



Knights of Columbus

Portland Council # 101 ----

Our next Council Meeting will be on April 1 2015 @7 pm at St Pius Ch. Ocean Ave Portland

My Brothers: **"Spring is almost here" The flowers are beginning to pop up and of course "Mud Season"**

2/3 Degree; I would like to recognize Brothers Lou Profenno, Patrick Thornton, Eric Trombley for completing their 2 & 3 degree on March 22 in Sanford. It was a good size class and taught the new knights about the principals of Unity & Fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. The next 2/3 degree will be held in Westbrook@ St Anthony Ch. [basement] on April 19 @ 12:30 candidates should be there by noon – More info by our Member ship Director Greg White at the next meeting .

All 1st degree members should seriously consider advancing to the higher degrees of the order. Each degree teaches you something new about the Knights of Columbus and it is a rewarding experience. All members of the higher degrees should attend the next 2/3 degree and observe this new degree presentation.

Joint Membership Drive with council 2983 will be on April 18/19 @ St Pius Ch. 4 :30 and 9 am Masses Fr Jack will be the Celebrant. This will give us a chance to meet and greet members of St Pius parish and listen to Father giving us a good sendoff and have all knights stand and be recognized by the parish. Fourth degree members, please wear your dress Baltic to show that you are proud of being a member of the higher degree of our order.

Pro- Life: Brother Bob Laliberte is doing a great Job putting all aspect of the Pro-life issues together. Bob arranged a visit to the State Capitol for the Respect Life Day sponsored by Maine Right to Life. This gave pro-life members a chance to talk with our elected State Representatives. Bob also arranged a personal tour of ABBA, a Women's [pro-life] Resource Center here in Portland. This was a very informative tour! Bob can give you the lowdown on how to arrange a tour.

On another note, I would like to thank all members and family's for showing up at St Pius Ch. on Wednesday March 25, 2015 [short notice] for a Mass dedicated to the UnBorn Child. This is a special day to recognize all "UnBorn Babies' sponsored by the supreme council. We still have to move our memorial to the UnBorn from St Patrick's Ch. - Where would be a good place to display it?

April 4/5 @ St Pius we will be passing out baby bottles to help raise revenue for ABBA –We will retrieve them on April 18/19 weekends - More info from Bob at the coming meeting.

Community Activity- Brother Lou Profenno is on the move, he has taken on a big challenge to address [some] of the needs of the St Vincent De Paul soup kitchen. He looked into the Coat for kids program sponsored by Supreme council [more on this program come fall] and how it can help the soup kitchen clients. Lou has presented a list of BACK PACK item that St Vincent would like to have available to pass out. Toilet paper –Kleenex [small packs] –Soap {small bars} –Tooth paste & brushes –Dental floss – Peanut butter [small jars]. Lou will give us a heads up on this project.

Council Dues \$30.00 Bills were sent out in December, if you haven't paid please do so soon and avoid being suspended, please mail your CK to our Financial Secretary Ray Di Donato. If you have a financial hardship, PLEASE contact Ray [Tell. # Below] Now if you have a family member that is on the suspension list Please think about helping them with their dues Charity begins at home.

Woman's Fellowship Rummage Sale Friday /Saturday April 24/25 This is the Woman's Fellowship annual fundraiser and we knights are committed to help them set up and move heavy boxes around on Thursday 23 from 8- noon. Our council will be doing the sale on Friday 9-1 pm – If you are available please come to St Pius hall and lend a hand on Thursday and again on Saturday and help the council sell a few valuable treasures. Always a good time!

Sea Dog tickets : We still have a few books on hand for the meeting – No credit cards or checks accepted Please. Four general admission tickets for \$20.00 regular \$32.00 value a \$12.00 savings – Always a good time , Not a bad seat in the house.

Can and bottles –Please bring to the meeting and I will take them to the redemption center. This is a small but vital council fund raiser and easy for all to participate in.

This meeting we are expecting guests: State Membership Chairman Michael Bolduc and State Retention Chairman Dave McDonald They will fill us in on membership campaigns throughout the State and how we can improve our prospects for the future.

Proposed list of New Council Officer for the year of 2015 / 2016 year:

Grand Knight Paul Leblond

Deputy Grand Knight Jason Jendrasko

Treasurer William Green

Warden Christopher M Brown

Advocate Francis Egan

Recorder William McLaughlin

Lecture vacant

Chancellor vacant

Inside Guard Kevin Keniston

Outside Guard John Garrity

Trustee 1st Year Robert LaLiberte

Trustee 2nd year Robert Carignan

Trustee 3rd Year John M. Brown

If you are interested in any position please contact your Grand Knight – This is a proposed slate and changes might be made at the next meet for a final reading and voting in May. Our final meeting is on June 3 – Break

Membership/Insurance Corner

Doing your taxes? Did you know that there are products offered by the Knights, including IRAs and long-term care that are tax deductible? Contact me today to find out how the Knights can help you save some money on your taxes! It's all secured and backed by the Knights of Columbus top rated insurance agency!

We need the help of every member to increase membership. We have had success this year by bringing in 7 new members as of now, but we have had to suspend some inactive, non-paying members. As a result, we need to make a strong push these final 3-4 months of the fraternal year! Everyone should be able to come up with one name of a prospect (a neighbor, family member, co-worker, someone you see at Mass, etc.) We will be running the same contest we did in the fall. For every name you give me, you get one entry into a raffle. If they make their first degree, then you get two more entries. We will hold a raffle for a \$30 gift certificate to Bruno's Restaurant. This should be a team effort and, sadly, only one or two people have been active on this front. Let us make a strong push together! (One great recruitment opportunity might be at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner!) Recruitment Table

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God Bless and Happy Easter to all

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