

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – November 2020 – Volume II Issue 5

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

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From the Grand Knights Desk...

Our insurance field agent is William Weiss of Owls Head. You can contact him at 207-691-0867 or via e-mail at **william.weiss@kofc.org**

We need a liaison to the Maine Right to Life and ABBA. No one has stepped up to assist in this important council function. Can you help us?

We are looking at purchasing Knights shirts through a local vender. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact Ray Didonato at 207-831-3494.

Remember to fill out Surge Reports for any and all activities that members of our council have been involved in, both inside and beyond our parish. The form can be found at **<https://maineknights.net/surge-form/>**. Contact Steve Capriola if you need help filling out the form or would like us to fill it out for you.

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 Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com

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

Steve Capriola – Grand Knight Council 101

Zoom during our in-person meetings:

We used Zoom during our last council meeting at the St. Pius church hall on November 4th. We had one member join us via Zoom and this worked out well. We will continue to use Zoom in addition to meeting in person to allow the most members attend our monthly council meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6 PM at the St. Pius church hall and will also be available on-line via Zoom.

Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, December 2nd, 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!** The meeting will be available for on-line participation via Zoom.

We have decided against a Turkey Dinner Raffle for Christmas and are considering whether to cancel our annual \$100 Charity Fund Raffle, normally drawn at our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, or perhaps make

changes on how we will conduct it due to the pandemic. Your ideas on this important charitable fund raiser are welcome!

Columbian and Founder's Awards:

Our council received both the Columbian Award and Founder's Award for the fraternal year ending June 30th, 2020. The Columbian Award recognized excellence in our council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award our council conducted four programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits. The Founder's Award recognized excellence in our council's promotion of top-rated Knights of Columbus insurance products. To win this award our council hosted two approved Fraternal Benefit Seminars, in conjunction with our Field Agent.

Tootsie Roll Drive:

Due to the pandemic the local Shaw's stores will not allow us to collect donations outside their store entrances for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (The "Tootsie Roll" fund raiser). In lieu of this we have sent a letter to the regional Shaw's office requesting a donation but so far have not received a response.

Maine State Council Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars:

Cash calendars are now on sale for \$10 each. This is an important fund raiser 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 mid December. For tickets or more information contact Steve Capriola at 233-3565.

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

Our Lady of Hope Parish and the Knights of Columbus (councils 11257 and 101) will sponsor a drive-thru pick up only Pork Pie Dinner on Saturday, December 5th. The meal will include pork pie, a sweet potato dish, salad and a cookie. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Dinners can be picked up between 5 and 6:30 PM. All orders must be pre-paid by Monday, November 23rd to allow ample time to order the pies and to provide us with an accurate count. Dinners can not be purchased at the event and no cash will be accepted due to virus precautions. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Hope Parish, dropped in the church basket or mailed to the parish office.

You can also use the WeShare online payment method (Select Parish Social and Fundraising Activity) or go to our parish website at:

www.ladyofhopemaine.org then click on Online Offertory and Donations icon found in the middle of the page. This will also take you to the online WeShare web page. Dinner Orders need to be in by **November 23rd** in order to get an accurate count.

Call Paul Leblond at 207-253-9856 or Andy Litcher at 207-653-5356 for reservations, but please ensure the payment is in process (mail or online).

Our parish is in need of fund raising activities as weekly contributions have dropped and many parish social activities that raise additional money for the parish have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. Our first three take out dinners netted the parish over \$4,000 after all costs are taken into account. This is a good start but additional fund raising is still desperately needed. If you have any ideas for a fund raiser please let us know!

Council 11257 has been working with our council to make these meals possible, but we still can use more assistance from our members as we plan additional take out dinner fundraisers for the parish. Please let us know if you can help us.

There are other fundraising activities going on at Our Lady of Hope Parish. These include a pie sale for Thanksgiving, a holiday face mask sale and a raffle offering a week at a lakeside resort during the off season. Please see the church bulletin or the OLH website for more details on these fund raisers.

Please support our parish by participating in our various activities whenever and wherever you can!

