

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – March 2021 – Volume II Issue 9

Our Lady of Hope Parish



“Love is shown more in deeds than in words.” – St. Ignatius of Loyola



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 council would like to welcome our newest member, **Peter Rickett!** Peter is a lifelong resident of Portland. He attended St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH where he first joined the Knights of Columbus around October of 1982. He married and raised a family in Portland while attending St. Pius X church. For the last 20+ years he has been the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for a technology company. As an empty nester and approaching retirement he is looking forward to renewing his connections with the church and the Knights. He recently received his 2nd and 3rd degrees on March 11th.

If you are a **4th 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, April 12th 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

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

Steve Capriola – Grand Knight Council 101

Membership dues:

There are still quite a few of our members who have not paid their membership dues for the current year. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to have our usual fund raisers but continue to support our parish and the community at large. This makes payment of dues that much more important. If you haven't paid your dues please send payment to Ray DiDonato at 29 Edwards St., Portland 04102. If you are undergoing a financial or medical hardship please contact Ray as you may have your dues waived. You can contact him at raydidonatosr.1@gmail.com or call him at 207-831-3494.

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 3rd 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 3rd, 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.

Easter Sunday is April 4th this year. The Easter week mass schedule is as follows:

Holy Thursday, April 1st 7 PM at St. Pius X

Good Friday, April 2nd 7 PM at St. Pius X

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd 8 PM at St. Joseph church

Easter Sunday masses: 7 AM and 9 AM at St. Pius X, 9 AM at St. Pius X Hall, 8 AM and 10 AM St. Joseph church and 10 AM Fr Hayes Center.

Advance reservations are required. Please see the parish bulletin for more details.

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

The Mac & Cheese takeout dinner on February 13th was a huge success. We sold 81 dinners which raised \$1215 for the parish. Costs of the food and take out containers of \$390 was covered by our council with council 11257 chipping in \$60 of this amount to help cover the cost of the containers which will also be used for the March 13th dinner hosted by council 11257.

The dinner on March 13th, in celebration with St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), will be a repeat of our very popular lobster roll dinner.

The parish events committee meets every month 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 continue to be hearing about other fund raising and parish activities through the parish bulletin, website and church announcements.

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...

To the Knights and the Ladies,

How thoughtful of you to remember us so generously at Christmas time – and, in fact, so faithfully each year with the suppers which could not happen in 2020. Thank you so very much for all you do for the sisters and for so many others. May the year 2021 (sic) be one of great peace for you and yours.

Sister Joyce Mahony & Sister Mary George O'Toole

Dear Knights,

What a special surprise it was for us to hear from you! May God bless you all, for your works, love and kindness you do for so many people in Portland!

Thank you and you are always in my prayers too! Happy New Year too!

Sr. Annemarie Kiah

Fr McGivney Prayer night:

A letter from our Maine State Council Faith Program Director is attached to the end of this newsletter detailing the Fr McGivney Prayer Hour. Is anyone

in our council interested in leading this prayer hour? Contact Steve Capriola at sjcapri@maine.rr.com or **207-233-3565** for more information.

Please Pray For:

Those who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus...may they have a full and speedy recovery; for those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic...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. Let us also pray for a quick end to the pandemic so we can get back to a normal life, which allows everyone the opportunity to attend mass and receive communion!

Quotes for Lent:

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...’Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.” *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life, and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...” *Pope Benedict XVI*

March Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Christopher Brown, Louis Croce, Joseph Keeley, Peter Kelly, Michael L’Heureux, Albert Lappin, Sr., MRV Richard Malone, Philip

Melanson, John Murphy, Marc Muttly, John Napolitano, Pasquale Napolitano, Brian Paradis and Timothy Thornton.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of March include the following. Timothy Thornton (2nd anniversary of becoming a Knight); Bruno Napolitano and Patrick Tourville (3rd); Matthew Grassi and Anthony Napolitano (4th); Michael Atienza (5th); Tucker Pope (11th); Rev. James LaFontaine, Clarence Rhodes and William Welch (12th); James Drummond (13th); Robert Carignan (15th); Peter Kelly (21st); Dana Dumond, William McLaughlin and Jesse Senore (25th); Kevin DiDonato and Louis Savard (26th); James Conley, Peter Gribbin, Sr., Kevin Haley and Kent White (27th); Rev. Norman Comtois (45th); Rev. Raynold Thibodeau (53rd); John Joyce (56th); John Flaherty (59th); Charles Egan, Jr (65th); and John Murphy (74th).

Congratulations gentlemen!



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Worthy District Deputy:

I am excited to report to you a new program option from the Supreme Council, the Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour. For the remainder of the 2020-21 fraternal year, this prayer hour can be used as a substitute for the Pilgrim Icon program in the Faith category of *Faith in Action*.

Through the Pilgrim Icon program, each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction has received several traveling icons which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services. Since its inception, this program has featured Our Lady of Guadalupe. For the current program year, the program had been scheduled to begin featuring St. Michael the Archangel, with new iconography and new prayers. However, as I reported earlier, the St. Michael Program introduction has now been moved to the fall of 2021.

On Tuesday, February 16, Supreme Knight-elect Patrick Kelly shared with state deputies this new prayer hour. It is centered on the Rosary, with reflections based on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney and the writings of recent popes. It is our hope that this resource will help Knights across the world continue to grow in their devotion to Mary our Mother and closer to our Blessed Founder.

The season of Lent and Founder's Day on March 29 present ideal opportunities for councils to host a Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour. This is an easy program to plan and host, especially virtually. Like all Faith in Action programs, this program is designed to be held in person or remotely. The new program Guide Sheet and Remote Program Supplement, which I have included elsewhere in this mailing, outline these options. I have also included a one-page basic introduction to the Prayer Hour. An announcement for this program can also be found in the February 18, Fraternal Leader Advisory email.

We encourage you to take the following steps to promote the Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour:

1. Encourage your Grand Knights to review the Fraternal Leader Advisory email for information and corresponding links.
2. In your council report, please announce this program option with the suggestion of a Founders Day (March 29) event.
3. If councils have been struggling with virtual/remote programs or even virtual meetings, encourage them to identify a tech savvy point person to help the council Faith Director to plan this event.

If you have any questions about this exciting new program, please contact me at your convenience via email or by phone or text. My information is at the top of this page.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Spike