

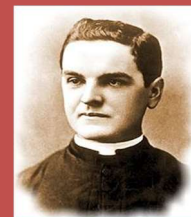
# KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

## May 2021



Brother Knights,

Once again, we will be concluding another fraternal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you and this council over the past two years as your 20th Grand Knight.

With the many challenges, we have risen to the call from our State Deputy and navigated through the strong headwinds to accomplish all our objectives, council goals and provide a variety of support. I extend my personal thanks to each and every one of you for your contribution and support over the past two years to help keep this council growing and strong.

Even though there were times that gathering as a council for meetings, activities and events were difficult, we prevailed with creativity and use of technical tools to succeed by virtual, hybrid and electronic means. Fortunately, our brothers at Renaud Council 3292 were gracious to provide us with space to meet in person for most of the year. We accepted the challenges that COVID bestowed upon us, we grew as a council, we supported our community, our parish, and our charities and most of all we remained united as a council to continue to vision of our Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

The year started with much uncertainty from both a program and a financial perspective. We drafted our Faith in Action programs plan along with a conservative budget that included nearly all the organizations we traditionally support. Because our main source of income was primarily member

dues, we did adjust our donations accordingly. With careful management of the budget and generous external donations, the council will end the fraternal year with a positive cash flow. Thank you to every member for submitting your dues this year, which also permitted us to retain every member of the council without any suspensions!

Over the past two years we also introduced new programs such as No Brother Left Behind by reconnecting with our membership, Casey Bears for parents of baptized children of the parish, reaching out to our youth through the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest and teaming up the parish Coat Drive to support local programs. All our hard work earned us the Columbian & Founders Awards last year and the Columbian Award, the Founders Award and Father McGivney Award all leading us to the Star Council Award this year. We were also presented with the Patriotic Service Award for support of our veterans and the Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> Assembly 1536 community program.

In closing, again, I thank all of you for your support and dedication as a member of this council and ask that you continue to get involved and be active with the next fraternal year's leadership team! The amount of time you contribute is up to you and always appreciated.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Awards and Recognitions

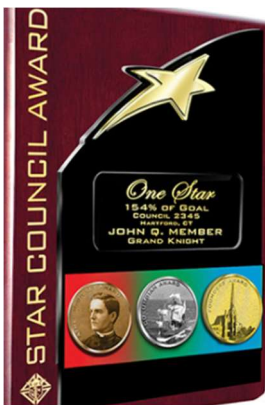
### *Knight Honored Locally*

Recognition by the council for a person going above and beyond is not limited to our council activities or events or serving the council as a Knight. In some cases, a person is placed at a higher level and honored for what they have done or accomplished. Recently, one of our own brothers was bestowed a high honor for his dedication and strong character. This month PGK David Lengel was honored as the Clarenceville School District's Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at the 2021 Leadership & Awards Celebration. You can see the presentation by visiting the link below.



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bdpvY7y7Ss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bdpvY7y7Ss) His recognition takes place near the beginning of the program.

### *Star Council Award*



We were informed this month that our council will earn Star Council once the form has been submitted from our insurance agent for our members' attendance at April's Fraternal Night webinar presented by Tom Hegna. The requirement of this award is reaching the new member McGivney target in addition Founder's requirement of two

Fraternal Benefit events and the Columbian award requirements 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. Congratulations!

## Programs & Planning

### Living Rosary

The Living Rosary is an event worth attending. Typically, the event is held at the State Convention. However, with the convention only virtual this year, there is another opportunity to attend.



**2021 Living Rosary**  
Sponsored by the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus

Saturday June 5, 2021 11:00 am  
State Capitol Lansing, MI

Hosted by St. Mary Cathedral Council 11694  
For More information contact: [Link to mikofclivingrosary.org](http://Link to mikofclivingrosary.org)

### Fraternal Officers Elected for 2021-2022

The elections for the next fraternal year were completed at this month's general business meeting. I would like to thank all the Officers and Directors for volunteering and serving this current fraternal year. We were able to accomplish several activities, events and provide support for our parish.

Congratulations to the Officers elected listed below for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. The following brothers have volunteered to lead our council through the Faith in Action programs, supporting our parish and community.

#### 2021-2022 Fraternal Year

Position	Officer
Grand Knight	<a href="#">Ed Patrick</a>
Deputy Grand Knight	<a href="#">Open</a>
Chancellor	<a href="#">Glen Rossow</a>
Recorder	<a href="#">Ben Keyserling</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Mike Pisano</a>
Advocate	<a href="#">Bill Des Ormeau</a>
Warden	<a href="#">David Denhard</a>
Inside Guard	<a href="#">Ed Queen</a>
Outside Guard	<a href="#">David Frye</a>
Trustee	<a href="#">Jamie Bernacik</a>



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### Upcoming Council Birthdays

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

#### June Birthday

Ronald J. Gering	6/4
David G. Voglewede	6/4
John A. Hicks	6/5
Steven M. Snider	6/5
Robert A. Bovitz	6/6
Francisco Rodriguez, PGK, Life	6/6
Joseph S. Nader, Honorary Life	6/9
Robert K. Wood, Honorary Life	6/9
Anthony J. Vella	6/10
Brian J. Titus	6/13
Edward L. Harkins, PGK, Hon Life	6/14
Walter R. Guzik	6/17
Dariusz Dzikowski	6/21
Michael Roby	6/25

#### July Birthday

James P. Kelly	7/2
Ronald G. Fournier, PGK	7/3
Frank J. Falcioni	7/4
John P. Wezner	7/9
Steven A. Wiczorek	7/9
Ethan Goodhart	7/11
Michael J. Pisano	7/20
Marc C. Goodhart	7/21
Michael R. Bittner	7/23
Michael J. Fitzgerald II	7/24
Hector A. Robledo	7/25
Dennis J. Cummings	7/27

### 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 remember all our fallen members of the military this month that have given their lives for us to remain a free nation. The names of our deceased brothers are recognized on our council memorial tower displayed in the parish Chapel.

For the month of **June & July**, remember our brothers:

<b>Francis F. Glentzer</b>	<b>6/17/2013</b>
<b>Rev Ernest M. Porcari</b>	<b>6/21/2009</b>
<b>John A. Haas</b>	<b>6/23/2008</b>
<b>Robert E. McGovern, Jr</b>	<b>6/25/2020</b>
<b>Alfred J. Dembeck</b>	<b>6/30/2016</b>
<b>August R. Difazio</b>	<b>7/1/1993</b>
<b>Marvin L. Schulz</b>	<b>7/19/1999</b>

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



### Pray the Rosary

#### 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.



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**Current prayer list includes**

Duane Pietryga
Kathy McCann
Jerome Lengel
Joe Nader, Jr
Charley Rhein
Joseph Nader
Tom Csati
Frank Austin
Kayla Krogol
All Brothers Impacted by COVID 19
Pat Ward
Sophia Dutkiewicz
Kathleen Bonkowski
Dan Corby
Rich Gold
Holly Gardner
John Perkovich
Mike Jewett
Mike Jewett (Mother & Brother)
Rob Bovitz
Jim Allen
Monica Suchyta

**Note:** If you have information, articles, or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Guastella, our Newsletter Editor, at [lguastel@gmail.com](mailto:lguastel@gmail.com) or [gk8284@mikofc.org](mailto:gk8284@mikofc.org)

**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)

June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> - Living Rosary @ State Capital</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> - Rosary 7:00 pm (prior to meeting)</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day</li> </ul>

July 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm - Renaud/virtual</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> - Officer Installation 1:30 pm @ STAB</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> </ul>

**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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