A Special Thank You:

We would like to thank all those members of the Knights of Columbus councils 101 and 11257 and other members of OLH parish for their help in making our first three take out dinner fund raisers such a huge success! We especially thank members of council 11257 for a thorough cleaning of the hall kitchen from top to bottom after our last take out dinner on October 24th. We also thank all those people who support OLH Parish by purchasing take out dinners.

Keep Christ in Christmas card sales:

Jim Willey is leading this important fund raiser and awareness program for our council. The parish website and church bulletin will have more information on what the cards look like and how to purchase them. Please contact Jim Willey for more information or to purchase Christmas cards at 775-3343 or e-mail at jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com

Nun's Night:

Due to the pandemic we will have to cancel this annual event. In its place we will bring Christmas to the nun's throughout southern Maine. We will

purchase enough boxes of Christmas cards through the “Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales” to give one box to each nun. We will also give them additional gifts as we have in the past and ask our members to purchase and gift wrap these. We will also have personalized greeting cards with \$10 cash. We will need volunteers to deliver the gifts to Nuns in various communities across southern Maine. Delivery would be on the first Thursday of December when we normally would have had Christmas dinner for the nuns. This year that falls on the 3rd of the month. We could extend deliver past the 3rd if need be. We will continue to work on this over the next few weeks. **Please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com if you can help out.**

The Adoration, Community, Theology and Service (ACTS) Retreat:

From Tom Luna:

The men’s ACTS retreat, scheduled for Nov 19-22 has been cancelled, primarily due to heightened COVID-19 concerns.

Three members of Council 101 joined fifteen other men who have already been on an ACTS retreat, from Our Lady of Hope parish and Parish of the Holy Eucharist, and have been meeting as a team for thirteen weeks, since August, to prepare the November retreat for men who have not been on an ACTS retreat before. Those thirteen weeks have been a time of faith formation and fellowship - a retreat in and of itself. Those men were to be joined with men who were going on their first ACTS retreat for the overnight retreat at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center November 19-22.

Though all COVID-19 safety protocols were followed, the recent surge in COVID-19 cases increases the risk - particularly when 30 men were to be sharing the same spaces for 3 days. The leadership team had masking, distancing and ventilation plans in place but great concern centered around keeping everyone safe during unstructured/informal time - time which usually provides a good opportunity for conversation. The fact is that it is

quite difficult to have a good conversation standing 6 feet apart wearing masks and there is a natural tendency to move closer - and unconsciously increasing the COVID-19 risk. The team could find no practical remedy for that. This was the primary concern driving the cancellation of this men's ACTS retreat. All registration fees are being refunded.

The next women's ACTS retreat is scheduled for May 20-23, 2021. We pray that this pandemic will be brought under control and that that retreat may be planned and held safely. Members of Council 101 will be involved in providing support to this women's retreat as external team members.

For more information about ACTS Retreats contact Tom Luna at 518-9236 or check out their website at: <https://pothe.org/acts-retreat>

November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Nathaniel Card, Vincent Ciampi, Jr., Richard Corey, Kevin Didonato, Anthony Doman, Robert Finley, Sr., Kevin Haley, Michael Luna, Matthew Perry, Jesse Senore and James Willey, Jr.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of November include the following. Michael Luna celebrating his 1st anniversary of becoming a Knight. Others include Santo Donatelli and Sean O'Connor (2 years), Jonathan Eddy (4 years), Anthony Salvaggio (6 years), Jonathan Didonato (16 years), Gregory Tosi (17 years) and Michael Walp (21 years). Philip Welch is celebrating his 25th anniversary of becoming a Knight. Chris Brown, Stephen Brown, William Gerencer, William Green, Stephen Mathews and Michael McCarthy are celebrating 27 years of being a Knight. Carey Kish is celebrating 42 years, Albert Lapping, Sr. 47 years and Rev, John Nichols 58 years. Richard Thomas is celebrating his amazing 62nd anniversary of becoming a Knight. Vincent Ciampi, Sr. is celebrating a remarkable 65th anniversary of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus! Congratulations gentlemen!