



Knights *focus*

St. Jude COUNCIL #7736
St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield, TX

Am I the Lashes?

By Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

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This month, I was able to attend the ProLife rosary and Mass that we held at St. Jude's. Fr. George says something quite unique in his homily. For those of you who have been around him, this is common place. However, this particular homily he spoke about a pertinent topic around Lent- the sacrament of reconciliation and of course penance. Particularly, he mentioned that in the process of reconciliation he gives us a penance that we should complete for the forgiveness of our sins. The point that he made was this...While the penance for your sins may be a few Hail Marys or Our Fathers (or in my last case 3 Memorare's- he is always teaching me), those sins must still be accounted for before we can get into heaven. Wow! I had never thought about that. Immediately, all of my past transgressions came to mind, then, an image of Jesus from the movie "The Passion". This image was Jesus standing alone crowned with thorns after being scourged with all of its blood and gore. I could see him in perfect detail- bleeding and open from the lashes caused by the Roman whipping. Then, one word- "Murderer!" Did I cause Jesus this pain? Did I pierce his side? Certainly not, but certainly so!

We Knights confess our love for Jesus and the Holy Mother. We would never in our conscious minds hurt the Savior who opened Heaven for all. But yet, we have and will continue to do so in our actions and what we fail to act upon. This is what is so astonishing about Jesus' love for each of us. Jesus gives each of his followers a chance to seek forgiveness. He creates daily opportunity to live the single

commandment that he gave us in our new covenant. We can do a greater Penance by living this commandment. Simply, loving each other as children of God is our ultimate call. This one instruction can be the hardest for us to follow. How many times has Jesus given us the occasion to turn our cheek to the people who figuratively spit on us or ridicule us?

We should look at these events and rejoice! They put us in a position to prove that we are not just going through the motions of being a Christian. Sure, we will fail. Yes, we will let our emotions get the better of us, and we will absolutely continue to be sinners. But, no matter, we must persevere. During the last remaining weeks of Lent, take some time and contemplate taking an active role in mending the personal shortcomings in your behavior. Consider that brotherhood extends beyond the emblems upon our chests, but to all those we encounter.

Why should we be the lashes from the whip, when we can be a healing point of radiance extending from the Son. Thanks Fr. George for igniting this in me!

Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- April 4 – Fish Fry
- April 8 – Council Business Meeting
- April 9 – Pro-Life Rosary
- April 11 – Fish Fry
- April 12 – Dedication Mass for St. Jude
- April 13 – Palm Sunday
- April 18 - Good Friday
- April 20 – Easter
- April 20 – Easter Breakfast & Children's Party
- April 22 – Council Planning Meeting
- April 26 – Pray At Abortion Clinic
- April 26 - Knights Can Weekend

Dedication Mass for St. Jude

St. Jude's will be officially dedicated by Bishop Michael Olson on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 10:00am.



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

Easter Breakfast & Children's Party

Knights of Columbus Easter Breakfast in the Parish Center. Come around 7:00 A.M. to help cook up eggs, biscuits and gravy, and made to order omelets. Or just bring your whole family.

Breakfast starts after 7:45 A.M. Mass - Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be at around 10:00 A.M.



Fish Fry's

Fish fry's prior to Stations of the Cross. Start cooking around 3PM and dinner starts at 5PM and ends when Stations of the Cross ends at 7PM.

Please come out whenever you can.

Dates are Fridays March 1st, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th.



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is April 26th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

KOFC Mass



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month - Brandon LeClair

Brandon has been a fantastic contributor to our council over the last year! When we see Brandon at the council events, he is truly a Jack of all trades. Thanks Brandon for always lending a helping hand no matter what is being asked.

Family of the Month- Cliff Vittorio and Alan Letter

Cliff and Alan work side by side at many of our events. Cliff and Alan help to keep us all smiling while we fry fish or work the Bingo food line. Thanks to you both for your hard work!!



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Council 7736 Upcoming Elections

Slate of Officers on upcoming Election
Election will be held at the May meeting

Grand Knight- Speedy Gonzales

Deputy Grand Knight- Mark Von Plinsky

Treasurer- Lee Livingston

Chancellor- George Kimmell

Recorder Keith Roemeling

Warden- Tom Wilson

Advocate- Larry Evans

Inside Guard- Gregg Ipock

Outside Guard- Chris Jacquez

3rd Year Trustee- Dave Tomlin

Lecturer- Pat Henz

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