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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
May 2021 Newsletter



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A Message from our Grand Knight:

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to thank all the Knights and those family members that worked many hours to make our 2021 Lenten Fish Fry’s a wonderful success. In the next few weeks, we will announce the date and time of a celebration to honor everyone’s efforts! Be watching for the email communication. Awesome job, everyone!!!

It may be spring, but we are actually just two months out from our fireworks fundraiser!! As in the past, there will be a sign-up genie created for Knights and families to sign up for a shift or two. This will be up and running in the next week or two so be watching for the email announcement. Patriot Pete’s, our firework company, is working on setting up a preview night where there will be an exhibition of each firework item sold. All Knights and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this event. Watching the fireworks first hand really helps educate our volunteers to assist the customers in their firework selections and it’s a fun way to spend an evening! The date, time and location of the preview night will be announced via email as soon as we get a confirmation from Patriot Pete’s. Please come out and help our Knights Council #833 set another record year of firework sales!!

Our monthly Knights of Columbus meetings will continue to be in person and available via ZOOM. If anyone needs help getting hooked up, please just give me a call and we’ll make it happen.

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Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the Month is **Cliff Henggeler** for his help taking down the fish fry tent. Thanks Cliff!

Knight Family of the Month:

The Family of the Month is the **Jeff Knievel Family** for Jeff and his son Jude helping w the fish fry tent takedown. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

May 9th: Mother’s Day
May 13th: Ascension Thursday
May 19th: General Mtg 7:30pm
May 24th: Officer’s Mtg 7:30pm
May 31st: **Memorial Day**



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Don't forget Mother's Day is just around the corner!!! Make sure to honor the special women in your lives and let them know how important they are! Thank God for Mom's!!

Congratulations to all the graduating seniors! May your futures be filled with all that is good.

As the pandemic situation continues to improve, I encourage everyone to get vaccinated and pray all stay healthy.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

James P. McCarville
Grand Knight #833

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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of May has come and with it many school activities from concerts, plays, awards nights and graduations. Remember last year at this time there was very little activity. School had moved to homes and Masses were not open to the public. It is good to see things gradually getting back to normal.

As we continue to live out this year dedicated to St. Joseph, I would like to again recommend to you to please read the book *Consecration to St. Joseph* if you have not had the chance to do so. It will strengthen and deepen your faith and your spiritual life.

Another highly recommended, recently released book is *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*. It was written by Andrew Walther who died on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 – The Feast of All Saints – at the age of 45. K of C Supreme Knight Carl Anderson remembered Walther at his memorial service in New Haven. "From the start, the Knights were known for their faithfulness, their vision, their innovation and their determination," Anderson said. "By that definition Andrew was a sterling exemplar of that tradition."

Anderson added, "He faithfully served the Church, his family, and our country, embodying the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Andrew will be greatly missed. But through his life's work, his legacy will endure. He will be present not only through the work of the Knights of Columbus but in so many other places in the world, for example, when Christians gather on the Nineveh Plains, his legacy will endure."

Walther joined the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council staff in 2005 and contributed much to the Order's activities throughout his career. His efforts were integral to the Supreme Council's initiatives, from developing K of C's communications program to coordinating outreach to persecuted Christians in the Middle East and now Africa.

"Andrew deserves singular credit for another initiative, a years-long effort to which he was totally dedicated: the plight of persecuted Christians in the Middle East," Anderson said. "When the world witnessed the brutality against Christians perpetrated by ISIS, many were concerned and moved to prayer. So was Andrew. But equally, Andrew was moved to action. He spearheaded our efforts to bring relief to suffering Christians in the Middle East. To date, those efforts have resulted in more than \$25 million of relief in Iraq and Syria. He helped shape U.S. foreign policy during the Obama and Trump administrations alike, leading to numerous policy victories on behalf of the persecuted. In Andrew, the ancient Christians of the Middle East saw not only a friend, but a friend who stood with them when it mattered most and made a profound difference. And for countless Christian families that made all the difference."

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In late June, only weeks after departing the Knights' staff to become President of EWTN News, Walther was diagnosed with acute leukemia.

"Andrew's final weeks at the Knights of Columbus were joyful days, and his skill and devotion were on full display. We were preparing for the announcement that Pope Francis had confirmed as a miracle the healing of an unborn child through Father McGivney's intercession. Andrew contributed much to our understanding of Father McGivney's life, ministry and especially his death. It was Andrew who placed our founder's passing in historical context, coming as it did during what we know now was a pandemic caused by a coronavirus," Anderson said.

"I do not know why God, in his infinite wisdom, chose this time to take Andrew from us. I do not know why this young go-ahead man has been called home. But I do know that Andrew is a leader whose legacy will be enduring and who we will always remember," Anderson said. "A year after the failed assassination attempt against his life, Pope John Paul II remarked: 'In the designs of Providence, there are no coincidences.' And so, we may ask, 'Is it a mere coincidence that Andrew passed away only after Father McGivney was proclaimed blessed?'"

Anderson added, "Was it a coincidence that he died minutes after a relic of Blessed Michael McGivney arrived at his bedside, and a litany was prayed, invoking our founder as 'Blessed Michael, strong in suffering,' 'Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying'? I do not think so. There are no coincidences. Today we pray that Andrew Walther is on his way to join Blessed Michael McGivney. We ask Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for Andrew and his family!"

Peace in the Lord,

Fr. Hottovy



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Fish Fry Tent Takedown

Thanks to Phillip Paitz for coordinating the tent takedown a few weeks ago. Special thanks to JUDE KNIEVEL, son of Jeff and Megan Knievel who was the team screw collector for the day. The Knievel's are the Family of the Month for May.



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Pink Sister Outdoor Clean-up

Thanks to all who helped clean the grounds at the Pink Sister Residence on April 17th. There were many knights from our council 833 and from other councils as well. Special thanks to Dan and Cheryl Wesolowski for coordinating this event.



SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021 AT 9AM

OUTDOOR WORKDAY & GROUNDS CLEANING

SISTER-SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
of Perpetual Adoration at the Convent of Christ the King
THE PINK SISTERS

1040 South Cotner Boulevard | Lincoln, Nebraska

The Pink Sisters will do the heavy lifting (by praying in the chapel) so that we are free to do the light work of leaf raking, minor bush and branch trimming, mulching, and general cleanup of the convent and chapel grounds.



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