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“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...

First of all I want to say that I hope you all had a great Christmas and Yew Years which were both safe and healthy holidays. It is always great to spend time with family and friends during holidays after a hectic scramble getting ready for these two holidays.

Now that a busy December is over for us with Backpack Weekend and Nun's Night having been successful and much appreciated. We have thank you notes from some of the nuns which you can read in this newsletter. Now we must concentrate on the new year of 2023.

Last Sunday, January 1, 2023, the Maine State Council had its annual Lobster Dip for Special Olympics. We supported two State Officers with the proceeds from our People with Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive.

There will be no drive thru takeout dinner this month but they will continue in February. Look for information in the bulletins for dates and menus.

At our meeting on January 4, 2023, we discussed the prospect of sponsoring a seminarian for this year. There are eleven seminarians this year who are working their way thru the process of becoming priests. Many are in need of financial support to get through!

Last but not least, we will be having an Abba Baby Bottle drive in January and early February at all OLH masses.

Thank you – Grand Knight Ray Jos DiDonato, Sr.

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!

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**.

Upcoming Calendar of Council Events:

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.

Nun's Night Thank-You Responses

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for the gifts you left us for the Christmas party at the Elks Lodge. You are so faithful each year. God continues to bless you for all you do, not only during this hold season, but each day of the year.

Love and prayers – Sister Patrica

PS -Like I said before, if you ever go to the Michael McGivney Center in New Haven I'd like to "hop" a ride.

Dear Knights,

Thank you for the gifts. You are so generous and faithful! Happy New Year!

S Ruth Conlogue

Dear Mr DiDonato,

This thank you, thanks you for your many years of recognizing the work of the Sisters. And needless to say – We Thank and the knights for your faithfulness to God's mission. In Mercy

Sr. Dale Jarvis, RSM

Dear Ray and Brother Knights,

Thank you for your generous gifts! I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Blessings Sr. Mary Quinn

Dear Member sof the Knights of Columbus Council 101

Thanks so much for your generosity towards the Sisters at Marie Joseph Spiriuual Center in Biddeford Pool. The Birthday of the foundress of our Congregation, St. Marie Rivier, was on December 19. We chose to open our gift bags on her Birthday. So, we had fun on the 19th exploring what we had in our gift bags. Again, thank you for your generoustity.

May you have a blessed Christmas Season,

The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary at Marie Joseph Spritual Center.

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 had 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!

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

Update to Knights Room:

Due to consolidations of the St. Joseph's offices to the St. Pius X campus the K of C Council #101 has relinquished the former Knights room back to the parish. We will be using the hall space or a classroom in the St. Pius X Church Hall. Here are some photos of the clean-up.



Bros. Steve, Ray and Bill decide what stays and what needs to be organized in the closets in the basement. Clean Room with no pictures on the wall.

January Birthdays:

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

Deacon Michael Augustino	1/1
James M Conley	1/7
Michael T Atienza	1/8
William M Woods	1/8
Robert J Finley Jr	1/13
Andrew E Litcher	1/14
Tucker R Pope	1/17
Carey M Kish	1/19
Leo K Hurtubise	1/20
William D Green	1/25
Sean P O'Connor	1/26
Charles W Boyce	1/28
Robert J Donnelly	1/31



January Anniversaries:

David C St. Clarir	1/1/74	49 Years of Service
John J Joyce	1/1/87	36 Years of Service
Raymond Jos DiDonato Sr	1/1/93	30 Years of Service
Edward M Jazdzewski	1/1/93	30 Years of Service
Matthew J Perry	1/1/93	30 Years of Service
Raymond J DiDonato Jr	1/31/97	26 Years of Service
Andrew Chapman	1/27/03	20 Years of Service
Dr James B Powers	1/27/03	20 Years of Service
Rev. John Robert D'Anjou	1/9/06	17 Years of Service
Andre R Tranchemontagne	1/18/06	17 Years of Service
Maurice R Lussier	1/16/07	16 Years of Service
Nicholas E Anania	1/15/09	14 Years of Service
Richard G McCarthy	1/28/10	13 Years of Service
Dr. John Griffin	1/28/11	12 Years of Service
Benjamin J Schulz	1/13/16	7 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

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church.

We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love.

Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

