

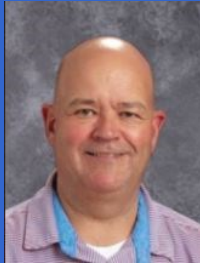
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FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
February 2023 Newsletter



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A Message from our Grand Knight: Brother Knights,

Well it looks as if we are in for another half dozen weeks of winter, per Punxsutawney Phil and Unadilla Billie! Not to fret though, because these wintry days and nights will give you and your family the opportunity to enjoy, and volunteer at, our Lenten Fish Frys!!

We start this annual tradition by cooking and serving the best fish in Lincoln on February 24th! I love seeing everyone that comes through the door, dining and visiting with each other! We are so fortunate to have the success we have every year, but this all because of the time and commitment we get from you!

Once again we will be in touch asking for your help. We need many people to make this a success, and any time you can give is appreciated!

Our council recently approved the purchase of Math Booklets for all K-6 St. Teresa students. These booklets will be sent home over the summer for students to sharpen their math skills while away from school. We are proud to be able to partner with the school on many projects. This funding is possible because of our different fundraising events we do. This is why your help and involvement in our council is so important!

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Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the Month is **Brad Behne** for helping work the KOC Free Throw Contest.

Upcoming Events:

- February 13th:** Degree Ceremony-7pm
- February 15th:** General Mtg. 7:30pm
- February 18th:** Fish Fry Tent Set-up
- February 22nd:** Ash Wednesday
- February 24th:** Fish Fry Week 1
- February 27th:** Officer's Mtg 7:30pm



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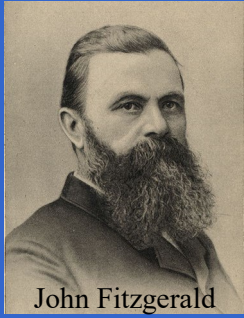
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The fish fry tent outside of the hall will be put up on February 18th beginning at 9 AM at the hall. If you are able to help out please show up!

Our council will be holding a degree ceremony on February 13th beginning at 7 PM at the Knight’s Hall. If you are a first or second degree, this would be a great opportunity for you to get your 3rd degree. The ceremony is 30 minutes in length and then we will have beverages and pizza to celebrate. RSVP to me at schinkelr@gmail.com or text to 402-429-2515 so we can get a count of how many knights to expect.

I hope you and your family have a blessed beginning to the Lenten season. If there is anything you need from me or questions you may have regarding our council feel free to contact me using the information above.

May God continue to Bless us all,

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
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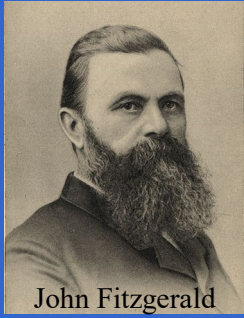
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

One advancement I’ve seen in recent years is the ease by which one can come to understand your genealogy and ethnicity. The internet age has allowed us to find out the names of and, perhaps, even a little bit about our ancestors with a lot more ease through sites like genealogy.com. There are now tests where we can find out the different ethnicities and parts of the world from which we came.

This is a human, natural thing to want to know. We want to know our origin. Genealogy and the study of history as a whole allows us to remember the past. Remembering the past helps us gain a better understanding about the present, where we stand right now.

We can look back at history and see the things that went well, the blessings that have been given us, but also the things that did not go well. We can look at the sins and evils of the people of the past so as not to repeat them. A culture that does not look back and reflect is destined to fail because it will lose sight of its identity.

One of the ways that we do this is by celebrating the past. For instance, we honor veterans on Veterans Day, so that we don’t forget the service of the men and women in our armed forces. We celebrate events like the 4th of July and other national holidays to remember the foundation of the country and recognize those who have helped shape it into what it is today. Holidays serve as a kind of memorial to the past.

Our ancestors in the faith, the ancient Israelites remembered the past through genealogies, as evidenced in the Book of Genesis. Moreover, the Gospels of Matthew and Luke both contain genealogies giving witness to Christ as a descendent of King David.

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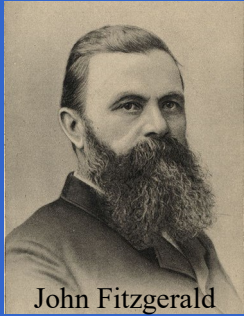
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The Israelites also remembered in a ritual, liturgical way. Yes, they would read and recall verbally what had happened in the past, but they also held various feasts, celebrations, penances, sacrifices, and prayers as part of their remembrance of the past.

Remembrance for our ancient ancestors in the faith meant something. It was like going back to the past; it was a rejection of evil and an acceptance of the covenant. But the point that the author of Hebrews is making is that these sacrifices were begging to be fulfilled, and they have been fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

Tapping into that natural desire to know our past is soothed a little bit in our turning to genealogy, history and other ways, but it reaches its perfection when we come to realize that God calls us into his own family. He comes to show us that we are all called to be one with him. And we celebrate that, really in every sacrament, but very clearly in the Mass.

At Mass we proclaim the Word of God, both the Old and the New Testament, we recall the past, but, mysteriously, we also enter into it. We get to know the story, the history through the spoken word. We, through signs and symbols in one Mass, enter into the reality of God’s saving action; we are celebrating the fulfillment of what our ancestors in the faith we’re doing thousands of years ago.

The Mass is the greatest act of remembrance, and so in it we find our true identity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Nicholas Kipper
Pastor
St. Teresa Parish



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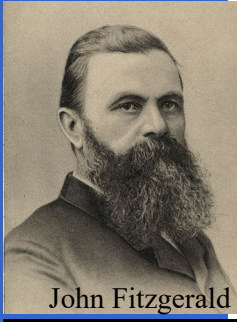
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KOC 833 Free Throw Contest-2023

Thanks to all the participants, boys and girls ages 9-14, who came to the annual KOC Free Throw Contest in January. Congratulations to all the winners who will be moving on to Regionals March 4th at St Teresa’s Gym.

Special thanks to Brother Knight **Tom Hoffman** for helping with this great event for our council.

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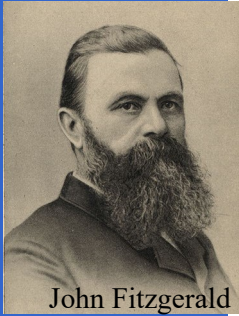
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