

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – May 2020 – Volume I Issue 4

Our Lady of Hope Parish



Monthly Meetings

Council 101 meets the first Wednesday of every month from September through June at the St. Pius X church hall at 7 PM.



Grand Knight..... Steven Capriola
Financial Secretary.... Raymond DiDonato Sr
Recorder..... William McLaughlin
Advocate..... Eric Trombley
Lecturer..... Andre Tranchemontagne
Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston
Trustee 2nd Year..... William Welch

Deputy Grand Knight... Jesse Senore
Chancellor..... Dr. John Griffin
Treasurer..... William Green
Warden..... Christopher Brown
Outside Guard..... John Garrity
Trustee 1st Year..... Paul Leblond
Trustee 3rd Year..... Charles Noyes

The Coronavirus Outbreak:

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak all council activities are on hold until further notice.

This includes our monthly meetings. Four of the officers, the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, have been meeting the first Wednesday of each month in an online forum to discuss important issues. These are discussed in various sections below.

From the Grand Knights Desk...

If you or anyone you know is in need of help during the current healthcare crisis please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

You can contact me via e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com or if you don't have e-mail you can send a note to me at 23 Saugus St., Portland, ME 04103 or call me at 207-233-3565.

Hoping you and your family stay safe and healthy during the current healthcare crisis!

Steve Capriola – Grand Knight Council 101

News from Supreme:

Online Degrees: The Supreme Council will be hosting Webinars for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every week. This will give Catholic men the opportunity to take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees in the safety and comfort of their homes, in conjunction with other Catholic men throughout the United States and Canada. If you are interested please let us know and we will give you further information.

Upcoming Events:

We are hopefully looking at having the officers meeting followed by our council meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6 PM and 7 PM respectively at the church hall. We would also like to have our annual barbeque after the meeting. The installation of officers is hopefully planned for Thursday, June 11th at 7 PM at St. Pius church. All of these activities are dependent on restrictions being lifted by the state and approval from our pastor. We will keep you informed.

Sea Dogs Tickets Fundraiser:

Our Sea Dogs Ticket Vouchers fundraiser has come to a screeching halt because of current affairs. We have sold several books so far but have no idea if and when the Sea Dogs season will begin. If there are no games or a limited number of games for people to attend, we may have to buy back people's tickets if they wish to turn them back in. We haven't paid the Sea Dogs yet so we still have that option. Normally we can sell tickets through May and hold off paying the Sea Dogs at that time. So, at this time I will not take any action, including selling tickets.

Slate of New Officers:

An email has been sent out for the election of officers for the upcoming council year, July 2020 through June 2021. Those who do not have email will be mailed a copy. Please let us know if you know of anyone who did not get the slate of officers sent to them. Voting is open until June 1st.

The list of proposed officers for the upcoming council year:

Grand Knight – Steven Capriola

Deputy Grand Knight – Jesse Senore

Financial Secretary – Raymond DiDonato, Sr.

Chancellor – Dr. John Griffin

Recorder – William McLaughlin

Treasurer – William Green

Advocate – James Willey

Warden – Christopher Brown

Lecturer – Andre Tranchemontagne

Outside Guard – open

Inside Guard – Kevin Keniston

Trustee 1st Year – Paul Leblond

Trustee 2nd Year – William Welch

Trustee 3rd Year – Charles Noyes

Charities to Receive Donations:

Our council (with the help of the Falmouth Council) sold enough tickets from our \$100 charity raffle so that we can donate \$10,000 to local charities. We used past donations and input from a few of our council members who responded to a request for feedback to come up with a new list. Since the current health crisis has caused many functions to be cancelled we have dropped a few charities from our original list.

St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen will receive \$3,000 and St. Brigid School \$2,000. The following will receive \$1,000 each: Salvation Army, Maine Vitae, Travis Mills, Anna Noyes and the Maine Veterans Home.

Again, many thanks to those members of Councils 101 and 11257 and the Falmouth Council for selling tickets!

Council Finances:

Our Wells Fargo account has taken a big loss (on paper) due to the Stock Market downfall. We will leave this money in the account as is to allow it to return to previous levels once the health and financial crisis is over. However, the parish is hurting financially as donations are down considerably. We are looking into how extensive this is and how much we can help out.

We are asking people to please pay their dues for this year if they are financially able to do so. We do understand the financial and other hardships that members and their families are experiencing at this time and that payment of dues may have to wait. We thank all those members who have paid their dues for the current year!

Maine State Meeting:

The annual state meeting scheduled for the last weekend in April at Sunday River was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. However, an online meeting was held on Saturday, April 26th with a follow up online meeting on Saturday, May 2nd. Results and other information from these meetings will be posted on line at: <https://maineknights.net/>

May Birthdays:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Rev. Norman Comtois, Jonathan Didonato, Santo Donatelli, Dana Dumond, Jonathan Eddy, Charles Egan, Jr., James Foley, Jr., Ed Gallant, Matthew Grassi, Jeff Jacobsky, Ed Jazdzewski, Kevin Keniston, Stephen Mathews, Rev. Peter Mulomole, Bruno Napolitano, Charles Noyes, David Paul, Jr., Ernesto Salamone, Matthew Smith, Richard Thomas and Stephen Turner.