



# Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

*By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales*

Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today." Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning,' 'how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank

you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.

**Viva Cristo Rey**  
**Speedy Gonzales**  
**Grand Knight**

**August 2015**

## Upcoming Events

- August 3 – Religious Appreciation Dinner
- August 6 – Theater Arlington Night
- August 8 – CWO Bingo
- August 9 - Corporate Communion
- August 11 – Monthly Business Meeting
- August 12 – Father McGivney's Birthday
- August 12 – Prolife Rosary
- August 15 – Assumption Day
- August 22 – Knight in a Day in Fort Worth
- August 25 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- August 28 – KOFC State of Texas Open Golf Championships
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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!!!**

## Theater Arlington Night

Come out and enjoy a night of fun with your friends and family August 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM at Theater Arlington, featuring Mama Won't Fly!



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

8/10 – Council 7641 Bedford

8/19 – Council 759 Keller

8/27 – Council 8417 Waxahachie

8/28 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

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If you have a lead on a new member

## CWO Bingo!!!

CWO Monthly Bingo is 6:30 PM August 8<sup>th</sup>, the CWO does the food, but Knights still help with the gaming.



## Assumption Day

August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, and a holy day of obligation.

## Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is August 29<sup>th</sup>. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Religious Appreciation Dinner Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Monthly Awards

**Knight of the Month: Brandon LeClaire**  
I just could not pass on this one. Our Brother Knight Brandon has answered the call to serve the Church. He will be entering the seminary real soon to begin his Journey. His Brother Knights wish him well and our prayers will be for him. Thank you Brandon for what you did with the Knights in such a short time. Special Olympics, Breakfasts, fish fries, and many cooking events. You are an asset to our Council and we wish you well.

**Family of the Month – Bill and Liz Bellman**  
What can I say as this family loves their Church in so many ways from working with the youth of the Parish and organizing the Confirmation ceremony. Endless outings, Bible study and so many other activities in the Parish, you see them both. So the Knights say thank you for what you do for the Knights and the Parish.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at  
[www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org)

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