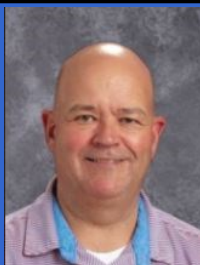


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A Message from our Grand Knight:

Belated Happy New Year Brother Knights!

We were so busy as the calendar rolled over to 2024 that we didn't have time to get a newsletter out for January. Even though we started a new year, our council stayed steadfast in providing services to others!

Brother Brad Behne is the Knight of the Month for January. The service he performed for our council and for the youth of our parish was that he organized and directed the Knight's Free Throw Contest that was held earlier in the month. The event was a HUGE success with many young people participating and many, many people in the stands to cheer on the participants! Thank you, Brad, and to the other members of our council that worked the event!

Brother Jeff Knievel and his family are our Knight's Family of the Month for January. Not only did Jeff help with the Free Throw contest, but he and his children could be seen out scooping snow for the parishioners we serve. Thank you, Jeff and family for all you do for our council and parish!

Please welcome into our council 4 Knights that became 3rd degree members on January 17th; Weston Svoboda, Tim Echtenkamp, Alex Kleinjan and Frank Egelhoff. We had a great turnout of brother Knights for the CUF ceremony that was held before our General Meeting. If you see these Brother Knights, please welcome them!

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Brad Behne** for coordinating the KOC Free Throw Contest. Thanks!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Jeff Knievel Family** for helping with the Free Throw Contest and working hard scooping snow for members of our parish. Thank you very much for all your dedication to our council!

Upcoming Events:

February 14th: Ash Wednesday
February 16th: Fish Fry #1- 4:30pm
February 21st: KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm
February 23rd: Fish Fry #2- 4:30pm
February 26th: Officers Meeting - 7:30pm



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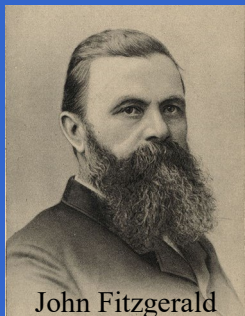
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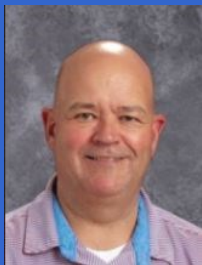
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With the bitter cold and enormous amount of snow we have had, I must share with you how proud I am of our Snow Knights. They have been out many times in the past 2 months digging out the elderly and homebound members of our parish. We do this service for free, upholding Father McGivney’s ideal virtue of Charity. Say a prayer in thanks for these men and their family members that help them every time we get snowfall.

As we prepare to enter the Lenten season, we are reminded about the fish fry dinners that will begin on February 16th. Our fish frys run from 4:30-7 PM at Knight’s Hall, 6044 South Street. We are ALWAYS in need of helpers during this great event! All of this money goes back to our parish and our school, so if you could give an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. To sign up go to this link...

<https://forms.gle/Qnq8VFUhhLzpe8e97>

Or email me, text me or call me with the times you can give a hand. My number is 402-429-2515, or my email is schinkelr@gmail.com
Thank you for considering!

A few items to put on your calendar for this month

February 9- Fat Tuesday Party at St. Teresa’s for all men of the parish.

February 16- First Fish Fry Dinner at the hall.

February 21- General Meeting at the hall beginning at 7:30. Come enjoy some pizza, a beverage and give input at our meeting.

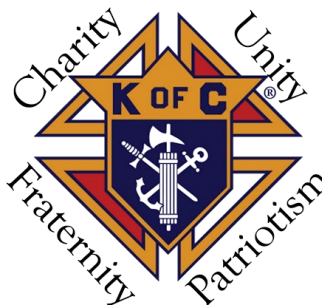
February 23- 2nd Fish Fry Dinner at the hall

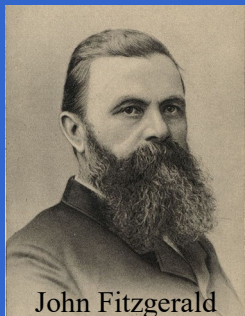
February 26- Officer/Directors Meeting at the hall. All Knights are invited.

If you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested in joining our Council please have him get in touch with me. Thank you!

May God continue to bless us all.

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Brother Knights,

A few years ago, I was enrolled in a Master's program through the Catholic University of America which was focused on teaching business principles for parish life, including: budgeting, accounting, fundraising and crisis management. And one class was in strategic planning and operational management.

