

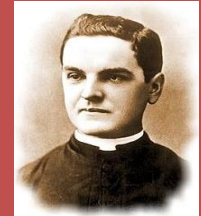
KERN KRONICLES



Fr. Clement H. Kern



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

November 2021

Brother Knights,

Why are we called Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council? You might get asked that question one day by people interested in what we do. Here is the history of our council from our web page, www.kofc8284.org.

Founders Day for our council is February 14th. That's the anniversary of the founding of our council on **Feb 14, 1983**. In recognition of our council's Founders Day, Past Grand Knight Ron Fournier has shared some information about how we became Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284. At the time, a group of men from St. Thomas a'Becket parish who were also Knights got together with the thought of starting their own parish council. George Metz, the District Deputy at the time, asked if any of them were council officers in their present councils. Ron, who was a member of Immaculate Conception Council in Garden City then and serving as Recorder, raised his hand. The DD said... "Good. You will be the new Grand Knight here"! It then became Ron's responsibility to come up with a name. Canton #8284 just sounded too plain. Other names considered then included Blessed St. Mary, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart and even St. Thomas a'Becket. At the time, Msgr. Clement Kern was quite a famous priest locally. **He was the long-time pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit and an outspoken advocate for working people and their fair treatment.** Ron thought it might be nice to honor him by naming our council after him. Msgr. Kern was still living at the time and Ron did not want to be presumptuous, so he met personally with the good father and asked for his permission.

Msgr. Kern passed away just two weeks later.

With the council's agreement, Ron submitted the paperwork to Supreme and we became Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284! But the story doesn't end there.

A new 4th Degree Assembly connected with Robert Jones Council in Lincoln Park was also forming at the time and heard about our new council's name. They did not like that because they wanted to choose Msgr. Clement H. Kern as their assembly's name too. They approached Ron and told him he could not have the name because it was what they planned to use. Ron's response was not so much "tough luck, buddies" as it was the question and statement "Do you have his permission? We do." That was the end of that argument. The rest is history as they say. Msgr. Kern Assembly #1963 was chartered in January 1984 and exists today, but they can never claim to be the first with the name or to have had the good monsignor's permission to use his name. Only we can claim that!

Thanks again to our Charter Grand Knight, Ron Fournier, for this important bit of council history! (Originally published February 2013)

Remember to wear your red shirts to Sunday Mass.

Vivat Jesus!



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Night of the Month

At our October Meeting we recognized Bill Des Ormeau as our Knight of the Month.



In October we put out a call for help with our MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive because our chairman for the drive came down with Covid-19. Bill raised his hand and simply asked "What can I do to help?"

Bill helped by closing and opening our collection point at Holiday Market. He also did most of the collections on Saturday. But he did not just collect the money he took the extra time to sort

and count all the coins and dollars and leave a note in the bag indicating the amount. This was beyond expectation. Because of Bill's help the MI Drive was successful and we collected around \$5,000 for distribution to our three charities to support those with intellectual disabilities.

Successful Community Event

On October 7th our Community Director, Larry Guastella, led a group of us to Open Door Ministries to help with their weekly food distribution event. Between Knights and family members, we put about twenty people to work during the four-hour time frame for food distribution. The entire process was very well coordinated, and food was distributed to over 230 needy families and individuals. All recipients had been prescreened by ODM and given a specific time slot as to when to pick-up their food allotment. Overall, it was a very successful event and something that we will probably repeat. A big thanks to Larry for putting the event together.

Other News

At our October General Meeting we approved three motions for additional expenditures.

1. We approved increasing/restoring contributions that had been eliminated/reduced due to our lowered

income status during the pandemic. This benefited the following charities.

- AAA Pregnancy Resource Center
- Mom Prom
- Vista Maria
- Elizabeth Foundation (Christmas in the Philippines)

Total Additional Expenditures are \$1,550

2. We approved a donation of \$250 to Spiritus Sanctus Academy that is earmarked to support the sending of students to the January Right-To-Life March in Washington DC.
3. We approved spending up-to \$800 for four TV/Monitors in the Religious Ed rooms that needed them. We had done the TVs in the other rooms previously.

Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday November 17th in the parish gym at 7:30 PM. Please join us and be a part of these important decisions that impact your Council.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

Please join me in wishing a "Happy Birthday" to our council brothers celebrating a birthday! The following are the **October & November** Council birthdays:

November Birthdays	
Gary Martin	11/02
Robert A. Simmerer	11/04
Michael Veneziano	11/06
Roger Kreager	11/07
Dennis Keller	11/11
Michael Burke	11/14
Michael Curran	11/14
Ben Keyserling	11/17
Peter Creal	11/19
Dennis O'Beirne	11/19
Kodzo Deku	11/20
Longinus Iwuoha	11/21
Robert Scherle, PGK	11/21



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John Maclean	11/22
Deacon Jim Ward	11/23
Gene Borieo	11/27
Khoi Do	11/29
Eric Hunsanger	11/30



Pray the Rosary

December Birthdays

Matthew Kurt	12/12
Bill Simmerer PGK	12/12
David Nowicki	12/15
Ernie Cesarone	12/18
Thaddeus Bonkowski	12/24
Larry Guastella	12/26
David Costyk	12/27
David Lengel PGK	12/27

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 **November & December**, remember our brothers:

<i>Eugene W. Rakoczy</i>	<i>11/12/2016</i>
<i>Robert G. Flynn</i>	<i>11/25/2014</i>
<i>Henry J. Sacha</i>	<i>11/10/2014</i>
<i>Donald S. Bledowski</i>	<i>11/29/2012</i>

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 the prayer list sent to our brothers.

Current prayer list includes

Duane Pietryga
Kathy McCann
Jerome Lengel
Tom Csati
Frank Austin
All Brothers Impacted by COVID 19
Sophia Dutkiewicz
Kathleen Bonkowski
Holly Gardner
Jim Allen
M. Goodhart Brother-in-Law
Peggy Lipski
Mark Gunn
Kenny Kerpert
The Soloano Family
Paul Slavin
Angela Ventura-Fox



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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 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!

www.facebook.com/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-8284-Canton-MI/235628156455332

Note: If you have information, articles, or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Ed Patrick, our Newsletter Editor, at 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/local/AOD guidelines)

November 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Mass 9:00 AM STAB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/11 Officer/Director Meeting 7PM STAB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/17 Rosary 7:00 PM (prior to meeting) 11/17 General Meeting 7:30 PM STAB 11/18-11/21 Charity Poker, Vision Lanes

December 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/9 Officer/Director Meeting 7PM STAB 12/12 Council Christmas Dinner STAB 12/15 Rosary 7:00 PM (prior to meeting) 12/15 General Meeting 7:30 PM STAB 12/18 Breakfast with Santa, Youth Group



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2021-2022 Fraternal Year Kern Council #8284 Officers & Program Directors

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*Appointed position