



# Knights *focus*

**FR. EDWARD V. McCULLOUGH COUNCIL #7736**  
**St. Jude Catholic Church**  
**Mansfield, TX**  
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## The Gift of the Knights

*By Grand Knight Bill Tillotson*

In case you hadn't noticed, this is a combination December and January newsletter. December was very busy for me, so the two months are getting lumped together. So you can think of this newsletter as a very late December or a very early January one. Take your pick.

First, several housekeeping issues. Thanks to all for what you did from November through January. It was a very active two month period for our Council. Brauts, parties, parades, magnet sales. It was all a blur to me as I'm sure it was to you. Enjoy the Christmas season with your family before we jump back into it in January.

By the way, dues are due right now. Please pay Marvin Sulak ASAP.

Also, congratulations to Dave and Lori Tomlin for being our Family of the Year. Dave is a very active officer of our Council who is there all the time. He and Lori also serve as Sacristans at church. And Lori is the head of our Lady Knights. Thank you to Dave and Lori for all you did and will do.

Speaking of January, our biggest event of the month will be our Membership Blitz and First Degree. The Blitz will be after masses on January 14/15. I am going to ask you to please e-mail me and let me know if you can help as this is a very important Blitz. We need to make a lot of progress towards our membership goals so we can make Star Council again. Please help out.

We then will be having a First Degree on January 24 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. This is a really special event as we'll be using our new robes for the first time! Please plan on coming out.

So, to the topic of this column – for our

membership blitz to be a success, we need your help. Ask yourself for a moment – why did you join the Knights? There are probably a lot of reasons out there. But if you are like most of us, a good Catholic gentleman you know and respect asked you to join. Men usually respond to the call to become a Knight through someone they know and respect inviting them.

I don't know every man at St. Jude, but I bet between the 170 of us that we collectively know almost every one of them. If each of every one of us personally asked just one guy to join the Knights, I bet we'd have 30 or 40 guys joining the Council. I'd have the State Deputy taking me out to dinner to find out how we did it!

Anyway – I am personally requesting of each of you to talk to at least one Catholic man over the next couple of weeks and inviting them to join our Order. I am certain that if each one of you ask at least one guy, we will meet or exceed all our goals.

Have the Knights made you a better Catholic man? Chances are you'd have to say yes. So why don't you give that same gift to other Catholic gentlemen?

And if you pass that name on to our Membership Chairman, Speedy Gozales, he will follow them up.

As always, keep up with what's going on with our Council at our website ([www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org)). This is the official repository of everything going on with the Council.

Have a happy and blessed Christmas Season and thank you for all you do for St. Jude and the Council.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
*Bill*

## Upcoming Events

- DUES ARE DUE
- Jan 10 - Business Mtg
- Jan 14/15 –  
MEMBERSHIP BLITZ!
- Jan 15 – Family Bowling
- Jan 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg
- Jan 17 – Lady Knights Mtg
- Jan 24 – 1st DEGREE AT  
ST. JUDE
- Jan 28 – Abortion Clinic
- Feb 4/5 – Turkey and  
Brauts
- Feb 5 - Family Super Bowl  
Party
- Feb 7 – Business Mtg
- Feb 13 – 1st Degree at St.  
Joseph
- Feb 15 – Bishop's Dinner

## Bishops Dinner

Bishop Vann will be visiting our Council for a dinner and talk on February 15 at 6:30 P.M. Only 100 people are coming, so make your reservation with Bill Tillotson now. Thanks to Larry Evans for donating this dinner to the Council!

## Super Bowl Party

Our annual Family Super Bowl Party will be on Sunday, February 5, starting at 4:00 P.M. Bring the whole family and some type of dish to share. Council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, beer, wine and a margarita machine!

**Have the Knights  
made you a better  
Catholic?  
Pass on the gift by  
asking someone to  
join the Knights!**

## Pancake Breakfast

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on the morning of February 19. Please come out and help, even if you can only help cleanup. With Religious Ed started, the crowds are much bigger! We need all the help we can get! First crew shows up at 7:00 A.M.

## Abortion Clinic Update

We will go out to pray again at the Henderson Street Abortion Mill on January 28 at 8:15 A.M. Either meet at the Parish Center parking lot or meet us up there. The clinic is presently without an abortionist, so our prayers are working!

### First Degrees

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

1/10 – St. Thomas in Fort Worth

1/24 – St. Jude in Mansfield

1/27 – St. Rita in Fort Worth

2/13 – St. Joseph in Arlington

## Turkey and Brauts

We are cooking our world famous turkey legs and bratwursts after 5:00 P.M. Mass on February 4 and all Masses on February 5. Please come out and help when you can, especially after the mass you attend to help sell. This is a big fundraiser for us so please come out and help. New guys especially welcome!

## Fish Frys

Our Lenten Fish Fries start early this year on February 24. Please pencil in the Fridays of Lent on your new calendar. As a heads up, we WILL NOT be doing a Fish Fry on Good Friday this year.

Contact

Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240  
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if you have a lead on a new  
member

## Membership Blitz/First Degree

It's that time of year again for our biannual Membership Blitz! On January 14/15, we will be greeting the men of the parish after all Masses and handing out literature about the Knights.

This is a VERY important event and hence I am going to be asking guys to COMMIT to helping after the various masses. There will be an e-mail right after the first of January asking you to commit. Please reply with which Mass you attend if you can help. We are doing this because we have been having pretty light turnout when we just ask everyone to come out.

In preparation for this event, I'd like to request all Knights to wear your badges to Mass. I'd also like for you to pick out one guy you see at Mass and personally talk to him about joining the Knights.

We only do this twice a year and really need your help.

Then on January 24, we will have a First Degree at St. Jude to bring all those guys we sign on during the Blitz. Degree starts at 7:00 P.M. This will be a special First Degree as we are using our NEW ROBES for the first time. Please come and support the First Degree team and all of our new brother Knights who are coming in!

**DUES ARE DUE! PAY  
MARVIN SULAK ASAP!**

## Monthly Awards

Our Family of the Year for 2010-2011 was Dave and Lori Tomlin. They were recognized for their efforts and dedication at the Family Christmas Party. Thanks to Dave and Lori for all they do for the Council and Parish.

As a reminder, the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month are selected each month by the Grand Knight. But your Grand Knight doesn't enjoy doing this chore by himself! You can help the Grand Knight by going to our website and VOTING for Knight and Family of the Month. Please do so before the end of each month. You also have the option to type a few words about why you think they deserve this recognition. That would help as well.



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January 4 @ 7:00 P.M. – Dr. Michael Norman Talk in Parish Center.

January 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center

January 14/15 after all masses – MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

January 15 @ 1:30 P.M. – Family Bowling at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie

January 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at Council 6269

January 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

January 24 @ 7:00 P.M. – FIRST DEGREE AT ST. JUDE

January 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Chapter Meeting at Council 14549 in Arlington

January 28 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic

February 4 – Turkey and Brauts after 5:00 P.M. Mass.

February 5 – Turkey and Brauts after ALL Masses.

February 5 @ 4:00 P.M. – Family Super Bowl Party at Parish Center

February 7 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center

February 13 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Joseph, Arlington

February 15 @ 6:30 P.M. – Bishop's Dinner at Parish Center

February 18 – St. Joseph Casino Night

February 19 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

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

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

February 24 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry

February 25 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic

February 29 @ 7:00 P.M. – Chapter Meeting at Council 4771 in Denton

March 2 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry

March 10 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry

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