

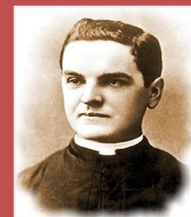
# KERN KRONICLES



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## July 2020



Brother Knights,

Welcome to our new fraternal year with a new look and name to the monthly newsletter! We are off and running with our program plans in place, restoring in-person meetings for the general

membership using a hybrid format to respect everyone's comfort level and keeping us versatile to conduct council business. A special thanks to our brothers at the Renaud Council for sharing their building space so that we can conduct our in-person meetings until space is available at St. Thomas a'Becket. Also, a special thanks to Mike and Teresa Goodhart for opening up their home by providing us meeting space to conduct our monthly Officers and Directors meeting.

We had the pleasure of having our seminarian, a parishioner from St. Thomas a'Becket that we sponsor through the RSVP Faith in Action program at this month's meeting. It was great to finally meet Matthew Kurt and have him share his background and his experience in the seminary. He is very appreciative of our council's support and looking forward to joining our council.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I said that change seems to remain constant. I shared some of the details from the leadership meetings I attended last month. One of the big changes that will help us is related to achieving our membership goals and Star Council. The formula that determines the new member requirement has reduced our quota from 11 to 8. The new insurance member requirement has been removed and

replaced with the council holding two membership drives in the fraternal year. There were several changes announced by Supreme that are coming during the new fraternal year. Other changes mentioned include the format of the Officers and Directors and the General Meeting. Once the details are communicated, they will be shared with the council. Finally, the Faith in Action program has been modified to remove the required programs within each category. We still need to complete programs to fulfill our Columbian requirement, but we have full control over the programs we participate in and complete.

Since we had no issues completing the programs in the past, the council leadership feels that we can achieve Star Council this year. Granted, with the church only open for masses at a reduced capacity, growing the council will be challenging. Now is the time to embrace our new State Deputy's theme, "Rise up and answer the call!". Most of the time, just asking someone to join brings in a new member. We are off to good start with two e-members that we will be transferring into our council.

*Stay safe and healthy.*

Vivat Jesus!

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### Awards and Recognitions

Finally, with our first in-person/hybrid (dial-in option) general council meeting, several brothers were recognized for their contributions and commitment that keeps our council strong and active.

#### *Honorary Life Membership*

The following members reached this status because they have 25 years of membership and are 70 years old. Their many years of service and support have helped grow the order, support the church and benefit our community to help make it a better place. Please join me in congratulating them!

Dennis Inman (11-1-2019)

Ed Harkins (6-14-2020)

Vince Ventura (6-24-2020)

#### *Knight of the Month*

April 2020 KOM was awarded to DGK Ed Patrick for championing the task of reconciling our council member data base and email distribution list. This was a very time-consuming effort that required him to reach out to each member of our council and verify/update their information.



He worked closely with our FS, Mike Riley to update records with Supreme. There were only a few members that did not respond. Thanks to both men and everyone responding. As a result, our communication channel has been strengthened so we can reach more of our members. Please join me in congratulating Ed!

June 2020 KOM was awarded to FS Mike Riley for persistent efforts during the member retention process and collection of outstanding dues. With



our new DGK/Retention Director at the beginning of the year learning the new position and reconciling our member data base, Mike

recognized the Retention Team needed some extra help. With Mike efforts and the COVID challenge, he helped the team secure dues from 35 members and only yield to a single member suspension. Please join me in congratulating Mike!

#### *Knight of the Year*

This award is the result of a year long devotion of hard work, compassion and drive for the good of the order. PGK Mike Goodhart has continued his passion of keeping this council focused and on task. His energy can be contagious and hopefully inspires others to accept the challenge and lead this council in some capacity.

Over the past year Mike has demonstrated



admirable leadership during activities such as the Pumpkin Painting at Family Fun Day, running the Keeping Christ in

Christmas poster contest, keeping our Facebook site current from events and publishing articles in the Chancellor.

He has tackled other efforts like coordinating a Pro-Life workshop with SJN featuring Mike Spencer, securing new MI Drive locations to maximize our fund-raising efforts and is the point person for clothing orders. Mike and Theresa were also a huge help with the council Christmas dinner.

