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

Dear Brothers

*By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky*

February 2017

The month of January is behind us and on the 14th our councils six months planning meeting went well, thanks to those who attended and for your contributions. Thanks to those who came out and participated in the Rosary for the unborn at the memorial at St. Jude. I hope you all bowed your head and said a prayer for the over 56 million babies that have been aborted to date on the 23rd, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. May God bless their souls. Thanks to Lee and his team for serving up some good breakfast on the 8th. Gary and his BINGO callers had fun, a great time and made some good money on the 14th, special thanks to Speedy, Anthony, Pete and everyone who came as we were a little short in the kitchen with Brothers Greg and Cliff recovering from surgery. The On-the-Border give back went well on Monday the 23rd, saw a lot of familiar faces at the restaurant from St. Jude's, isn't that a great event? Special shout out to the Temple Keepers leadership and attendees. I have heard a lot of good things and the attendance is picking up nicely. Great Job, Pat Hergenrother, Bill Tillotson, Charley Cleaver and Mike Goodnight.

The month of February is going to pick-up with Rosary for the unborn on Saturday 4th. Turkey and Bratwurst Super Bowl weekend fundraiser on Saturday (2/4) and Sunday (2/5) after masses, followed by the ever popular Super Bowl party from 4pm – 10pm in the dining hall, sign up today or let me know you are coming. Bring either an appetizer or dessert to share and bring your family. We will have a membership blitz on the weekend of 11th and 12th, please come help after the mass you attend, see Tom Scott or myself for guidance. Also, on the 12th we will have a pancake breakfast after the 7:30am mass, come on out and help Lee and the gang. Our council will be holding a 1st Degree ceremony on Thursday, February 23rd at St. Jude candidates to be there by 6:30pm. Temple Keepers health and spiritual fitness program continues every Saturday morning in February at 8:30am in St. James Hall, come

on out in your workout clothes and get moving.

Brother, as you can see, we have many fun and exciting events coming up over the next several months and I highly encourage you to take part. Having said that, I ask have you completed your Safe & Sacred training that you have heard so much about over the last several months. As Fr. Thu has mentioned in the bulletin, he will not tolerate anyone jeopardizing the parish in the upcoming audit by the Diocese and he would like St. Jude to be 100% in compliance with Safe & Sacred. This program is totally supported by the K of C Supreme council and the Texas State council, so please check out the bulletin, St. Jude's website, our Councils website or contact myself or our own coordinator, Keith Roemeling for more information. Many of you have already sent certificates to Keith and have been updated in our system. I am sooooo proud of what our council does to support St. Jude and Fr. Thu and regardless of the ministry, all are required to take this training and have a background check. This is not just a K of C requirement, many of you assist in other ministries and should have been contacted by its leader concerning this as well from: Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, RCIA teachers and sponsors, CCD teachers, SVDP Food Pantry, Festival Committee, Building Committee members, Church custodians, etc. WE HAVE BROTHERS EVERYWHERE –Thanks!! God Bless You Brothers and the Knights of Columbus!!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Mark Von Plinsky**  
**Grand Knight**

## Upcoming Events

- February 4 – Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn
- February 4 – Temple Keepers
- February 4 - Turkey and Brats Weekend
- February 5 - Turkey and Brats Weekend
- February 5 – Family Super Bowl Party
- February 7 – Retention Committee Meeting
- February 11 – Temple Keepers
- February 11 – Membership Blitz
- February 12 – Pancake Breakfast
- February 12 – Membership Blitz
- February 14 - Monthly Business Meeting
- February 14 - Valentine's Day
- February 15 – Council Rosary
- February 18 – Temple Keepers
- February 18 – Father Aidan Donlon's Memorial Vocations Dinner
- February 19 – SK Peter Henz Memorial Mass
- February 20 – Presidents Day
- February 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 7736
- February 25 – Temple Keepers
- February 25 – Corporate Communion
- February 25 – Fat Tuesday
- February 25 – Monthly Planning Meeting

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## Temple Keepers

It's time look into tightening up our physical and spiritual health! Temple Keepers is designed just for that. For 8 consecutive Saturday mornings starting January 7, we're gonna meet in the St. James Hall from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM and get healthier and fitter! Each session will include prayer, talks about spiritual and physical health, and some HEART THUMPIN' exercise to put it all too good use.



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## Turkey Legs and Brats

We are cooking our world famous turkey legs and brats after all Masses on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</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!



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## Membership Blitz!!!

After each Mass the weekend of the 11th, we are having our membership blitz. Come help after the Mass you attend and ask a good Catholic man to join the Knights

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## Council Family Super Bowl Party!!!

February 5<sup>st</sup> is our Annual Family Super Bowl Party! Come and enjoy the company of your fellow Knights and enjoy the big game. The Council will have some bratwursts, along with a margarita machine and SOME beer, wine and sodas. Bring some cash if you want to buy some "squares". Potluck meal - please bring a dish to share.



**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)

- 2/16 – Council 10245  
Coppell
- 2/17 – Council 11423  
Ft. Worth
- 2/19 – Council 9748  
Granbury 1:30
- 2/23 – Council 7736  
Mansfield

Contact Thomas Scott at  
469-834-5252

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If you have a lead on a new member

## Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Pat Hergenrother

Pat is the “main man” when it comes to fitness. His certified personal trainer experience has been a valuable asset to the new KofC Temple Keeper’s program. From the beginning planning meetings Pat took the lead on which exercise programs would best fit our parishioners. Each week Pat sends out the exercise routines that will be used for the Saturday morning class. This takes time to plan, as there are many different routines, such as warmups, weights, and cardio. The St. Jude parishioners are keeping their temples clean, both physically and spiritually and loving every Saturday morning. Pat also helps with the food pantry and picking up food from the local Walmart and transporting back to the food pantry. Thanks Pat, for all you do. God Bless you!

Family of the Month – The Cleaver Family

Charley and Seymora are extremely active in their support of our ministries at St. Jude. They are both EM’s and Lectors (Reader’s). Not only has Charley been involved with the above ministries, he has been involved with Temple Keepers (a new Fitness program) that the Knights are leading each Saturday morning until Lent begins. Temple Keepers began planning in December with weekly meetings to outline exactly what Temple Keepers would be doing. Charley has stepped up and is a strong asset assisting in the exercise program. Seymora has recently been trained as a Eucharistic Minister and both Pat and Seymora serve together as lectors and EM’s at the 7:30 am Mass. Thank you both for all you do and God Bless you both!

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