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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
May 2025 Newsletter

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A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

As I write this, we now have a new pope, Pope Leo XIV! It has been described by many as a time of mourning and renewal at the same time for the Church. We mourn the loss of Pope Francis. By all accounts, he was a strong supporter of the Knights. He often spoke of charity, unity, and fraternity at various times, our core principles.

As you continue to offer prayers for the repose of his soul, we honor his legacy by continuing to be Knights of charity, faith, and service to all. Our new pope also appears to be a strong supporter of the very same principles. Though he was born in Chicago, raised and educated there, he has spent the bulk of his life in service to the Church in other countries, namely Peru. I In service to the Church which means in service to his fellow man. In time my hope is he becomes known as one of the best Popes of our time. We shall all see. He has been described as a thoughtful leader, not prone to irrational decisions. In my opinion, the Church could use a person with his traits right now.

Every organization needs leadership. Men and women who are willing to step up and take on the roles of leading their club, group, church, state, etc. to new places. We all have our own strengths and weaknesses to bring to the table but the first thing is answering the call to serve.

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Upcoming Events:

May 18th: Pius Graduation
May 19th: St Teresa Graduation
May 21st: 833 Council Meeting 7:30pm
May 26th: Memorial Day
May 27th: Officer Meeting 7:30pm
May 29th: Ascension Thursday



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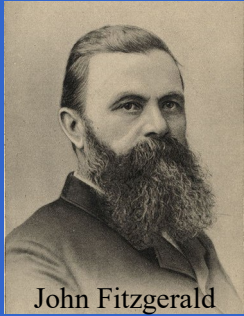
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Right now, it is our councils call to serve. We are seeking nominations for various roles. Voting will take place soon. We have a cornucopia of men out there who our council could benefit from. Please consider getting involved by coming to some meetings. See what it's all about. Get to know your fellow Knights more personally, not just as fellow workers at the fish fry or fireworks tent. Volunteer to be an officer and if at first you don't succeed, try again. Our organization is crucially in need of men who will get involved on the day-to-day level.

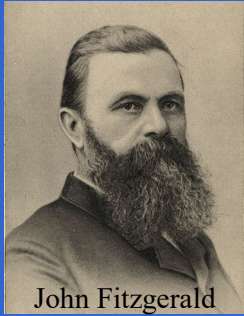
As we finish the final tallying of the fish fry's, we move right into our biggest fundraiser but short duration event, fireworks! We need LOTS of help over only 3 DAYS to pull this off. These fundraisers make our reason to exist work. They allow us to help the charities, school, priests, religious, and lay folks that come to us for their needs. Without the funds, we cannot do the great work we are known for. Please sign up when the time comes and offer to help out.

Next meeting is May 21, Fitzgerald Hall @ 7:30pm. We start, as always, with the rosary and the meeting follows. See you there.

Vivat Jesus!
Semper

Matt Schafers
Grand Knight 833





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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all of you had a Blessed Mother's Day! One of the most basic human needs is the need to receive the love of a mother. The need for the tenderness of a mother is something that never really goes away.

Through the incarnation, the mystery of God taking on a human nature, we note that God did not exempt himself from this precious, human need. God allowed himself to be subjected to that tender, motherly love. This truth shows how close God wants to be with us and connects with us. Christ became one of us as a man; Christ chose to need a mother.

As enter this month of May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we look to deepen our relationship with Mary as our mother. This should never cause us fear that we are taking something away from Jesus as we turn to her as our mother. Rather, she will always draw us nearer to her son.

-The great preacher and promoter of devotion to Mary, St. Louis de Montfort talked about how when we give ourselves entirely to Mary, she will give herself entirely to us. He said, “Mary will share her faith with you. Her faith on earth was stronger than that of all the patriarchs, prophets, apostles and saints.”

Jesus, God himself, subjected himself to the tender love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us do the same and we will be richly blessed.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Nicholas Kipper

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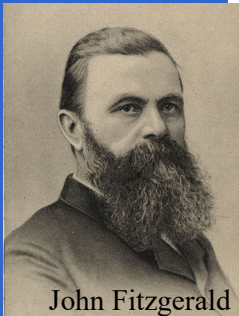
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Statement of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

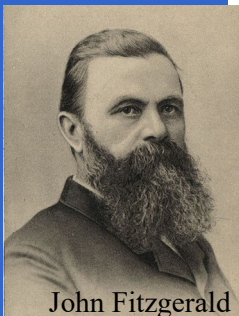
Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

“The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

“Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII — and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

“Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do.”

Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope. Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini’s iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.



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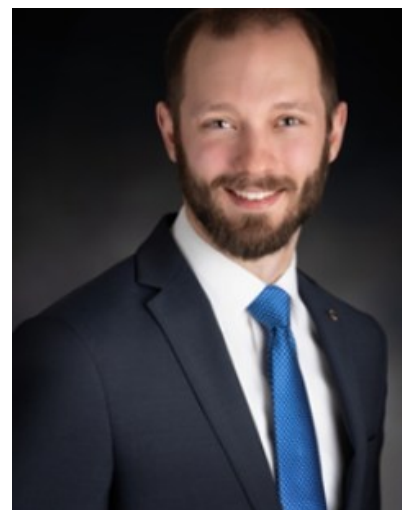


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