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# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS November 2022 Newsletter

### "A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"

*A Message from our Grand Knight:* Brother Knights,

What a wonderful time of the year as the leaves have changed colors and the weather has turned somewhat cooler. We are still experiencing beautiful weather as we enter into November but we know, as Nebraskans, this will pass and we will be facing cold, and hopefully, snowy forecasts! The fall weather this past weekend was perfect for our Council's first Fall Party at the Knight's Hall. Deputy GK Matt Schafers and his wife did a wonderful job hosting the party! Many children, and their families, were in attendance and enjoyed pumpkin painting, treats and the bounce house! Just a great time for everyone and the start of a something that we hope continues annually!

We also had our Corporate Communion on October 23rd. Father Kipper recognized the Knights that were in attendance at the mass and had kind words about our Council. Thank you for those that attended this special event and thank you to Father Kipper for allowing us to be a part of the mass.

Our council's chain gang team consisting of Brad Behne, Ryan Weslowski, myself, Bob Codr and Brian Callan completed our 2nd year of holding the chains and down marker for the Pius football team at Aldrich Field. We would like to think that we were one of the reasons Pius made it to the Class B state playoffs this season! Thank brother knights for giving up some of your Friday nights to perform under the lights!

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### Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the Month is **Matt Schafers** for all of the time he has put in with the St. Teresa's teacher luncheon and the fall party. Thanks!

### Knight Family of the Month:

**Ryan and Vonnie Weslowski** Family. Ryan and his children helped to make our Tootsie Roll drive a success by working all shifts. Thank you !

### **Upcoming Events:**

November 13th: St Teresa Bazaar November 16th: General Mtg. 7:30pm November 24th: Thanksgiving November 26th: Nativity Set-up November 28th: Officer's Mtg 7:30pm



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Our Knight of the Month for October is Matt Schafers for all of the time and effort he has put in with the St. Teresa's teacher luncheon and the fall party! You have been busy since taking over the position of Deputy Grand Knight and we appreciate everything you do and will continue to do.

Our Knight Family of the Month for October is Ryan and Vonnie Weslowski's Family. Ryan and his children helped to make our Tootsie Roll drive a success by working shifts at the 70th and Pioneers Hy-Vee handy out Tootsie Rolls. Thank you for your time and talents in all that you do for Council 833.

At this month's meeting we will be having mass for the deceased brothers of our council. The meeting date is November 16th. We will have a very short meeting after the mass. We hope to have a great turnout for this meeting to honor those that have gone before us. We also have our annual bazaar happening on November 23rd. There are many ways we can support this fundraiser so please help out however you see fit.

Lastly, I have been in contact with parishioners that are elderly or home bound and that have asked for help with snow removal at their residence. I will be emailing a form out soon with addresses on it of these individuals. If you are able to help, please choose and address or two. This can be a great activity to do with your children. I am sure our brother knights will step up and make this a success too.

As always, thank you for everything you and your families do to make our parish and our council one of, if not, the best in our diocese!

May God continue to bless us all,

Ron Schinkel Grand Knight Council 833





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# Snow Removal for Home Bound/Elderly

Brother Knights,

I have contacted many of our parishioners that might need help with snow removal this winter. Of all I have called a total of 4 said they would appreciate our services.

There is no charge for this service. Some may want to pay you and that is strictly up to your discretion as to whether or not you take the money.

I will list the addresses below. If you could take one of these addresses please email me or reply to this email. These people were SO THANKFUL when I called them. One lady said she recently had a very serious medical event and can't leave her home without assistance. She said she has been so worried about the winter and how she was going to be able to clear her walks. When I called her she said that this phone call was the best news she has had in a very long time.

We are difference makers to many people!

If you need to scoop your driveway, that should be the indication we use to go scoop these people's property. Usually 2" or more.

Once you choose an address I will send you the name and contact information for that residence.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for considering doing this.

Ron Schinkel 402.429.2515 schinkelr@gmail.com

Addresses: 3641 J Street

5326 N Street

3710 F Street

1639 S. Cotner



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### A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

In this month of November we recall those who have gone before us. And we recall those who share in the resurrection of Jesus. On November 2, on All Soul's day, we prayed for those who will see the heavenly Father, but whose souls need purification. They are assisted by our prayers. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All the Saints—all those in heaven right now who have fought the good fight here on earth.

One of the most beautiful things for us to recall during this blessed time is that we remain connected to those who died in the grace of God. At any moment we can pray to the saints in heaven, and ask for their intercession, just like we might ask a fellow parishioner to pray for us. As St. Therese of Lisieux said that she "wants to spend her heaven doing good on earth."

Those in heaven are cleansed of all selfishness and so all the saints spend their heaven doing good. We can assist souls who have left this earth, but need to be purified of their sins. We can do this through our prayers and offerings.

In short, we recall during this month the entire communion of saints: the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and all of us on earth fighting the good fight against sin. Let us remember how deeply connected that we are with one another. May God bless all of you and your families.

Father Nicholas Kipper Pastor St. Teresa Parish



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### KOC 833 Coats for Kids

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Winter in Nebraska can be unpredictable but cold is usually always a part of the season. Dressing warm to walk to school each day is a necessity for all, a luxury for some and impossible for others. The Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus and local Councils would like to change that impossibility to a possibility for some Lincoln area children.

The State Council along with local Councils host a Coats for Kids drive every year. We hope to



provide at least 1,000 NEW coats to youth in need throughout the city. **Pictured is Sister Mary Cecelia and Grand Knight Ron Schinkel** as part of our local council's involvement in this great cause!





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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 year. Had a lot of fun on the sidelines!

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## Tootsie Roll Drive 2022

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help collect money for the Tootsie Roll Drive this year.

Thank you to Knights **Tony Schafers, Tom Hoffman, Ron Wortman, Bill Howard, and Ryan Weslowski and his children** who came out to support this cause.



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