

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...

I will be stepping down as Grand Knight of council 101 at the end of this fraternal year (June 30th). I have enjoyed my time as your Grand Knight for the past 3 years and thank all those who supported me! We will need someone to step up to take over this vital position to help lead our council. Please let me know if you are interested, would like more information about the position or know of someone who you think would be a good candidate for Grand Knight. Thank you and God bless!

Our next monthly meetings are on Wednesday, April 6th 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 now optional.** 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.

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

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!

Council \$100 charity 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. 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 19th after the 4:30 PM Saturday mass. The drawing will also be livestreamed from St. Pius X church.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Council Members & Their Families:

We will have our **annual spaghetti dinner** for members and their families on Saturday, April 2nd at 6 PM at the St. Pius church hall. The meal will be

spaghetti and meatballs with a salad, roll and dessert. We will need help preparing the meal, setting up the dining facilities and clean up after the meal. Also, we need to know how many will be attending in order to buy and prepare the right amount of food. Let us know if you will be attending and how many in your party and if you can help out by Tuesday, March 29th.

St. Pat's Dinner:

Our annual **St. Patrick's sitdown dinner** was planned as a takeout dinner for Saturday, March 19th 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.

Our Lady of Hope parish takeout dinners:

The two councils, 101 and 11257, of the Knights of Columbus at Our lady of Hope Parish will be hosting another take out dinner on Saturday, April 23rd. This will be a Mac & cheese with ham dinner, including applesauce, green beans, roll and dessert. Cost of the dinner will be \$15. We always need help putting the dinners together and handing them out from 3 to 6 PM. Please let us know if you can help out. See the parish bulletin for more details on when and how to order a dinner.

Annual State Convention:

The annual State Knights of Columbus convention will be held April 22nd through the 24th at Sunday River ski resort in Newry. Our delegates will be attending the annual meeting virtually this year. They are Grand Knight Steve Capriola and Deputy Grand Knight Jesse Senore. If you are

interested in attending this event or would like to be an alternate delegate please let us know as soon as possible.

ABBA Baby Bottle drive:

The annual ABBA Baby Bottle Drive has ended. This year we raised \$1034.92 from 48 members of our parish community. We still have a few bottles yet to be returned. 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**

Nun's Night thank you:

One more thank you card came in recently. It was delayed due to being mailed on Dec. 25th to Arthur Ledue with his name misspelled and sent to the wrong address. The card was finally returned to them by the Post Office on March 5th, hence I just received their thank you card on March 10th. The Sisters at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center wanted to make sure we received their thank you card so I'd like to share it with you at this time.

Dear Mr. Ledoux,

Several weeks ago, you delivered 12 Christmas bags of gifts for the Sisters at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool. We never sent a thank you note at that time because we wanted the sisters to receive your generous gifts on Christmas eve. Last night we had a good time opening our Christmas gifts. So, finally I come, in the name of the sisters to thank the Knights of Columbus for your generosity towards us. May you be blessed for it.

May God's graces be abundant for you in 2022! Happy New Year!

*With Prayers for your many ministries,
Sr. Sue Bourret, P.M.*

Quotes:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens

“Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

Hosea 6:3

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

Eccles. 3:1

“The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds has come...”

Song of Solomon 2:12

Please pray for:

The people of Ukraine, that the war and suffering may come to an end. We also pray for all those who have died or lost a loved one in the war in Ukraine.

March birthdays and anniversaries:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Christopher Brown, Louis Croce, Joseph Keeley, Peter

Kelly, Michael L'Heureux, Albert Lappin, Sr., MRV Richard Malone, Philip Melanson, John Murphy, Marc Mutty, John Napolitano, Pasquale Napolitano, Brian Paradis and Timothy Thornton.

Those members celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Knight in the month of March include the following. Timothy Thornton (3rd anniversary of becoming a Knight); Bruno Napolitano and Patrick Tourville (4th); Matthew Grassi and Anthony Napolitano (5th); Michael Atienza (6th); Tucker Pope (12th); Rev. James LaFontaine, Clarence Rhodes and William Welch (13th); James Drummond (14th); Robert Carignan (16th); Peter Kelly (22nd); Dana Dumond, William McLaughlin and Jesse Senore (26th); Kevin DiDonato and Louis Savard (27th); James Conley, Peter Gribbin, Sr., Kevin Haley and Kent White (28th); Rev. Norman Comtois (46th); Rev. Raynold Thibodeau (54th); John Joyce (57th); John Flaherty (60th); Charles Egan, Jr (66th); and John Murphy (75th).

Congratulations go out to all these gentlemen, **especially to John Flaherty celebrating his 60th anniversary of becoming a Knight and John Murphy celebrating his 75th anniversary of joining the Knights of Columbus!**

Spring starts at 11:33 AM on March 20th!