

# Knights of Columbus

Portland Council 101 – March 2020 – Volume I Issue 2

## *Our Lady of Hope Parish*



### Monthly Meetings

Council 101 meets the first Wednesday of every month from September through June at the St. Pius X church hall at 7 PM.



Grand Knight..... Steven Capriola  
Financial Secretary.... Raymond DiDonato Sr  
Recorder.....William McLaughlin  
Advocate..... Eric Trombley  
Lecturer..... Andre Tranchemontagne  
Inside Guard..... Kevin Keniston  
Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year..... William Welch

Deputy Grand Knight... **Jesse Senore**  
Chancellor..... Dr. John Griffin  
Treasurer..... William Green  
Warden..... Christopher Brown  
Outside Guard..... John Garrity  
Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year..... Paul Leblond  
Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year..... Charles Noyes

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

I hope you are enjoying our monthly newsletter. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to make it better. If you have anything you would like me to add to a future newsletter please let me know. I am always looking for stories, news, information and photos to add to our newsletters.

If you wish to contact me please e-mail me at [sjcapri@maine.rr.com](mailto:sjcapri@maine.rr.com) or if you don't have e-mail you can send a note to me at 23 Saugus St., Portland, ME 04103.

Thank you and God bless you and your families!

Steve Capriola – Grand Knight Council 101

## **Upcoming Events:**

March 14<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Dinner & \$100 Raffle drawing

## **Past Events:**

Bob Laliberte redesigned our seating for our council meetings in the Knights room downstairs at the St. Pius church hall. He also added several posters which are on display in our Knights room. These posters include information about various activities that we are involved in. This includes a section for veterans and one for Maine Right to Life.

Bob also reports that the ABBA Baby Bottle Drive raised \$1848 at Our Lady of Hope Parish. This money will go toward ABBA's Resource Center. You can find out more about ABBA at their website:

<https://www.abbapregnancychoice.org/>

This January fund raiser was extended into February to aid in the collection of bottles. As a result, most bottles were returned with donations.

Unfortunately, 27 bottles were not returned. It is important to get these back otherwise it costs \$5 to replace each one of them as they are used year after year. If you have a bottle or know of someone who does please return it to us, even if there are no donations in it. Many thanks to Bob for spearheading this important fund raiser!

Our “Beef Brisket” fund raising dinner for the parish was on February 15<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 80 people. Tickets cost \$10 each which raised \$800. After expenses, which were reduced by donations of meat and dessert by the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, our council was able to present a check for \$700 to the parish.

### **Our Last Council Meeting:**

Approximately 17 brother Knights attended this meeting on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the St. Piux X church hall. We had a moment of silence for past council Grand Knight, James A. Banks, and for past Supreme Knight, Virgil C. Dechant. We also welcomed our newest council member, Michael Luna, who received his 1<sup>st</sup> degree on February 20<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony at Holy Martyrs church in Falmouth. We thank their council for hosting this, the last “1<sup>st</sup> degree only” ceremony. Going forward, new members will receive their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees all in one ceremony that will last less than an hour. The new ceremony will be open to spouses, children and others as the secrecy of our degree ceremonies comes to an end.

### **Ticket Sales:**

Bill Green has tickets for the \$100 raffle. We only sell 200 tickets so the chances of winning are much higher than most other raffles. Prizes are \$5,000; \$1,500 and \$1,000. Please help us sell these tickets. After the payouts all the money raised from this will go to local charities. Drawing is at our St. Patrick’s Day dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup> so we need tickets and money

turned in as soon as possible. Andy Litcher has tickets (\$15 each) for the dinner.

We continue to sell Sea Dogs Ticket Vouchers. A book of 4 vouchers for general admission tickets (good for any home game during the regular season except the fireworks game on July 3<sup>rd</sup>) cost just \$20. This is half the regular game day price. Contact Steve Capriola if you can help sell Sea Dogs Tickets or are interested in purchasing them for yourself.

### **Delta Church Drive:**

This is a **membership drive** that both councils at Our Lady of Hope Parish participated in over the weekend of **February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** at all masses at St. Pius X and St. Joseph churches. A final announcement will be forthcoming in the church bulletin with information for anyone who missed us over this weekend and wants to join or just to get more information about the Knights. If you know of anyone who wants to join or find out more about the Knights the link on their website is: <http://kofc.org/un/joinus>

We would like to thank Fr Paul for allowing us to conduct this membership drive and for all the priests supporting the Knights at each mass!

### **March Birthdays:**

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

John Murphy, Louis Croce, Philip Melanson, John Harvey, Timothy Thornton, Joseph Keeley, Peter Kelly, Albert Lappin Sr., Michael L'Heureux, Pasquale Napolitano, John Napolitano, Most Rev. Richard Malone, Marc Mutty, Paul Andriulli, Christopher Brown and Brian Paradis.