

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – November 2021 – Volume III Issue 5

*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 in the Knights Room 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..... Tom Luna  
Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston  
Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year..... Paul Leblond

Deputy Grand Knight... Jesse Senore  
Chancellor..... Dr. John Griffin  
Treasurer..... William Green  
Warden..... Christopher Brown  
Outside Guard..... Andrew Chapman  
Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year..... Charles Noyes  
Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year..... William Welch

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## **From the Grand Knights Desk...**

Our field agent is Chris Weiss. He can be reached at 207-691-1981 or [Chris.weiss@kofc.org](mailto:Chris.weiss@kofc.org)

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 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](mailto:pmrickett@gmail.com). The link to our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/KOC101>.

Do you have any news or photos 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.

**Our council meetings will now be in-person only and held in the Knights room downstairs in the St. Pius church hall. We will no longer use Zoom for our meetings, unless conditions change drastically.**

**We ask that you wear a mask at our meetings to help prevent the spread of the virus.**

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](mailto:sjcapri@maine.rr.com)

Hoping you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy as we continue to deal with the pandemic!

Steve Capriola – Grand Knight Council 101

### **Membership dues:**

As the year comes to an end don't forget to pay your membership dues for next year. Please send your payment to Ray DiDonato at 29 Edwards St., Portland 04102. If you are undergoing a financial or medical hardship,

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](mailto:raydidonatosr.1@gmail.com)

### **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 give them to Chris Brown at any of our council meetings. We have very limited fund raising activities during the pandemic, so any funds that we can raise are especially important to the council. God bless and thank you to all those who have donated bottles and cans to help raise funds for our council!

### **Tootsie Roll drive:**

Our annual Tootsie Roll drive was held outside the front doors of Evergreen Credit Union's locations on Riverside Street in Portland and Broadway in South Portland on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM. We raised \$350 for people with intellectual disabilities. We thank Paul Leblond and Evergreen Credit Union for allowing us to use their facilities and we thank those members of our council who took on one hour time slots to accept donations.

### **Nun's Night:**

Due to the pandemic, we will have to cancel our annual Nun's Night Christmas celebration at St. Pius for the second year in a row. In its place we will bring Christmas to the nuns throughout southern Maine as we did last year. For the gift bags for the nuns, we have very few boxes of Christmas cards through the "Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales" since there is a limited supply this year, we will especially need additional gifts purchased by the council and individual members (please gift wrap any gifts

you purchase), a personalized greeting card and \$5 in cash. You can drop off your gifts to the nuns at our December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting or bring them to St. Pius' 4:30 PM mass on any Saturday in November. I am usually there by 4 PM. We will also need volunteers to deliver the gifts to Nuns in various communities across southern Maine. Delivery will begin in early December. **Please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or via e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com if you can help out or need additional information.**

**Maine State Council cash calendars:**

**Maine State Council Knights of Columbus 2022 Cash Calendar**

JANUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 \$500
2 \$100	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$100
9 \$100	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	15 \$100
16 \$100	17 \$500	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$100
23 \$100	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$100
30 \$100	31 \$50					
FEBRUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$100
6 \$100	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$100
13 \$100	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$100
20 \$100	21 \$500	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$100
27 \$100	28 \$50					
MARCH 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$100
6 \$100	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$100
13 \$100	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$100
20 \$100	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$100
27 \$100	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50	1 APRIL \$2000	

1811

Please Print Legibly: Only 2500 Calendars Printed \$10 Each - 91 chances to win 1811

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sold by: Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

The Maine State Council has sent out all of their cash calendars for 2022 (see image at left) to councils across the state. Our council has sold several calendars and we still have a few calendars available for purchase. This is an important fund raiser for the Maine State Council. Calendars are \$10 each. You have 91 chances of winning cash prizes from January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022. For tickets or more information contact Steve Capriola at 233-3565.

## **Our Lady of Hope parish takeout dinner:**

The Knights of Columbus has postponed the barbeque chicken takeout dinner at Our Lady of Hope parish that was scheduled for Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a make up dinner either in January or February of next year. This will be an important fund raiser for both Knights of Columbus councils, 101 and 11257. Details will be forthcoming.

