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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
October 2022 Newsletter



“A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln”



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Happy Fall Brother Knights! What a beautiful time of year as the temperatures start to drop and the leaves change colors and drop from their perch in the trees. I would like to start by congratulating Father Kipper as our Knight of the Month. We are blessed to have you as our parish priest and look forward to you helping guide our council both spiritually and with your leadership.

As the winter months approach we have many important things happening in our council. I am hoping you and your families find the time to take part in some of these activities and tasks we have planned. Our council’s Corporate Communion is October 23rd during the 10:00 AM mass. This is a special mass to honor the Knights of our council. You and your family are invited to attend. There will be reserved seating for our members and families if you wish to sit together.

We are going to start our snow removal program again this winter for the homebound members of our parish. So far we have 11 individuals that would like our service. In the very near future I will send out an email with the addresses of these people and will need Knights to volunteer to make this a success. Look for that in your email soon.

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Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the Month is **Father Kipper**, our Chaplain. We appreciate all your guidance and prayers for our council!

Upcoming Events:

- October 10th:** Columbus Day
- October 11th:** Teacher Luncheon
- October 19th:** General Mtg. 7:30pm
- October 23rd:** Corporate Communion
- October 24th:** Officer’s Mtg 7:30pm
- October 31st:** All Hallows Eve
- November 1st:** All Saints Day



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Deputy Grand Knight Matt Schafers has organized an appreciation luncheon for St. Teresa’s teachers and staff. This will take place on October 11th and be catered by Amigos. This is just a small token of appreciation to our teachers and staff of St. Teresa’s that do amazing things everyday.

Our council will also be hosting a Halloween party at the Knight’s Hall on October 30th. Look for details in the bulletin. This will be a family event with pumpkin painting, games and snacks. Be sure to put this date on your calendar!

Lastly, we had a great turnout at our last general meeting! Thanks to the brother knights that attended. With 240+ knights in our council we would like to see many more in attendance. This month’s meeting date is October 19th.

Thank you and may God continue to bless all of us,

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Fellow Knights,

In 2014, when I was in residence at St. Patrick’s parish in Lincoln we had a missionary priest, Fr. Emanuel, preach our missionary co-op program. The missionary co-op program in the Diocese of Lincoln is where priests from all over the world speak about the Church’s missionary activity throughout the world in order to gain material support. The money collected is then dispersed to the various missions of the priests who give their appeal.

Fr. Emanuel was from Pope Francis’s home country of Argentina, no longer a missionary land, but Fr. Emanuel himself was a missionary—and a unique one. He is a part of a religious order that serves Christians in the most troubled parts of the world. We had some long chats about the struggles that they go through daily—struggles really of survival.

For instance, he told me of the several priests that they have in Iraq (which interestingly enough has a rich and ancient history of Catholicism), who is in constant fear of Islamic extremists. He told me at that time that they had one priest serving essentially all of Syria. He himself was stationed in Egypt. Fr. Emanuel was there when there was a great backlash against Christians in the 2010s. Militants, he told me, equate the Church with the west, and riots were raging against what was viewed as western oppression.

He knew of a Christian who was spotted as having a cross in her car. A mob gathered around her and killed her. He said that there were parts of town that you had to avoid. One story was particularly memorable. One evening he had to be out for some kind of pastoral duty. It was a particularly raucous evening. He said he was lost and if he didn’t have his GPS on his phone, he would have probably drifted into one of these riot, and likely would have been killed.

Fr. Emanuel was heading back to Egypt, and as he was leaving I was wondering if I had just met a man who would someday be martyred. What makes someone do this? He easily could have given up. He could have gone back to Argentina and been a good and holy priest there.



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Why would a priest like Fr. Emanuel go back? It could be said that the Church doesn't have a mission the Church is mission. And this was so at from the very beginning. Because at Pentecost, which is really the birthday of the Church, the once cowardly apostles received the Holy Spirit. And after receiving the Spirit, they don't just hang out with each other, but they instantly are thrust into mission. They go out. In fact, these 12 Apostles go all over the world: St. James went as far as Spain; St. Thomas preached the Gospel all the way to India; the rest were almost everywhere in between.

St. Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical The Redeemer of Man said, "the Church's fundamental function in every age...is to direct man's gaze...toward the mystery of Christ." If we really believe that this mystery of Christ has changed the world, then we should do all that we can to bring Christ to the whole world.

Principally, we are to live out the mission of the church in Nebraska. For most this means handing on the faith to those in our family. This is enough of a challenge for us. But we are part of the Catholic Church. There should be something of the heart of Fr. Emanuel in all of us.

Looking at the Church at large, we recognize that there are many who do not have the material blessings that we have here in the United States. In a few weeks we celebrate World Mission Sunday. It's a good time for us to remember there are Christians in war-torn parts of the world, in impoverished nations, and those facing adversity that can use our help in carrying out the mission of the Church. All of are to have a missionary heart in assisting through prayers and other means our brothers and sisters in Christ both at home and abroad.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper



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St Teresa Altar Server Baseball Outing

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Fitzgerald Council “Chain Gang” Crew

Thanks to the Knight volunteers who help with the Pius “Chain Gang” crew at every Pius home football game. This is a special, fun way to get in the middle of the action and cheer on the Pius football team! Anyone interested should contact Ron Schinkel.

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Knights of Columbus Fall Soccer Challenge 2022

The Knights of Columbus Fall Soccer Challenge was held on September 25th!!

Congratulations to our District Soccer Competitors and Winners who competed. Winners will move on to regional competition next week. Thanks to all the council Knights who helped coordinate and work this fun event.

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