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THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
August 2026 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"



A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Viva Cristo Rey!

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the Cristero War, an uprising of Catholics fighting for religious freedom amid violent persecution by the Mexican government. Mexican President Plutarco Elías Calles intensified its campaign to drive the Catholic faith completely from public life. Priests were expelled, churches were seized, and Catholics faced imprisonment, torture and even death. During the three-year conflict, tens of thousands of Catholics gave their lives rather than deny Christ the King, including more than 70 Knights of Columbus.

Some fled the country, while others resisted peacefully. Many took up arms under the rallying cry, "¡Viva Cristo Rey y Santa María de Guadalupe!" — "Long live Christ the King and Holy Mary of Guadalupe!" What followed became known as La Cristiada, or the Cristero War.

More than 50 Knights of Columbus councils were active throughout Mexico at that time. As the persecution intensified, the Order helped establish the National League for the Defense of Religious Liberty, distributed five million pamphlets across the United States exposing the brutality of the Mexican government, and sent a delegation to President Calvin Coolidge urging him to intervene. Pope Pius XI recognized the Knights by name for their courageous response in his 1926 encyclical *Iniquis Afflictisque*.

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Knights of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Gary Luebbert** for supporting the upcoming Jayhawk Jumpstart Night. Thank you!

Knight Family of the Month:

Jean & Isabella Bringham for all they do for Fitzgerald Hall, coordination calendar events. We appreciate your dedication.

Upcoming Events:

August 8th and 9th: Church Membership Drive
August 10th: CSS Walk to End Hunger
August 15th: Altar Server Outing
August 18th: Jayhawk Jumpstart Night
August 19th: General Meeting 7:30 PM
August 25th: Officer Meeting 7:30 PM



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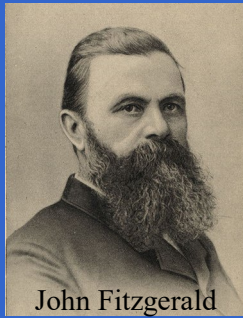
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One hundred years later, the witness of these courageous martyrs remains an inspiration to Knights around the world who seek to defend the faith with unwavering commitment. To learn more about these courageous men, check out the video in the link below.

Cristero Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqp6dbLidIE&t=49s>

Vivat Jesus.

Kevin Cowles
Grand Knight 833

The Knights of Columbus Mexican Martyrs



St. Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán



St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Lucero



St. Luis Batis Sáinz



St. Miguel de la Mora de la Mora

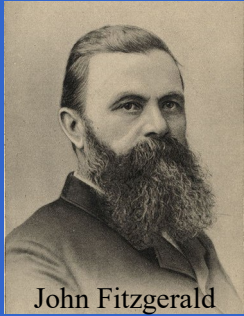


St. José María Robles Hurtado



St. Mateo Correa Magallanes





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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

This time of year, we look ahead to the beginning of the school year. Even if one no longer attends school or has children in school, this time of year is a good reminder for us that we are to be lifelong learners.

God has given us an intellect that we might know truth and, ultimately, to know him better. He has instilled in us a great sense of wonder, which is the desire to know and to discover, moving a person to create and to love. This has always been the heart of the church's educational efforts. And it's good to remember that this education was never meant to end. No matter our age, the Lord wants us to experience the joy of learning.

Let us pray for all those who will be going back to school this fall. May their minds be open to the wonders of God's creation. May they see God in his creation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kipper

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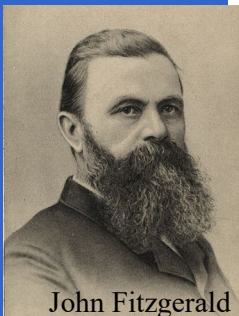
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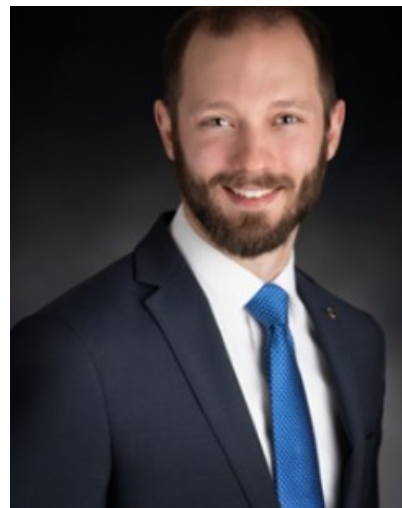


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