



Knights *focus*

FR. EDWARD V. McCULLOUGH COUNCIL #7736
St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield, TX

New Beginnings

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

Easter is a time for new beginnings. March rains have stimulated the grass to turn green. The dormant world is awakening! The church, also, moves from a time of mourning to a time of rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps, no so coincidentally, this time of year was chosen for the selection of our new pontiff.

Last month, we prayed for the Cardinals at Conclave to select a leader who would inspire Catholics worldwide. The Holy Spirit moved on our behalf and selected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio as the next Successor of Peter on just the fifth ballot. And while we are just weeks into his term, Pope Francis is already making quite an impression.

Here are some notes from the infancy of his Papacy –

- In his first audience with reporters, Pope Francis told reporters that he had chosen his name in honor of St Francis of Assisi because he is so concerned about the well-being of the poor.
- Known as a reformer, Pope Francis accepted his Cardinal's congratulations on his election from a standing position, instead of from the Papal throne, as is the custom. Pope Francis sends us a message in doing this, that all of us are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.
- In his first appearance on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, he wore an iron cross, the same as he wore as Cardinal of Buenos Aires, instead of the gold one worn by his predecessors.

While these are all small changes, you can't help but hope for a sweeping reformation in our church. Blessed Pope John Paul II tried to help us understand what we believe. Pope Benedict XVI taught us why we believed it. Now, we

have Pope Francis who is telling us to live it! While he is expressing this in his homilies, he is also living the teaching in his actions.

The Holy Father aligns with the Knights of Columbus' mission of charity. His track record shows us that we are to lift up those who are less fortunate than ourselves. But, this is not to say that we should just "write more checks" or give more monetarily. The pontiff wants us to engage them personally, to give of our time and talents, and to work with those in need to show them the love that Christ has shown each of us. It is almost as if his imitation is harkening us to Paul's message in Ephesians 5, 1-2.

We can only ponder what the Creator has in store for us under the new Vicar.

However, if the first few weeks are any indication, our Catholic Spring has sprung and our renewal under *His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman province, Sovereign of the State of the Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God.* May God bless our Holy Father and all his works!!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

April 2013

Upcoming Events

- April 13 -14 - Membership Blitz
- April 15 - Mary Queen of Peace Assembly Meeting
- April 17 - 2013-2014 Budget Planning Meeting
- April 20 - Assembly 2112 Car Show in Arlington
- April 21 - Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting
- April 21 - Scholarship Announcements
- April 23 - Council Planning
- April 26 - 30 - State Convention in Corpus Christi
- April 28 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

Council Elections

The Nominating Committee presents to you the following list of individuals who have expressed an interest in being officers next year:

Grand Knight –	SK Dave Tomlin	Trustee -	SK Tim Henz
Dep Grand Knight-	SK Speedy Gonzales	Trustee-	SK Chris Heath
Chancellor –	SK George Kimmel	Trustee-	SK Bill Tillotson
Treasurer –	SK Lee Livingston	Fin. Sec-	SK Marvin Sulak
Recorder –	SK Larry Ciarkowski	Advocate –	SK Larry Evans
Warden –	SK Mark Von Plinsky	Outside Guard –	Keith Romerling
Inside Guard –	Ray Reyes Jr.		

Please note that ANY 3rd Degree Brother Knight can be nominated for and run for ANY of these offices at ANY time before the actual election. Election will be conducted by our District Deputy Tony Martin.

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ Council Workday

Membership Blitz after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 1:00 pm 'til 3:00 pm. Organize Sunday, April 13 and 14, Pass out flyers to prospective Brother Knights and answer questions. inside closet, outside closet and sheds. Meet in our KofC meeting room and we will break up in teams to divide and conquer. If we have 10-15 brothers we should be able to knock it out in 3 hours or less. Ask them to bring work gloves if they have them for the outside areas.

KNIGHTS CAN

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is April 27th/28th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

First Degree

We will be having a First Degree ceremony at St. Jude on the evening of April 30. If you have any adult sons who have been away at college that you want to get in the Knights, this is a perfect time for them (or any other Catholic man) to join.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon at St. Jude!!!!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ICON AT ST. JUDE Saturday, May 4, 2013 - Check for more details

<http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/event-detail.asp?ID=11740&CNO=7736&FROM=C>



2013 Easter Breakfast

**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

First Degrees

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)

4/18 – Council 6269 Arlington 7:00 PM

4/20 – Council 759 Keller - 9:00 AM

4/26 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth – 7:00 PM

4/30 – Council 7736 Mansfield - 7:00 PM

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if you have a lead on a new
member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month - Speedy Gonzales

Pickle Parade Cook, Pickle Parade Representative to the City of Mansfield, Chief Raffle Sales Person at all Masses, Honor Guard Participant, and Movie Knight Organizer are a few of the titles that Speedy has worn this past month. Thanks for always answering the call when the council needed you. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Family of the Month - Larry and Nancy Evans

Multifaceted organizations like the Knights need people to step up and lead. Larry and Nancy have done so in all of their church activities. Most recently, we have had the pleasure to have them running our fish fries and serving deserts each of the Fridays during Lent. Thank you both so much for the contributions you all have made to our council. You truly are pillars in our organization!



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Council 7736 Upcoming Events

April 9 – Monthly Business Meeting; Rosary at 6:30 P.M.; Meeting at 7:00 P.M

April 13 @ 6:00 P.M - Membership blitz after all Masses

April 14 @ 8:00 A.M - Membership blitz after all Masses

April 17 @ 7:00 P.M - 2013-2014 Budget Planning Meeting

April 21 @ 1:00 P.M - Council Workday

April 21 @ 1:00 P.M - SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 23 @ 7:00 P.M - COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

April 27 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic Saturday

April 27 @ 5:00 P.M. – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

April 28 @ 7:45 A.M. – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

April 30 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree Mansfield

May 4 @ 5:00 P.M. - Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon at St. Jude

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