

Knights of Columbus

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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 2nd Year..... Paul Leblond

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

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From the Grand Knights Desk...

Our next monthly meetings are on Wednesday, February 2nd in the Knights room downstairs at the St. Pius church hall. The officers meeting begins at 6 PM and the full council meeting starts at 7 PM. Hope to see you there!

Our field agent is Chris Weiss. He can be reached at 207-691-1981 or 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. We need to have all council member activities for the year 2021 in by the end of this month so we can use that information to fill out the Annual Survey which is due January 31st. The form can be found at <https://maineknights.net/surge-form/>. Contact

Steve Capriola if you need help filling out the form or if you would like us to fill it out for you.

Due to the pandemic the Portland Sea Dogs will not be having their annual Sea Dogs Ticket Voucher fundraiser in 2022. This typically raised at least a few hundred dollars for our council prior to the pandemic. Let's hope that we can do this fundraising activity the following year.

Our council is donating \$2,000 to the **St. Brigid's scholarship fund** to help needy families with tuition.

We would like to have our **annual spaghetti dinner** for members and their families this year as we had skipped it last year due to the pandemic. We are thinking of having the dinner at the church hall in April. We are open to any ideas on when and where to have it and what kind of meal we should have. Let us know what you think!

Our council has a **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 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 are held in the Knights room downstairs in the St. Pius church hall. 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

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:

With the New Year upon us, please don't forget to pay your membership dues. Notices have been sent out. 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

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 fundraising 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 raised \$350. Twenty percent of that (\$70.00) is retained by the state council for donations to statewide charities. The remaining \$280 was donated to a charity of our council's choice. This year we donated the money to the Maine Special Olympics through the Lobster Dip Team. Again, thanks to our brother Knights who worked one hour shifts at two Evergreen Credit Union locations to raise this money and a special thanks to Evergreen Credit Union and Paul Leblond for allowing us to use their facilities.

Maine State Council cash calendars:

Our stubs and payment for the State's cash calendar have been "lost" in the mail. Replacement stubs with the twenty numbers that correspond to our tickets have been entered in all drawings. However, if a number for our council is drawn, we will need to know who that belongs to. **Please let us know if you purchased a cash calendar and what the 4-digit number is** (found on the bottom right-hand corner of your calendar stub) so that a check can be sent to you if you win a drawing.

Our Lady of Hope parish takeout dinner:

The Knights of Columbus will have a turkey takeout dinner on Saturday, February 12th. The meal will be turkey, mash potatoes, cranberry sauce, squash, stuffing, gravy and a vegetable. This will be a fundraiser for Our Lady of Hope Parish Knights of Columbus councils. In the past year the two councils have funded all the takeout dinners with money going directly to the parish. This dinner will enable us to continue funding future parish events and dinners. The cost is \$15 cash or check (payable to "Knights of Columbus"). Cash or Checks can be deposited in an envelope, dropped in the church basket or mailed to the parish office. We are unable to use WeShare for this event. In order to have an accurate count all money must be received by **Monday, February 7th**. Thank you for supporting the

Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Hope Parish. Please call Paul LeBlond at 207-253-9856 or Andy Litcher at 207-653-5356 for reservations, but please ensure the payment is in process (mail or put in the church basket). Details are also in the church bulletin.

Council \$100 raffle:

We have resumed the \$100 charity raffle for this year after taking last year off due to the pandemic. If you'd like tickets to either purchase or sell, please call Bill Green at 807-6756. They will also be available at our February 2nd meeting. Cash prizes are \$5,000, \$1500 and \$1000! We must sell a minimum of 75 tickets just to break even. Any additional sales will provide money to be donated to local charities.

St. Pat's Dinner:

Our annual **St. Patrick's dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th. We have decided to have a takeout dinner since a sit-down dinner would not be feasible at this time due to the ongoing pandemic. Details will be forthcoming.

ABBA Baby Bottle drive:

The annual Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for ABBA will continue through the month of January. We have baby bottles available at the back of St. Pius X and St. Joseph churches for parishioners to sign out and take one home. They are asked to return them to the church by the end of January with whatever donations they have been able to save in the bottle. ABBA is a medical certified women's pregnancy resource center in the state of Maine offering pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, consultations, and women's health education completely free and

confidential. Details are also in the church bulletin. For more information check out ABBA's website at: <https://abbapregnancychoice.org/>

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or e-mail at sjcapri@maine.rr.com

Nun's Night:

We have received many thank you cards from nuns across southern Maine in appreciation of the gift bags we gave them for Christmas. Following are the responses we have received thus far.

Dear Knights,

Thank you for all the treasures you sent me for Christmas. I am most Grateful!

Sr. Kathleen Thornton

Dear Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Hope Parish,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous gifts. You are so good to remember the sisters every year. God continue to bless you, your loved ones and your ministry.

