

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

#### Something for the Heart

#### By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

The story of the Birth of Christ Jesus. About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah. David's hometown, for the census. As a descendant of David he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped Him in a blanket and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the hostel.

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: "Glory to God in the heavenly heights; Peace to all men and women on earth who please Him."

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed. Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherds returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told! (Luke 2:1-20).

> Viva Cristo Rey Speedy Gonzales Grand Knight

#### December 2014

# **Upcoming Events**

- December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9 Monthly Business Meeting
- December 10 Prolife Rosary
- December 10 ELVIS! Concert - Council 6269
- December 13 Feed the Homeless
- December 16 Council Christmas Party
- December 20 KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- December 21 KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- December 25 Christmas
- December 27 Pray at
  Abortion Clinic
- December 31 New Year's Eve Party Council 7641

## Feed the Homeless

Our annual day to go down and feed the homeless folks at Feed By Grace in downtown Fort Worth is December 13th. Meet at church around 9:30 A.M. to carpool up. We'll serve lunch and be back by around 1:00 PM

# Feed by Grace

## Council Christmas Party!!!

Family Christmas Party will be held the evening of December 16th 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Bring a side dish to share, main course , beer, wine and margarita's will be provided.

Bring a gift valued at \$25 or less if you want to participate in the gift exchange.

## New Year's Eve Party Council 7641

New Year's Eve Party at Council 7641 in Bedford 7PM Social Hour 8PM Dinner 9PM-1AM Dancing Complimentary Beer, Wine and Soda Party Favors, Door Prizes Reservations Required \$75 per couple, \$40 single

## Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is December 20<sup>th</sup>. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Silver Rose at St. Jude November 9th



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)

12/9 – Council 6269 Arlington

12/23 – Council 8157 Duncanville

Contact Randy Duhon at 360-821-1107 RANDYDUHON@HOTMAIL.COM If you have a lead on a new member

# Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – James Connor

James is involved in numerous events from fish fry's ,honor guard, selling rosaries, he volunteers at nursing home and recently became a 4th degree.

Family of the Month – Larry and Donna Ciarkowski

Larry is a great asset to our council, he and Donna are involved in many parish activities. Larry is always willing to pitch in and help when he sees something that needs to be done. Larry is heading up the Pro-Life memorial construction project. Donna is very much involved in the Lady Knights.



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