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Our Special Role To Seminarians

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We often take for granted that the Knights seriously support vocations, especially our priests. It is a fundamental part of who we are and what we do. But have you ever stopped to ask yourself why, that amongst all the good Catholic organizations out there, the Knights have a unique calling to support the priesthood?

We can break down our support of priests into three phases: encouragement of those entering the path towards priesthood, support of those living their vocation, and comforting of those priests in retirement. To better understand the special role the Knights play, let's look a little closer at the young men contemplating and entering the seminary.

What these young men are considering doing with their lives is really quite radical – they are considering passing up married life; passing up children; passing up pursuit of material wealth; passing up potentially successful careers in business – in order to enter a vocation to serve us. And not only that – but a vocation that is routinely attacked and abused by modern society.

When I was 22 years old, I only had two things on my mind – making money and chasing girls. I suspect many of you would agree that most 22 year old men are often the same way. And guess what? The young men entering the seminary are not immune to these same desires, but instead are choosing this sacred vocation. I am humbled

to think about the good choices these guys are making compared to my own less than stellar choices made many moons ago.

But it is men like us Knights who can look back on our own youth and at least have some comprehension of what these young men are going through – we at least have some inkling of the struggles they must be facing as they make this choice and pursue this holy vocation.

Thus, we can play a special role in helping support them as they proceed on their journey towards becoming priests of our church. We send gifts each month to our seminarians – we give them special gifts on their birthdays and Christmas – we support the Fort Worth Diocese in support of all seminarians - and these are all good. But we need to stay connected as well – let them know we and our family are praying for them – visit them when we can – let them know you have some understanding of the struggles they are facing.

These guys often think about what their peers who did not choose their path are doing. And at times, it is normal for them to feel uncertainties over their choice. But we Knights are uniquely qualified to be present in a special way at these times. To let these guys know they are loved and treasured by the entire church. And to stand in support of them as they work towards being priests of the Church.

Vivat Jesus!

Upcoming Events

- April 1,8,15,22 – Fish Fries
- April 2 – BINGO!
- April 3 – Corp. Comm. & Mass for Unborn
- April 8-10 – Kennedale Art in the Park
- April 9-10 – Youth Homeless Event
- April 10 – Pancake B'fast
- April 12 – Council Meeting
- April 18 – 4th Degree Mtg
- April 19 – Lady Knights
- April 28 – First Degree
- April 23 – Rosary @ Abortion Clinic
- April 24 – Easter Party
- April 26 – Council Planning Mtg



Lenten Fish Fries

Our annual Lenten Fish Fries continue throughout Lent. We start serving each Friday around 5:30-ish. On Good Friday, we start at 3:00 P.M.

Many thanks to the recently retired Larry Evans who has volunteered to head up this event. He's doing a great job.

We'll need guys to show up around 3:00 P.M. each Friday to help set up. If you can't come that early, come when you can to help. This is a big fundraiser for us and we need the help.

Meals are \$6 for adults - \$4 for kids - and we'll have kids meals each week as well.

Each week we will also have specials. Thanks to the Lady Knights for their help with these:

4/1 - Potato Soup and Salad (Donna Ciarkowski)

4/8 - Fried Shrimp (K of C)

4/15 - Spaghetti w/ Red Sauce and Garlic Bread (John & Cindy Pressley)

4/22 - Shrimp Creole (Lorie Tomlin)

The CWO will also be selling desserts to help fund their scholarship.

AS A REMINDER - if you want to eat early, you are welcome to pay for a meal, sit down and enjoy yourself. If you wish to eat for free, we ask that you wait until the end of the evening and all our paying customers have been served.

Senior Scholarship Forms are available on the website and in the back of the church - deadline is May 10! Scholarship Raffle also starting this month!

First Degrees This Month
(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)
4/3 - New Council in Cleburne 2:30 P.M.
4/28 - Council 6269 2625 S. Cooper, Arlington
4/29 - St. Rita Council 11423 5550 E. Lancaster, Fort Worth

Call Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240 or e-mail at speedyg@hotmail.com if you have a lead on a new member



Mega Knights Weekend

The weekend of April 8-10 is a big weekend for our Council and we need all hands on deck.

We have our regular Lenten Fish Fry on Friday night. We also are working the Kennedale Art in the Park Friday through Sunday. We also have our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning. And we also are going to help oversee the youth homeless event on Saturday night.

