

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – February 2022 – Volume III Issue 8

*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 next monthly meetings are on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **Masks are required.** Hope to see you there!

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. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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.

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:**

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](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 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!

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

The Knights of Columbus hosted a turkey takeout dinner on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The meal consisted of turkey, mash potatoes, cranberry sauce, squash, stuffing, gravy, a vegetable and a cookie. This was a fundraiser for Our Lady of Hope Parish Knights of Columbus councils 101 and 11257. 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. At a cost of \$15 each and 103 dinners sold we raised \$1545 before expenses, which were only around \$200 due to most of the food and containers donated by the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Portland soup kitchen. Thank you to those who helped prepare, bag and hand out the meals and for those who purchased a meal in support of the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Hope Parish.

Photos below are volunteers preparing the turkey take out dinner:





### **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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Cash prizes are \$5,000, \$1500 and \$1000! Only 200 tickets will be sold so the chances of winning are higher than most raffles. We must sell a minimum of 75 tickets just to break even. Any additional sales will provide money to be donated to local charities. The drawing will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. Pat's Dinner:**

Our annual **St. Patrick's sitdown dinner** was planned as a takeout dinner for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic. However, we have decided to cancel this dinner due to the high costs of the food and take out containers plus the difficulty in handing out and keeping warm this type of meal. We hope to return to a St. Patrick's corn beef sit down dinner next year.

### **ABBA Baby Bottle drive:**

The annual Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for ABBA is winding down this month. Please return any baby bottles, even if you haven't made a donation, to either church as soon as possible. Any bottles not returned costs ABBA \$5, money which could be used for supporting their women's resource center. 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. For more information check out ABBA's website at: <https://abbapregnancychoice.org/>

If you have any questions about this fundraiser or returning bottles, please contact Steve Capriola at 207-233-3565 or e-mail at [sjcapri@maine.rr.com](mailto:sjcapri@maine.rr.com)

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

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

*Dear Brother Knights,*

*Thank you for the special remembrance of Sisters living in southern Maine. I've heard from many that said they missed the ability to get together and share a meal & greatly appreciated your remembrance of them.*

*Thank you for my gifts and I am very touched by your kindness,  
Sr. Rita-Mae*

*Dear Knights of Columbus,*

*My thanks for your generous gifts to us Sisters. That made a lot of  
Santa shopping for you fellows!*

*Happy New Year to you and your lov3ed ones,  
Sr. Miriam Therese Callnan, RSM*

*Dear One and All,*

*Thank you for all the goodies you gave me and the money too! I never  
expected to remember us because everyone is homebound. You all are  
remembered in our prayers each day even when we don't see each other.*

*God bless you all!  
Sr. Annemarie Kiah*

*Dear Knights,*

*Thank you, once again, for your thoughtful Christmas gifts. Each one  
was very special.*

*May God continue to bless your ministry. Happy New Year!*

*Gratefully,  
Sr, Barbara Parent, RSM*

*Members of the Knights of Columbus and wives,*

*How thoughtful of you to remember the Sisters here in Portland even in  
the middle of the Omicron threat. The gifts you provided each of us were*

*generous and also useful. May the good Lord bless you for us in the special ways He is known for doing.*

*May all the works and projects you sponsor in 2022 be successful.*

*Sister Mary George O'Toole & Sister Joyce Mahoney*

*To K of C Our Lady of Hope Parish,*

*Thank you so very much for your ongoing generosity to the sisters – especially to us – the Good Shepherd Sisters. You are so thoughtful & generous. May our good & gracious God bless each of you & your families with the graces you need, especially during 2022!*

*With gratitude & prayers for you,  
Sister Terry Gauvin, provincial*

*Dear Members of the Knights,*

*Thank you for the gifts we received at Christmas. Thank you to the shoppers and the wrappers! You are so faithful, remembering us year after year and it is so appreciated.*

*May God bless you and your families. Thank you again!*

*Gratefully,  
Sister Ellen Turner*

*Dear K of C members,*

*Just a note of thanks for your thoughtful bag of useful items you gave for Christmas. May the Lord bless each of you for your generous remembrance of us.*

*Happy New Year!  
Sister Judith McNamara*

*Dear Members of the Knights of Columbus,*

*Thanks for the wonderful practical gifts during this pandemic year!*

*With a grateful heart,  
Sister Janet Campbell*

**Quotes:**

*“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”*

Charles M. Schulz

*“The Best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.”*

Helen Keller

*“There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved.”*

George Sand

*“We love because He first loved us.”*

1 John 4:19

*“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in them.”*

1 John 4:16

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”*

1 Corinthians 12:4-8

### **Please pray for:**

All those who have passed away due to COVID-19 and those who are currently suffering from COVID-19. We pray for them and their loved ones!

### **February birthdays and anniversaries:**

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Lawrence Beattie, Thomas Caron, Andrew DiDonato, Peter Doria, John Flaherty, Dr. John Griffin, Arthur Ledue, Matthew Maloney, Joseph Moran, Robert Smith, Rev. Raynold Thibodeau, Patrick Thornton and Eric Trombley.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of February include the following. Matthew Monaghan (11<sup>th</sup> anniversary); Joseph Moran (19<sup>th</sup>); Bruce Koharian, John Moran and Charles Noyes (21<sup>st</sup>); Leo Hurtubise (22<sup>nd</sup>); Charles Boyce and John F. Murphy (23<sup>rd</sup>); Michael LeGage (26<sup>th</sup>); Brian Beattie and David Paul (27<sup>th</sup>); Kenneth Currier, Peter Doria and Raymond Pomerleau (28<sup>th</sup>); Vincent Ciampi, Jr. and John Napolitano (30<sup>th</sup>); Pasquale Napolitano (32<sup>nd</sup>) and Richard Vessey who is celebrating his 40<sup>h</sup> anniversary of becoming a Knight. Congratulations, gentlemen!

# **Happy Valentine's Day!**