

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council  
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*Our Lady of Hope Parish*

101 – December  
Issue 4

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year



**A thousand times in history a baby has become a king,  
but only once in history did a King become a baby.**



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Year..... Charlie Noyes

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..... Steven Capriola  
Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year..... Paul Leblond

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

Brother Knights, I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and stayed safe as well. Just to let you all know that last weekend December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was Backpack Weekend at Our Lady of Hope Parish. A total of 58 backpacks were placed on the altar and blessed before being delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen to be filled with items that can be used by people in need. We want to thank Brothers Jesse Senore and Andrew Litcher for all their work with this event.

Nun's Night on December 8<sup>th</sup> has taken place with 106 gift bags put together to be distributed to the nuns very soon before Christmas. Our council does this event to say thank you to the nuns for the work they do for our faith.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Pork Pie Drive-thru Dinner. The cost for this dinner is \$20.00 and will feature a serving of Pork Pie, Sweet Potato Praline and a cookie. For more details checkout the write-up in the church bulletin.

We now have those \$100.00 raffle tickets on sale for everyone to purchase and sell to help the council reach its goal of selling just 200 tickets. Remember first prize is \$5,000.00, second prize is \$1,500.00 and third prize is \$1,000.00 for a total of \$7,500.00. Let's make the St. Patty's Day Dinner on March 18, 2023 a rousing fun rime by selling all 200 tickets!

We will be having a pasta dinner in January for both councils 101 and 112578 along with family members as an appreciation for all the hard work members of both councils have done. Again check the bulletin for more information as we get closer to January.

With both Christmas and New Years approaching, I want to wish you all to have a Safe and Happy combined holidays

Thank you – Grand Knight, Ray DiDonato

### **Membership dues:**

Membership dues letters have been issued for 2023. If you haven't already, please send your payment for 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!

### **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**.

## **K of C takeout dinners:**

Our next take out dinner is scheduled for December 17 5-6. This is a Tourtiere (Meat Pie) Dinner. All proceeds are for the parish. 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 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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 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:**

**Grand Knight** – Ray DiDonato

Deputy Grand Knight - Jesse Senore

Financial Secretary - Ray DiDonato

Treasurer - Bill Green

Recorder - Bill McLaughlin

Chaplain - Fr Jack D'Anjou

Chancellor - Dr. John Griffin

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 Trustee 3rd year - Paul Leblond

**Please pray for:**

Our council, our chaplain Fr. Jack d’Anjou for a speedy recovery  
 For our deceased brothers ~ For Ukraine

**Knights in the NEWS:**



**Brother Paul Leblond** donned his Santa gear on Friday December 2 greeting well-wishers and young children in preparation of the lighting of the trees in Mill Creek Park in South Portland. Here he is surrounded by students from South Portland High School.

**December Birthdays:**

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

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| Brian Beattie     | 12/1  |
| Steven Capriola   | 12/3  |
| Adam Walker       | 12/8  |
| Michael LeGage    | 12/12 |
| Rocco St. Clair   | 12/16 |
| Thomas Luna       | 12/21 |
| Raymond Pomerleau | 12/22 |
| Edward Anania     | 12/23 |
| Joseph Mack       | 12/24 |
| Theodore Borduas  | 12/28 |
| Louis Savard      | 12/28 |





## December Anniversaries:

Dr Donald W Verrier	12/1/1959	63 Years of Service
Anthony Doman	12/14/1997	25 Years of Service
James Willey Jr	12/14/2011	11 Years of Service
Richard Corey	12/5/2012	10 Years of Service
Jason Jendrasko	12/16/201	39 Years of Service
Ryan Hutchins	12/14/201	48 Years of Service
Eric Trombley	12/11/201	48 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](mailto:william.weiss@kofc.org)



*(Photo by Jeff Bruno)*

About the image:

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in St. Mary's Church, New Haven's oldest Catholic parish, in 1882. By decree of His Holiness Pope Francis, this exemplary parish priest was raised to the honors of the altar and declared Blessed Michael McGivney on October 31, 2020, in Hartford, Connecticut. Father McGivney was ordained in Baltimore on December 22, 1877, and celebrated his first solemn Mass on Christmas Day.

Early in 1878, he began his first priestly assignment as a curate at St. Mary's, where he established the Knights of Columbus to protect Catholic families and provide a practical path for men to live the truth of Christian charity.

In this photo, the official image from Father McGivney's beatification is seen with the sanctuary and apse of St. Mary's in the background. During preparations for the extensive repair work and recent restoration of St. Mary's, sponsored by the Order, several decorative elements were discovered from the time of Father McGivney's ministry in New Haven. These were reintroduced as part of the restoration, which was completed in August 2020, in time for the 138th Supreme Convention and beatification.