He has been a huge help to me, especially during the time we were without a DGK. He continues to try and build our council as Membership Director. I am proud to honor Mike Goodhart as Msgr. Kern's Knight of the Year for 2019-2020. Please join me in congratulating Mike!



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## 2020 Annual Council Golf Outing

The plans for this year's annual golf outing are still on track. The outing will be Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Registration begins at 8:00 am followed by a shot gun start at 9:00 am. To register your team or just yourself, select the registration form using the link below located on our council website:

<https://www.kofc8284.org/annual-golf-outing.html>

This is great event with the proceeds donated to Open Door Ministries. Your support in this year's outing will be much appreciated and support a worthy cause. Thanks to both Rick St. Peter ([rfstpeter62@gmail.com](mailto:rfstpeter62@gmail.com)) and Jamie Bernacik ([jamiiebernacik@gmail.com](mailto:jamiiebernacik@gmail.com)) for running the point on this year's annual event. Please contact either of them with any prize or cash donations you want to contribute.

## Baby Bottle Drive

With the church building re-opening in May for mass, we were able to arrange for a baby bottle drop off cart to be placed in the gathering space. An article continues to run in the Chancellor and the eBlast to communicate the return instructions for parishioners. The cart will remain in the gathering space during the daily and weekend masses for a few weeks to help gather the outstanding baby bottles. If people are unable to drop them off at church or not yet attending mass, they can contact the council and we will arrange to pick them up. They continue to return at a slow rate. Thanks to Mike Goodhart for transporting the bottles to the AAA Pregnancy Center.

## Planning

In July, the PD, DGK and myself completed our planning session of activities and events for this fraternal year. As state restrictions and guidelines permit, we will proceed carefully with our plans. Some of these items, like the Pancake Breakfast, will be delayed because of the current situation. We will proceed with others that can be completed. We will adjust as needed to keep conditions safe for our members and the others we may be interacting

with. Explore the Faith in Action possibilities at <http://kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>. Please give Ben as much of your support as possible to help make our council efforts and programs successful!

## Upcoming Council Birthdays

Please join me in wishing a "Happy Birthday" to our council brothers celebrating a birthday next month! The following are the **August** council birthdays:

Robert D. Yancey	8-3	Randall S. Helms	8-4
Gerald L. Kerpet	8-7	Stuart R. Selewski	8-9
Joseph J. Kelly Jr. Hon Life	8-12	Stanley E. Polkowski, Honorary	8-12
Keith A. Barker	8-13	Robert G. Erdelen	8-13
Jeff J. Kramer	8-20	John T. Kish	8-24
Michael S. Manini	8-24	Andrew J. Emmert, PGK	8-27
Gregory R. Jacobs	8-28	Anthony R. Kelso	8-28
Ed P. Queen	8-29		

## In Memoriam

We honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. We also recognize them on our council memorial tower located in the parish Chapel.

For the month of **August**, please remember all our brothers:

**Lionel F. Radofski (8-17-2013)**

**Raymond J. Selewski (8-16-2014)**

**John F. Brady (8-12-2016)**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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### Let us pray

Please remember all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers. Let us form a spiritual adoption for the unborn by praying that they remain safe and one day experience a long healthy life.

### Council clothing

Need some new council "threads"? Contact Mike Goodhart ([md8284@mikofc.org](mailto:md8284@mikofc.org)) to place your orders or for any questions.

**Council website update** - Are you checking our council website regularly? If not, you are missing out on the latest news and information from the Knights of Columbus and your council. Find us at [www.kofc8284.org](http://www.kofc8284.org). Also check out our **Facebook** page from time to time for updates. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and get updates automatically on your timeline!

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### Other Key websites:

Knights of Columbus Supreme Website:  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Michigan State Knights of Columbus website:  
[www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

E-Member sign up link:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536:  
[www.kofc1536assembly.org](http://www.kofc1536assembly.org)

### Upcoming Events / Activities:

(All dates tentative, subject to state guidelines)

#### August 2020

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 6:45 pm (**Cancelled**)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Council Golf Outing 8 am @ Fellows Creek Golf Course

#### September 2020

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 6:45 pm (**Cancelled**)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Respect Life Dinner



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