



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

December 2016

We are half way through our Fraternal Year and it seems like just yesterday we had the officers' installation. A couple of points from last month, we held a very successful 1st degree exemplification at St. Jude on Nov. 10th welcoming in six new brothers and with the two transfers a total of eight brothers joined the best council in Texas, that's right #7736, we should all be proud. Feedback from our Holy Family Christmas cards has been very positive and I have received thanks from many parishioners, for offering them an alternative to the cards out in the stores today. The Coats 4 Kidz drive response from our parish has been tremendous with our collections up over previous years. Great job by the mass coordinators for collecting the coats and to those that helped get the coats sorted and organized prior to the distribution. Fantastic turnout and it was great to see the wives and children of brother knights help. Distribution day went well, it began with a Pro-Life Rosary at 8:30am and at 9:00am people began to pick out coats for themselves. Seventy-five percent of the coats were taken and people went away with smiles on their faces. Thanks brothers for coming out to help and just share fellow-ship with your other brothers.

This month we end the Holy Family Christmas cards and then on our normal business meeting date (Dec. 13th) we have our Knights Family Christmas Party and gift exchange. **HAVE YOU RESPONDED YET???** We will be having our six month council planning meeting on Saturday, Jan 14th 2017, more details to follow. This is a great opportunity to learn about what our council is involved in and there will be opportunities for brothers to step up and

lead an event. Prayerfully consider getting more involved in the workings of our council, you will like it, I PROMISE. Brother, as we continue this Advent season to the birth of Jesus our Savior on Christmas Day we have an opportunity to prepare ourselves as our Lord is always present to give us guidance. What we have to do is commit ourselves and ask for help. There is a three step process that although sounds simple can be challenging, are you ready to accept the challenge. First, Clear Up The Static – Sin is that static and when left unconfessed, can block our ability to hear what Jesus wants to say. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once during this Advent Season. Second, Feed Your Faith – We are most likely to hear Jesus' counsel as we pray. Set aside time each day of Advent for reading daily Scripture. Physical trainers promise that just thirty minutes of exercise each day can make a difference. The same is true for prayer. Third, Be Alert – Jesus doesn't speak only when we are in prayer. He is always ready to give us his wisdom. Therefore, as you face challenging decisions, stay alert for his voice, his promptings, and his love throughout your day. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and thanks for all you do and your commitment to the Knights of Columbus.

REMEMBER – sign up for our Knights Family Christmas party on the 13th – HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- December 3 - Coat Giveaway
- December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 10 – CWO Bingo
- December 13 – Council Christmas Party
- December 14 – Council Rosary
- December 17 - KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- December 18 - KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- December 25 - Christmas

Council Coat Giveaway

Coats for Kids program through December 3rd. Coats donated throughout the month will be distributed on December 3rd.



Council Christmas Party!!!

Family Christmas Party will be held the evening of December 13th 6:30 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 \$20 or less if you want to participate in the gift exchange.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception September 8th celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Immaculate Conception was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ.

Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is December 17th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

First Degree at St. Jude



**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)

12/7 – Council 7641
Bedford 6PM
12/13 – Council 9299
Arlington
12/27 – Council 8157
Duncanville

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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Ethan Whitt

Ethan is an inspiration to all brother knights. He always has a smile on his face and given the chance, will tell you how lucky and happy he is to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. He regularly attends our monthly business meetings and helps at mass as an usher. In October, Ethan became a full 3rd degree Knight as he attended a major degree. He is very involved in the Special Olympics as an athlete. Keep up the good work and keep smiling.

Family of the Month – Larry & Nancy Evans Family

The Evans family is amazing and they are passionate about the activities they are involved in at St. Jude. As lead for Pro-Life Larry just completed a very successful 40-Days for Life campaign and encouraged many brothers and their wives to attend. They are perfect examples of showing that you can work together as a family to serve, from being Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and BINGO workers. Larry regularly attends men's bible study on Saturdays and works on Kairos Prison ministry. Nancy is an active member in the Lady Knights and the CWO. Congratulations and the Knights and St. Jude are lucky to have you two as active members

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