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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
February 2025 Newsletter

“A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln”



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

I hope your new year is off to a great start. If you're struggling to think of a good resolution, try stopping by the church for a few minutes extra one day a week. Gradually increase that to 5 minutes, then 10. Maybe attend daily Mass once a week. There are numerous opportunities throughout Lincoln to attend Mass at various times and our parish is smack dab in the middle making it easy to get to several churches in a short drive. I have it easy at Pius. Mass is offered every day and throughout the day but I still find it a struggle to get there reliably. I have committed to once a week, but we have folks that take advantage and attend every chance they get. Whatever it is you choose to do, before long, you'll be on your way to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of what God wants from you and how you can give back to Him.

A very big way to give back is to help out at the upcoming fish fry events! We need everyone to pitch in. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year but it is also a social event. Not just for fellow Knights but our loyal patrons too! There are a lot of different jobs that need to be done. Don't fight over being named the fish squeezer, there's 6 fish fries, you'll get your chance to see what it's all about. We got the patio crew, the kitchen crew, the bar crew, and the dining room help, there's plenty of opportunities to get involved and find your niche. Be a part of the motley crew that make our fish fries the best in town.

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Nathaniel Cunningham** for his work on the KOC 833 scholarship form. Thanks!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Brad Behne Family**. Brad helped coordinate the free throw contest and his daughter was there to pass out snacks. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

- February 8th & 9th:** Membership Drive
- February 14th:** Valentine's Day
- February 19th:** General Meeting 7:30pm
- February 24th:** Officer Meeting 7:30pm
- March 1st:** Fish Fry Set up
- March 5th:** Ash Wednesday



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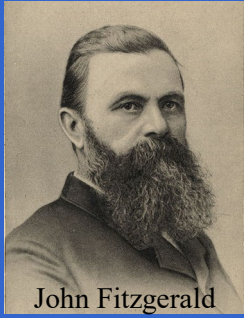
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Brother Ron sent out the Sign-Up Genius already. Please look it over and sign up for a slot. If you can only make one Friday, we'll take your help. Kids are a great help as well. They can help in the dining room with table service. The seasoned citizens love seeing the young girls and boys helping out. Our fish fries are a destination, not simply a meal spot.

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Let's all pitch in and continue this great tradition we have of providing the best fish, the best location, and the best service in Lincoln!

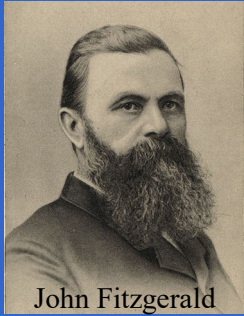
Vivat Jesus!

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833

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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

Across the world, catechumens and candidates are taking instructions in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). At St. Teresa, we have several men and women taking instructions in the faith. These men and women are inquiring about being baptized and entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

We should be intentional in praying for those in OCIA. It’s a grace from God that they are attending. OCIA is also a reminder of our need for continued study of the faith with the purpose of knowing Jesus better, so that we may be with him for all eternity.

How blessed we are to know and believe in God’s story of salvation. The ancient Israelites were given a portion of the fullness that God has revealed to us. We receive it in its entirety. When we look at the story told in Sacred Scripture, we get to see the whole plan of God worked out.

Let’s remember to pray for those who are in OCIA during these final months leading to the Easter Vigil. And may their study of the faith remind us of our need to do the same.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper



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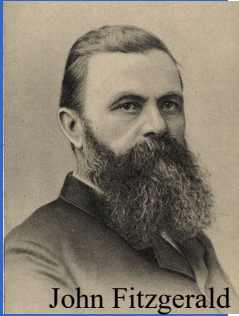
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Council 833 St. Teresa’s - Free Throw Contest 2025

Brother Knights,

We had a VERY successful 2025 Free Throw Contest last night. We had 40 participants, which is the most since I've been helping I believe. The kids seemed to have a great time. See pictures attached for some highlights.

I need to thank ALL the Knights who volunteered to help. I could not have done it without you. Setting up, cleaning up, making sure I bring the registration forms to scoring tables, and reminding me to do things.... I am still getting used to being behind the microphone so I am thankful.

Knights who were there (see them in picture below): **John Lenich, Barry Butler, Clarence Waldman, Ralph Hammack, Jeff Knievel, Milt Bayer, Dan Metzler, Ron Wortman, Matt Schafers and Tony Schafers.** Thanks to my daughter **Alisyn** for running the snack table. Thanks to Grand Knight Matt Schafers for signing all the certificates and passing out all the awards. (It's a lot of stuff!!)

Special thanks to John Lenich and Clarence Waldman for manning the "Administrative" Table. Probably the hardest job in the gym. Organizing the participant registrations, keeping track of total free throws, organizing winners, filling out certificates. It's a lot of paperwork and organization that I appreciate very much.

It's the small things with this event that mean a lot to these kids. Very happy we can do that. Great job guys.

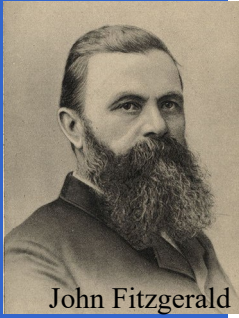
Brad Behne
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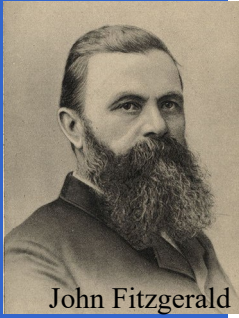
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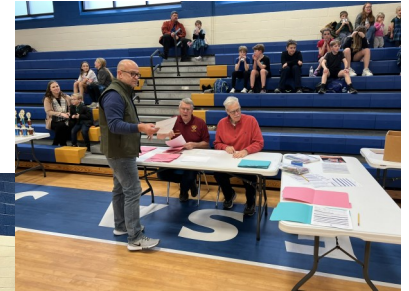


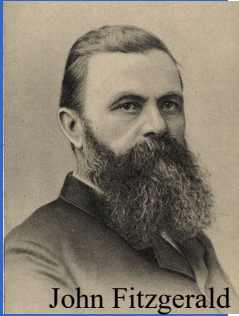
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