



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

April 2017

Easter is only a couple of weeks away and I hope your Lenten preparation is going well. I was able to go to the Parish Reconciliation service on Monday the 27th of March and it was very special to see so many Brothers and their families in attendance. It was well received by the parish and there were 7-8 priests hearing confession.

March is coming to a close and I want to thank everyone for your help and dedication to our council and everything we have going on. I am so pleased with the fish fry and the turnout and fellowship shown at the event.

All of the numbers aren't yet in but I feel we are doing pretty well and the new fryers are definitely earning their keep and making our lives a whole lot easier. The quality of the fish has improved and the consistent crowds each week are a testament to that.

Scholarship Raffle ticket sales are in full swing (thanks DGK Mike for your tireless efforts) and it is appreciated if you can lend a hand selling tickets each week after the mass you attend. It is not a hard sell because all of the money goes back to the children of St. Jude in the form of scholarships. Raffle tickets are going to be mailed to those who are unable to attend council meetings, be on the lookout for yours and thanks for your support. Return your money to Mike or another brother who may be coordinating the sales at your mass. The Pickle Parade is getting bigger and bigger and this year was no exception. The crowds were huge, the weather was hot and our food was excellent. The sales went very well and for all the brothers that helped out thank you sooooo much.

The month of April we have a couple of very nice family events scheduled. We begin on Saturday the 1st praying for the unborn at the Holy Family statue at 8:30am. Then on Easter Sunday the 16th we have a wonderful breakfast scheduled after the 7:30am mass please come with your families, then around 9:00am there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children in three separate age groups, which is always a lot of fun. On the 24th we will have our ever popular On-the-Border

night, please come on out and join your fellow St. Jude parishioners for a wonderful meal, a very easy fundraiser for the Knights. For these and other events please check out our event calendar on our website.
www.kofc7736.org

Brothers as we get closer to the end of our Fraternal Year which ends June 30th, it has truly been an honor to be your Grand Knight, we have a tremendous council with some very talented people and I want to say THANK YOU to everyone. You all are very special to me and the bond we share as brothers was never more evident than when I was diagnosed with skin cancer. I was not sure what to expect so when I had the surgery and then the doctor had to do some skin reconstructing, during that time I could feel the power of your prayers for me and it helped to calm me down. That was right before the Pickle Parade and I was not able to help out but I was assured that everything would be just fine and it was. The surgery went well and I am on the mends and up and running again. When prayer requests are sent out for Brothers and their families in need, it means so much to the sick to know their fellow Brothers are praying for them in their time of need. Thanks again and on behalf of all the officers of our council I want to wish everyone a MOST BLESSED EASTER !!! Praise be to GOD, Jesus has RISEN. God Bless You Brothers and the Knights of Columbus !!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- April 6 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- April 7 – Fish Fry
- April 8 – Easter Egg Stuffing
- April 9 – Palm Sunday
- April 11- Monthly Business Meeting
- April 12 – Council Rosary
- April 14 – Good Friday
- April 16 - Easter
- April 16 - Easter Breakfast
- April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17- 4th Degree Assembly 2112 Meeting
- April 24 - On The Border Give Back Night
- April 25– Monthly Planning Meeting
- April 28– Texas State Convention
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**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

Lenten Fish Fry's

Fish Fry prior to Stations of the Cross. Start cooking around 3:00 PM - Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and ends when Stations start at 7:00 PM. Please come out whenever you can, even if it's right at the end to help clean up.



First Degrees

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

4/6 – Council 8417
Waxahachie

4/23 – Council 9748
Granbury 1:30

4/28 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth

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If you have a lead on a new member

On the Border Give Back

On The Border Give Back Night Monday, April 24th. Eat lunch or dinner and 20% of your bill goes to Council 7736 charities! Must be at On the Border in Mansfield.



MUST TAKE FLYER AND PRESENT IT TO YOUR SERVER.

Knights Can Weekend

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

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 16th Children's Easter Egg Hunt before 10:00 A.M. Mass. Be there to help out around 8:45-9:00 A.M.



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Dan Gietl

Not long after Dan became a 1st degree, then 2nd and 3rd degree knight, he was attending meetings, helping with events and now he is an usher. He can always be counted on to help with any Knight sponsored event, especially when it comes to serving people. I don't think he has missed a Friday in lent, helping in the kitchen, and talking it up and does it all with a smile on his face. Thanks Brother Dan, for all you do. God Bless you!

Family of the Month – The Regan Family

"Threes' Company", at least it is with Clay, Margaret and daughter Cassidy Regan. Clay and Cassidy can be seen regularly at the 5pm Mass on Saturday doing their "ushering duties" for the church. Margaret is involved with the CWO and can always be depended on to help with funerals/weddings when asked and many other church functions. She also takes care of our K of C aprons that many of you have, we are really lucky. Cassidy is involved in the St Jude peer ministry and was an altar server for many years as a young girl. Clay can be counted on to help the brother knights in most events. He can serve some good fish, mac and cheese and hushpuppies at our weekly fish fry. Thank you for all you do and God Bless your family!

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