



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

December 2017

November, was a good month for our council, we continued with a most popular event Coats 4 Kidz. Collections are going well and will continue through 12/3. Christmas card sales continue until 12/10 and have been pretty good so far. The Silver Rose devotional service on 11/15 went well, thanks Fr. Thu for leading us in a very nice service and to Bill T. for coordinating receiving and handing off the rose. There were between 75-100 people in attendance. Our annual collection for the SVDP Food Pantry for Thanksgiving was amazing. From the Brothers in attendance, \$588 was collected. The leaders of the Food Pantry wanted me to extend their appreciation for the Knights generosity, which helped them give 70+ turkeys and all the fixings to needy families in our area. WOW !!

December, the main council event is our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 19th from 6:00pm until 9:00pm in the dining hall. We ask you to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Also, our popular Christmas Gift exchange will be LEFT – RIGHT this year and the dollar limit is \$20. If more than one in your family would like to participate you can bring multiple \$20 gifts. Please note that in December the normal council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's ARE CANCELLED.

As we begin the season of Advent, I was reminded of a holiday favorite song "Do You Hear What I Hear". One of the senses of the song is seeing. Let's try to imagine if God was asking us, "Do you see what I see?" he is asking us to try to look at this world through his eyes of love and mercy. He sees beauty, joy, pain and suffering. He feels all the little hurts of life that everyone faces. He sees and feels it all. God so loved the world that he sent his Son into the world to free us from sin. When the shepherds heard the angels announce the good news of Christ's birth they immediately left their sheep and hurried to Bethlehem. When they arrived at the manger, all they saw was a little baby. Outwardly, he didn't seem special or different from other new born babies. However, the shepherd's

spiritual eyes were opened, and they were able to see in this baby the fulfillment of God's love and his promise of salvation. Luke tells us that the shepherds were eager to tell other people what they had seen. During this season God wants to give us our own glimpse into his vision and plan. This is a truly busy time and we don't always have time to sit back, think and talk to the Lord. If we can spare just a little time each day to be with him, we'll be blessed. We'll begin to see what God sees. And that vision will change our hearts as we celebrate the birth of the Lord.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & God Bless !!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- December 1 - Silver Rose Leaves Ft. Worth Diocese
- December 2 - Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- December 2 – Coats for Kids Collection
- December 3 – First Sunday of Advent
- December 3 – Coats for Kids Collection
- December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 8 – Coats for Kids – Sorting
- December 9 – Coats for Kids Distribution
- December 13 – Council Rosary – St. Jude Chapel
- December 19 – Christmas Party
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 30 – Knights CAN Weekend
- December 31 – Knights CAN Weekend

Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids program throughout October, November and December. Please donate your gently used coats that your kids have outgrown to be distributed to the poor of our community. Just bring the coats to Mass and drop in the boxes by the doors. Coats will be distributed December 9th from 9AM to 12PM at the Parish Center.



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Holy Family Christmas Cards Sales

After all masses starting October 28 help sell Holy Family Christmas Cards.

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

First Degrees

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

**12/6 – Council 13044
Allen**

**12/9 – Council 11293
Allen 8 AM**

**Contact Roger Cosby at
210-834-0662
rcby@aol.com**

If you have a lead on a new member

Silver Rose November 15 – St. Jude



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Tom Wilson

A lot of behind the scenes happens with the Knights, and thankfully we have Brother Tom. Tom formats and publishes our monthly new letter. Insures the format is correct and the information is available to publish. When he's not publishing, Tom can be found at the food pantry, pickle parade, church festival, or at the rear of the church ushering. Tom, Thank you for being a Knight, and Thank you for being our brother.

Family of the Month – John Cole Family

Some may know the Cole family, and some may know the family, "with seven daughters". No matter how you slice it. The Coles are very active in St.Jude parish. From running the middle school CCD on Sunday, to the radio, to the Cole Daughters providing ministries as peers. Any given day you're bound to run into one of the Coles investing time and effort into making St.Jude a better environment. For this Cole Family we want to tell you all, that your hard work and generosity is not unnoticed. Thanks for promoting the Catholic way of life.

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