation.

As mentioned previously, the **Assembly** will celebrate it's **“30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”** this **July 30<sup>th</sup>** that is our Charter date. We normally have a BBQ in June but we are going to cancel the June BBQ and celebrate Our 30<sup>th</sup> on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** in Amherstburg with a New York Strip Steak and Chicken BBQ. It will be a casual affair “dress wise” (NO SHORTS or TEE SHIRTS though) and more details will be sent out soon. **Mark the date on your calendar.**

*If anyone has suggestions or comments regarding the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, please pass them on to me or any one of the Executive members or any Sir Knight that you may know who attends meetings or participates now.*

*If you wish to contact me on any matter, Please call 519-733-4183 and leave a message if I do not answer, I will return your call or you can always email me at [kofcdan@gmail.com](mailto:kofcdan@gmail.com).*

**In Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,**

**S.K. Dan Orawski, PCK, PFN, FDD**  
*Faithful Navigator*

**“Sir Knight” is more than a title, IT'S AN HONOUR”**  
**Remember that “Patriotism Never Goes Out of Style”**

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## *Faithful Captains Report:*

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### *Sir Knights and Ladies,*

The **March meeting** was held at St. Joseph's Council #5642 Hall in **River Canard** on the **21<sup>st</sup>**, the meal was Pork tenderloin medallions, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert for \$17.00 per person. I believe that everyone was happy with the meal, by the way we have now had 3 great meals at this venue during this fraternal year.

We expected 26 to attend but 1 couple did not, so we ended up with 16 sir Knights and 8 Ladies attending. The Ladies were asked to join us in part of the meeting, not all attended as a few played euchre in the dining room.

The **April** General meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Leamington, hosted by St. Anthony Maronite Council #13797 at St. Anthony's Maronite Church; 280 Talbot Road East, Leamington.

Dinner is at 6:00pm.

The meeting will start as soon as we have all finished eating, hoping for 6:30pm at the latest.

### **No Ladies this time.**

The Meal will consist of 2 pieces of Broasted chicken, potato wedges, garden salad, buns, dessert, coffee - ALL for \$16.00 per person.

The **May 2024 General Meeting**, will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John de Brebeuf Church in Kingsville. More details next issue.

I wish the THANK **Sir Knights Paul Beudoin** and **Phil Anderson** for stepping forward and taking 2 of my caller's lists; I also wish to THANK **Sir Knight Ken Bosse** for taking over Sir Knight Phil's list as it was a better fit. If you have any suggestions or concerns, Call me at 519-733-4183 or email me at [kofcdan@gmail.com](mailto:kofcdan@gmail.com) .

*Fraternally,*  
*Acting Faithful Captain,*  
*Sir Knight Dan Crawski*

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## *Faithful Admirals Report:*

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### *Sir Knights and Ladies,*

We are now into one of the most important months of the Fraternal Year. Yes. It is time for nominations and elections for our next executive. This has become a matter of great importance and possibly the difference as to whether we will even have an Assembly after words. Yes I am serious. F.N. Dan can no longer carry the F.N. and Captains positions on his back, He has put his all into this Assembly for far too long and he needs a break. We can no longer depend on recycling either. We on the main Executive positions are also because we have been around for a long time and have been recycled enough. There has to be new blood to survive so I leave it up to you. It is now up to you to decide whether the Assembly survives.

*Fraternally,*  
*S.K. Larry Everaert*  
*Faithful Admiral—PQK, PFN*



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## *Worthy Masters Message*

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**Worthy Sir Knights,**

Lady Cheryl and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy Easter. April 1<sup>st</sup> brings the end of Holy week and the beginning of the month that Councils and Assemblies start the nomination process for the next fraternal year. It is very important that we build a succession plan. We need to nominate members that can see themselves helping to move up and continue to move the order forward. With May brings the elections and we hope a full executive. Covid has made a void that has been hard to recover from but we must continue to try. Councils and Assemblies need to continue to find new members and train them so in the future they can take our places. This is not new every year our leadership continues to coach us to do this. I have in the last few years seen Councils and Assemblies fail and close. I worry that with every failure we lose a little bit more of our Catholic way of life. The Councils and Assemblies are one of the ways that our faith can build and grow. Running active programs that interest our youth will help us attract and evangelize our church. In turn it will give us the opportunity to build our order. A strong executive leads to a strong Council or Assembly. Vote and nominate wisely.

