

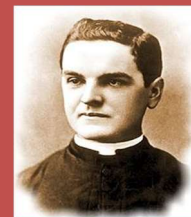
# KERN KRONICLES



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## March 2021



Brother Knights,

Spring has officially arrived. And with that, our annual MI (Tootsie roll) Drive. We followed the same plan as last fall with a single location in addition to the normal after mass points at church. This

Spring's drive exceeded the Fall drive with another successful program. Special thanks to all our brothers that volunteered their time by working shifts for the cause and to all of you that donated either in in-person or through the online option. The council leveraged a matching funds offer from the State Council by directly donating to the St. Louis Center to increase the benefit to the SLC.

We resumed meeting in-person once again at the Renaud Council's building in Plymouth. Attendance is still down from pre-COVID days, but we are getting several brothers at the meetings and online. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, consider joining us in April. We officially kick off Officer nominations for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year in April. Filling these positions is very important to the operation and future of the council. The nominations continue through the May General Meeting, concluding with the actual election. Most positions don't require a lot of time. You can even nominate yourself if you are interested!

Earlier this month we gathered at 10:00 Sunday mass for a council Corporate Communion. It was great to see a number of our brothers in their Red shirts with their families. This is still an event everyone attending mass can participate in. We

also received word that we have been assigned a new insurance agent. His name is T.J. McCully and operates out of a local office. This will help better support the members of our council and help our agent facilitate any required actions. He has extended an invitation to the April virtual Fraternal Benefits webinar which I am sending out soon via email. Please help the council by registering and attending the 60-minute program.

During the General meeting we received an update on the Madonna statue that is being donated to the parish. The 60" white marble statue named, "Madonna of the Streets", is being donated anonymously by a family of the parish. The statue (pictured) will be supported by a 12" base. As a council, we approved funding of the base as a gift from the council to St. Thomas a'Becket. The statue will be displayed outside in front of the church near the new electronic sign.



Last month we wished a healthy and happy long retirement to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. This month, we welcomed our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly as our 14<sup>th</sup> Supreme Knight and look forward to his leadership!!

*Happy Easter! Stay safe and healthy.*

Vivat Jesus!

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## Awards and Recognitions

### *New Council Members*

Last month two new brothers joined the Knights of Columbus as e-members. They are officially State members until they complete the Exemplification and join a local council. This month, Mike Roby



completed the Exemplification and was officially transferred into our council. Mike is an architecture by trade and currently continuing his education in the business world. He is eager to participate in the council and functions. He

signed up for the MI Drive and has been attending meetings. Interesting fact, Mike's grandfather, George Metz, was the DD responsible for the creation of our Kern council here at St. Thomas a'Becket. Welcome Mike!

Also joining us, is Joe Neme as he completed his Exemplification this month in the company of his wife and two children. What a great family event!



Joe is a cradle Catholic and married for 20 years to Rene with four children. As you can tell from his picture, he is

involved with church/Christian music ministry for over 25 years. He joined the Knights seeking other ways to support the church and spend time with other like-minded men. Welcome Joe!

### **Programs & Planning**

I am excited to report we have completed all our required programs for this fraternal year! Typically, we would be wrapping up with a couple more pancake breakfasts, but that will have to wait until the fall. Thanks to everyone for all your support and participation throughout the year. The following is a list of the Faith in Action programs completed.

Category	Program
<b>Faith</b>	
	RSVP
	Rosary
	Sacramental Gifts
	Spiritual Reflection
<b>Family</b>	
	Food for Families
	Family of the Month
	Keep Christ in Christmas
	Consecration to the Holy Family
<b>Community</b>	
	Helping Hands
	Global Wheelchair
	Coats for Kids
	Essay Contest
<b>Life</b>	
	Special Olympics
	Pregnancy Center
	Refugee Relief
	Novena for Life

### *It's That Time!*

At this month's meeting we opened the floor to start accepting nominations for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year! The official nomination process will be recorded in the April and May meeting. Election of the new Officers will take place during the May meeting. If you are considering running for a position or want to nominate a brother, please let me know or do so at the next two meetings. Here is a list of the brothers that have been nominated so far:

Nominee	Position
Ed Patrick	Grand Knight
Ken Pietryga	Trustee
David Frye	Outside Guard
Ben Keyserling	Recorder
Jamie Bernacik	Trustee
Glen Rossow	Lecturer
Mike Pisano	Treasurer
David Denhard	Warden



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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 **April** council birthdays:

Andrew D. Wegehaupt	4-01
Daniel T. Vaseau	4-02
Eugene J. Szatkowski	4-20
David A. Denhard	4-22
Gerald C. Grzesik, Hon Life	4-22
Thomas R. McAdoo, Honorary	4-26
Harry G. Doyle, PGK, H Life	4-27
Gerald F. Myles	4-27
Richard W. Caron	4-28
Donald E. Pranger, Hon Life	4-28
Daniel R. Markovich	4-29

### 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 **April**, remember our brothers:

**Earl E. Simpson 4-1-1992**

**Horst J. Schmid 4-12-2012**

**Bernard S. Schwartz 4-25-2020**

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 I will add them to our prayer list for brothers to include.

### 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
Rich Gold



**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)

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>

May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> </ul>

Remember to sign up for the Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night on April 28, 2021 @ 7pm

*Coming soon!*

**Tom Hegna**, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

You are invited to join our webinar featuring Tom Hegna, who specializes in creating simple and powerful retirement solutions.

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