

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – May 2021 – Volume II Issue 11

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

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## **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. 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.

Our general insurance agent is Joseph DiCalogero. He can be reached at 207-322-6514 or email him at: **joseph.dicalogero@kofc.org**

Many members may not be aware of it, but our council has a **Facebook** page. We would like to bring this social media feature back to life for our council. This is a great way to share information about our council, parish and community on a real time basis. Peter Rickett has offered to oversee our Facebook page. If you have anything you would like to share via Facebook, please contact Peter Rickett at **pmrickett@gmail.com**. The link to our Facebook page is: **<https://www.facebook.com/KOC101>**.

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 your 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 207-831-3494 or email at **raydidonatosr.1@gmail.com**

## 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 at our past several meetings. However, as restrictions continue to be lifted, more people are being vaccinated and our next meeting after June won't be until September 1<sup>st</sup>, we won't be using Zoom after the June meeting, unless conditions warrant.

## Upcoming events:

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</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, June 2<sup>nd</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.

We will not have our **annual cookout** at our last meeting of the fraternal year in June due to too many restrictions because of the pandemic. Even though restrictions are gradually being lifted there is too much uncertainty at this time to schedule this for our council. We may have a cookout later in the summer, perhaps at someone's home.

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 still wear a mask and practice social distancing at all of our in-person meetings until those restrictions are lifted. Even if masks requirements are lifted, you can still wear a mask if you so desire.**

The State Convention will be held May 21, 22 and 23 this year. Our Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight will be attending the business meeting on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. We will have results of the meeting available in our next newsletter.

### **Slate of officers:**

We have put together a full slate of officers for our elections at the June meeting.

Grand Knight – Steve Capriola

Deputy Grand Knight – Jesse Senore

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Raymond DiDonato will continue as Financial Secretary.

### **Council bottle fund:**

Please drop off bottles and cans at John Brown's house at 87 Whitney Ave., Portland (leave them behind the back porch) or giving them to Chris Brown at our next council meeting. Our council has been raising more funds recently as we push for more activity in this fund raiser.

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 lasagna dinner on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. We sold 119 dinners which raised \$1840 less WeShare costs for the parish. Costs for the food and take out containers was covered by our council.

So far, we have had seven takeout dinners, selling 750 meals and raising over \$12,000 for the parish. The average dinner sold 107 meals and raised over \$1700.

Thank you to all those who purchased a dinner, helped prepare, pack and deliver the meals and also thanks to council 11257 for helping and/or leading all of the takeout dinners.

**Our next takeout dinner** will be a lobster roll. Cost is \$15 per person. Dinners can be picked up between 5 and 6 PM on **Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the church bulletin, starting with the May 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> edition, 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.

One of these fundraising activities will be a festival of trees followed by a silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Details will be coming out in the church bulletin.

Also, the parish is planning a cookout celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary most likely in late August or early September. The church bulletin will be posting details over the coming weeks.

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

### **Parish requests for help:**

The parish will have a plant sale Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon at St. Pius X. The parish is looking for perennials of all kinds. So, if you have plants that you could donate, please pot them up and drop them off on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the parish bulletin at the following link:  
**[https://www.ladyofhopemaine.org/pdf/3211\\_21\\_0516.pdf](https://www.ladyofhopemaine.org/pdf/3211_21_0516.pdf)**

The parish is also asking 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.

### **Please pray for:**

Steve Newton who has been paralyzed from the waist down since a stroke in September and hasn't been able to return home since – bouncing between the hospital and a rehab center. He is only 60 years old.

### **Quotes:**

*“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”*

William James

*“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.”*

Dr. Seuss

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”*

Psalm 27:12

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:14-16



## **May birthdays and anniversaries:**

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Rev. Norman Comtois, Jonathan Didonato, Santo Donatelli, Dana Dumond, Jonathan Eddy, Charles Egan, Jr., James Foley, Jr., Matthew Grassi, Jeff Jacobsky, Ed Jazdzewski, Kevin Keniston, Stephen Mathews, Rev. Peter Mulomole, Bruno Napolitano, Charles Noyes, David Paul, Jr., Ernesto Salamone, Matthew Smith, Richard Thomas and Stephen Turner.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of May include the following. Adam Walker (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary); Mark Hutchins (6<sup>th</sup>); Michael Bobinsky and James Mikkelsen, Jr. (10<sup>th</sup>); Thomas Caron and Nathaniel Carr (11<sup>th</sup>); Steve Capriola and Michael Matthes (15<sup>th</sup>); Philip Conley, Jr. and Andrew DiDonato (17<sup>th</sup>); Andrew Smith and Matthew Smith (18<sup>th</sup>); Marc Mutty (28<sup>th</sup>) and Philip Melanson (46<sup>th</sup>).

Congratulations to all of these gentlemen!