*Fraternally,*

*S.K. Gord Edwards*

*Master of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ontario District*

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## *Faithful Comptrollers Report:*

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**Sir Knights and Ladies,**

I hope everyone can enjoy the warmer weather now. Membership is down by one member who has passed away. We will need new members if we want to keep our roster with the same membership level to continue. Please keep looking for potential members.

The fish fry was ok but we could have had more attending it. One of our members gave us a \$100 donation which really helped out. We will be using the money we made for memorial donations likely very soon. Thank you to all members who brought in donations for the desert table. We did pretty good there taking in \$100 there.

The rest of the finances are fine so we will be good for now. Members owing dues have been or will be contacted soon. We need to get the dues cleared up. We waste time chasing down dues owing. We can do better so please get them in.

Please may everyone take care and God Bless.

*Fraternally,*

*S.K. Paul Peltier – P.C.K., P.F.N*

*Faithful Comptroller*

## Assembly Announcements:



### **April 2024 Birthdays**

Thomas A. Dunlevie	Mario Badircea
Larry H. Everaert	Matthew Sylvester
George M. Hric	Ronald J. Amlin
George Stewart	Larry Verbeke

### **Happy Birthday to ALL.**

*If you wish to announce a significant date, contact me with the information and I will have it announced in the newsletter.*

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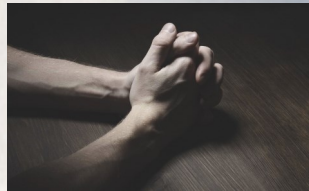
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## Good Of The Order



**Cards sent out on behalf of the Assembly**



**Praying for our Sick and Shut-ins and Families suffering the loss of a**

**Sympathy:** SK Dan Deschamps (Passing of his Father) **Get Well:** SK Rafic Kairouz, SK Pat Lesperance

**Fraternally, SK Lawrence Beneteau,  
PQH, FDD, PFN**

### **Let us Pray**

**Let us not forget those in Our Assembly who are in need of Our Prayers, Sir Knight Ron Amlin, Sir Knight Dan Dumont, Sir Knight and Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky, Sir Knight Bill Radigan, Sir Knight Jason Barron, Sir Knight Ralph Craig, Sir Knight Michel Nouhra, Lady Sheila Peltier, and Sir Knight Stan and Lady Margaret Balakowski.**

**Prayers have also been requested for the following, Sir Knight Pat Lesperance, Judy Adjin (Sister of SK Larry Everaert), also Please Pray for the ALL the Souls of the Faithfully departed.**

**Sir Knight Dan Dumont is now at Hospice, Please Pray for him and ask that God comfort him now in his suffering.**



## Other Important Matters

**A Memorial/Communal Mass is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Clement Church in McGregor. The time of the Mass is 9:45am. Please try and attend.**

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I wish to THANK all those who responded to my requests for input regarding this matter, there were only 30 out of 103 who replied though; but that's the way things are, now.

## A little Humour and some Food for Thought

For those who **BELIEVE, NO PROOF** is necessary.

For those who **DON'T BELIEVE, NO PROOF** is **POSSIBLE**.

Stewart Chase.

Mother Theresa said, I have found a paradox, that if you **LOVE** until it **HURTS**, there can be no more **HURT**, only more **LOVE**.

My Boss calls me "the computer".

Nothing to do with my intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended after 15 minutes.

As I watched the dog chasing his tail, I thought that dogs are really easily amused.

Then I realized that I was watching the dog chasing his tail.

911 Operator: What's your emergency?

Man: A guy just got hit by a car, and I need an ambulance.

Operator: What's your location?

Man: I'm on Eucalyptus Street.

Operator: Can you spell that for me?

Man: (long awkward pause).

Operator: Sir? Are you there?

Man: I'm gonna drag him to Pine Street and call you right back.

**Sir Knight Dan Dumont and his story follows.**



Sir Knight Dan has been a Knight for almost 41 years and a Sir Knight for almost 34, he is a member of St. John de Brebeuf and Companions Council #8233 in Kingsville.

