



# Knights *focus*

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

## Answer the Call

*By Grand Knight Dave Tomlin*

When I starting thinking about the many different topics I could write about this month:

Valentine's Day

President's Day

Right to Life Day

Autism Awareness Day

Responsible Pet Owners Day

And I'm sure there are many more that I could list but the thing that is speaking to me this afternoon is the call to service that our Disciples had in the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We learn, in the Gospel of Mark, that Jesus was troubled by the death of his cousin John the Baptist. Being a known associate of John the Baptist could have meant persecution for Jesus before he was able to complete his evangelization. Consequently Jesus retreats to Capernaum, where something absolutely miraculous happens.

Imagine you are a fisherman mending your nets and preparing for the days toil when a young stranger walks past your boat, and with a word, convinces you to leave your livelihood and family to follow him.

What would you have done?

Could you have been as courageous as Peter and Andrew, or James and John?

Think about it....Leave your home, your job, and perhaps even your family to follow a man who you barely knew. It speaks to the incredible faith that these men had in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, who was with them in that moment. Fortunately, we do not have to be creatures with that volume of faith because we know from our history that this was the Messiah, but we do have to answer the same call.

The call of service surrounds us in our everyday actions. The challenge is to choose the service of God. Whether you

are a lawyer, a doctor, or a skilled laborer you have the opportunity to see God in everything that you do. Anybody, regardless of social status, can accomplish great feats when they answer to God's calling. All it takes is for us to say, "Yes, I will go Lord", and humble ourselves in our service to others.

Are you hearing the call of God? Will you answer?

Perhaps you are feeling the urge to get involved in another ministry. Perhaps you want to write a letter to your elected officials in order to persuade them to vote for or challenge policies that are outside of our Catechism. Or perhaps, you are thinking of leading others in our fair Order by running for an office this spring. Just remember to answer the call with a loving heart and the humble words "Here I am Lord. I come to do your will."

**Vivat Jesus  
Dave Tomlin  
Grand Knight**

February 2014

## Upcoming Events

- February 1 – Turkey and Brats
- February 2 – Turkey and Brats
- February 2 – Superbowl Party
- February 9 – Corporate Communion
- February 11 – Council Business Meeting
- February 12 – Pro-Life Rosary
- February 22 – Pray at the Abortion Clinic
- February 22 - Knights Can Weekend
- February 25 - Council Planning Meeting

## Turkey and Brats!!!

We are cooking our world famous turkey legs and brats after all Masses on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come out and pitch in 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!



## Family Super Bowl Party

Annual Family Super Bowl Party! Come and enjoy the company of your fellow Knights and families and enjoy the big game between Baltimore and San Francisco. TO BRING: The Council will have some bratwursts, along with a margarita machine and SOME beer, wine and sodas. Also bring some cash if you want to buy some "squares". Potluck meal - please bring a dish to share.



## Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Michael Olson

Wednesday, January 29, 2014, Fort Worth Convention Center Arena  
12:00 p.m. - Doors Open to the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena  
1:00 p.m. - Prelude Choir Performances  
2:00 p.m. - Mass of Ordination and Installation  
The Mass of Ordination and Installation is open to the public.  
Reception at the conclusion of the Mass of Ordination and Installation.

## Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is February 25th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### 2014 Pro Life Mass



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)

2/6 – Council 8417  
Waxahachie

2/8 – Council 7175  
Burleson 9AM

2/11 – Council 10930  
Ft. Worth

2/25 – Council 8157  
Duncanville

2/28 – Council 11423  
Ft. Worth

Contact George Kimmel at  
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if you have a lead on a new

## Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month- Mark Von Plinsky

Mark did an outstanding job coordinating our Blitz in January. New members keep our organization strong and helps us promote the ideals of charity throughout our community. Well done Mark!.

Family of the Month- Albert Guterrez

You may see Albert at the Bingo passing out the loot to the winners, but you also see him helping out in numerous ways around the church each and every week. Thank you to Albert and his wife for all that you do for St Jude's.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at  
[www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org)

## Council 7736 Upcoming Events

February 1 @ 3:30 P.M – Turkey and Brats

February 2 @ 7:00 A.M. – Turkey and Brats

February 2 @ 5:00 P.M – Superbowl Party

February 9 @ 10:00 A.M – Corporate Communion

February 11 @ 7:00 P.M – Council Business Meeting

February 12 @ 6:30 P.M – Pro-Life Rosary

February 22 @ 8:00 A.M – Pray at Abortion Clinic

February 22-23 – Knights Can Weekend

February 25 @ 7:00 P.M – Council Planning

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