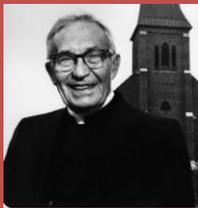


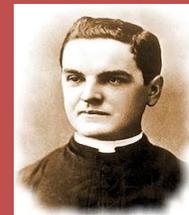
# KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



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## September 2020



Brother Knights,

The fall is here and so are the Knights from the Kern Council. Yes, this is normally the busiest time of year for us. And, this year is no exception. As I said last month, we continue to move

forward with the appropriate precautions in place. In just a couple of weeks we are holding the annual fall MI Drive to raise funds for or designated charities Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and Michigan Special Olympics. These organizations rely on all the great work we do to help support them financially. That's why it's so important for everyone to contribute just a small amount of your time by participating in the council events and activities. Of course, remember to wear your **Red** shirt. In October, just two hours of your time will cover one shift for this year's MI Drive and/or help at the parish coat drive. The links to sign up are provided in the emails. You will need a mask and gloves to help. If you need assistance signing up, just give me a call.

Other ways to re-engage is attending mass. Of course, remember to wear your **Red** shirt! I was very happy to see so many brothers and their families at this month's Mass on the Grass service held by the parish on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. We are also collecting non-perishables for this fall's annual food drive during October and November. Please drop off can goods and other items in the gathering space at church and mark your bags "K of C" so that it will get to the council. The Holy Cross Services annual drive is running

over the next two months as well to collect sweatshirts, toiletry items and gifts cards. Those too can be brought to church and labeled "K of C" on the package by November 22nd. The types of items needed were included in a previous email. Let me know if need the info.

With the scaled back activities and operating with limited income, your participation becomes even more important. Many of our Faith in Action programs (listed later) focus on providing physical and spiritual participation. For example, we will continue with some of our traditional events like the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and the Novena for Life. There are some new programs like the Catholic Citizens Essay Contest and A Mass for People with Special Needs. 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.

Once again, this month, we were able to bring in one of our e-Members as Matthew Kubit completed the online Exemplification. The council is off to a great start with growing our membership. We still have a way to go. 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

### New Member



Please join me in giving our new member Matthew Kubit a warm welcome to our council. Matthew joined as an e-Member in March and completed the

Exemplification in September. He looks forward to supporting our council and being involved.

He makes sure the newsletters are uploaded to our site, the calendar is current and pictures are added. We proudly award Ed Harkins, PGK as Knight of the Month for September 2020!

### 2020 Council Golf League

The season got off to a delayed start due to COVID and fortunately completed a 10-week season. The season wrapped up with a BBQ banquet hosted by Mike Goodhart in his backyard. Pictured below, from left to right, Dan Stechschulte (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Mike Blazejewski (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Mike Goodhart (League Co-Chair) and John Spillson (Winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toilet Bowl Award). Not pictured is Tim Majors (League Co-Chair) and Bob Yancey (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

### Family of the Month

This month, the theme was a group of people with something in common. These men are known as the Council Golf League and Outing Leadership Team.



There are many hours of planning, organizing, calculating, prize-raising and just work that goes into our golf league and annual golf outing. These men donate a lot of their time to keep this tradition a fun and successful opportunity for each and every member of this council, our parish and local community to participate.

The results provide a large impact to local charities with the monetary donations from this council's efforts. The FOM is Golf League (Mike Goodhart - PGK, Tim Magers-not available for photo) and Golf Outing (Rick St. Peter - PGK, Jamie Bernacik - PGK). Funds raised reported as a donation in other FIA programs (see below).

### Knight of the Month

This brother is recognized for his dedicated work of keeping our website current and many contributions to our Facebook page.



Many of the players attended the festivities, including special guest Nancy Austin representing the AAA

Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia. Because of the generosity of the players through green fees, raffles, mulligans and straight out donations, the council provided Nancy with a check for \$1,792.00 for the Center. Congratulations to the winners and all the players! Your contributions to saving a life was very appreciated by Center Director Peggie Roberts when Mike Goodhart and I delivered the check.



A group picture of the league members and Nancy taken at the banquet.



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## 2020 Golf Outing Donation

As I mentioned last month, the recipient of this year's Council Golf Outing is Open Door Ministry food pantry in Canton. Our \$3,149 donation translate into more than \$31,000 worth of food provided to families in need in our local community.



Pictured below are for the check presentation are Mr. & Mrs. Steven Darr along with (L-R) Larry Guastella, Rick St. Peter and Jamie Bernacik.



## Annual Men's Retreat

Another successful retreat at St. Paul of the Cross this past weekend. Several men from St. Thomas a'Becket, including our brother Knights experienced a time of prayer, relaxation and social interaction. Thanks to Dennis O'Beirne and Manny Colon coordinating from our parish. Need somewhere to get away from the everyday challenges and refresh yourself spiritually? This annual event always receives high marks. Consider it next year.

## Programs & Planning

To give you an idea of our fraternal year plan, I have included a chart below to summarize the Faith in Action programs for our council.

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.

Category	Program	Description
Faith	RSVP	Sponsor seminarians
	Rosary	Monthly prior to council meetings
	Sacramental Gifts	Casey Bears for Baptism / rosary rings
	Spiritual Reflection	Men's retreat
Family	Food for Families	Golf outing donation
	Family of the Month	Awarded at least quarterly
	Keep Christ in Christmas	Contest open to parishioners
	Consecration to the Holy Family	Distribute prayer cards & Fr. Celebrates mass
Community	Free Throw Contest	Community wide contest for the youth
	Helping Hands	Parish School supply drive
	Global Wheelchair	Provide a wheelchair for local person
	Coats for Kids	Provide coats locally to via parish coat drive
	Essay Contest	Catholic Citizenship Essay contest
Life	Special Olympics	Support via MI Drive
	Pregnancy Center	Golf league donation
	Refugee Relief	Christmas in the Philippines
	Novena for Life	RTL director: prayer for 9 days
	Special Needs Mass	Mass for people with special needs

Our council still needs your help!



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### Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Arthur V. Carinci, Hon Life	10-1	Dan E. Farnstrom	10-17
Steven J. Celeste	10-2	William E. Des Ormeau	10-20
Ronald F. Drabicki, Honorary	10-3	Jorge L. Villanueva	10-21
Lucas A. Phan	10-4	Danny J. Perkovich	10-26
Jody A. Mockridge	10-5	Leonard J. Rosiewicz, Hon Life	10-27
Mark R. Miranda	10-9	Robert H. Polzin, Honorary	10-29

### In Memoriam

We closed out the month on a sad note with the passing of Brother Paul Pucci, age 87 (September 25) and his wife Sandy Pucci, age 82 (September 19). Paul joined the Knights of Columbus in 1964 and is a member of the Patriot (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree. We thank him for his service to the Knights and our military. Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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. Keep November 15<sup>th</sup> open - See Calendar.

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

**Rev Timothy F. Babcock (10-1-2019)**  
**Raymond P. Ernst (10-5-2019)**  
**Julian T. Kozlowski (10-19-2005)**  
**Chester F. Sobell (10-24-2006)**

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.

### 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)

St. Thomas a'Becket:

<https://abecket.org>

**Upcoming Events / Activities:**

(All dates tentative, subject to state guidelines)

**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 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)
- 21<sup>st</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building – Food Drive

**November 2020**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Mass for Deceased Members of the Kern council 10 am
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building



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