He has been very active in the Council and one of the top recruiters. Sir Knight and Brother Dan has been fighting cancer for some time and is now in Hospice.

He is on my Assembly call list and I cherish the time that we have spent on the phone with each other. I have included a portrait of him in this newsletter as a tribute to his courage and spirit in fighting this disease. The portrait was

painted by Elaine Van Loo and I asked her what her inspiration was in creating this beautiful tribute to a wonderful person and dear friend; and is the portrait life size?

These are her words, "My desire was to capture Danny's spirit and soul to create a tribute and legacy of this very generous man. I aimed to give a sense of Danny's presence in the portrait, to give it life so that others can appreciate him and hear his story. The portrait is life-size painted in oil on a 40in. diameter convex round canvas".

The portrait is called, "Awakening Spirit". This is the accompanying wording by the artist, "Have you ever felt an emptiness, something missing in your life? My fellow artist friend Danny told me it felt like he had a hole in his chest. At the age of 70, a relative traced back the family heritage and found indigenous roots. Danny is Mohawk and French on his Mother's side and has indigenous roots on his Father's side as well. The emptiness and hollow feeling was gone. Danny began a journey of discovery, learning all he could about his new culture. He specializes in woodworking, drum making, and crafts his own rawhide clothing. The monochromatic style for this painting using browns helps stimulate an historical photo look because history is what made Danny whole. His soulful eyes, inner peace and pride welcome the viewer to feel the essence of this generous and kind man".



**Sir Knight John Popelas' Open House**

Former Master and Sir Knight Stan Balakowski and Sir Knight John Popelas along with Sir Knight Larry Evereart and Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Dan Orawski.

This picture was taken at Sir Knight John Popelas' open house on March 21st.

Sir Knight John will be moving to Oakville. FN Dan wanted a picture of Sir Knights Stan and John as many have not seen either of them in quite a while.



### **Assembly Executive Officers and Duties**

**The Faithful Friar**, is a Priest that serves the Assembly and typically belongs to one of the Councils served by the Assembly.

**The Faithful Navigator** (like a Grand Knight) shall preside over all meetings of his assembly and shall enforce the rules and regulations of the assembly and the laws of the Order, and countersign orders drawn and signed by the Faithful Comptroller for the payment of money and countersign checks drawn and signed by the Faithful Purser.

**The Faithful Captain** (like a Deputy Grand Knight) shall in the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Faithful Navigator; also, the responsible to assure a good attendance at meetings and other functions of the assembly to take direct charge of all activities social and otherwise under that portion of the order of business known as the Good of the Order

**The Faithful Pilot** (like a Warden) shall be responsible for the arrangement of the assembly chamber, and have charge of the activities of the Inner and Outer Sentinels; proper care of the National Flag.

**The Faithful Comptroller** (like a Financial Secretary) shall maintain Records, keep a roll of the members, their age, occupation and residence with the date of their initiation in the Fourth Degree. Collect and receive all moneys due the assembly and all funds obtained from any source and transfer the same to the Faithful Purser and obtain a receipt from the officer. Keep account of the charges and receipts of each member, issue to each member a Fourth Degree Membership Card.

**The Faithful Scribe** (like a Recorder) shall keep a true record of the doings of his assembly.

**The Faithful Purser** (like a Treasurer) shall be the custodian of all funds of the assembly obtained from any source by or through any person or persons and shall be deposited in an approved bank. He shall obtain vouchers which are signed by the Faithful Comptroller and counter-signed by the Faithful Navigator and then make cheques out and sign them and have them countersigned.

**The Faithful Sentinels** (like Council Guards but only 2) are specifically entrusted with the responsibility of seeing that all in attendance at an assembly function are in possession of both a Third and Fourth-Degree Membership Card and so report to the Faithful Pilot.

The Faithful Admiral (like the Chancellor) shall preside at all meetings of his assembly in the absence of the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Captain. In the absence of the Faithful Friar, perform his duties at assembly meetings.

**The Faithful Trustees** (3 like the Council) shall have supervision of all the financial business of the assembly and their approval shall be necessary for the payment of all moneys. They are 3 and have terms of Office of 1, 2 or 3 years.



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