



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

August 2017

We are one month into our new year and from our 6 months planning meeting held Tuesday, July 25th we had some very good discussion and I was pleased with the turnout of brother knights. To those unable to be there I would say, visit our council's website often for updated information. Website: www.kofc7736.org. If you have any questions concerning our website feel free to contact our webmaster Bill Tillotson or myself. July 8th, brought us our first BINGO night of the year. We had a small turnout of players and because this is a highly profitable fund raiser for the Knights, it is important that we talk it up in the future for the Knights and the CWO (Catholic Women's Organization). Part of the planning meeting involved discussing our council goals for the new fraternal year. Our membership goal for this year is 32 members and 11 on the insurance side. Here's a challenge that we should all take part in. If each one of us asks one person each week at mass if he would like to join the Knights that would account for approx. 50 men being asked in a year by each brother. If from those 50, half agree to meet with our membership director, which then turns into 30% saying yes it would amount to 7 new members per brother. Ok, what do you say, accept the challenge and ask a fellow Catholic next weekend at mass. Remember someone thought enough of you to ask, change someone else's life, extend your hand and say hello. Let's turn our goal into a reality.

In August we have several events: Religious Appreciation Dinner on Monday, August 7th at 5:30pm and AirHogs Baseball Family Knight on Friday, August 11th at 7:00pm. We also continue selling hole sponsorships for our 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament coming in September (call a Golf committee member and sponsor a hole-today). Two major events this month, are our councils first 1st degree ceremony that we will host on Thursday, August 24th at 6:30pm. We will be holding a membership blitz on the first two weekends in August, please see our membership director, Roger Cosby at the

mass you attend for a clipboard and a form 100. Myself and our DGK, Jason will be there as well along with our Insurance Field Agent(s). Let's get some quality names of Catholic gentlemen wanting to join. Have your wife and your kids by your side, show that the K of C is truly a family affair. There is much to do at a church the size of St. Jude and Fr. Thu needs a lot of help, let's show him that we are and will be there for him. The other huge event we have going is the House Painting project for a family in need, coming up on the successive weekends of August 19 & 20 and August 26 & 27, it will be hot and we need a huge turnout for these weekends, so please make plans to help out. This is a great way to meet your fellow brothers and help us make a difference in the community.

Brothers, I feel it is important for us as a council and as the Catholic men of St. Jude to set an example for all to see. After the news of Fr. George, who we all know and love it is so very important, now more than ever, for us to not only carry our rosary, but to pray it often and offer up our thoughts and prayers for Fr. George, all our priests, the parish family of St. Jude, our bishops and Pope Francis. We have to lean on our faith to carry us forward so that we can, as one, get through this uneasy time. Stay positive, lean on each other and together let's show our parish what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

God Bless America and the Knights of Columbus!!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- August 1 – Supreme Convention
- August 2 – Supreme Convention
- August 3 – Supreme Convention
- August 5 - Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn
- August 5 – Membership Blitz
- August 6 – Membership Blitz
- August 7 – 22nd Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner
- August 8 – Monthly Business Meeting
- August 9 – Council Rosary
- August 11 – Air Hog Baseball
- August 12 – Father McGivney's Birthday
- August 12 – Membership Blitz
- August 13 – Membership Blitz
- August 14 – On The Border Give Back Night
- August 15 – Assumption Day
- August 19 – Charity House Painting
- August 20 – Charity House Painting
- August 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- August 24 – Admission Degree in Mansfield
- August 26 – Charity House Painting
- August 27 – Charity House Painting

Religious Appreciation Dinner

The 22nd Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner will be Monday, August 7th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Keller. Social hour at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM



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

Air Hog Baseball

TEXAS AIRHOGS BASEBALL - Knights Family night out - FRIDAY August 11th, game time 7:05pm. We will be in an air conditioned area with drinks and food provided by the Council. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Mark for tickets.



First Degrees

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

8/10 – Council 8512
North Richland Hills

8/17 – Council 10245
Coppell 6:30PM

8/25 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth

Contact Roger Cosby at
210-834-0662

If you have a lead on a new member

Membership Blitz

After each Mass the weekend of the 5th and the 12th, we are having our membership blitz. Come help after the Mass you attend and ask a good Catholic man to join the Knights and have a big group for August 24th.

August 24 – Admission Degree in Mansfield



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Jerry Rodriquez

JRod exemplifies the meaning of Brother Knight. From his duties on our 1st degree team, to the BBQ dinner for our youth confirmation retreats, to the endless hours preparing three briskets and 50 yard birds for the officer installation. You can bet your bottom dollar, JRod will rise to the occasion and provide the best darn BBQ in Texas. Jerry we salute you, “Pit Boss 7736”.

Family of the Month - Jesse and Sophia Zamarripa

Jesse and Sophia work tirelessly throughout the St. Jude parish. You can always count on Jesse working the kitchen for our breakfast, the welcoming committee breakfast and our fish fry. Sophia was instrumental in attaining Grants to bring and keep ESL at St. Jude. Jesse and Sophia we thank you for all of your help behind the scenes at St. Jude.

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