



John Fitzgerald

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
December 2024 Newsletter



“A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln”



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Well here we are, the second week of Advent! Boy time flies. Soon it will be Christmas and the new year upon us. This coming Sunday is Candy Cane Sunday and we could use men to post the exits at church and collect donations/pass out candy canes. No verbal exchange is necessary (you don't have to ask just hold the basket out and the money flies in!). Pass out the candy canes to anyone and everyone, we got plenty. We'll have them in the ushers closet. Just come to the back of the church after Communion and volunteer, no sign up on this one. The money goes to purchase the remaining items on the Giving Wreaths so it's a great cause.

Also along with that, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the church basement to meet and greet all the little ones after the 10am and 12pm Masses. Kids will get a small gift bag and the photos are free! Bring your kiddos down and get that off your list of to do items. 100 bags available until they are gone.

This has been a very productive year for the Council. We need to continue to grow and enlist new Knights and get more Knights helping out at all the activities we field throughout the year. If you aren't growing, your dying. I read somewhere that there are only 2.1million Knights in the US. If that is correct, it seems mighty small. Let's buck that trend and keep this Council thriving!

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Father Kipper** for his continued dedication to the council and our activities. Thank you.

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Cunningham Family** for having three generations of volunteers working the Tootsie Roll Drive at Hy-Vee! Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

- December 9th:** Immaculate Conception
- December 18th:** KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm
- December 25th:** CHRISTMAS
- December 28th:** Pinstripe BOWL-GBR!
- December 30th:** Officer Meeting 7:30pm



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Father Kipper

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As we wait and reflect during this Advent season in anticipation of Christmas, I would like to share the words of St. John Paul II: “In Advent we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it. As it does every year, this event will take place on the night of the Lord’s Birth. The shepherds will hasten to the stable in Bethlehem; later the Magi will arrive from the East. Both the one and the other, in a certain sense, symbolize the entire human family.

Theresa and I want to wish all of you and your families a blessed Advent and Christmas season! May your families gather and give thanks to God for all that he has blessed you with, big and small. Thank you to all Knights for all you do for Council 833 and St. Teresa’s.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833



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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

Christmas is a time of great wonder. The wonder and majesty of the Incarnation, God made man, draws us in during this holy season. The living God, whom the earth, the galaxies and the entire universe cannot contain lies in a manger as a little baby. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that this great feast is so beloved by all. It reminds us who God is and how tender his love is for us.

We celebrate how God came into the world in the subtlest, most unimaginable, and yet most perfect way. God became a man, but not immediately a full-grown man. He humbled himself to be a little embryo and a little child developing in his mother Mary’s womb. He became a vulnerable infant, completely dependent upon Mary, Joseph, and all those around him. And he did this so that we could become a part of his family.

May the Infant Jesus, who came down to our world to bring us to the family of God, bless you and all your families in the upcoming Christmas season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper



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St. Teresa’s - Nativity Set-Up 2024

Thanks to all who came out to help set up the Nativity at St. Teresa’s last Saturday!! Advent has begun as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

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Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: St. Teresa's Gym, 616 South 36th Street

Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025
Check-in Right after School 3:15 pm
Competition Starts at 3:45 pm

Sponsor: Knight of Columbus
Contact: Brad Behne (402-570-8585)
brad_behne@yahoo.com

Free Event and Snacks!
Awards for 1st & 2nd Place
All Competitors get Participation Medals



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