## **“Keep Christ in Christmas” card sales:**

From Jim Willey:

The Council had a very successful first weekend of card sales on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with 32 boxes sold. Thanks to the members who volunteered, including help from Council 11257. We do it all again on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at all masses at both churches. We need help at the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM masses at St. Joe’s on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers need to arrive 20 minutes before mass and stay until 20 minutes after mass. If you can help, please email Jim at: [jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com](mailto:jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com).

THANKS!

## **Festival of Trees and Silent Auction:**

Our Lady of Hope Parish hosted a Thanks4Giving Silent Auction and Tree Festival on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 people attended the Silent Auction during the evening as well as many people who stopped by during the day to buy chances to win one of 11 Christmas trees with many gifts based on various themes. We raised a lot of money for Our Lady of Hope parish (details will be forthcoming)! Many thanks to Paul Leblond for organizing and running this well received event. Special thanks go out to the many businesses that donated gifts and Maria’s restaurant for letting us use



their liquor license in order to serve wine and beer. We thank Jesse Senore for purchasing and putting together the Christmas tree with a tool theme donated by our council. We also thank our brother Knights and other parishioners who helped out setting up, running the event and cleaning up afterwards. This would not have been the huge success it was without the time, talents and treasurers donated by so many!

### **ACTS Men's Retreat – Nov. 18-21, 2021**

Our ACTS Retreat has 26 men registered (retreatants and team) – mostly from Our Lady of Hope parish and the Parish of the Holy Eucharist. Council 101's donation was put to use for retreatant scholarships. Thank you to all who worked in support of our retreat. Please keep those men on retreat in prayer in a special way during the retreat, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Festival of Lights:**

Help is needed setting up lights for the Festival of Lights at St Joe's/St Brigid's on Saturday, Nov 28th at 1 pm. Please contact Paul Leblond at [pleblond@me.com](mailto:pleblond@me.com) if you can help out. They also need Christmas lights and extension cords.

### **Ringling bells for the Salvation Army:**

Our council will be assisting with ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Maine Mall (food court entrance) from 4:30 - 5:30 PM on Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th. This is an important fundraiser for the Salvation Army. At this time John Brown has volunteers for the 8th and 10<sup>th</sup>, so we still need two volunteers for Thursday, Dec. 9th. Let us know if you can help out.

## **Wreaths Across America:**

The Wreaths Across America is coming to Portland at Cheverus High school, 267 Ocean Ave, on Sunday, Dec 12th at 530pm in the gymnasium. They will have a WWII veteran, 100 years old, coming to speak as well as a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Sentinel speaking. Hope you can make it.

## **Please pray for:**

All those who have passed away due to COVID-19, their loved ones and anyone currently suffering from the virus. Also, please pray for anyone in our council or any family member or close friend of a council member who is in distress.

## **Quotes:**

*“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”*

John F. Kennedy

*“We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.”*

Neal A. Maxwell

*“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.”*

Oprah Winfrey



*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."*

Psalm 107:8-9

### **November birthdays and anniversaries:**

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Nathaniel Carr, Vincent Ciampi, Jr., Richard Corey, Kevin DiDonato, Anthony Doman, Robert Finley, Sr., Kevin Haley, Michael Luna, Matthew Perry, Jesse Senore and James Willey, Jr.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of November are Michael Luna celebrating his 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of becoming a Knight; Santo Donatelli and Sean O’Connor (3 years); Jonathan Eddy (5 years); Anthony Salvaggio (7 years); Jonathan DiDonato (17 years); Gregory Tosi (18 years); Michael Walp (22 years); Philip Welch (26 years); Chris Brown, Stephen Brown, William Gerencer, William Green, Stephen Mathews and Michael McCarthy(28 years); Carey Kish (43 years); Albert Lapping, Sr. (48 years); Rev. John Nichols (59 years); Richard Thomas (63 years) and Vincent Ciampi, Sr. is celebrating his 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Congratulations, gentlemen!

## Happy Thanksgiving:

We wish every member of our council and their families a happy Thanksgiving! May the Lord bless you and your loved ones as we all celebrate that which we are most thankful for.

