

Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – July 2021 – Volume III Issue 1

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..... Peter Rickett
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...

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

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 will oversee our Facebook page. If you have anything you would like to share, please contact Peter Rickett at pmrickett@gmail.com. The link to our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/KOC101>.

Do you have any news you would like to share with other council members through this newsletter? If so, send it via e-mail to Steve Capriola. If you don't have e-mail, give me a call. Contact information is below. You may include pictures if you like.

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 continue to stay safe and healthy as we slowly come out of the grips of 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:

Charlie Noyes has offered the use of his home on the lake for a barbeque cookout in August. We are looking at one of the last two weekends of the month. All members and their families are welcome. More information will be forthcoming.

Our next **officers meeting** is on Wednesday, September 1st at 6 PM at the St. Pius X church hall. Our next **council meeting** is Wednesday, September 1st, starting at 7 PM. We will have these meetings at the St. Pius X 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.

We are looking at having the installation of officers at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at the parish hall.

We are still waiting to hear from Shaw's to see if we can have the Tootsie Roll drive on their premises. We are looking for a weekend in September at two of their locations...Northgate and Westgate in Portland. Whether or not we can have this important fund raiser at Shaw's we will have it at both parish churches, perhaps in October. This will have to be coordinated with Fr. Paul and Council 11257.

Fundraising at OLH Parish:

Our last takeout dinner sold 133 lobster roll meals and raised \$2,000 for the parish! Our council and council 11257 covered the cost of the food and supplies. We aren't planning any takeout dinners for the remainder of the summer, with our next one likely in September to gage how much interest remains with these dinners as the effects of the pandemic wanes and things get back to "normal".

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.

In lieu of our annual bazaar this year (it was cancelled in 2020) the parish will have a festival of trees followed by a silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Details on these fundraising events can be found in the parish bulletin. Our council has approved spending \$500 on a tree with a tools theme. If you would like to purchase a tool or gift card at a tool supply center or make a donation to the purchase of tools to be included with the tree, please let us know.

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!

Please pray for:

All those who died for us throughout the history of the United States of America to give us the freedom and privileges we enjoy today.

Those that passed away in the collapse of the towers in Florida, for their loved ones and for those who are involved in the search and rescue efforts.

Quotes:

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do what we please, but the opportunity to do what is right.”

Peter Marshall

“We’re blessed with the opportunity to stand for something – for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.”

Ronald Reagan, 40th president of the United States

“And I’m proud to be an American, where at least I know I’m free. And I won’t forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.”

Lee Greenwood

“...and wherever the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

“Out of my distress I called the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.”

Psalms 118:5

July birthdays and anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Michael Bobinsky, Andy Chapman, Rudy Ferrante, Peter Gribbin, Sr., Padraic Keane, Anthony Napolitano, Benjamin Schulz, Patrick Tourville, Andre Tranchemontagne and Richard Vessey.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of June include the following. Michael Adams (3rd anniversary), John Brown (29th anniversary) and Jeff Jacobsky (8th anniversary).

Congratulations to all of these gentlemen!