



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

August 2016

We are off to a great start this year, having welcomed eight new men and one transfer into our brotherhood on Thursday, July 28th. The past month there have been many opportunities to get involved and you all have stepped up. From our planning meeting, praying the rosary at the memorial to the unborn, bingo, Matlock Street cleanup and to the 1st degree ceremony we have had increased participation.

The months of August and September are getting pretty full as well and I continue the Challenge to each of you to come out and be an active part in our council. To our newest brothers and those brothers that have not had a chance because of work or other commitments, I encourage you to get involved and when questions arise, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any council officer or any member of our council for help.

One special event coming up is Fr. George's retirement party on Sunday the 28th from 2:30pm – 5:00pm. After 57 years of service as a Priest he will begin a new chapter in his ministry and we need to show him how much he means to us. He is truly a very special Priest and will be missed. Much of our parish family will be in attendance and it gives the Knights another opportunity to show how much it does for our parish community.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are so blessed to be a part of the St. Jude community that continues to grow outside the walls of the church and deeper into the community. We as brother Knights are an integral part of that growth and in these tough last few months with the attack on innocent citizens around the world by terrorists as well as the attack on our beloved

men/women in Blue, we must continue to be visible in the community and on our knees in prayer asking our heavenly father to guide and protect us through these most trying times.

As I was preparing this letter I came across a small paperback book that was sent to all of us by our Supreme Council. The book entitled "Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully Alive" contains a beautiful Family Prayer, composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. I invite you all to incorporate this into your daily prayer life and as a family.

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen."

God Bless Each of You and Your families.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- August 4 – Knights Date Night at Theater Arlington
- August 6 – Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- August 8 – Texas State Council Organizational Meeting
- August 9 - Monthly Business Meeting
- August 10 - Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- August 12 - Father McGivney's Birthday
- August 13 – Family Night at Air Hogs Game
- August 15 – Assumption Day
- August 21 – Chalice Presentation to Fr. George for SK Mark Keller
- August 23 – Planning Meeting
- August 27– KNIGHT CAN
- August 28 – Father George Retirement Party

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

Knights Date Night

Join us August 4th 6:30pm for a relaxing fun night watching Calendar Girls and we don't have to cook anything!!



First Degrees

8/21 – Council 9748 Granbury
8/23 – Council 8157 Duncanville
8/26 – Council 11423 FT. Worth

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

Religious Appreciation Dinner

The 21st Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner will be Monday, August 8th and will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Grapevine. Social hour at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM



Family Night at Air Hogs Game

Family Night to go see the Grand Prairie Air Hogs Saturday, August 13 6pm. We will be in an air conditioned area with some drinks and food provided by the Council.

Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is August 27th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Tom Scott
We are lucky to have Tom in our council. He came to us as a transfer from Alabama and jumped right in as our Chancellor and membership director. In a little over a year he has made a huge difference in organizing our blitzes and following up with the potential candidates. Having just completed a very successful 1st degree held at St. Jude's on July 28th where we welcomed eight new members as well as one transfer into council #7736. Tom thanks for all you do and keep up the outstanding work..

Family of the Month – Richard Cardenas and Family
Richard has really stepped up over the last several months and gotten very involved. He regularly attends the business meetings and can be seen at many of the events that we have going on. He accepted the role as Family Event chairman and along with his wife and children helped put on our family picnic last year and is looking to lead the picnic event in October. He has involved his family in the Matlock Street cleanup this past month when his daughter help. Thanks Cardenas family for setting such a good Christian example for all families to follow

Father George's Retirement Party August 28th 2pm



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