

John Fitzgerald

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
September 2024 Newsletter

“A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln”



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights! I am not a fan of Latin by any means. It's considered a dead language. What does that mean? When a language is no longer spoken by a group of people as their native tongue. Nevertheless, our Catholic Church is full of Latin. In this case, Vivat Jesus means May Jesus Live or Jesus Lives. This is the motto of the Knights of Columbus. Many saints also used this phrase as personal words to live by. While I was in the Marine Corp we learned to use the motto of Semper Fidelis, meaning Always Faithful. Though not specifically taught or official, many Marines would simply reply "Semper" to acknowledge another's use of the motto to them.

We are all brothers in Christ. Sharing a common belief, faith, set of morals and values and when we come together to work, learn, serve, eat, or pray, we are working together to help each of us build a stronger community, parish, and family. We tell members to 'be as active as you want to be'. I will tell you that if you want to build a relationship with Christ on a deeper level, get more active in the Council. There are numerous activities throughout the year in which we need your support. Through that support, you may find the one thing that allows you to grow in understanding that Jesus Lives. Take it home with you. Share it with your spouse. Pass it down to your children. Spread it to your immediate family. Share it with coworkers and friends.

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Dan Wesolowski** for all the help he gives whenever asked! Jayhawk Jumpstart, fireworks tent, hall projects.... Thanks Dan!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Ron Schinkel** and his grandkids for helping at the Jayhawk Jumpstart! Thank you everyone!

Upcoming Events:

- September 13th:** Altar Server Training
- September 14th:** Membership Drive
- September 15th:** Membership Drive
- September 18th:** KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm
- September 30th:** Officers Meeting 7:30pm



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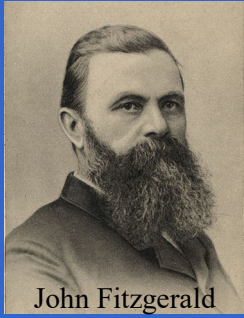
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This month we have a recruiting event scheduled for Sept. 14 & 15. Please wear your Knights shirt to Mass that weekend. If you don't have a shirt, ask an officer and we can get you one. We have plenty on hand. Speak to other men of the parish you know and ask them to consider becoming a Knight. Let them know all the things we do to promote the saying, Jesus Lives. Many times all it takes is for someone to “ask” them to join. Point them to our recruiter, Nick Armentrout if you need help. Signing up is easier than ever and can be done on a phone in just a few minutes. We grow our membership primarily because we want to give other Catholic men the same opportunity for faith growth and fraternal friendships that we all enjoy ourselves.

We will have the annual Coats for Kids program in Oct. The Council will be purchasing 8 cases of coats to the school to be distributed to needy kids and families.

God Bless all of you. Thank you for all you do as a Brother Knight.
Vivat Jesus!

Semper.

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833

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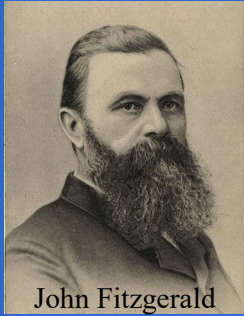
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

This month on September 8, we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we celebrate a birthday, it is usually a time when we honor the person who has just reached this milestone.

We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary for many reasons. The Blessed Mother was called by God to give a human nature to Jesus. Mary, of course, did not create God, for she is a creature. But she did give birth to Jesus, and human mothers give birth to persons, and so this title is fitting and appropriate, and that is at the heart of what we celebrate here today.

We honor the Blessed Mother beyond her title as Mother of God. It wasn't by pure luck that she happened to give birth to the savior of the world. We can look as to why God would have chosen Mary as the fitting womb as the first tabernacle, giving shelter to God made man.

As we celebrate in the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we believe that Mary was conceived without Original Sin and lived her life without personal sin.

Because of her goodness, Mary is also the example of the perfect disciple, the perfect Christian. She is called by the angel Gabriel, “full of grace,” and by her cousin “blessed among women.” Why is she “full of grace,” why is she “blessed among women”? Because she does the will of God without hesitation. That's what disciples of Jesus do.

As we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday, let us look to her in her example of discipleship, and follow in her footsteps.

May God bless you and your families,

Father Kipper



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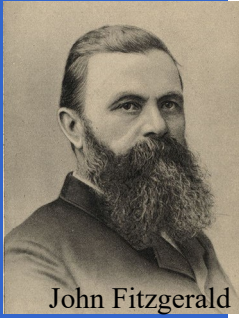
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