

John Fitzgerald

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
November 2025 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"



## A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Fall is upon us. The leaves are falling, and the gorgeous colors of the season are here. The Church just celebrated All Saints Day and All Souls Day. For many folks I know, those days mark the official start of Fall. Any day now we could have 6" of snow on the ground or 80-degree days. As I have traveled throughout the US, many states like to say, 'if you don't like the weather wait 5 minutes and it will change.' We in Nebraska believe we originated the phrase. Who knows for sure but what I do know is that they change quickly.

Before you know it, you are another year older. The end is closer than the beginning. We all will pass on to another place at some point. When that happens, you want those you left behind to pray for you. In addition, those you prayed for can help you also when they arrive into His arms. Our regular meeting in November is our traditional Mass for all our deceased Knights of our Council. Again, this year, the Mass will be at St. Teresa's, p.m., with light refreshments afterward in K Hall.

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## Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Ralph Hammock** for his work for our council. Thank you for all you do to help.

## Knight Co-Family of the Month:

Co-Family of the month is the **Joe Goodwater and Mike Szatko** families for helping do all the grilling at the parish festival. Thank you for all you help!

## Upcoming Events:

**November 19th:** 833 Council Meeting 7:30pm -Deceased Knights Mass  
**November 24th:** Officer Meeting 7:30pm  
**November 27th:** **THANKSGIVING DAY!**  
**November 28th:** **Nebraska vs Iowa**  
**November 29th:** Nativity Setup  
**December 6th:** Candy Cane Sunday  
**December 8th:** Immaculate Conception



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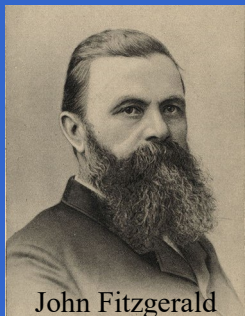
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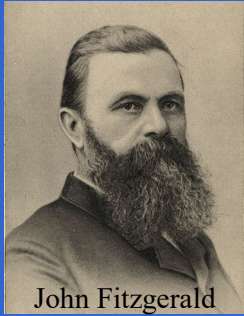
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All the names of our deceased Knights will be read off during the Mass. Also, the Mass will be for those listed in the Book of Remembrance. Our Men's Choir is also slated to sing helping to make it special. Please plan to attend with your families. I may be wrong here, but I think it was Saint Faustina that got a glimpse of purgatory. When pressed, Mary told her that the average time for a soul to stay there was about 40 earth years as we know it. That's a long-time folks.

Pray for those who have gone before us. Pray for all those who have no one to pray for them. Someday you may be surprised to find out how many souls you helped get to Heaven through your prayers!

Matt Schafers  
Grand Knight 833





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## *A Message from our Chaplain:*

Dear Brother Knights,

St. Augustine in his book *Confessions* recounts the last moments of his mother's life on earth. His mother, St. Monica, was a devout woman who prayed for the conversion of Augustine, who throughout his youth lived a Godless, debauched life. He, of course, had a great conversion, and became one of the great leaders in the history of the Church.

St. Monica became ill in the year 387 as she was traveling near Rome. She and her family lived in the Roman Empire, but in North Africa—not Rome.

Augustine and his brother were with her on her death bed, and his brother mentioned to her that he was hoping that she might make it back to her homeland before she dies. Augustine said that upon hearing this, “she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts.”

She said to them, “bury my body wherever you will, let not care of it cause any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.”

St. Monica, a canonized saint in the Church was asking for nothing else on her deathbed, but prayers.

We hope that we, too, when we are facing our looming death will have the same purity of intentions as St. Monica. In this month dedicated to the poor souls, let us remember those who have gone before us with the greatest gift possible: our prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper



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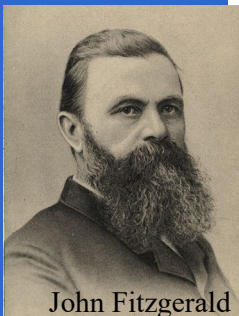
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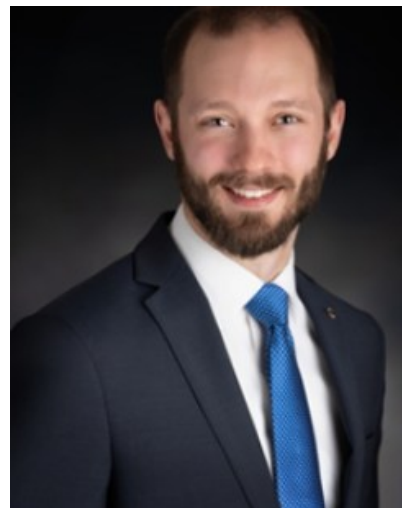


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