

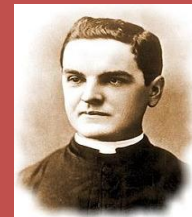
# KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



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## February 2021



Brother Knights,

This month is normally a very busy month for our council with our Pancake Breakfast, council audit, Corporate Communion and kick off the parish Lenten program. Of course, we are not in normal

times, so we continue to be creative. This year we were fortunate to complete our activities in February through virtual means. We implemented a new program called No Brother Left Behind with very positive feedback shared later under programs. We welcomed two additional e-Members this month and look forward to engaging them in our events and activities. We are only ONE new member away from achieving our Star Council target.

Going forward, we will celebrate a Corporate Communion in March following current guidelines. That means attending mass and not sitting together as a group due to the current sitting format in the church. You can still bring your family and of course, wear your RED council shirt! It has been a year since we entered in an abrupt shutdown due to COVID. Unfortunately, the annual Baby Bottle drive for the AAA Pregnancy Center was well underway and many of the bottles did not get returned during Lent last year. If you still have a bottle, consider finishing last year's Lenten journey and return the bottle you received last year.

From the financial side, we have received a good response from everyone sending in their dues. Thank you for your prompt response. If you have not received your dues invoice, please let me know.

In March, our council retention team will begin reaching out to brothers that have not responded to the 2021 dues request. Another way to support the council in these times is by selling the raffle tickets you received in December from the State Council. The prizes range from various vacation locations and CASH to spend during your vacation get away. The added benefit for our members to sell these raffle tickets is that we will receive \$1.00 for each \$5.00 raffle ticket sold. Help our council financially while helping the State Council fund-raise for their charitable programs, **SELL STATE COUNCIL RAFFLE TICKETS!**

Next month, we will be accepting nominations for the 2021-2022 fraternal year Council Officers. Yes, that means you can nominate someone or yourself too! The council can use your help in forming its future. There are also several Director and Committee positions 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.

We congratulate our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on his retirement and thank him for his dedication and service in leading the Knights of Columbus for the past 20 years!

*Stay safe and healthy.*

Vivat Jesus!

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## Awards and Recognitions

### ***Knight of the Month***

Our Knight of the Month for February is PGK Mike Goodhart. This year's



challenges did not slow our PGK's drive to keep our council active. He continued to lead the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The people of the parish responded with eight entries from children of various ages. He championed the

program from start to finish, including delivery of the awards to the winners. He also facilitated a new program for our council that inspired the teens of the parish. The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest took place during the same time as the poster contest. Congratulations to Mike Goodhart!

### ***New e-Members***

This month we are fortunate to have two new e-Members join the Knights of Columbus. Our new members are Joe Neme and Mike Roby. They will officially join our council in March after completing the Exemplification ceremony. More information will follow in March.

## Programs & Planning

The Leave No Brother Behind program implemented this month was welcomed by so many of our members with great participation. Thanks to our many volunteers that helped by reaching out to our members via phone calls and email. A special thanks to David Trost for leading up the program, organizing the volunteers and gathering all the feedback. We were able to reach nearly all of our brothers to see how they and their families are doing, understand if they have any physical or special needs we could assist with and include prayer requests they may have.

All in all, it has been a great outreach program for members to interact during these challenging times. In some instances, future contacts have been established to follow up with some of our members, we have received updated information and been able satisfy needs of others.

The Spring MI Drive planning is under way even though it is not officially Spring. 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 is an online option again through the "Go Fund Me" app. Each location will be equipped with a QR code (below) for people that want to support the drive and don't have cash with them. An email was sent out following our February 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting with the sign-up link (below). The council only asks for two hours of your time to volunteer for a shift that supports our charities of choice.

*MI Drive Signup and Donation links:*

### **Signup:**

[March 2021 Tootsie Roll Drive at Holiday Market Sign-up](#)

[March 2021 Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass Sign-up](#)

### **Donation:**



Just scan this bar code with your phone or use this link [\*\*Go Fund Me - MI Drive\*\*](#) to make a donation. Please continue to help the council be an asset to the parish and community by answering the call when we reach out for help to make a difference!



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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 **March** council birthdays:

Francis S. Dziuban	3-03
Reverend Christopher P. Maus	3-03
Obioma Opara	3-16
James L. Allen, Hon Life	3-18
Dennis P. McCann, PFN	3-18
Philip J. Moran, Honorary Life	3-19
Thomas J. Alberty, Honorary	3-23
Ralph F. Guastella	3-24
Christopher Paul	3-26
Dennis R. Inman, Hon Life	3-28
Matthew Zehel	3-29
Timothy P. Higgins	3-31
Dennis M. Lipski, PFN	3-31

**Current prayer list includes**

Duane Pietryga
Kathy McCann
Jerome Lengel
Joe Nader, Jr
Al Clark
Kathy Inman
Charley Rhein
Joseph Nader
Tom Csati
Frank Austin
Kayla Krogol
All Brothers Impacted by COVID 19
Krystyna Zacny
Pat Ward
Sophia Dutkiewicz
Ron Fournier
Kathleen Bonkowski
Dan Corby

**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 **March**, remember our brothers:  
**Pray for all our brothers that have passed.**

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.



**Pray the Rosary**



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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)

March 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> - Corporate Communion 10 am mass</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>24<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)</li> <li>24<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Spring MI Drive</li> </ul>

April 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am</li> <li>15<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>21<sup>st</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)</li> <li>21<sup>st</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>28<sup>th</sup> - Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night 7 pm</li> </ul>

2021 Palm Sunday Weekend MI Drive

*Coming soon!*



### 2021 Spring MI Drive - K of C Council 8284





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