

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – August 2020 – Volume II Issue 2

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..... James Willey
Lecturer..... Andre Tranchemontagne
Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston
Trustee 2nd Year..... Paul Leblond

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

The Coronavirus Outbreak:

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak some council activities have been cancelled or performed on-line while others are slowly returning.

We will have our September meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM. We will have this meeting at the St. Pius Church Hall. We will meet upstairs in the main hall. **Everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing!** Nun's Night at St. Pius will be cancelled this year but we hope to replace it by bringing Christmas to the Nuns. More details later in this newsletter.

From the Grand Knights Desk...

We wish to welcome our new officers, Jim Willey as Advocate and Andy Chapman as Outside Guard. We thank them and all returning officers for their dedication and support of our council. We would like to thank departing officers Eric Trombley (Advocate) and John Garrity (Outside Guard) for all their efforts to support the council. We have already installed about half the officers for the upcoming fraternal year and plan to install the rest at our next monthly meeting in September. We hope you can be there.

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

Volunteers needed to help at masses:

The parish has opened up several weekend and weekday masses but still need crew volunteers to check people in and clean up after mass in order to expand to other masses. If you are able to help out as crew members at the open Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Masses will continue to be livestreamed over the internet for those who don't feel comfortable attending an open mass.

Please check the church bulletin for more information on livestream masses as well as information on open masses and what is required to attend or help out at these masses. The bulletin is available outside the main door at St. Pius X church or on-line at the parish website:

<http://www.ladyofhopemaine.org/>

We understand the elderly and those with underlying health issues will be uncomfortable helping out, or even attending open masses. We put your health and safety above all else and do not expect anyone to risk their health in order to help out.

News from Supreme:

Online Degrees: The Supreme Council will be hosting weekly 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 (with their families welcome to be in attendance) 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:

Next officers meeting on Monday, August 31st at 7 PM via Zoom.

Next council meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7 PM at the St. Pius X Parish Hall. **Please wear a mask!**

There will not be a Tootsie Roll Drive this year. We have sent a letter to Shaw's asking for a donation in lieu of our standard collections at three area Shaw's supermarkets.

Nun's night at St. Pius X has been cancelled. Instead we would like to bring Christmas to the nuns. Read more about this venture later in this newsletter.

Sea Dogs Tickets Fundraiser:

Our council sold 21 books of vouchers this year despite the season being cancelled due to the pandemic. This raised \$84 for the council. These vouchers are good for next year. If you or anyone you know who has purchased vouchers and would like to get a refund please contact Steve Capriola at 233-3565.

Maine State Council Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars:

Cash calendars are now on sale for \$10 each. This is an important fundraiser for the Maine State Council Knights of Columbus. You have 91 chances of winning cash prizes from January 1st through April 1st of 2021. Tickets will be sold through the end of the year. For tickets or more information contact Steve Capriola at 233-3565.

Have you paid your dues for this year?

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. **Please let us know if you are unable to pay your dues because of financial hardship.** We can waive dues for those who are experiencing financial difficulties. We thank all those members who have already paid their dues for the current year!

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

We need your help! The council will become more active in helping the parish with its fundraising activities. The parish is hurting financially due to the pandemic. Weekly donations are down and many fundraising activities, such as the annual church bazaar in November, have been cancelled. The council and other parishioners raised \$1750 for the parish with a chicken barbeque take-out dinner on August 1st. We are looking at offering additional take-out meals to raise more funds for the parish. Can you help us out? We also need other ideas on how we can raise money for our parish during the pandemic.

Keep Christ in Christmas card sales:

Once again Jim Willey will be leading this important fund raiser and awareness program for our council. Christmas card sales will occur after all masses at Our Lady of Hope parish the weekends of November 7th/8th and December 5th/6th. You can also purchase them by contacting Jim Willey at 775-3343 or jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com.

Nun's Nite:

Due to the pandemic we will have to cancel this annual event. In its place we would like to bring Christmas to the nun's throughout southern Maine. Suggestions include delivering Christmas gifts along with a Christmas card with \$5 in cash and/or gift card to each nun. The gifts could include a box of Christmas cards that we could purchase from the "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sales. We would need volunteers to deliver the gifts to Nuns in various communities across southern Maine. We will continue to look at how we can make this happen over our next couple council meetings.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Michael Adams, John Brown, Ray Didonato, Jr., Vincent Difillipo, John Garrity, Rev. James LaFontaine, Robert Laliberte, Paul Leblond, Maurice Lussier, Michael Matthes, Michael McCarthy, Richard McCarthy, Jonathan Melanson, David Reese and Kent White.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of August are Louis Profenno (6 year anniversary) and Brian Paradis (27th anniversary).

Congratulations gentlemen!