WHEW! WE knew this would be a jam packed weekend when we scheduled it, but we got the guns to pull it off! Please plan on helping as much as you can on all these events.



Youth Easter Party

On Easter morning, the Knights throw an Easter Party for the youth of our parish. We are not serving breakfast this time due to proximity of Mother's Day, but we are still throwing the party.

We typically have coloring and a visit from the big bunny himself. In addition, we have an egg hunt for the kids, arranged by age group.

Plan bringing your little ones out for this event. Or if you don't have little ones anymore, come on out and help with the party!

4th Degree Exemplification

There will be an exemplification of the 4th Degree in Marshall, Texas, on Saturday April 30th. Marshall is quite a drive (about 3 hours). If anyone wants to go, we could leave early Saturday morning but would probably have to spend the night before coming back. Thankfully, Shreveport and the casinos are but a short drive!

That being said, if any are interested in driving out to make your 4th Degree, please contact Speedy Gonzalez at 817-680-8240 or e-mail at speedyg@hotmail.com. We can certainly find a few 4th Degree members who want to go out east.

FYI - the next 4th Degree in the D/FW area should be in early October.

Monthly Awards

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Chris Heath - PGK Chris Heath hasn't slowed down much in the past year. Chris continues to head up our Pro-life efforts. He also is helping with the Fish Fries and in several other areas as well. Thank you Chris for all you do!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - Bill and Liz Bellman - Is there a couple in this church that does more for our youth? Bill is an active Knight while maintaining a rigorous schedule of working with our high school youth. And Liz tirelessly works for St. Jude as our Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Thanks to Bill and Liz for all you do!



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 by going to our website: www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

April 1 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry, Parish Hall – Start cooking about 3:00 P.M. Dining Room opens at 5:30 P.M., Dinner at 6:00.

April 2 @ 6:00 P.M. – BINGO!, Parish Hall – Start prepping food at 4:00 P.M., gaming starts at 6:30 P.M.

April 3 @ 11:15 A.M. – Corporate Communion and Unborn Commemoration Mass – Corporate Communion to remember our departed brothers. Also special Mass to commemorate the Unborn. Honor Guard will stand.

April 3 – RANGER GAME MONEY IS DUE!

April 8 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry, Parish Hall – Start cooking about 3:00 P.M. Dining Room opens at 5:30 P.M., Dinner at 6:00.

April 8-10 – Kennedale Art in the Park – We will be cooking and selling food at this event. Times are Friday 4:00-10:00, Saturday 10:00-10:00 and Sunday 12:00-6:00. Please come out and help!

April 9-10 – Youth Homeless Event – Our youth will be spending night in church parking lot to experience homelessness. Knights will be helping. More details to come.

April 10 @ 6:30 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast, Parish Hall

April 12 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Council Meeting - Meet every second Tuesday in our meeting room. Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

April 15 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry, Parish Hall – Start cooking about 3:00 P.M. Dining Room opens at 5:30 P.M., Dinner at 6:00.

April 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Fourth Degree Meeting –Held every 3rd Monday of the month at Council 6269 in Arlington.

April 19 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting – Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Parish Center.

April 22 @ 1:00 P.M. – Good Friday Fish Fry, Parish Hall – Dinner at 3:00 P.M. Close down around 6:00.

April 23 @ 8:15 A.M. – Go pray Rosary at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic. Meet at Parish Center.

April 24 @ 9:00 A.M. – Children’s Easter Party at St. Jude Center after 7:45 A.M. Mass.

April 26 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Council Planning Meeting – Held every fourth Tuesday of the month in our regular meeting room. Please come out and help us plan our upcoming events.

April 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – Fort Worth Chapter Meeting in Pilot Point.

April 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree @ Council 6269 in Arlington.

April 30 – All Day – 4th Degree Exemplification in Marshal, Texas. Details on the website.

April 30 / May 1 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

May 1 @ 1:00 P.M. – Honor Guard stand at Spanish Mass. K of C free hot dog give away afterwards.

May 7 @ 9:30 A.M. – Major Degree at Council 759 in Keller

May 8 @ 6:30 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast, Parish Hall

May 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree @ Council 14549 in Arlington.

May 13-15 – Texas State Knights of Columbus Convention in Dallas

May 14/21/28 – First Communion Masses at St. Jude. 9:00 A.M. (English) and 11:30 A.M. (Spanish).

May 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – Ranger Game outing

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