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

We Are Called

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

— Pope John Paul II

What an image comes to mind when reading these words!! For me it is the image of Jesus and His welcoming smile. He is our friend (John 15:15), savior and impetus for being. He is the inspiration of greatness that resides within us and pushes us onward. Obviously, these words take on special meaning to us as individuals, but also as Knights.

The Texas State Knights have a new slogan for this year – "We Are Called". This begs some very unique questions when viewed in the framework of the Knights of Columbus.

Who is calling us? What is being asked of us? When and where should we respond? Why should I respond?

As Pope John Paul II speaks to us, he reminds us that it is the One who is calling us to answer Him. We are called by Jesus! He calls each of us to love one another and be charitable in our life's work. Our lives on Earth are short and we should be vigilant in the pursuit of the preparation of our souls as we approach death. This takes care of the "Who", "What", and "Why", but when and where should we respond?

I heard an interpretation of Fr. McGivney's vision for the Knights during a recent Diocesan meeting. This vision was to allow each man to have the opportunity to practice the commandments of Jesus in his faith community. The Knights have given you the canvas to live the Gospel in your daily lives. Helping your fellow man and protecting Life in all its stages through prayer and good works makes practical the Gospel of Life that Jesus called us to live. However, we must take this one step further. We must share our call with the men around us. We must open the door to allow Catholic men from our parish to walk the path with us.

The time is now. The day is today. I am challenging each of you to allow JP II's description to sink deep within you, and to share the calling with a new parishioner.

We are called.

We are called Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight Council 7736

August 2012

Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 – Pancake B'fast
- Aug 11 – Major Degree
- Aug 11 – BINGO!
- Aug 12 – Family Bowling
- Aug 14 – Regular Mtg
- Aug 20 – 4th Degree Mtg
- Aug 21 – Lady Knights
- Aug 25/26 – Ministry Fair
- Aug 25/26 – KNIGHTS CAN!
- Aug 28 – Planning Mtg
- Aug 29 – Chapter Meeting at St. Jude
- Aug 29 – Prolife Rosary
- Sept 1 – Abortion Clinic
- Sept 5 – First Degree at St. Jude
- Sept 8 – Family Party

BINGO!

Our first Bingo of the fraternal year is August 11 in the Parish Center. Please come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. If you have a bingo license, you can work the gaming. Otherwise, you can help with the food. Starts after 5:00 P.M. Mass, around 6:30.

Family Bowling

Family Bowling will be on Sunday afternoon, August 12 at 2:00 P.M. Bowling will be at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie on Great Southwest Parkway just north of I-20. The whole family is welcome to come and play.

Ministry Fair

The St. Jude Ministry Fair is the weekend on August 25/26 after all masses. Come on over to the Parish Center and help recruit new Knights! And we will have an additional First Degree on September 5 at 7:00 P.M. to bring them in.

New Brother Knights

We had eight men join our Order on the evening of July 24. Please welcome the following men to our ranks: Steven Bartolotta, Barry Harger, Nick Hergenrother, Reed McClanahan, Gustavo Rodriguez, Matt Thomas, Tom Valadez, John Winston.

Chapter Meeting at 7736

Our Council will be hosting the Western Metroplex Chapter (Fort Worth Diocese KC leadership) meeting on August 29. We can use help setting up around 6:00 P.M. Dinner is at 7:00 and meeting at 8:00. You can be out of there by a little after 8:00 unless you want to stay for the meeting (which you are welcome to).

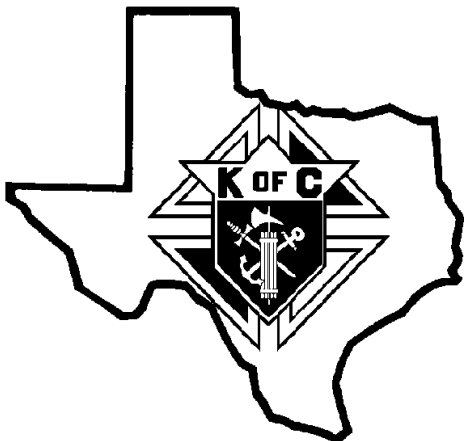
Major Degree in Arlington

A Major (2nd and 3rd) Degree will be held in Arlington on August 11. Mass will be at 8:00 A.M. Registration will be afterwards followed by the Degree work. Lunch will be served afterwards and we should be back in Mansfield by 2:00 P.M. If interested, please contact Grand Knight Dave Tomlin to let him know you're coming!

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of our Order will be held in Irving on October 20. Details about the event, which will last all day, are on the website along with registration paperwork. While October may sound a long ways away, you need to have all your paperwork completed and processed by October 1.

That means you want to have it filled out and in the hands of one of our Fourth Degree members by our meeting on September 11. So you need to start soon! Go pull down the forms from the website for that date and we'll get a Form 4 for you at the next meeting. Don't procrastinate as the fourth Degree is only presented here in the D/FW once a year!



Family Swim Party at Bob Schuljak's house on evening of September 8. Keep the date open!

First Degrees

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

- 8/2 – Council 8512 in North Richland Hills (6:30 P.M.)
- 8/19 – Council 2813 in Ft. Worth (1:00 P.M.)
- 8/28 – Council 13470 in Arlington
- 8/31 – Council 11423 in Ft. Worth
- 9/5 – Council 7736 in Mansfield

Contact George Kimmel at 817-584-1798

or e-mail at kimmel_george@yahoo.com if you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – George Kimmel – George was elected Chancellor of our council in May of this year, and has hit the ground running. The role of the Chancellor is key to the success of any council. George successfully organized our first membership blitz in July that has us positioned for a great year in 2012-2013. Thank you George for all your hard work in recruiting our new brothers.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Jerry & Bonnie Rodriguez – If you have ever gone to Breakfast after the 7:45 mass, you have probably been greeted by Bonnie when passing through the service line. Jerry and Bonnie both are pillars of our St Jude's community. Whether its helping the Sisters with projects around their homes or feeding our Knights at officer installations, Jerry and Bonnie quietly go about their business doing God's work. Thank you both for all that you do for the Knights, CWO, Altar Servers, and our parish!



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

August 5 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

August 11 @ 8:00 A.M. – Major Degree at Council 6269 in Arlington

August 11 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO!

August 12 @ 2:00 P.M. – Family Bowling at Forum Lanes in Grand Prairie

August 14 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

August 20 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269

August 21 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

August 24/25 @ All Masses – Ministry Fair

August 25/26 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND

August 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

August 29 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary at St. Jude prior to Mass

August 29 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at St. Jude

September 1 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

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September 8 @ 6:30 P.M. – Family Pool Party at Bob and Patty Schuljak's house

September 11 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

September 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269

September 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

September 22 – 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. – St. Jude Parish Festival

September 22 @ 5:00 P.M. – Corporate Communion

September 22/23 – After all Masses – Prolife Rosary sales

September 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

September 26 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Bedford

September 29 @ 6:00 P.M. – Bishop's Prolife Dinner at DFW Hyatt Regency

September 29/30 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND

October 3 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary at St. Jude prior to Mass

October 6 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

October 6 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO !

October 9 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

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