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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
October 2024 Newsletter

“A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln”



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,
Service and Community Involvement

Traditionally, as a contractor, I would know that if I had trenching or backhoeing to do for a job, I would try to have it complete by Oct. 1st knowing that the weather outside could change any day. After that, it's a Russel Stover time of year. You never know what you're going to get. Even though it's been warm the cold is coming. We have 8 cases this year of coats to donate to our parish school for the annual Coats for Kids program. Soon I will be dropping them off so they can be distributed to families in need.

This month we also have the annual Tootsie Roll Drive which collects monies to help fund the important work of Villa Marie School at the Marian Sisters. This school helps the developmentally disabled. Our city wide collection effort is this weekend and our location is Hy Vee at 50th and O St. We have a sign up genius out and available so you can sign up for a time slot. We really need to fill the slots to we can cover all three entrances with two men. Having two men just helps give moral support to each other and also allows for folks to see two people with buckets, kind of making it more formal or real. Its not about the Tootsie Roll, its about the impact they can have supporting the good work of the Marian Sisters.

If you're a student of human interaction, it can be a good time to witness human generosity. That is this weekend, Oct. 12th and 13th. Our parish collection after Masses will be the following weekend, Oct. 19th and 20th.

These are two examples of Community Involvement and Charity we do at the Knights of Columbus.

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Nick Armentrout** for helping coordinate, set up, and run the parish picnic. Thanks Nick!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Paul Vidmar** family for all their work helping set up and run the parish picnic. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

- October 12th:** Tootsie Roll at Church
- October 13th:** Tootsie Roll at Church
- October 16th:** KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm
- October 19th:** Tootsie Roll at Business
- October 20th:** Tootsie Roll at Business
- October 27th:** Corporate Communion
- October 28th:** Officers Meeting 7:30pm



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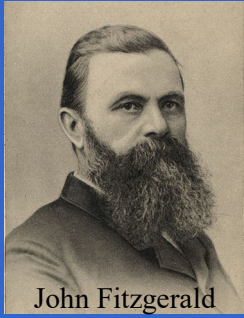
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Brother Nick, our Council Recruiter, has been hard at work. He has organized a football watch party to be held at Fitzgerald Hall on Oct. 19th. This is a great time to get together with your fellow Knights and make new friends and renew old ones. Stay tuned for more info on that via emails. Please support these events and activities. If you know a man who could be interested in joining the Knights, bring them along. Let them see what it is we do, how we do it, and why we do it. This is how we grow and keep our membership active for the next generation of Knights and the service we provide. Success comes from our collective efforts, it will not come on its own.

This is an example of Unity and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Semper.

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833

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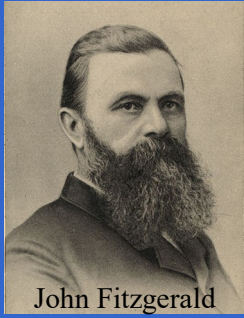
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

Last year in September 2023, I had the opportunity to travel to the Normandy region of France with my father and a priest friend of mine. I had always been intrigued by the invasion upon the beaches of Normandy during World War II, which is known as D-Day. I've admired the courage of the troops going into this battle. It felt something like a pilgrimage to see these beaches and battlefields: places where a moral battle against tyranny was fought.

The Normandy beaches are only a little over an hour from the town of Lisieux, the home of our patron, St. Teresa. And so, we also made a visit to see St. Teresa.

Saint Teresa is, of course, known for her “little way.” The little way is essentially doing little things with great love. In Lisieux, you can visit the Carmelite monastery where Saint Teresa lived and is laid to rest, her childhood home, and a very large basilica dedicated to St. Teresa.

The contrast between this giant basilica and the little way of St. Teresa gave my pause. I wasn't bothered by the fact of this, but it was a moment of reflection. In the eyes of the world St. Teresa didn't do much in her life, but the effects of her prayers are very much apparent.

She wanted to be a missionary. She wanted to go to the far corners of the world to preach the gospel. She was obviously never able to do this in this life, but she continues to do it through her prayers. She is now the patron of the missions. One of her great sayings is that she wants to “spend her heaven doing good on earth.”

This giant basilica dedicated to St. Teresa is thus a fitting expression of the power of one saint. In fact, as you walk around this basilica there's little plaques from different countries throughout the world where St. Teresa has made some kind of impact, evidence of her greatness of soul. Let us remember, too, that like St. Teresa, our little, good deeds can have great, long-lasting effects.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kipper



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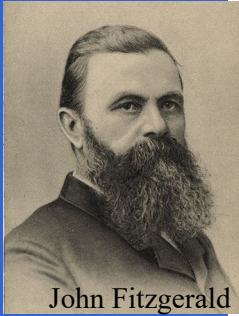
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KOC 833 Chain Gang 2024—Pius Football

Our council runs the chain gang and down marker for the varsity Pius football games, and can be seen on the visitor’s sideline during the Pius home games. Brothers Matt Schafers, Trenton Behne, Brad Behne, and Ryan Wesolowski are pictured below. Not Pictured are Ron Schinkel and Tim Otto, who also help with our TEAM!

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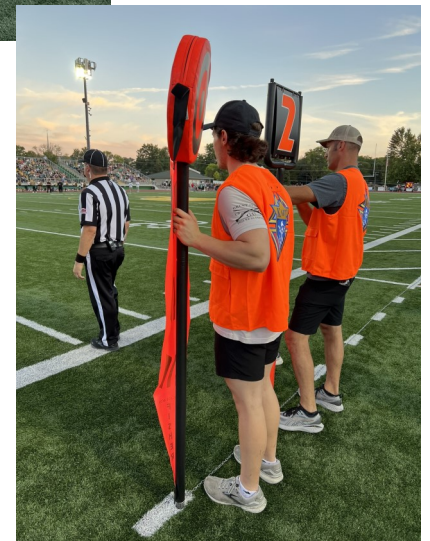
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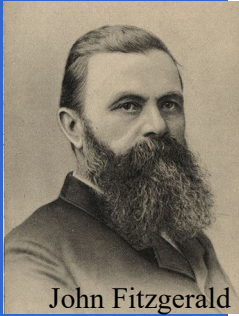
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