

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – April 2021 – Volume II Issue 10

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...

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. 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 financially 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 hard ship, 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, May 5th 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, May 5th, 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.

We are hoping to have our **annual cookout** at our last meeting of the fraternal year on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7 PM at the St. Pius X church hall. More information on this will be forthcoming.

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 in-person meetings!

Slate of officers:

It's that time of year for us to put together a slate of officers for our elections at the June meeting. If you are currently an officer and would like to continue in that position or if you are not an officer but would like to get involved or know of someone who does please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com

Council bottle fund:

We have recently asked our members of our council to donate bottles and cans as a way to raise much needed funds for our council. This has resulted in an increase in donations with nearly \$100 collected since the beginning of March. Since many of our normal fundraising activities have been cancelled or greatly reduced due to the pandemic, we need to find other ways to raise money for the council.

Dropping off bottles and cans to John Brown at 87 Whitney Ave., Portland (leave them behind the back porch) or giving them to Chris Brown at our next council meeting is an easy way to make this donation to our council.

God bless and thank you to all those council members and those outside the council who have donated bottles and cans!

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

The Lobster Roll takeout dinner on Saturday, March 13th was a huge success. We sold 75 dinners which raised \$1669 for the parish. Costs for the lobster (\$630) was covered by council 11257. Other expenses were minimal. Thank you to all those who purchased a dinner, helped prepare, pack and deliver the meals and a special thank you to council 11257 for running this dinner and covering the costs!

Our next takeout dinner will be lasagna with meatballs, salad, roll and a desert. Cost is \$15 per person. Dinners can be picked up between 5 and 6 PM on **Saturday, May 1st**. Dinner orders need to be in by April 27th. Please see the church bulletin for more details.

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 you can!

Parish request for grounds cleanup help:

Requests from Fr. Paul in reference to parish grounds cleanup and gardening:

“The gardens are beginning to come alive and we have several developments/invitations to share:

- *We are planning a clean-up day on Saturday, May 15th (9-Noon). Rain date May 22. This will focus at St. Pius, but if we have enough folks, we can use some work at St. Joe’s as well. If you can come, let the Parish Office know so we can provide some drinks, etc. for folks. If you have a rake, please bring it!*
- *Tentative plans are coming together for a plant sale in late May or early June. Details to come. If you have perennials you can share, let us know asap.*
- *We are inviting parish gardeners to lend a hand this year in keeping our grounds on Ocean Ave. and Stevens Ave. in good shape. A lot of good cleaning happened last year at St. Pius. There is room for*

“creative attention” at St. Joe’s. Good, outdoor, covid-safe exercise and companionship. Come and join. Let the Parish Office know if you are interested.”

Hopefully we can get some of our Knights to help out with these activities to make our church grounds look nice throughout the year.

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:

Carolyn Peckham, mother-in-law of Grand Knight Steve Capriola who passed away Easter Sunday. May she rest in peace with the Lord.

Quotes:

*“**Spring is here!** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Cor. 5:17*

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Audrey Hepburn

“He is not here for He is risen just as He said.” Matthew 28:6

April birthdays and anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Robert Carignan, Bruce Koharian, Robert McQuinn, Anthony Salvaggio, Sr., Gregory Tosi and Dr. Donald Verrier.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of April include the following. Matthew Maloney and Gregg Turley (5th anniversary of becoming a Knight); Vincent DiFillipo and Robert Finley, Jr. (7th anniversary); Mark LaPointe (9th anniversary); Robert Laliberte (13th anniversary); Rocco St. Clair (14th anniversary); Most Rev Richard Malone (21st anniversary); Padraic Keane (25th anniversary); Thomas MacDowell (27th anniversary); James Foley, Jr. (37th anniversary); Theodore Borduas (38th anniversary); Michael L'Heureux (43rd anniversary) and Joseph Delaney (57th anniversary).

On April 1st John Delaney celebrated his 70th anniversary of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Congratulations to all of these gentlemen, especially John Delaney!



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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