In the class we learned about how to conduct a strategic plan for a parish or diocese. I was finishing this class as Lent approached, and it occurred to me that we can make Lent something like a strategic plan for our lives. Strategic plans are used in businesses, schools and churches.

Anyone who has been involved in a strategic planning process knows that the first and most important part of it is the mission statement. This might sound strange for those who read mission statements because they are often terribly boring and saying almost nothing.

But think about how fundamentally important mission is for any organization. A mission distinguishes what an organization is. When an organization knows who they are, then they can start talking about what they do. A strategic plan can, then, lay out objectives for what they will do. They will set goals and measure those goals.

I was taught that an organization should have a new strategic plan about every 3 years. Well, we are blessed as Catholics to have Lent once a year. And we can start with questions like: Who am I? What's my mission? How do I live that out? What are my goals in life of discipleship.

I offer you some ideas to think about this plan for your life. We believe that God has called us to an eternal, intimate relationship with him, and that our deepest longings are achieved by God's love working through me. Our whole lives are about growing in the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on this plan that began at our baptism and see what needs to change. The word Lent means “spring.” It's a fitting description because the Spring is about growth. The grass becomes green again, flowers bloom, things become more beautiful.

This is a good way to direct our Lent. It's a personal springtime. But, we don't often think of Lent in this way. We may think of it as a torture chamber, or going on Catholic diet for 40 days, then back to the old ways.

Perhaps this is where it's helpful for us to think about Lent as a strategic plan for my life. We look at the big picture of our relationships with God. Obviously, we are all in different places. We are at different parts of our journey. And so in this upcoming season of Lent, we ask the Lord to give us a sense of personal mission and the grace to know how we might carry out that mission.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kipper



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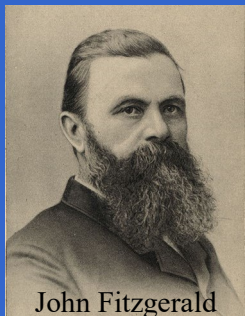
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KOC Council 833 - Free Throw Contest 2024

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete and progress from local level, to district, regional, and state/province competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

Thanks to all the St. Teresa participants who came to the annual KOC Free Throw Contest in January. The event was held at St. Teresa's Gym for the first time since 2019. We had a great turn out and lots of fun. Congratulations to all the winners who will be moving on to District Competition.

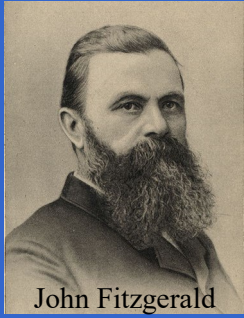
Thanks to Brother Knight **Brad Behne** for coordinating the event, and a special thanks to these Knights for volunteering their time to help:

Clarence Waldman
Mike Szatko
John Lenich
Dan Metzler
Ron Schinkel
Trenton Behne
Milt Bayer
Rich Wahl
Dan Wesolowski
Ralph Hammack
Barry Butler
Troy Cisneros
Jeff Knieval
Todd Minchow



We can't do these events without your support, and its greatly appreciated!





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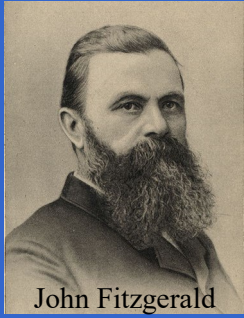
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Congratulations to our New Knights!

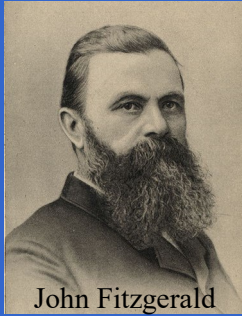
Congratulations to our 4 new Knights who attended our Degree Ceremony at the Knights Hall on January 17th.

Tim Echtenkamp, Alex Kleinjan, Frank Egelhoff, Weston Svoboda

Welcome Gentlemen!

And Congrats to **Patrick McBride** on being a 50 Year Knight member of the Knights of Columbus!!! He received a special award pin at the general meeting after the degree ceremony.





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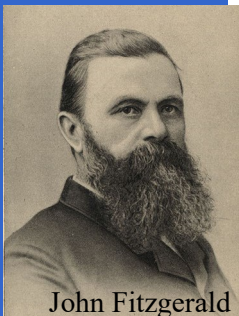
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FISH FRY-DAYS

Feb 16, 23 & Mar 1, 8, 15, 22
4:30–7 pm
KofC #833 Hall | 6044 South St

Price	Category
\$12	adult
\$6	kids (under 12)
\$40	family

Fried Pollock & Baked Cod
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