

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – September 2020 – Volume II Issue 3

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...

We still do not have a District Deputy for District 13. So Norm Bisson who is State Warden and State Membership Director is taking on the role of Interim District Deputy. Norm is also Grand Knight of Council 12652.

Our new 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. Can you help out with this?

We are looking at purchasing Knights shirts through a local vender. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact Ray Didonato at 207-773-2267.

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

Upcoming Events:

Our next **officers meeting** is on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 PM via Zoom.

Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, October 7th, 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 White Insurance Agency is partnering with the Ruffo (CT and RI) and Starr (CT) Agencies to sponsor a webinar featuring world renowned retirement expert Tom Hegna. There is no charge for you and your wife to attend. The webinar is on October 13th from 7 to 8 PM. You need to pre-register on-line. For registering or other information please contact Greg White at 207-322-6514 or via e-mail at gregory.white@kofc.org

Tootsie Roll Drive:

We will not have the traditional Tootsie Roll Drive this year due to the pandemic. We have sent a letter to Albertson's (Shaw's parent company)

asking for a donation in lieu of our standard collections at three area Shaw's supermarkets.

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 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:

Our Lady of Hope Parish and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a drive-thru pick up only Lobster Roll Dinner on Saturday September 26th after the 4:30 PM Mass. The meal will include lobster roll, cole slaw, potato chips, and a cookie. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Dinners can be picked up immediately after the Mass. All orders must be pre-paid for accurate count and no cash will be accepted due to virus precautions. Checks are also accepted and can 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 **September 21st** 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 all parish social activities have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020. Our first take out dinner netted the parish \$1750 with 110 meals served. The net proceeds included some cash donations and our council donating the costs of food and supplies.

Council 11257 is taking the lead role in this next take out dinner, but we also need members of our council to help out. Please let us know if you can help us.

Council 101 will run the next take out dinner planned for October 24th. We will need your help with this fund raiser as well.

Keep Christ in Christmas card sales:

Once again Jim Willey will be leading this important fund raiser and awareness program for our council. The Christmas cards will be sold through the online "We Share" website. The parish website and church bulletin will have more information on what the cards look like and how to purchase them. For more information contact Jim Willey at 775-3343 or e-mail him at jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com

Nun's Night:

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. 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 a \$5 gift card (instead of the usual \$5 in cash) and perhaps lottery tickets. We would 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 will continue to look at how we can make this happen over the next couple of months.

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

"Our [Knights of Columbus] goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ." Our next Men's ACTS Retreat runs from Thursday evening, November 19th, through Sunday morning, November 22nd, at the retreat center at Biddeford Pool. That is the weekend before Thanksgiving. It is sponsored as a collaboration between Our Lady of Hope Parish and the Parish of the Holy Eucharist (Falmouth). Three members of our council are actively planning this retreat. COVID-safety is one of the primary planning factors. For more information Contact Tom Luna at 518-9236 or check out their website at: <https://pothe.org/acts-retreat>

September Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Nicholas Anania, Vincent Ciampi, Sr., Philip Conley,

Jr., John Delaney, Mark Hutchins, Ryan Hutchins, John Joyce, Rev. John Nichols, David St. Clair, Justin Vincent and William Welch.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of September are Rudy Ferrante, Andrew Litcher, Joseph Mack, Jonathan Melanson, Everett Millett, Sr., Rev. Peter Mulamole, Brian Reardon and Patrick Thornton. Paul Leblond is celebrating his 33rd anniversary of becoming a Knight while the Most Rev. Robert Deeley has now been a Knight for 43 years and Arthur Ledue has now been a Knight for 56 years!

Congratulations gentlemen!