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COUNCIL, No. 101

Our Lady of Hope Parish - St. Pius X Church Portland, Maine

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Our next Council Meeting December 3, 2014 @ 7 pm – St Pius X Church [Lower Hall]

My Brother Knights:

Getting right to business, by now you have received your yearly dues assessment statement and have noticed a \$5.00 increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. This increase was discussed at length at the November 5 meeting and previously at our council chair officers meeting. The Financial Secretary explained in depth the council's financial situation, and it was recommended that a modest increase would keep the council on a stable footing. Please return your statement with payment ASAP, this will cut down on reminders, save a tree and keep "Rays" blood pressure down.

New Members: I would like to welcome **NEW MEMBERS** Donald Murphy and Anthony Salvaggio, Sr. to our council. They made their 1st Degree on Sunday November 9, 2014. That degree initiated five new members from Portland area councils into the Knights of Columbus- Congratulations!
The next 1st Degree will be on Jan, 11 @ 7 pm @ St Pius hall hosted by council 101-degree team

Following is a list of upcoming events:

December 4 Thursday Council # 2983 will be sponsoring their "Nuns Night"

This is their annual council project and requires many hands to make it happen. The good sisters come from Augusta to Kittery, they will come in all weather, rain / snow or ice, and you name it. The good sisters always enjoy this evening of good food and entertainment. I hope that you and your family will come and help them enjoy this evening.

Our council was asked to help with the food preparations, serving of meals and if possible purchasing of a small gift for each sister.

Help will be needed in the kitchen [peeling veggies in the AM & serving dinner] more detail info at our Dec 3 meeting. And of course if you can carry a tune singing Christmas carols which is always much fun. We Hope to have your help with this joint venture with Council 2983.

Salvation Army December 11-12-13. Shaking the bells at the Main Mall Red Kettles food court. I will have sign up sheets at the Dec 3 meeting. This is a joint project with six other councils. This is always a fun time for all involved, young and not so young.

Brother Jim Willey will discuss help needed with staffing of the Salvation Army kettles at Shaw's Westgate. Jim is presently on the advisory board of the Portland area Salvation Army.

Back Pack Sunday: December 13-14 This is a yearly project sponsored by Council 2983 where packs collected are donated to people at the St Vincent De Paul soup kitchen before Christmas. The packs can be slightly used, from Good will or purchased new. Each pack [when distributed] will include small personal items for a male or female. This is an opportunity for all to show your charity [1st degree] in this Christmas time. Please give this project serious thought!

Thursday December 15 Noon Meal at St Pius hall This is a monthly noon meal "free" sponsored by different parish organizations. Council 101 will be sponsoring this delicious meal [beef stew] hosted by Chef Robert and assistants Lou & Don. Hope to see you there!

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Discussion: Distribution of Tootsie Roll funds. The annual drive raised \$1,200 of which \$916.80 will be distributed to qualified individuals. Council discussion.

January 7, 2015 Meeting; we will discuss the possibility of cancelling this meeting and instead have a "Family Pot Luck" dinner @ 6pm in St Pius hall. We have had a go-go year but have not had the opportunity to sit across from each other and enjoy good conversation and each others great cooking. This is a no brainer, you bring a dish and share it and take home the leftovers. If anything is left over! We have the opportunity to enjoy each others recipes and enjoy our family community. Not sure, about entertainment Unless Charlie sings! OH BOY!

November Projects:

November 15 Saturday: 4:30 Mass@ St Pius There was a good turnout for a joint Mass with councils 2983 & 11257 and their families. This was a chance to show "all" council's solidarity to the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope parish. Fr. D' Anjou [Celebrant] gave a good presentation of the Knights of Columbus from his previous parish to his involvement with the councils and Assemblies of Our lady of Hope parish. Who Knows! This could turn into a yearly joint project.

November 18 Tuesday - Fraternal Benefit Night, Sponsored by Knights of Columbus benefit agent Gregory White and assisted by Brother Patrick Thornton Attorney at Law. This was a very informative event, and I hope that it is carried through to next year.

November 22 nd annual Our Lady of Hope parish Bazaar; Wow! A good time was had by all! This year's chair was our own DGK Paul Le blond. Paul will give us the latest low down, plus and minus at our Dec. 3 meeting.

Benefit Dinner for Christine Royles; This dinner was very successful in raising approximately \$5,500. These funds will help her tremendously with her medications and other bills. Thank you to all that helped. God Bless Paul

Religious Christmas card sales netted \$135.50 not bad. It was well received by parishes.

Help with your Christmas can and bottles- We have been collecting them for many years. They all add up, please bring them to the meetings and they will add to the pot.

On Going Volunteer Opportunity's:

2nd Thursday of each month- Wayside Community Meal at Deering Community Church on Stevens Ave. help needed from 4-7 pm for set up, food prep, serving & clean up

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and Altar Servers:

This is an opportunity for all Knights of Columbus and their families to assist our parish priests during the celebration of Mass. There are many knights that presently serve in these positions, and we are always looking for help throughout the year. Please give this opportunity some serious thought. I would be glad to discuss what is involved following the council meeting.

Prayers for Departed Brother Peter Bennett: Brother Peter recently passed after a few years of ill health. Peter was a big supporter of our council and was never lost for a few constructive words when asked and when not asked. Peter was the best of the best, God Bless Peter

Please pray: For all brothers in need/ babies that have been aborted and all of our Service Men in harm's way. God Bless - GK John M Brown – 773-6073 jbrown09@maine.rr.com

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