

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – February 2021 – Volume II Issue 8

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Year..... Paul Leblond

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

## **In This Issue:**

- News from the Grand Knight
- Zoom participation continues for our in-person meetings
- Upcoming events
- Maine State Council Cash Calendars
- ABBA Baby Bottle Drive
- Fundraising at OLH Parish
- Nun's Night thank you notes
- Please pray for
- February birthdays and anniversaries

## **From the Grand Knights Desk...**

If you are a **4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight**, remember that **Assembly #377 has monthly meetings at the St. Pius X church hall**. The meetings are the second Monday of the month starting at 7 PM and last for about an hour. **The next meeting is on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. Please join us if you feel safe being out in public during the pandemic. Masks and social distancing rules are followed for everyone's safety. We hope to see you there!

Remember to 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.

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](mailto: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 council 101 in-person meetings:**

In order to allow our members who do not want to be out in public due to the pandemic we will continue to use Zoom for online participation during our in-person meetings at the St. Pius X 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 three meetings.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM at the St. Pius church hall. The meeting will also be available on-line via Zoom.

Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 7 PM. We will have this meeting at the St. Pius church hall. We will meet upstairs in the main hall. 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.

**Remember that everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing at all of our meetings!**

The St. Patrick's annual dinner and our annual \$100 charity raffle have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Due to the virus, we can't have a dinner in a safe and healthy manner and it would be difficult to sell enough of the \$100 raffle tickets to turn a profit after payouts.

### **ABBA Baby Bottle Drive:**

The annual Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for ABBA is extended through February 14<sup>th</sup> for people to turn in their baby bottles. Any bottles not returned costs ABBA money to replace them for future use.

Our council donated \$100 to ABBA as did council 11940 from Kennebunk. Additional money collected at the two churches so far totals just over \$1200 with three more bottles to be collected. Thank you to all who have made this fund raiser such a success during the pandemic when far fewer parishioners are able to attend mass and participate in the Baby Bottle drive.

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

For those unfamiliar with ABBA, it 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 or would like to make a donation please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at [sjcapri@maine.rr.com](mailto:sjcapri@maine.rr.com)

## **Maine State Council Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars:**

You can still purchase **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.

As of February 1st, the Maine State Council has sold 2222 tickets, bringing in an amazing \$22,220. After payouts and printing/ mailing costs this has netted the state council \$12,600. This money helps to support 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 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Even though we are well into February 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. Prizes range from \$50 to the grand prize drawing on April 1<sup>st</sup> for \$2,000! If you are interested in buying tickets please 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 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>. The dinner on February 13<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with Valentine's Day (the 14<sup>th</sup>), will consist of "Mac & Cheese" with ham, a salad, roll and cookie. The dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup> coinciding with St. Patrick's Day (March 15<sup>th</sup>) will be a repeat of our very popular lobster roll dinner. Please check the weekly bulletin for more information on how to purchase a dinner(s).

The parish events committee had their latest monthly meeting in early February to discuss fundraising and community activities for the parish.

Weekly donations are down and most normal fundraising and other church activities have been cancelled due to the pandemic. In addition to the takeout 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:**

We continue to receive thank you letters from nuns for the Christmas gifts that we gave them. Here are the latest...

*Dear K of C brothers,*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and praying the Lord blesses each of you in the New Year with good health, peace, joy, free of flu bugs and Corona virus.*

*Many thanks for the nice Christmas bag of gifts you gave at Christmas time. They were all useful items and appreciated your generosity. God's blessing on each of you and many thanks again.*

*In the Christ Child,*

*Sister Judith McNamara*

*Attn. Bill Green,*

*Thank you so much for the gifts from the Knights of Columbus. Both my father and brother were Knights. They were very proud to claim that title. They use to come to the Motherhouse. Thanks again.*

*Sr. Mary Kneeland*

*To the Knights,*

*Thank you very much for the gifts at Christmas and for all the years you cooked a delicious dinner for us. This certainly is a different year and it was most thoughtful of you to send the box of candy and the \$5.00 gift. I appreciate your kindness.*

*Many thanks,*

*Sr. Ruth Hurtubise*

*Dear Knights,*

*Thank you for the surprise "Christmas bag" received! Some delicious candy to sweeten up these challenging times and an extra \$5 that always comes in handy. I missed the usual gathering for sisters that you have all so faithfully held every year in Advent. This year has been like no other in so many ways. Know that you are all held in prayer. God bless and stay safe.*

*Sr. Patricia Pora, RSM*

*Dear Bill,*

*The Knights will be always in our prayers for their extraordinary kindness to our sisters at Christmas. The lovely gifts, the way each was wrapped and in a beautiful bag.*

*Thank you for all your goodness to the religious in the area these many years.*

*May God bless each of you and all your loved ones.*

*In Mercy,  
Sr. Mary Morey*

*Dear Portland Knights of Columbus,*

*Thank you for the grand Christmas gifts: beautiful Christmas bag, delicious Godiva chocolates and portrait of Lincoln (\$5).*

*[and the contribution to the Sisters of Saint Francis of Assisi in Wisconsin.]*

*You are very faithful in remembering us, Sisters of Mercy.*

*Hopefully in another year we can gather in a hall again – you always throw a god party.*

*May God bless you and yours.*

*Prayerfully,*

*Sr. M. Columba, FWC*

*Thank you for remembering Religious Communities with thoughtful gifts each Christmas. I appreciate your kindness during this season of gift-giving ... God. May God continue to bless you and your good works.*

*Gratefully,*

*Sr. Barbara Parent, RSM*

*Dear Knights of Columbus,*

*With this card comes a special thank you for your Christmas gifts of: a card, \$5.00, hand lotion, candy cane and Godiva's Chocolate Domes. Know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. In gratitude I pray that God will enrich all of you with many blessings as you have blessed me.*

*Gratefully,*

*Sister Priscilla Murray*

**Please Pray For:**

The following parishioners recently passed away: Jane Fitzpatrick, Judith Stanhope and Irene Dempsey. We pray for their souls to be with our Lord in heaven and for their loved ones during their time of grief and sorrow.

We also pray for those who are suffering from the virus...may they have a full and speedy recovery; for those who have lost a loved one...may they be consoled in their grief and sorrow; and for those who have passed away due to the pandemic...may they rest in peace with the Lord.

## **February Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Lawrence Beattie, Thomas Caron, Andrew DiDonato, Peter Doria, John Flaherty, Dr. John Griffin, Arthur Ledue, Matthew Maloney, Joseph Moran, Robert Smith, Rev. Raynold Thibodeau, Patrick Thornton and Eric Trombley.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of February include the following. Matthew Monaghan (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary); Joseph Moran (18<sup>th</sup>); Bruce Koharian, John Moran and Charles Noyes (20<sup>th</sup>); Leo Hurtubise (21<sup>st</sup>); Charles Boyce and John F. Murphy (22<sup>nd</sup>); Michael LeGage (25<sup>th</sup>); Brian Beattie and David Paul (26<sup>th</sup>); Kenneth Currier, Peter Doria and Raymond Pomerleau (27<sup>th</sup>); Vincent Ciampi, Jr. and John Napolitano (29<sup>th</sup>); Pasquale Napolitano (31<sup>st</sup>) and Richard Vessey who is celebrating the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a Knight. Congratulations gentlemen!