

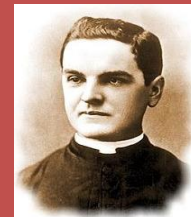
# KERN KRONICLES



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## August 2020



Brother Knights,

I hope all is well with you and your families. As we near the end of summer and begin the fall portion of our new fraternal year, several activities have been added to calendar. Of course, with the current environment, these events and activities will be somewhat scaled back to comply with the required guidelines. Granted the coronavirus is still upon us and we have learned a lot since the initial lockdown. As the state is opening in phases, we too can increase our level of activity using safe practices such as masks and gloves. The leadership team and I look forward to re-engaging the council after nearly six months of quarantine.

For example, we will be holding the MI Drive this fall during the Columbus Day weekend at Holiday Market and after each mass at St. Thomas a'Becket. We will also be working with the Parish Coat Drive team to support their effort with people to sort and bag coats and other winter wear. In our meeting with Father last fall, we were able to pull the coat drive forward so the coats could be collected and distributed in time for winter. Our annual food drive begins in September. Details will be sent out soon.

With the scaled back activities, we are also operating with limited income. At this point in time, without charity poker and pancake breakfasts, our income is basically limited to our dues. So, this year, the leadership team drafted a budget, I presented it at our general business meeting and

the council members approved it. We are still able to continue our support of many of the charities, the parish and other events/activities/groups, just at a reduced amount.

We will continue to use the hybrid meeting options to include as many members as possible. This format addresses many levels of comfort while providing everyone the ability to participate. The number of members in person and online nearly doubled this month from 15 to 28. We will continue to meet at the Renaud Council building space so that we can conduct our in-person meetings and business until space is available at St. Thomas a'Becket.

The council is off to a great start with growing our membership. We have increased the number of e-Members from one to four during this month. One e-Member completed the Exemplification this month and is now a full Knight with our council.

Remember, most of the time, just asking someone to join brings in a new member.

*Stay safe and healthy.*

Vivat Jesus!

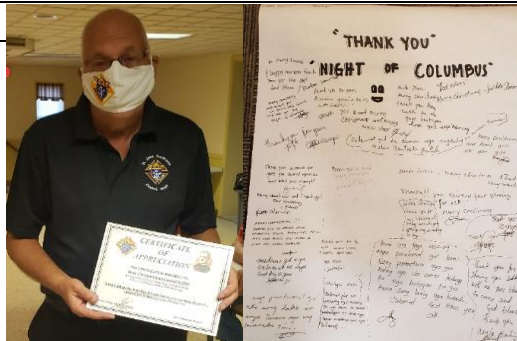
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### Awards and Recognitions

This month we received a poster of thanks from recipients of the Christmas in the Philippines program we have supported for many years. Ron Rathbun delivered the gratitude poster along with a certificate of appreciation.



Bill with his responsibilities as Life Director. Both Bill and Mary are very involved in the church through the various committees, functions and events at the parish. They are both Greeters before mass, work at the social Sunday receptions known as Café a'Becket and attend many of the Life events such as Respect Life Michigan dinner and the AAA Pregnancy Dinner. They also attend the faith fellowship group meetings and volunteer at the parish picnic. Bill and Mary are involved in the surrounding community activities as volunteers and interfacing with the community via such events like MI Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll). They are also active in the parish community as volunteers during social events and organized faith programs. The Des Ormeau family is chosen by this council as our Family of the Year nominee because of their strong stewardship of leading by example, their contribution to the parish, commitment to faith and support of this council and an active member/family.

### New Member

Please join me in giving our new member Matthew Kurt a warm welcome to our council. Matthew joined as an e-Member in July and completed the Exemplification in August. He is also a seminarian from our parish that we support.



### Programs & Planning

This fraternal year started off to be very challenging. After we worked through our initial planning session, we were able to develop a strong flexible plan to keep the council active and supportive. The planning also included drafting and approving a financial budget for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. With income very limited currently, we can continue support of many charities with a scaled approach. Our first action was providing continued support for the parish school supplies drive with a donation to purchase back packs and obtain program credit under Helping Hands (Community). Additionally, we approved another year of support for seminarian Matthew Kurt, member of our parish under the RSVP (Faith) program. Fall is the usual time we begin to accelerate our activities and events. This year is no exception! Working in this current environment, we are moving forward with the MI Drive, Coat (for Kids) Drive (Mercy in Action), Food Drive and adding the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. They may look a little different as we move forward to uphold our organizational mission. Our council still needs your help!

### Family of the Year

This award, like the Knight of the year, is the result of a year-long devotion of hard work, compassion and commitment of the Des Ormeau family. Bill first became a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1985. After a period of time, Bill was recruited and rejoined the Knights of Columbus at the Kern Council in 2014. Since that time, he has been an active member and participating in many events. His wife Mary has also participated in many of the events and contributed to support





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### Annual Men's Retreat

Need somewhere to get away from the everyday challenges and refresh yourself spiritually? There is still time to register for this year's retreat at the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. See the Chancellor for details or contact Dennis O'Beirne at (734) 233-3336 / Manny Colon at (734) 812-1402.

### 2020 Annual Council Golf Outing

Congratulations to Bob Cieslak, Bob Yancey, George Peters and Fr. Terry Trippa as winners of this year's outing. Also, Closest to the pin winners: Mike Blazejewski, Paul Carmody and Straightest drive to Paul Herman.



This year's annual golf outing was welcomed with a great turnout. The event was held again, at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>. The fundraiser draws a wonderful mix of Knights, families and the opportunity to meet new people. The proceeds from this year's outing will be donated to Open Door Ministries. Your support is much appreciated for such a worthy cause. Thanks to both Rick St. Peter and Jamie Bernacik for running the point on this year's annual event. Thanks to everyone participating in the event and for those donating items and cash towards prizes.

### Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Joseph R. Traciak	9-1	James F. Malinowski	9-19
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Michael D. Goodhart, PGK	9-2	Charles E. Gury	9-24
Robert D. Platter, Jr.	9-4	Paul F. Slavin, Honorary	9-25
Aaron F. Poyer	9-4	Michael P. Mackley	9-26
Richard J. Lister	9-10	Wesley D. Anderson	9-28
John S. Spencer, Hon Life	9-13	Charles E. Craven, Hon Life	9-28
Michael P. Middel, Honorary	9-14	Edward D. Patrick	9-28
Peter F. Frola, Honorary Life	9-17	Kevin Burke	9-29

### 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 **September**, please remember all our brothers:

- Stanley F. Dziuba (9-8-2007)**
- Thaddeus M. Plaza (9-30-2008)**
- Gerald J. Ross (9-19-2016)**

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

### 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.



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**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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**Upcoming Events / Activities:**

(All dates tentative, subject to state guidelines)

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 – Food Drive	
• 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> - Men’s Retreat	

October 2020	
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am	
• 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> - MI Drive	
• 11 <sup>th</sup> - Coat Drive – sorting	
• 15 <sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm	
• 18 <sup>th</sup> - Coat Drive - sorting	
• 21 <sup>st</sup> - Rosary 6:45 pm (Cancelled)	
• 21 <sup>st</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building – Food Drive	

**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:  
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