

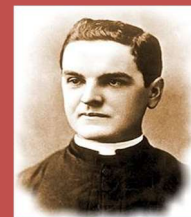
KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

April 2021



Brother Knights,

We began the final quarter of this fraternal year on a burst of great news. The council received multiple awards, free-will donations and continued our mission as Knights of Columbus.

Much of the details are shared later in this newsletter. The election of our officers will conclude at the May meeting in preparation for the upcoming 2021-2022 fraternal year.

As the weather begins to break, we hope to see other outside activities become available such as our council golf league that kicked off a new season at Fellows Creek with 32 players. Beginning May 2nd, the SJ5K virtual Race is underway, featuring 5 local families as recipients for this year's event. This year, one of the families is from our parish. The Creedon family, Jaxson, son of Janine (Grady) and Patrick, was born a month premature, with 3 holes in his heart as well as Down's Syndrome. Our council is proud to participate as a sponsor.

The second Fraternal Benefits Night hosted by our State insurance agents and featuring Tom Hegna recorded over 1,000 people registered. In his presentation, "Paychecks and Playchecks", Tom spoke about retirement security. Still need to take the survey, here is the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MDZ23N9>

Come out to see the 4th Degree Assembly #1536 Pope John XXIII Color Corps in action at the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary taking place at

St. John Neumann at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. This is a time for all Knights to share in Unity with other brother Knights honoring Mary.

With a year of serious headwinds, we maintained focus on the principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Remembering back to your own initiation, these principles are key to our mission and success. Charity, the giving of ourselves both spiritually and materially to those in need. It is at the heart of our work and faith. Unity, together we can accomplish so much more than any individual and often in less time and effort. As a council, we support one another, our parish, and our community. Fraternity, as a group of men banded together with a common purpose and interest to carry-out the Blessed Michael J. McGivney's vision. We as Catholic men help one another in times of distress, sickness, and death. Patriotism, we are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both. Public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Let us not forget our mission, our contributions and work yet to be completed. Keep in mind this quote:

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."
... Henry Ford

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Guastella
Grand Knight
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Awards and Recognitions

Knight of the Month

Ed Patrick, DGK, has done a remarkable job leading the Retention committee this year. The council started the with 26 members unpaid after the second notice was sent. To date, we have received payment from 24 brothers, leaving us with 2 unpaid. This is a huge accomplishment during these times. Thanks to Ed and the team, their hard work has resulted in a positive financial impact to the council and successful retention of our membership. Congratulations to Ed Patrick as Knight of Month!



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Patriotic Service Award

Our council was presented with the Patriotic Service Award at this month's general meeting for our participation and support of our local Assembly, Pope John XXXIII, #1536. They responded to the call from Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services to the needs of our Veterans. The Assembly reached out

to include many of the local Councils with a voluntary drive to collect "New" jigsaw puzzles, games, crossword puzzle books and word search books and deliver them to the VA hospital. The collection ran for the entire month of February with overwhelming success.



Thanks to the generous support of our council members and families, we were able to share in this event. Congratulations to our entire Council for



supporting this event! The award was presented to our Grand Knight Larry Guastella by the Assembly's Faithful Navigator Eugene Suchyta.

Columbian Award

I am excited to report we were notified by Supreme of our council's accomplishments this year to receive the Columbian Award. The award



recognizes excellence in programming and charitable outreach. To win this award the council must conduct and report programs in each of the service program categories, for a total of 16

program credits, with four in each category: Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

Thanks to all of you for your support and participation with all this fraternal year's activities. Albeit challenging to say the least, we as a council, were able to stay focused, support our charities, parish, and community. Congratulations!

Good Will Donations

Despite our financial income limitations, I am humbled from two very generous donations we received this month from people that look to our council to make their donation reach those in need. We will work together as a council to carry out the donor wishes through our charitable actions.

I would like to thank The Polish Legion White Eagle Post #166 of Livonia (provided by Brother Gerald Grzesik) and Canton Foot Specialists of Canton (provided by Brother Mike Goodhart) for their trust in our council and our brothers for delivering the donations to our council.



Polish Legion of American
Veterans - White Eagle Post
#166





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Programs & Planning

Planning is key to keep the council on task for the entire fraternal year. A key element in the planning process is establishing a solid foundation and personal to guide the council.

At this month's meeting we opened the floor for officer nominations for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year! Many of the nominees accepted the recommendation. There are still a few open spots to fill the roster. Please consider help shape and guide the future of our council. Election of the new Officers will take place during the May meeting.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

Enio E. Pala, Honorary Life	5-01	Jamie H. Bernacik, PGK	5-18
Peter G. Goode	5-05	Thomas J. Albus, H Life	5-21
Richard D. St Peter	5-05	Dominic A. Paulraj	5-23
Mark J. Stasa	5-07	Duke Hynek	5-25
Richard F. St Peter, PGK, DD	5-10	Finnian N. Opara	5-25
Benjamin A. Zimnicki	5-10	Daniel J. Mack	5-26
David H. Frye	5-12	Michael J. Blazejewski	5-27
Dennis G. Lauer	5-17	Roger J. Barrette	5-28

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 **May**, remember our brothers:

James Minton 5-5-2008
Alfredo Fernandes 5-7-2016

Floyd I. Ertman 5-21-2017

Steven S. Titus 5-26-2017

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all 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
Pat Ward
Sophia Dutkiewicz
Ron Fournier
Kathleen Bonkowski
Dan Corby
Rich Gold
Holly Gardner
John Perkovich
Mike Jewett & (Mother & Brother)
Rob Bovitz
Jim Allen



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Pray the Rosary

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>

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

Upcoming Events / Activities:

(All dates tentative, subject to state guidelines)

May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th – May Crowning mass @ SJN 7 pm • 7th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 13th - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual • 19th - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting) • 19th - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual • 26th to 28th - State Convention (virtual)

June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 10th - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual • 16th - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting) • 16th - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual



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