



John Fitzgerald

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
March 2025 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

We have embarked on the season of Lent. For Catholics (and non-Catholics too) it is a time for reflection, introspection, repentance, and spiritual preparation. Lent mirrors the biblical time of Jesus in the wilderness. This is our time to deepen our faith and promote self-discovery, learning about those things you may not know and spreading what you do know throughout the community.

It's also a time for fish fries! If this doesn't get you excited, there's nothing wrong with looking forward to great fellowship, comradery, conversation, and great fish with a motley crew! We need your help! These fish fries are one of our main fundraisers and we need lots of folks to help out, especially during the third shift, clean up. Please sign up or show up, we'll find a spot for you.

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833

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Knight of the Month:

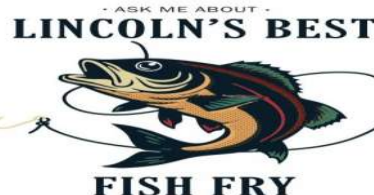
Knight of the month is **Philip Paitz** for his work on the semi-annual audit spreadsheet for our council. Thanks Philip!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Jeff Knievel Family** for helping move snow for the elderly and shut-in folks of parish. Thank You!

Upcoming Events:

March 19th: 833 Council Meeting 7:30pm
March 21st: Fish Fry #3 - 4:30-7pm
March 28th: Fish Fry #4 - 4:30-7pm
March 31st: Officer Meeting 7:30pm
April 4th: Fish Fry #5 - 4:30-7pm



OFFICERS:

Chaplain:
Father Kipper
Grand Knight:
Matt Schafers
Dep. Grand Knight:

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Tony Schafers
Treasurer:
Philip Paitz
Recorder:
Barry Butler
Chancellor:
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

We are amid the holiest time in the Church's liturgical year. It's a time where God wants to do great things in us. We know very well that within the season of Lent, we take on greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to make room for the Lord to do these great things in us.

We don't do this alone. Any blessing that we receive in the season of Lent or Easter is us accepting and receiving a grace from God. He will help us have a good Lent and a joyful Easter. We also have the assistance of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We enter into this penitential season together.

I even look at our Knights of Columbus Friday fish fry dinners in this light. Despite our extra sacrifices and giving of alms, the season is not meant to be dull and miserable. But rather, it can be a time of community among fellow Christians and an invitation to those around us. And I thank all that are involved in the fish fry dinners for bringing the community together.

May God bless you and your families with many graces in the holy season of Lent and much rejoicing in the resurrection as we celebrate Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper



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A Message from our Financial Secretary:

Brother Knights and Families,

We had a great first fish fry, some people even told us that we have the **Best Fish Fry (BFF) in Town**. One of those people was our State District Deputy John Franssen who was a former Grand Knight in our council. We started off a little slow but then it picked up and was steady all night. We ended up with a great crowd of people enjoying the fish and comradery with family, friends and parishioners, we even had our three priests in attendance. After tallying the numbers for both inside dine-in and take out along with outside drive thru, we served 427 adults, 67 kids and had 26 comped meals for a total of 520 meals. We took in \$6,902.00 but have not taken out the expenses yet so we will not know how much the profit we made until all the expenses are entered.

As I was surveying the parking lot, I noticed a young mom and her two kids crossing South Street to get to our building. I do not know if they live in the area or just had to park in the neighborhood to find a parking spot. Later, I noticed the same lady and her two kids trying to handle their takeout containers and get stuff from our serving table. I asked her if she could use a bag or two and she said yes. Then as I was out in the fish fry tent at the outside door, I noticed the three of them, re-crossing the street and thought to myself, must be some damn good fish to go through all that trouble. It just goes to show what these events mean to people and why we enjoy doing them. I hope everyone's experience is one that enhances their Lenten season and brings some happiness to the end of their week.

It takes a lot of planning, ordering, organizing, prepping, setup, serving, and cleanup to put these on but it is all becomes worth it when you see all the happy faces of the people who wait all year for our fish fries. The Fitzgerald Hall phone doesn't stop ringing with people asking, "Are you having your fish fries?" So, if you were not able to join us this week, we have 5 more before they are gone for another year. We serve baked cod and fried pollack along with some great coleslaw and your choice of potatoes. I especially would like to thank all the kids that helped us serve our customers by pouring drinks, clearing tables or running fish and fries, it's always a welcome site. This week we had the Boy Scouts from Troop 28 help run the food in the drive through so we thank them for their service.

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 the first two weeks of fish fries at the KOC Hall. 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.

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KOC District and Regional Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus District and Regional Free Throw Competition was held at the Pius High School gym on March 8th.

Thanks to all our 833 Knights who helped at this large event. We hosted around 250 total participants and their families from councils throughout the Southeastern Nebraska area.

Congratulations to all the St. Teresa kids who competed!

Two St. Teresa students won awards at the regional competition.

Will Vacek, won the Boys Age 11 regional and advanced to state competition on April 6th. **Maura Fitzpatrick**, won 2nd place in the Age 14 Girls competition and will go to state if the winner cannot compete.





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Paper Delivery!

After our council heard of a “paper-shortage” at the school....we bought and delivered four boxes of copy paper to St. Teresa’s School last week.

Thanks to our Grand Knight, Matt Schafers for picking up and delivering!!





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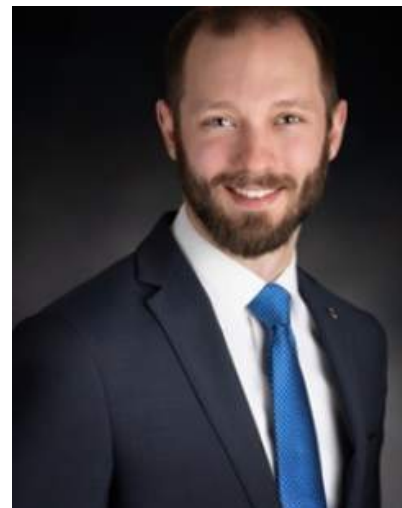


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