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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
April 2025 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

When you read this, Palm Sunday will be right around the corner. It is almost Easter. How have you progressed on your journey to grow closer to Christ? Have you not kept to your sacrifices, stumbled on your path, given up already? Perhaps you are one of the good ones who has remained on your chosen path of devotion. Wherever you are, you are still not too late to prepare your heart for the joy and celebration of Easter.

You don't have to be perfect in your Lenten duty, you only need to make progress. Baby steps are still steps closer to Christ. Closer than you were before. We should be using this time to strive to become better men of faith, husbands, fathers, and Americans. The good Lord welcomes everyone who tries. Stumblers included!

I encourage everyone to attend all the Sacred Liturgies that you can. They are some of the most beautiful that the Church has (yes, they are also long). As Knights, we are called to be leaders to others in our faith and service. Consider how you participate and assist in those liturgies may inspire someone else to grow their love of Christ. Hope to see you there!

Semper
Vivat Jesus!

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833

Knight of the Month:

Knights of the month is **Bob Ele and John Weber** for their help during our fish fries! Thank you for all you do to help our council.

Knight Family of the Month:

Families of the month are the **Wahl and English** families for their continuing work at the fish fries. Thank you for all the great volunteer work!

Upcoming Events:

April 11th: Fish Fry #6 - 4:30-7pm
April 13th: Palm Sunday
April 16th: 833 Council Meeting 7:30pm
April 20th: **EASTER SUNDAY**
April 29th: Officer Meeting 7:30pm



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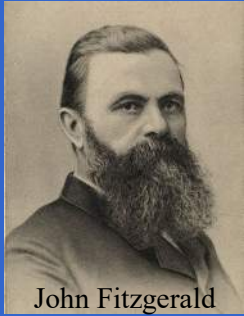
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

During this upcoming Holy Week, we reflect on all that the Lord does to entice us to receive his love. Jesus endured the mockery and embarrassment of those around him. He had a faux crown made of thorns beaten into his head, and a sarcastic sign on his cross that read “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

Jesus suffered the physical anguish of the Scourging at the Pillar and painful death of crucifixion, a death sentence that was usually reserved for the worst of criminals. Still perhaps greater than this physical torment was the emotional distress that Jesus felt knowing that his dear friends had betrayed him; and also, the sins of all of us in the future. Christ’s selfless love is abundantly clear to us.

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything. All that takes place in the life, teachings and work of Christ make sense because of the resurrection. Otherwise, Jesus would be a good philosopher who said great things, but with the same depressing, desperation in the end—no eternal life. But the resurrection changes everything. It changes us. It allows us to be God’s dwelling place forever.

May God bless you and your families with many graces in this Holy Week and much rejoicing in the resurrection as we celebrate Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Nicholas Kipper



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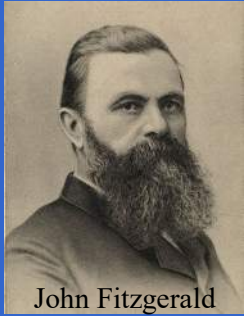
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A Message from our Financial Secretary:

“Tonight, We are ALL Catholic”

Brother Knights, Families and Friends,

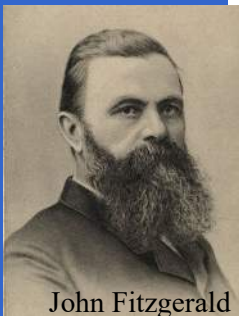
This week we had many people tell us that they are not Catholic but still love our fish fry's. One Methodist lady that was accompanied by a Catholic lady from Cathedral made it a point to profess her denomination to which I responded, “Tonight we are all Catholic”. The word “catholic” means “universal”, “world-wide” and “all inclusive”, and on fish Friday nights we are “all of the above”, bringing people together over good fish and great company. Towards the end of the night, one couple was leaving and Mike Szatko asked how it was, and the man said, “It would have been better if it was Lutheran”, so I turned to his wife and said, “Tonight, we are all Catholic” and then she turned and repeated it to her husband as if she seemed to agree. In between we served 477 meals, adults, kids, and comps and took in \$6,400.00 for another good week.

As part of our Charity, each week we provide free meals to the homebound, and complimentary meals to the priests and nuns. This week Sister Perpetua took meals to the Sisters of Mary Queen of Mercy and Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz and Dan Wesolowski took meals to the School Sisters of Christ the King and the homebound. One of our Protestant regulars was in line early and let a couple skip ahead and they said, “Are you sure?”, to which he replied, “It's okay, I'm here all night”. This is both our biggest complement and our biggest obstacle as we tend to run out of seating at times. One regular family came in and their daughter immediately ran into the lounge like she knew what she was doing. As it turns out, she went to say “Hi” to Kevin Naumann, one of our bartenders. Just so happens, she is a student at Saint Joe's where Kevin is the Principal, and he said every week she asks him if he is going to be selling pop at the fish fry.

This week I would like to pay tribute to both the Knights and Boy Scout families that work in the drive-thru. Our GK Matt Schafers and his Wife Theresa have taken this over and done a remarkable job staffing it. Theresa even went as far as to make 3x4 inch order cards for taking the orders and remarked that since she did this that they have not mixed up any orders. We all can attest that having a drive-thru get your order wrong is one of the worst things ever. As Joe Pesci said in Lethal Weapon, “They (fry) you in the drive-thru”. As I was done checking on the kids in the drive-thru food preparation station, I turned around and told one diner, “It may seem like a kiddie corral, but they are actually doing an awesome job”, and she laughed. I also snapped a picture of the hall dining crowd, my wife noticed something special in it, so see if you can find the proud grandma in “Finding Granny”.

Crusade for Christ, Die with Christ, Vivat Jesus!

Tony Schafers
FS, Fitzgerald Council 833



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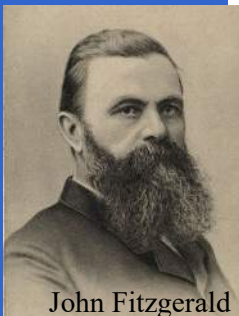


Fish Fries—2025!

Thanks to all who have helped with all the weeks of fish fries at the KOC Hall during this lent. And thank you to all the folks who have visited and tried our World Famous Fish!

Please come on down to volunteer or enjoy some great food and friends one last time tonight!





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