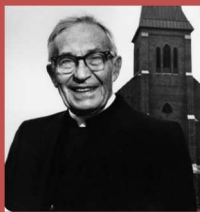


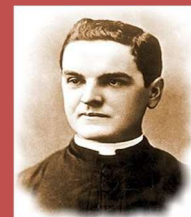
# KERN KRONICLES



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## December 2020



Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas. For most, it was probably a very different kind of celebration with all of us making the best of the day in our own way. Hopefully with the vaccine administration underway, we have begun to turn the corner and hope has become even brighter.

This month we continued our good work at a reduced pace. Unfortunately, we were not able to enjoy some of our traditional events and activities like Breakfast with Santa and our Council Christmas Dinner. The breakfast is a great activity where the youth run the entire event under supervision of brother Knights from prep to clean up. The Christmas dinner highlights normally include great homemade dishes brought by the families to share. These are always fun events and we look forward to sharing once again in 2021.

On the bright side, we held the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest with several of our parish youth participating. We also held our first ever Catholic Citizenship Essay contest for the teens of our parish. Both contests produced outstanding entries of creativity. Prizes will be awarded in January. Many thanks to all of you that joined the Fraternal benefits night provided by our Michigan based insurance team. At the end of December, the Consecration to the Holy Family was celebrated at weekend masses. Working closely with Kevin Ryan, we were able to distribute the

prayer card for this celebration by including an electronic version as a link in the Chancellor.

I have included a summary of our 2020 events, activities and donations. The list is truly amazing considering that over 75% of the year we have been under various levels of lock down in our state. Thanks to all of you that have participated in, lead and supported the council's efforts this calendar year. In January we begin a new calendar year for the second half of our fraternal year with a Novena for Life. We will continue to address the challenges we encounter as they arise so that we as Knights remain committed to our pillars of Charity, Fraternity and Unity.

I am pleased to report we are getting closer to our membership requirement for this fraternal year. We are only three new members away from reaching our goal. We do have a great opportunity to achieve Star Council this year. There are only a few items to complete, with membership being the most difficult. Remember, most of the time, just asking someone to join brings in a new member. That someone can be a friend, a neighbor, an uncle, a brother, a parent, a nephew or even a cousin. The requirements are simple, he must be Catholic and at least 18 years old.

*Stay safe and healthy.*

Vivat Jesus!

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### Awards and Recognitions

Watch for the results of the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest in the January newsletter.

### Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard



Earlier in the year we donated funds with a group of councils to support the annual effort of sponsoring a

billboard to keep this message alive. It's important to remind us all the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to Council #2723 for sharing the photo.

### Fraternal Benefits Night

At the beginning of the month our state of Michigan insurance agents hosted a fraternity benefits night webinar named "Don't Worry, Retire Happy" featuring the Tom Henga sharing his expertise on financial planning for retirement. The session included information for those working and already retired. Over 1,400 people participated in the webinar which ran for 60 minutes with Q & A at the end. Thanks to our council members for attending as we surpassed the required number of participates to receive credit for the event. Watch for a second webinar in the Spring.

### Consecration to the Holy Family



On December 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the actual Consecration to the Holy Family during Sunday mass. In years past, we handed out prayer cards the week before to prepare parishioners for the celebration. As with many of plans in 2020, that changed, and the prayer card was distributed electronically via the Chancellor.

### Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Basil U. Opara	1-1	David P. Darkowski	1-17
Dennis R. Thinel	1-3	Bryan D. Chemotti	1-23
Jeffrey A. Nardecchia	1-6	Robert S. Craighead	1-24
Andrew J. St Peter	1-15	Ronald S. Baj	1-26
Alexander E. Brown	1-16	Thomas A. Rhein	1-26
Timothy R. Magers,	1-16		
Honorary Life			

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

**Robert Sultana (1-18-2006)**

**Wayne A. Buchanec (1-12-2010)**

**Brian K. Metzger (1-27-2019)**

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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## Programs & Planning

Despite the headwinds of 2020, we were able to remain an active and supportive council through this pandemic. Of course, some events/activities were cancelled. The following is a summary of our works and commitment to our charities, community and parish. Thanks to all that made it possible!

Service Hours	FIA	Donations	Expenses
	Other		\$3,118.00
8.6	Faith	\$1,967.00	\$0.00
50	Family	\$251.00	\$86.06
478	Community	\$8,755.00	\$8,117.71
424	Life	\$1,912.00	\$5,708.12
961	Total	\$12,885	\$17,029.89

Year 2020

### Activities

### Donations

Baby Bottle Campaign  
 Baccalaureate Breakfast - High School Grads  
 Breakfast with Santa\*  
 Catholic Citizenship Essay contest  
 Card / game night\*  
 Charity Poker\*  
 Christ in Christmas Poster contest  
 Consecration to the Holy Family  
 Corporate Communion  
 Council Christmas Dinner\*  
 Council Golf League  
 Council Golf Outing  
 Council Picnic\*  
 Family Dinner Night  
 Family Fun Day\*  
 Free Throw contest  
 Men's retreat  
 Michigan Special Olympic - Canton\*  
 Milestone Wedding Anniversary event  
 Monthly morning mass  
 Novena for Life  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 Parish Picnic\*  
 Parishioners Remembrance Mass Reception\*  
 Pumpkin Painting contest\*  
 Red Cross Blood Drive phone calls  
 Respect for Life Dinner\*  
 Rosary

AAA Pregnancy Resource Ctr  
 Angel's Place  
 Boysville/Holy Cross Services  
 Capuchins  
 Casey Bears for Baptism  
 Coats for Kids  
 Confirmation class Rosary donation  
 Elizabeth foundation (Philippines)  
 First Step Shelter (LAOH Chocolate Affair)  
 Mercy in Action - parish support  
 MI (Tootsie roll) Drive  
 Michigan Special Olympics  
 Mom Prom\*\*  
 Motor City Wheels - wheel chair  
 Parish School Supplies (back pack) program  
 Respect for Life  
 SHMS Tuition Assistance  
 SMA Fathers  
 Sponsor parish baseball team\*\*  
 Sponsor Seminarian Matthew Kurt  
 St. Louis Center  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 Support Supreme programs  
 Take 10  
 Ultra Sound Donation (K of C - state)

\*Activities cancelled due to COVID19

\*\*Use of funds deferred to 2021



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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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### 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)

#### January 2021

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

#### February 2021

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - virtual
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm – virtual



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