



# Knights Of Columbus

Portland Council # 101

Maine's Pioneer Council Since 1894

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## Life & Lent In Tennessee

As most of you know, my family and I, were transferred to Tennessee for several years during my first life. There were only a few Catholic families in our town, and most of them lived in one sub-division. My wife and I were lucky enough to purchase a home for our family in that particular sub-division.

We did have one neighbor, however, who was a Baptist. He was a heck-of-a-nice guy, but during Lent he always caused a stir for the rest of us.

Every Friday during Lent, when JD ( in all the years we lived there, we never did find out his real name. He was just JD and he called his wife Woman and the children were just Little Uns ) came home from work, he would fire up his outdoor grill and put on a few venison steaks for he and his family.

Since most of us in the sub-division were Catholics, we were forbidden to eat meat during Lent on Fridays, and the delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a temptation for the Catholic Faithful, that we finally asked our priest to come over and talk to JD and his family.

Father came over and talked to JD and finally convinced him that he and his family become Catholics.

JD consented, and after going to the proper classes and doing much study, the family was ready to be Baptized. Sue and I were the God-Parents at the family's Baptism. The Priest sprinkled them all with Holy Water and said, " You were born a Baptist, and you were raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic ".

Everyone in the neighborhood was greatly relieved, until Friday evening when JD came home from work and threw some venison steaks on the grill and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison once again wafted through the neighborhood.

Someone immediately called our Pastor, and as he rushed into JD's yard prepared to scold him, Father stopped and watched in amazement as JD, clutching a small bottle of Holy Water which he was sprinkling over the grilling meat, while saying, " you wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but, now you are a Catfish ".

Under the leadership of Brother Phil Conley our wonderful Baked Bean & Hot Dog Supper was a huge success. We were able to gross \$ 435.00. Thanks to all for helping out !

### **Help Wanted**

**On the weekends of February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Council 101 will be selling Raffle Tickets and Corned Beef Dinner Tickets after all Masses.**

**The Council 101 Annual Charity Tickets are \$100 each.**

**First Prize is \$5,000**

**Second Prize is \$1,500**

**Third Prize is \$1,000**

**The Raffle drawing will be held during our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner, March 17<sup>th</sup>, in the St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall beginning at 5:30 P.M.**

**Cost of the dinner tickets will be \$8.00 for Adults. \$3.00 for children.**

**We will also be serving Macaroni & Cheese with Hot Dogs. Plus an array of Desserts.**

**So, we need help after all the Masses over those two weekends to sell tickets in the rear of the church. If you could report to the back of the Church after Communion, it would be appreciated.**

### **Still Time Left To Buy A Raffle Ticket**

**If you haven't purchased a raffle ticket yet, there is still time to send a check for \$100 Payable to : The Knights of Columbus, Council 101**

**to:**

**Bill Green, Treasurer**

**22 Rockland Ave.**

**Portland, ME 04102**

**Remember, It's Your Council, Please Help Out If You Possibly Can**

### **Membership Drive**

**There will be a massive membership drive on the weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> \_  
Details will be forthcoming**

### **Nominations**

**The nominating committee is trying to put a slate of officers together for next year.**

**If you are interested in running for a particular office, please let Larry Beattie or John Brown know.**

**Our Monthly Bottle Drive will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> !**

**Our Monthly Business Meeting will be held at 7 P.M. on March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**All Brother Knights are urged to attend.**

***Thanks to all for continuing to support our projects, Ted Borduas, Grand Knight***