

Knights of Columbus

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

101 – November
Issue 3



“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..... Raymond DiDonato Sr
Financial Secretary.... Raymond DiDonato Sr
Recorder..... William McLaughlin
Advocate..... James Willey
Lecturer..... Tom Luna
Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston
Trustee 2nd Year..... Charlie Noyes

Deputy Grand Knight... Jesse Senore
Chancellor..... Dr. John Griffin
Treasurer..... William Green
Warden..... Christopher Brown
Outside Guard..... Andrew Chapman
Trustee 1st Year..... Steven Capriola
Trustee 3rd Year..... Paul Leblond

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From the Grand Knights Desk...

Brothers hope all is well with all of you. I have a few things to let you all know about. First of all, our Tootsie Roll Drive for People with Disabilities grossed an amount of \$385.00 which was great for not being out there for two years because of the pandemic. Many people stated that they were glad to see us back doing this worthy event. Next, we had a pasta takeout dinner on October 17, 2022 which raised \$1000.00 for Our Lady of Hope Parish. The next takeout dinner will be on November 12, 2022 which will feature Shepard Pie with other tasty tidbits.

The dates of December 3rd & 4th will be Backpack Weekend at St. Pius Hall. Some help would be most appreciated to put things in the backpacks for the kids. After this is done, the packs will be brought to the Soup Kitchen to be distributed.

Nun's Night preparing of gift bags for the Nuns will be held on December 8th or (December 9th if it snows). If you want to give any gifts, scratch tickets, gift cards or whatever you think they would like of around \$5.00 each, please bring them on that

night or come to our December 7th meeting. Anything would be most welcome and thank you in advance.

Last but not least, we will have a takeout dinner of pork pie with more tidbits to eat on December 17, 2022. This dinner will be early enough for you to eat and still have time to go out to do Christmas shopping!

I just want to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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

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

Please pray for the men on the 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 1st through April 1st. The biggest cash prize is \$2,000 on the April 1st drawing! If you would like to purchase a calendar or help to sell them, please contact Ray DiDonato at **207-831-3494**.

K of C takeout dinners:

Our next take out dinner is scheduled for November 12 from 5-6. This is a Shepherds Pie Dinner. All proceeds are for 2 local councils.

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

Upcoming Calendar of Council Events:

Nun's Night

Nun's Night at the St. Pius church hall will be December 8th 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.

BELL RINGING

December 7, 8 & 9 at the Maine Mall as we support the Salvation Army with their annual bell ringing campaign. Please call John Brown at 773-6073 who is leading the charge once again.



Knight's appreciation pasta dinner January 8th, 2023.

We will extend an invitation to council 11257 and their families to join council 101 and our families for a pasta dinner from 5:30 to 7pm on for a relaxing meal to socialize before the start of a new week.

Abba Baby Bottle Drive

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

Corned-Beef Dinner is Back

St. Patrick's dinner will be an in-house dinner. The cost will be determined between \$20 or \$25 based on food costs this year and \$100 charity raffle draw will be March 18th, 2023. Tickets have been distributed to officers at our last meeting November 2 by Bro. Bill Green. Please work hard to sell these tickets



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

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

Most of our activities will continue to be coordinated with and completed with the help of council 11257. Thank you to our Brother Knights!

Slate of Officers approved for New Fraternal Year:

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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

November Birthdays:

We send our best wishes to the following brother Knights celebrating a birthday this month:

Anthony Doman	11/2
Kevin Haley	11/3
Matthew Perry	11/4
James Willey Jr	11/7
Michael Luna	11/8
Richard Corey	11/10
Vincent Ciampi Jr	11/16
Kevin DiDonato	11/24
Nathaniel Carr	11/27
Robert Finley Sr	11/29
Jesse Senore	11/30



November Anniversaries:

Vincent Ciampi Sr	11/1/55	67 Years of Service
Richard Thomas	11/1/58	64 Years of Service
Rev John Nichols	11/1/62	60 Years of Service
Albert Lappin Sr	11/1/93	49 Years of Service

Christopher Brown	11/1/93	29 Years of Service
William Gerencer	11/1/93	29 Years of Service
William Green	11/1/93	29 Years of Service
Stephen Mathews	11/1/93	29 Years of Service
Michael McCarthy	11/1/93	29 Years of Service
Michael Walp	11/18/99	23 Years of Service
Gregory Tosi	11/4/03	19 Years of Service
Jonathan DiDonata	11/3/04	18 Years of Service
William Woods	11/4/08	14 Years of Service
Anthony Salvaggio	11/9/14	8 Years of Service
Jonathan Eddy	11/28/14	8 Years of Service
Santo Donatelli	11/14/18	4 Years of Service
Sean O'Connor	11/29/18	4 Years of Service
Michael Luna	11/24/19	3 Years of Service

Insurance Information:

Our field agent is William (Bill) Weiss. Chris is no longer with the agency. He can be reached at 207-691-2740 or william.weiss@kofc.org



‘UNITY AND CHARITY’ IS OUR MOTTO
 Father McGivney on the Knights of Columbus

“Our primary object is to prevent people from entering Secret Societies, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members. Secondly, to unite the men of our Faith throughout the diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members.” — To Connecticut parish priests, April 1882