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# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
February 2026 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"



#### *A Message from our Grand Knight:*

Brother Knights,

We are rapidly approaching the season of Lent. This year it seems like it's earlier than usual. I don't know about that, but what I do know is that our fish fries are about to start. Feb. 20 is our first of the year. We need lots of help to pull these off successfully. We will be setting up the hall on Thursday Feb. 19. DGK Kevin Crowles should have sent out a Sign Up already. Look for it. Third shift is especially important to help clean up. It's not hard work but many hands certainly get it done quickly.

Our general business meeting is next Monday, Feb. 16 since Wed. is Ash Wednesday. Bring a Brother Knight with you. Pizza and refreshments after the meeting.

Lent is a time for sacrifice, large or small, it doesn't matter much. Do what you can. Every time you deny yourself that extra cup of coffee, dessert after dinner, or watching less tv, etc. you make yourself stronger. Your willpower becomes more powerful, and you begin to wield it more effectively for the better. I saw it myself. I drank less soda today than I have in years. Candy, especially chocolate, is easier to turn away from (a little taste is okay). Combine sacrifice with prayer. Take the time to stop during the day and pray. Maybe it's only the prayer before meals at lunch. Small things add up to bigger things. Try it out and see if it helps you to shape your life for a new you.

Matt Schafers  
Grand Knight 833

#### Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Brad Behne** for his work coordinating the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at St. Teresa's January 21st.

#### Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Phil Paitz** family for all their work for our council. Thank you!

#### Upcoming Events:

**February 14th: Valentine's Day**

**February 16th: General Mtg 7:30pm**

**February 18th: Ash Wednesday**

**February 20th: Fish Fry Week 1**

**February 23rd: Officer Mtg 7:30pm**

**February 27th: Fish Fry Week 2**



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Dear Brother Knights,

We think of the season of Lent, we may think of giving something up or fasting. We may think of not eating meat on Friday, or our favorite Knights of Columbus fish fry dinners.

These are wonderful things. They can help us have a good Lent. However, the whole goal of Lent is simple: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Lent is about conversion. Our fasting, our penances, and increase in prayer and almsgiving is to that one purpose.

May we all have a blessed and grace-filled Lent. May it be a time of greater conversion and renewal in our hearts as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Nicholas Kipper





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## Council 833 St. Teresa's - Free Throw Contest 2026

Brother Knights,

We had a VERY successful 2026 Free Throw Contest on January 21st after school. We had 35 participants, which is a good turnout. 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.

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

Brad Behne  
KOC Council 833





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## 2026 Fish Fries are BACK!!!

Fish Fries are BACK! Contact Andrew Cunningham below or on the Sign up Genius link sent in email.

**SignUpGenius** Group Organizing Made Easy

**Fitzgerald Council**  
**Fish Fry 2026**



Knights, family members and St. Teresa parishioners please consider helping out this Lenten Season with our St. Teresa Fish Fry Fridays!

If your child needs service hours this will count towards those. If you have questions please call 402-432-0440 or 402-904-2678.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Location Hall

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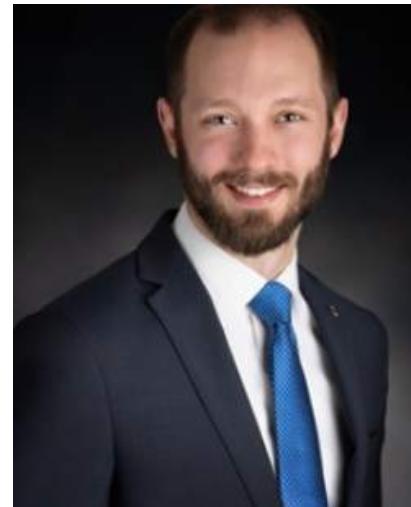


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