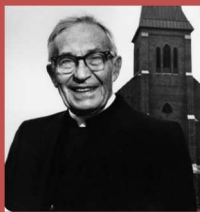


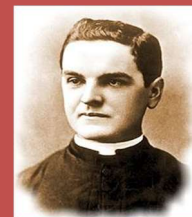
KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

November 2020



Brother Knights,

With the beginning of the traditional holiday season getting underway this past week, it was not like celebrations of the past. However you were able to gather for Thanksgiving, I hope you

created new memories, reminisced of the old and enjoyed the holiday. As we continue through the month of December, let's keep our focus on Christ and enjoy the Christmas season with our family and friends.

In the month of November, we kicked off the start of two contests involving the youth of our parish. We continue with the annual Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest. New this year, we have also included the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. See more details under Programs and Planning. Perfect event for the kids while at home!

This month, we reached 50% of our membership objective. We continue to grow our membership council one member at a time. The secret is simple. Just ask! The process to join is very easy. Men interested in the Knights can join online as an e-Member for free to check out the Knights. Have the prospect just enter the promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** when signing up through December 31st. Help your council reach our goal!

Unfortunately, we will not be gathering as a council in December for our traditional Christmas Dinner celebration. Like many events and activities, this pandemic has impacted our lives, our calendars

and our plans. This is one of those events that is best to be done as group in person. Let us look forward to the times we can gather once again.

Taking place in December, I invite you and your families to attend a Sunday mass to celebrate Consecration to the Holy Family on December 27th. This year we will not be passing out prayer cards the week prior to the celebration. Although we will not be able to sit together as a council during these events, we can still express our unity by wearing our **Red** shirt to this mass and all masses.

My wife Cali and I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Merry Christ and New Year!

Stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Guastella
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Awards and Recognitions

New Members



This month we exemplified two new members into our council. Both were previous e-members and were transferred to our council after completing the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity this month. Please join me in giving our new members Mike Blazejewski (pictured) and Robert Joynt a warm welcome to our council. Both men are excited about joining the council and look forward to being involved.

Knight of the Month



John Maclean was a key contributor to last month's Parish Coat Drive event. He volunteered for multiple shifts to help with the inspecting, sorting and bagging of the coats. The drive spanned over three weekends. John also stepped up to load up the many bags of coats and winter ware and deliver them to the designated charities. Congratulations to John for going the extra mile and the recipient of Kern Council's Knight of the Month for November!

Family of the Month

The success of this year's coat drive was a result of a unified team lead by Stef Clewley and Cathy Bammel from our St. Thomas a'Becket parish and brother Knights from our council. The common goal to collect as many coats and winter ware as possible, sort them, bag them and deliver them to the designated local charities. After three weekends of the drive, we collected over 1,100 coats and various other winter type items including gloves, scarves and hats. All of this was made possible by the planning, organizing, hard work and determined execution of Stef and Cathy. This was the second year the council participated with a

financial donation as well as numerous volunteer hours.

We as Knights are blessed to have the opportunity to work with the both of them and support such a selfless act of kindness. In recognition of all the countless hours of hard work, we are excited to award them as November 2020 Family of the Month from the Msgr. Clement H. Kern Knights of Columbus Council 8284. Congratulations Stef and Cathy!

2020 Remembrance Mass

This year we celebrated the remembrance mass recognizing all our brothers that have passed into eternal life during our Corporate Communion. Although many could not attend mass during these times, the number of Knights and their families in attendance was very impressive given the gathering restrictions currently in place. We were just light of last year's crowd. Many thanks to all at mass to celebrate the life of our brothers!



Programs & Planning

When they say a picture is worth a thousand words, well it truly is. In a recent Baptism, the Molinski family was gracious to share a picture with their newly baptized child enjoying the sacramental bear gift from our council.



Even though we have faced an ever-changing list of challenges, we have been very busy working through the events and activities. We have launched a couple of programs this month that will wrap up in December and January. The council needs your help getting to word out to grow the participation. The annual Keep Christ in Christmas



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poster contest in under way primarily for the young children of the parish. This always a great joy to see how these children view Christ in Christmas.

New this year, we also have launched the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for the teens of our parish. Between both programs, the youth of our parish community are invited to take place in fun activities sponsored by our council they can complete at home. Details are in the Chancellor, on our Facebook page or you can contact PGK Mike Goodhart (md8284@mikofc.org) with your questions.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Michael L. Jewett	12-9	Ernest A. Cesarone	12-18
David P. Trost	12-10	Thaddeus R. Bonkowski	12-24
Matthew D. Kurt	12-12	Lawrence F. Guastella, GK	12-26
William T. Simmerer, PGK,H Life	12-12	David M. Costyk, Hon Life	12-27
David J. Nowicki	12-15	David C. Lengel, PGK	12-27

In Memoriam

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

For the month of **December**, please remember all our brothers that have gone before us.

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) 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. 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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Note: If you have information, articles or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Guastella, our Newsletter Editor, at lguastel@gmail.com or gk8284@mikofc.org



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Other Key websites:

Knights of Columbus Supreme Website:

www.kofc.org

Michigan State Knights of Columbus website:

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

St. Thomas a'Becket:

<https://abecket.org>

Upcoming Events / Activities:

(All dates tentative, subject to state guidelines)

December 2020

- 2nd - Officers meeting 6:45 pm @ On-line
- 2nd - Fraternal Benefits 7 pm @ On-line
- 4th - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 16th - Rosary 7:00 pm – prior to meeting
- 16th - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building
- 27th - Mass for Consecration to the Holy Family

January 2021

- 8th - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 9-10th - Membership Drive (tentative)
- 14th - Officers meeting 7 pm @ Renaud Council Building
- 20th - Rosary 7:00 pm – prior to meeting
- 20th - General meeting 7:30 pm @ Renaud Council Building
- 21st - Begin 9-day Novena for Life
- 24th - Free Throw Contest



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