

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – January 2021 – Volume II Issue 7

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 position will be vacated by Bill Weiss on January 1st. Greg White hopes to fill it by February 1st. If you have any insurance needs during this break please contact Greg at **Gregory.White@kofc.org** or at 207-322-6514

Please fill out Surge Reports for any activities that you have been involved in, both within 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. Over the past month we have entered over 30 reports to cover 2020.

I would like to welcome our newest member to Council 101. **Gregg Turley** transferred from council 14784 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He now lives in Portland. Gregg is a 4th degree Knight. He is a past Grand Knight as well as holding all other officer positions, except Financial Secretary. Gregg is excited to be joining our council and attended our last council meeting via Zoom. We look forward to meeting Gregg in person once it is safe to do so.

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 participation continues for our in-person meetings:

We will continue to use Zoom for online participation during our officer and full council meetings while still meeting in person at the St. Pius church hall. This alternate, safe way to be at our meetings has been working out quite well with a handful of members joining us each of the last two meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, February 3rd at 6 PM at the St. Pius church hall. **Everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing!** The meeting will also be available on-line via Zoom.

Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, February 3rd, 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.

Please join us for these meetings, in-person or on-line. Despite the pandemic, our council remains very active and continues to pursue those activities that we can do so safely during the current health care crisis.

ABBA Baby Bottle Drive:

The annual Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for ABBA will continue through the month of January. We have baby bottles available at St. Pius X and St. Joseph (Fr. Hayes Center) churches for parishioners to pick up. They are asked to return them to the church by the end of January with whatever donations they have been able to save in the bottle. ABBA is a medical certified women's pregnancy resource center in the state of Maine offering pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, consultations, and women's health education completely free and confidential. For more information check out their website at:

<https://abbapregnancychoice.org/>

If you have any questions about this fundraiser please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at **sjcapri@maine.rr.com**

We thank those members of council 11257 that are assisting with this fundraiser at the Fr. Hayes Center (St. Joseph church).

Maine State Council Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars:

We are still selling **Cash Calendar** tickets for \$10 each. This is an important fund raiser for the Maine State Council Knights of Columbus. If you want any let us know. We will have to contact the state to check on availability as they are going fast (there are only about 200 left). As of January 15th, the Maine State Council has raised an amazing \$22,130 with an additional \$100 soon to come in. This money helps to support the charitable works of the Maine State Council. Our council recently won a \$50 prize from this raffle!

To start there were 91 chances of winning cash prizes from January 1st through April 1st of 2021. Even though we are well into January there are

still many chances to win. If you win, your number is thrown back into the pool so that you can win multiple times. Tickets will continue to be sold even past January 1st since there will still be many opportunities to win. Prizes range from \$50 to the grand prize drawing on April 1st for \$2,000! 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) are planning two more take out dinners, on February 13th and March 13th. The dinner on February 13th, coinciding with Valentine's Day (the 14th), will consist of "Mac & Cheese" with ham, a salad, roll and cookie. The dinner on March 13th coinciding with St. Patrick's Day (March 15th) will be a repeat of our very popular lobster roll dinner. More details will be forthcoming. Please check the weekly bulletin for more information and how and when to purchase a dinner(s).

The parish events committee met in early January to determine what other fundraising activities we can participate in to raise funds for the parish. Weekly donations are down and most normal fundraising activities have been cancelled due to the pandemic. In addition to the take out dinners, you will be hearing about other fund raising and parish activities through the parish bulletin, website and church announcements over the coming weeks.

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

Nun's Night Thank You Notes:

Due to the pandemic we had to cancel our annual "Nun's Night" sit-down dinner event. In its place we brought a little bit of Christmas to the nun's throughout southern Maine. We delivered gifts to 102 nuns. Each nun

received a personalized card with \$5 cash and 2 gifts placed in a re-useable Christmas shopping bag. Thank you notes continue to come in from nuns. Here are the latest...

Dear Bill and Knights,

Thank you for brightening our Christmas. Your gifts - a treasure trove - of sweet chocolates. A handy-dandy duster and \$5 are greatly appreciated. Hopefully, next year we will meet again and enjoy friendship and a delicious dinner! I wish you the blessings of Christmas – peace, joy, love – today and may they follow you throughout 2021.

Gratefully,

Sr. Mary Quinn

To Each & Every Knight,

You are an extraordinary group of Catholic Men – serving your church, parish and the people of God. Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness. God's many blessing on each of you and your families.

Gratefully & prayerfully,

Sr. Maria Ricci, RSM

Dear Members of K of C,

Thank you very much for the gifts you prepared and brought to our door. May God bless you abundantly for your love and generosity. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers! May you be healthy and blessed in the coming year!

*Your sisters, Renata, Christine, Rosalie and Ann
(Community of the Resurrection)*

Dear Knights of Columbus,

You were very thoughtful to send gifts to all the Sisters. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and the Godiva chocolates, personal care items and \$5 – all useful. I am one of 3 Sisters of Mercy who moved into the Motherhouse when it was renovated into 88 apts. When life returns to normal and we can have visitors again, I'd be glad to show you the common areas if you'd like. They did a remarkable job!

*Happy New Year to all,
Sr. Miriam Therese Callnan, RSM*

Dear Knights,

Thank you and your wives for the lovely gifts and special sweets. Thank you also for your dedication and service to our church. May God bless each of you.

Sr, Mary Miller

P.S. Missed the “corny” jokes and the corned beef!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your Christmas gifts. It was an unexpected surprise!!! We missed our gathering this year and know how hard you work to keep charitable works happening for our church community.

With deep gratitude and my prayers and Christmas blessings.

Sr. Kathleen Smith

Dear Knights,

I have heard from many of the sisters who were surprised & pleased that you remembered them – even though a dinner was not possible. Thanks for the gifts you gave to me – the money, cards & chocolates. What is Christmas without chocolates!

Thanks for your thoughtfulness,

Sr Rita-Mae (Bissonnette)

(Editor's note: Sr. Rita-Mae, at the Chancery, was our contact for all the nuns and was very instrumental in helping us distribute the gift packages to 102 nuns. Sr. Mary Morey of the Sisters of Mercy also took on a major role in delivering gifts to over 50 of these nuns.)

January Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Michael Atienza, Deacon Michael Augustino, Charles Boyce, Stephen Brown, Robert Donnelly, Robert Finley, Jr., William Green, Leo Hurtubise, Carey Kish, Andrew Litcher, Everett Millett, Sr., Sean O'Connor, Tucker Pope, Philip Welch and William Woods.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of January include the following. Salvador Osorio (4 year anniversary); Dr. John Griffin (10 years), John Garrity and Richard McCarthy (11 years), Nicholas Anania (12 years), Maurice Lussier (14 years), Rev. John D'Anjou and Andre Tranchemontagne (15 years), Andrew Chapman and Dr. James Powers (18 years), Ethan Blanchette (24 years), Joseph Carter (27 years), Ray DiDonato, Sr., Edward Jazdzewski and Matthew Perry (28 years); William Woods (41 years) and David St. Clair celebrating 47 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations gentlemen!