*In Christs' love,
Sister Patricia Williams*

Dear Knights,

*Thank you for the lovely selection of Christmas gifts. We all miss the dinner party and "corny" jokes! Maybe some day...
God bless each of you.*

*Blessed Christmas,
Sister Mary Miller, RSM*

Dear Knights and Santa's Helpers,

May you and yours be blessed in 2022 with good health. We are very grateful to all of you for your kind remembrance of such useful gifts. As always, we appreciate your kindness. Thank you so much! We will remember you in prayers.

*God bless,
Sisters of Mercy*

Dear Steve and Knights,

Thank you for a most generous and unique assortment of gifts – practical, delicious, unique and spendable. I appreciate the kindness of you - and thoughtfulness.

*Blessings to one and all,
Sr. Mary Quinn*

Dear Knights,

Thank you so much for your fidelity in honoring "us nuns." Maybe some day we can celebrate together again.

*In Mercy,
Sr. Ruth Conlogue*

To all who put the Christmas bag together,

Many thanks for all the useful gifts. It was most kind & thoughtful of you. Hopefully 2022 will be a more peaceful year for all & we can celebrate again at St. Pius.

*Thanks again for all you do,
Sister Ruth*

Your array of Christmas gifts arrived today, with the greeting card and \$5.00 tucked inside. You are most generous and thank you for thinking of me.

*Prayerfully,
Sister Edward Mary*

Dear Knights of Columbus,

If I were to look up the word Faithful in the dictionary – its meaning would list K of C!

*Thank you all and Merry Christmas,
Sr. Dale*

You are so faithful even in these Covid days. Thank you for products to keep me safe.

Sister Pat Mooney, RSM

Dear Knights,

With this card comes a special thank you for your Christmas gifts of: a card, \$5.00, apple cider, hand soap, sanitizing wipes, and tissues. In gratitude I pray that God will enrich all of you with many blessings.

*Gratefully,
Sister Priscilla Murray*

To the Knights of Columbus,

Sincere thanks for the lovely gift bags you sent to the many religious of our convent. May life bring you a reflection of the kindness you have shown to us! Thank you so much and may God bless you for your kindness. You may count on our prayers that you enjoy a Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

*Gratefully yours,
The Sisters of St. Joseph Convent*

Thank you for your kindness. It is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Sr. Arline*

Dear Knights,

Many thanks for the Christmas decorated big bag of gifts: from soap & tube of toothpaste to nuts & portrait of Lincoln and mm mm mm good Lindt chocolate truffles! Your elves are good shoppers – they are keepers!

*God bless you and yours.
Gratefully,
Sister M. Columba @ Sisters of Mercey*

Dear Knights,

- and praying that it be a safer year than this last one of 2021!

Thank you for the surprise gift bag – it was very thoughtful of all of you to help light up the darkness leading to Christ's birth. I missed our December gathering and look forward to the future.

May God bless each of you and your families!

Sr. Patricia Pora

Dear K of C,

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts at Christmas. A Novena of Masses at Maryknoll, money, chocolates, lip balm, Kleenex, hand wipes, beautiful box of Christmas cards, candy cane, beautiful gift bag and whatever I may not have mentioned. How very generous of you, Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year to you and all your families.

*Gratefully,
Sister Rosemary Harrison*

Quotes:

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

Bill Vaughn

"New Year's Day. A fresh start. A new chapter waiting to be written."

Sarah Ban Breathnach

"Let January open with the joy in the Lord, and December close with gladness in Jesus."

Charles H. Spurgeon

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot.

John MacArthur

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.”

Philippians 3:13

Please pray for:

Brother Knight **John Gerrity** who is in a hospital in Texas with Covid and is not doing well. The outlook for John, who is a former member of our council, is not good at all. We thank brother Knight John Brown who has been in touch with John to help keep us informed.

Mary Lussier, wife of brother Knight Maurice Lussier, who continues to battle cancer. Her last treatment is this month and the prognosis looks very good at this time.

January birthdays and anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Michael Atienza, Deacon Michael Augustino, Charles Boyce, Stephen Brown, Robert Donnelly, Robert Finley, Jr., William Green, Leo Hurtubise, Carey Kish, Andrew Litcher, Everett Millett, Sr., Sean O'Connor, Tucker Pope, Philip Welch and William Woods.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of January are Salvador Osorio (5 year anniversary); Dr. John Griffin (11 years), Richard McCarthy (12 years), Nicholas Anania (13 years), Maurice Lussier (15 years), Rev. John D'Anjou and Andre Tranchemontagne (16 years), Andrew Chapman and Dr. James Powers (19 years), Ethan Blanchette (25 years), Joseph Carter (28 years), Ray DiDonato, Sr., Edward Jazdzewski and Matthew Perry (29 years); William Woods (42 years) and David St. Clair celebrating 48 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Happy New Year:

May the blessings of the Lord be with you throughout the New Year. We wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022!

