



Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

April 2016

Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked, "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Moral:
In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Which one are you?

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

Upcoming Events

- April 9 – CWO Bingo
- April 12 – Monthly Business Meeting
- April 13 - Prolife Rosary
- April 19 – 1st Degree 7736
- April 20 – Budget Meeting
- April 23 – Major Degree 7736
- April 23 – Pray at Abortion Clinic
- April 23 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- April 24 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- April 25 – On the Border Give Back Night
- April 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- April 29 – 112th Annual State Convention

CWO BINGO!!!

CWO'S Monthly Bingo is on April 9th! Come out bring the whole family and play! Gaming starts at 6:30 P.M



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

First Degree in Mansfield

If you have a Catholic friend or family member who might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please invite him to join by contacting your Membership Director and/or Grand Knight to arrange a meeting with him as soon as possible. As a fellow Brother, please make every effort to attend and support the candidates who will join our brotherhood at this time, 4-19 7PM



First Degrees

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

4/2 – Council 8512 NRH

4/12 – Council 10930 Ft. Worth

4/99 – Council 7736 Mansfield

Contact Thomas Scott at
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If you have a lead on a new member

Major Degree in Mansfield

Major Degree at 7736 on 4-23, candidates and members should arrive by 8:00 A.M. for Mass - registration will start back up at 9:00 A.M. Mass will be at the church at 500 E. Dallas in Mansfield - Major Degree in the Parish Center at 310 Graves, down the street from the church.

112th Annual KOFC State Convention

The 112th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS to be held April 29-May 1, 2016 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The American Bank Convention Center, located at 1901 North Shoreline Blvd will host all state convention activities.

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month - Joe Shannon

Brother Shannon has been very active in Knights activities. Latest event was the Fish Fry, did not miss a Friday he put in many many hours at this event and the Pickle Parade. So Joe, we thank you for your dedication and willingness to help.

Family of the Month – Norton Family

Vic and Jan are great assets to our parish. Vic, as a deacon, is very active throughout the parish assisting our priests in fulfilling ministries to our people. This includes preaching at mass, performing baptisms and weddings, and visiting the sick and infirmed. Jan heads up our elementary education programs at St. Jude. She coordinates the First Communion prep as well. Thanks to Jan and Vic for all they do for the Parish.

Easter 2016



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