

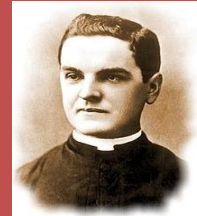
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Fr. Clement H. Kern



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

January 2021



Brother Knights,

Last month I provided you with the year-end summary of our council from a calendar year perspective. We were able to accomplish many of our goals and still support many of our charities. Now that we have completed the first half of our fraternal year, let me share the state of our council thus far.

The adoption of our fraternal year budget has been very advantageous in keeping us focused with our financial goals. We have been able to support the parish, the community and council charities. We are on track to adhere to our budget and continue with our programs. Thanks to all of you that have already paid your dues for 2021 and participated in the voluntary donations. If you have not received your dues notice, please let me know so we can have our Worthy FS resend it to you.

We have been working over the past couple of months to launch another program aimed at the well-being of our members. Our program is called No Brother Left Behind. We created our own version of Supreme's Leave No Neighbor Behind. The idea is to keep in touch with our brothers, keep them informed of upcoming events/activities, see if we can be of help and just having conversation.

This pandemic has been a long haul for all of us and some of our brothers have been had to take even stricter precautions to remain healthy and safe. Our council volunteers to will be reaching out to our brothers with a phone call of compassion in hopes of helping us all through these difficult times.

This month we implemented the new meeting format for the General Business Meeting. During the past year, Supreme has been making a lot of changes. The new format has trimmed much of the formal reporting with intent to reduce the meeting time and increase the social time. This structure will permit more time after the meeting for fraternity while shifting some of the business to the Officers meeting.

In a couple of months, we will begin preparation for the next fraternal year. That includes accepting nominations for Council Officers for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. Yes, that means you can nominate someone or yourself too! The council can use your help in forming its future. There are also a number of Director positions and committee spots to consider. At the end of this newsletter, there is a list of the Officer and Director positions for our council. If you are interested in a position and need more information, please let me know and I will send you the details.

The February General Meeting will be a week later due to Ash Wednesday falling on our normal meeting day, the third Wednesday of the month.

Stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Guastella
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Awards and Recognitions

Family of the Month

In December, we needed additional assistance to facilitate this year's Consecration to the Holy Family mass celebration. We were fortunate to receive help from our parish Music Ministry family. The director, Kevin Ryan, leveraged his skills to help us electronically distribute the prayer cards that we normally hand out in person, using the parish website and providing a link in the Chancellor. With all the COVID restrictions in place, this was the key piece for us to reach the parishioners and our members.



He also coordinated the publication and awareness of the event through the various media channels at the parish, along with mass announcements to include the entire parish community in the celebration.

We salute Kevin Ryan and the Music Ministry for a very successful event and recognize them as Family of the Month for January 2021!

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

As mentioned last month, this program was new for our council this fraternal year. Thanks to Mike Goodhart for heading up this event. After review of the criteria from our panel of judges, we are excited to announce there are two winners of this year's contest. Both essays were well written and conformed to the requirements. Of course, that made the decision of our judges for the top two places equally challenging. In the end, it was Abigail edging out her brother Evan for the top prize. She will receive a tablet donated by Patrick Gauthier, parish Youth Group leader, and a gift card from the council to Buffalo Wild Wings. Congratulations to our winners!

Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

With all the challenges in place, especially around the holidays, we were excited to receive so many entries this year in the annual event. There were 8 winners of the poster contest. All winners received a personalized laminated certificate accompanied with an embossed parish gold seal, their winning poster published in the Chancellor and we will issue our traditional Pancake Breakfast certificate once we are permitted to resume breakfast operations at the church. Many thanks to all that entered the contest and Mike Goodhart for running the point on this contest. Congratulations to all our winners!

2020 Winning Posters!



MALLORY BROADWATER



MILA KOKINASIDIS



MYAH SALAH



MADLYN SALAH



FELECIA FERRACCILO



FINN BUCKHOLT



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Programs & Planning

We are moving at a very good pace to complete all our required programs this fraternal year. We have also been able to successfully complete voluntary events and activities in person and virtually. Please continue to help the council be an asset to the parish and community by answering the call when we reach out for help.

The Spring MI Drive planning is under way even though we are in the middle of winter. We are continuing with the same plan from our very successful fall Columbus Day weekend drive. The locations secured at this time are Holiday Market Friday through Sunday (March 26 – 28) and at church after masses Saturday and Sunday (March 27 & 28). There will be an online option again through the “Go Fund Me” app. Each location will be equipped with a QR code for people that want to support the drive and don’t have cash with them. Watch for the sign up link in early March. The council only asks for two hours of your time to volunteer for a shift that supports our charities of choice.

Novena for Life

The annual March for Life event is supported by our council in prayer. Thanks to Bill and Mary DesOrmeau for heading up this program. The daily prayer gives us unity and strength to support life as a council and a nation. Hopefully many of us were able to participate in this year’s novena.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Kenneth W. Pietryga, PGK	2-17
Michael J. Riley, FS	2-21
Vincent P. Ventura, PGK, Hon Life	2-24
David G. Pawczuk	2-25
Stephen J. Vargo	2-25
Glen H. Rossow	2-28

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 in the parish Chapel.

For the month of **February**, remember our brothers:

Charles J. Mayfield (2-2-1999)

Carl J. Krawczyk (2-1-2014)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all of our deceased brothers 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.

If there is someone you would like the council to pray for, please send me an email and we will add them to our prayer list for brothers to include.

Current prayer list includes

Duane Pietryga
Kathy McCann
Jerome Lengel
Joe Nader, Jr
Magers Family
Al Clark
Kathy Inman
Charley Rhein
Joseph Nader
Tom Csati
Frank Austin
Kayla Krogol
All Brothers Impacted by COVID 19
Bob Yancey
Marge Rosiewicz
Krystyna Zacny
Leah Stevens



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 lquastel@gmail.com or gk8284@mikofc.org

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)

February 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 10th - Officers meeting 7 pm - virtual • 24th - General meeting 7:30 pm – virtual

March 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 7th - Corporate Communion 10 am mass • 10th - Officers meeting 7 pm - virtual • 24th - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting) • 24th - General meeting 7:30 pm – Hybrid • 26th - 28th Spring MI Drive

2021 Palm Sunday Weekend MI Drive

Coming soon!

The screenshot shows a GoFundMe page for the "2021 Spring MI Drive - K of C Council 8284". At the top, there are navigation links for "Search", "How it works", and "Start a GoFundMe", along with the "gofundme" logo. The main heading is "2021 Spring MI Drive - K of C Council 8284". Below the heading, there are three photos: one of a group of people at "Angels Place", one of a person holding a "Thank You" sign, and one of a person in a blue shirt and cap. On the right side, there is a progress bar showing a "\$2,500 goal" and a "Become Your do" button.



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