

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – October 2022 – Volume IV Issue 2

*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.



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| Grand Knight..... Raymond DiDonato Sr (Subbing) | Deputy Grand Knight... Jesse Senore               |
| Financial Secretary.... Raymond DiDonato Sr     | Chancellor..... Dr. John Griffin                  |
| Recorder..... William McLaughlin                | Treasurer..... William Green                      |
| Advocate..... James Willey                      | Warden..... Christopher Brown                     |
| Lecturer..... Tom Luna                          | Outside Guard..... Andrew Chapman                 |
| Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston                | Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year..... Steven Capriola |
| Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year..... Charlie Noyes | Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year..... Paul Leblond    |

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

***We want to thank all our brother knights for their hard work and dedication to our council. We are asking, if possible, for more knights to join us at our monthly council meetings and participate in events the we hold this year. Our council has a membership of 150 members but only between 20-25 members attend regular meetings. We would gladly like to see many more of our brother knights attend. If you need a ride to get to a meeting, please contact me at 207-831-3494, and I will make arrangements to get you there.***

***Last but not forgotten, we are still in need of someone stepping up to fill the Grand Knight position this year. I have stepped into sub as to make sure that our council did not go dormant this year without a temporary Grand Knight. Please enjoy this newsletter and read what is in this issue! Thank you. ~ Ray DiDonato***

## **Membership dues:**

If you haven't already, please send your payment for membership dues 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. Thank you to all those who have donated bottles and cans to help raise funds for our council!

## **Men's ACTS Retreat November 10-13, 2022**

Brothers, I attended the Mens ACTS in 2019 retreat along with a few other brother knights and it was a refreshing experiencing to do so. Yes, you have to make some time out of your calendar, but don't we all have to make some time when something important is presented to us? Well, this is such an opportunity. This is not one of those "touchy-feely" youth retreats some get nervous about. Please reach out to me (Paul Leblond 253-9856) or Tom Luna with questions. To register here is the link <https://pothe.org/mens-acts-retreat>.

## **Maine State Council 2023 Cash Calendars:**

Maine State Council Knights of Columbus cash calendars for 2023 are now available for purchase at \$10 per calendar. This year payouts on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day have been increased to \$500. There are 91

chances to win daily drawings from January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. The biggest cash prize is \$2,000 on the April 1<sup>st</sup> drawing! If you would like to purchase a calendar or help to sell them, please contact Ray DiDonato at **207-831-3494**.

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

Our next take out dinner is scheduled for October 15 from 5-6. This is a pasta dinner, with meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. All proceeds are for the parish.

If you can help out please call Paul Leblond 207-253-9856.

## **Upcoming Calendar of Council Events:**

Parish takeout dinners on November 12<sup>th</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from these dinners will either benefit the parish or the councils.



Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Credit Union (Riverside St in Portland) 8:30 – 12:30 and Shaw's Westgate Sunday 9-3pm. A future date for the drive will be determined when we will be at the parish churches.

## **Clarification**

**Keep Christ in Christmas Cards sale is off this year!**

**\$100 Charity Raffles** - We will be selling raffle tickets this year (Starting 11/1). 200 to be sold with the final drawings at our annual Corn Beef Dinner on March 18, 2023.



## **Nun's Night**

Nun's Night at the St. Pius church hall will be December 8<sup>th</sup> and deliver gift packs to those nuns in southern Maine who are unable to attend this sit-down dinner. If we can't have a sit-down dinner then we would deliver gift packs to all nuns in southern Maine.

## **Knight's appreciation pasta dinner January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

ABBA baby bottle drive at both churches next year over the weekends of January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> with collections to continue into February.

St. Patrick's dinner and \$100 charity raffle draw March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ticket sales start in December of this year.

Hand out free carnations on Mother's Day the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at all masses at both churches.



End of Fraternal year council meeting and cookout for all council members June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the Knights room downstairs at the St. Pius church hall.

Most of our activities will be coordinated with and completed with the help of council 11257.

## **Slate of Officers approved for New Fraternal Year:**

### **Grand Knight - open**

Deputy Grand Knight - Jesse Senore

Financial Secretary - Ray DiDonato

Treasurer - Bill Green

Recorder - Bill McLaughlin

Chaplain - Fr Jack D'Anjou

Chancellor - Dr. John Griffin

Lecturer - Tom Luna

Advocate - Jim Willey

Warden - Chris Brown

Inside Guard - Kevin Keniston

Outside Guard - Andy Chapman

Trustee 1st year - Steve Capriola

Trustee 2nd year - Bill Welch

Trustee 3rd year - Paul Leblond



### **Please pray for:**

Our council, that a council member will step up to be Grand Knight and lead our council for the upcoming fraternal year.

For our deceased brothers ~ For those in Florida ~ For Ukraine

### **October Birthdays:**

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month: Louis Croce, Rev Raynold Thibodeau, Robert Donnelly, Robert Smith, Edward Anania Jr, Ernesto Salamone, Kevin Keniston, Michael Hill, Philip Melanson, Deacon Michael Augustino

### **Insurance Information:**

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