

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – June 2021 – Volume II Issue 12

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.



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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.

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>**.

Our council meetings, starting in September will only be in-person. We will no longer use Zoom for our meetings, unless conditions change drastically.

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

Upcoming events:

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, September 1st at 6 PM at the St. Pius church hall. Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, September 1st, starting at 7 PM. We will have these meetings at the St. Pius church hall annex (side classroom). If the classroom is not available then we will meet downstairs in our council meeting room. Masks and social distancing are no longer required at our meetings but if you prefer to wear a mask you most certainly can.

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

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 19th**. Please see the church bulletin for more details.

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

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. 6th. Details will be coming out in the church

bulletin. Our council has approved spending \$500 on a tree with a tools theme.

Also, the parish is planning a cookout celebration of our 10th 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!

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. God bless and thank you to all those who have donated bottles and cans to help raise funds for our council!

Slate of officers:

Our full slate of officers was approved at our June meeting by unanimous vote. Our officers for the upcoming fraternal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, are as follows:

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Raymond DiDonato will continue as Financial Secretary.

Summary of the State business meeting on May 22nd:

Our Grand Knight, Steve Capriola, and Deputy Grand Knight, Jesse Senore, attended this meeting on-line via Zoom. Some highlights included:

- A resolution was passed to create a “religious perpetual fund” for those in need. This would be funded by a voluntary \$1 per member donation sent in with per capita payments by each participating council.
- There are 76 councils with 7,871 members in Maine.
- Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$27,833.11
- The State Cash Calendar raised \$22,230.00
- From Supreme: Councils can’t charge or dismiss any member who can’t pay his dues due to the pandemic. Councils won’t be charged per capita for these members.
- The “Safe Environment Program” to protect children and vulnerable adults needs to have all councils be in compliance which includes having four specified officers/directors who have passed the on-line 45-minute course. (Note: Our council is in compliance.)
- Form 100’s are on the way out. They are being replaced by an on-line registration process for new members.

- Knights of Columbus now has over \$116 Billion in insurance.
- Our general agent is Joseph DiCalogero from Norwood, MA. He will continue to recruit additional field agents although this is a slow, thorough process. Kevin Brown from New Hampshire will assist Bill Weiss as field agents for Maine.
- The National Convention will be virtual on August 3rd and 4th.
- The Charity Fund distributed nearly \$1400 each to three worthy and needy recipients... Megan Brooks, Daniel Thibideau and the Scott Baraclough family.
- Fr. Michael McGivney's feast day is August 13th.

Please pray for:

All the service men and women who died in the service of our country. May their souls rest in peace with our Lord.

Quotes:

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

St. Francis of Assisi

"Remember that children, marriages, and flower gardens reflect the kind of care they get."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe."

Augustine

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

Matthew 17:20

June birthdays and anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Bishop Robert Deeley, Ray Didonato, Sr., Mark LaPointe, Matthew Monaghan, John H. Moran, John F. Murphy, Fr Robert Regan, Clarence Rhodes, Charles Sudbay, Jr. and Michael Walp.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of June include the following. Robert Finley, Sr. and Justin Vincent (celebrating the 6th anniversary of becoming a knight); Thomas Luna (7th anniversary); David Reese (24th anniversary) and Stephen Turner celebrating his 25th anniversary of becoming a Knight.

Congratulations to all of these gentlemen!