



Knights *focus*

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

Greetings to all

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

August 2014

My Brother Knights

July has passed and a busy month it was. Thanks to all who helped and participated in all our events and activities. My hope is for God's blessings for each of you and your loved ones
Now a little something from the Heart:

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue. . . There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy. "Today is a gift, that's why it is called the PRESENT".

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

Upcoming Events

- August 10 - Corporate Communion
- August 12 - Monthly Business Meeting
- August 13 - ELVIS Concert
- August 15 - Assumption Day
- August 20- Prolife Rosary
- August 23 – Pray at the abortion clinic
- August 26 - Monthly Planning Meeting
- August 30 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

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

Corporate Communion

You might ask "What is a Corporate Communion"? Its just a Knights expression coined by Supreme for Knights and their families sitting and praying together in Church at Mass. Once per quarter, the council attends Mass as a corporate body to worship together. August 10th Mass is in remembrance of deceased brother Knights.



ELVIS Concert at Council 6269

Come out and hear one of the greatest Elvis impersonators of all time, Mr. Kraig Parker, as he recreates The King's greatest hits! Mr. Parker has performed as Elvis all over the world but will be right here in Arlington on Wednesday, August 13!

Ticket sales at the door - all details on the attached flyer! We hope to see you there!



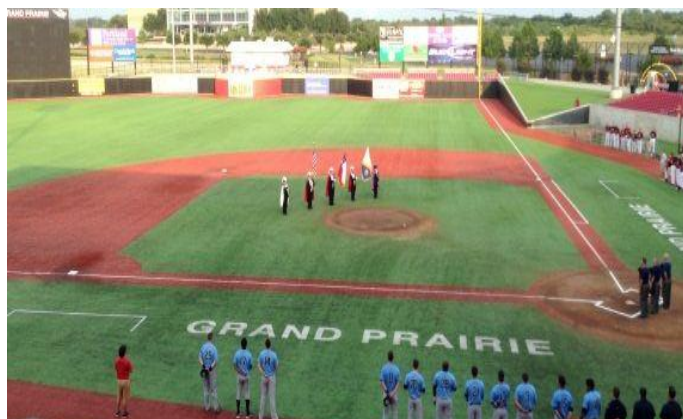
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th) commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, the Assumption is a major feast day a Holy Day of Obligation.

Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is August 30th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

7/19/2014 - Air Hogs Game



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Chris Heath

Without a doubt, our Family Event at the Air Hogs game was one of the best in recent memory. Chris worked for several months putting the program together with the Grand Prairie Air Hogs, and they truly made us feel like VIPs! Thanks Chris for all you continue to do for our council!

Family of the Month – Pat and Mary Henz

Pat and Mary Henz give so much of their time and talents to the organization and to the church. Thank you for your work with the Religious Appreciation Dinner, these guys can always be counted on for tremendous support. Couples like Pat and Mary are what make our council shine!



**Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at
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