



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

January 2018, we are off to a great start in the new calendar year. We began with a membership blitz mid-way through the month and have six candidates confirmed for our first degree at St. Jude on the 1st of February. We had a very good Bingo on the 13th and followed that up with an On-the-Border night on the 22nd which was well attended. Thanks to everyone who was able to take part and support our fundraisers. We ended with a corporate communion on the 28th and thanks to the 4th degree honor guard for standing. Let's keep the momentum up in February.

February 2018, we will host a first degree on the 1st and hope to welcome new brothers into our council. Then we will start right out with selling brats and sausage on a stick on Super Bowl week-end and will have our popular Super Bowl Party on the 4th which is a big family event. Hope to have a record turnout. On Saturday the 17th we will host a Major degree at St. Jude, beginning with mass in the chapel at 8:00am, hope that several of our 1st degree brothers can make it. Those attending will receive their 2nd and 3rd degrees on the same day. Please notify Roger Cosby, our membership director, if you have plans on being there. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th. With that we also start with our popular Fish Fry's beginning on Thursday the 15th with the fish prep and then with

the Fish Fry on Friday the 16th, hope to see a bunch of families enjoying some great food.

Lent is almost upon us and I hope that each of you has a wonderful season of lent with your families. It is a time of prayer, fasting, reflection and reconciliation, giving us all the opportunity to draw ever closer to God. Saint Ignatius suggests that you deepen your inward spiritual renewal and focus on your relationship with Jesus Christ. This spiritual renewal is serious work, but Ignatius tells us not to get anxious about it. If you sincerely desire, God, he will find you. He once wrote to a friend, "There is no need to wear yourself out, but make a competent effort, and leave the rest to him."

God Bless The Knights and Their Families!!

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

February 2018

Upcoming Events

- February 1 – Admission Degree in Mansfield 7736
- February 3- Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- February 3 – Financial Secretary Training
- February 3 – Super Bowl Bratwurst Sales
- February 4 – Super Bowl Bratwurst Sales
- February 4 – Family Super Bowl Party
- February 6 – Retention Committee Meeting
- February 11 - SK Peter Henz Memorial Mass
- February 13 – Monthly Business Meeting
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday
- February 15 – Fish Prep
- February 16 – Fish Fry
- February 17 – Major Degree in Mansfield
- February 19 – Presidents Day
- February 22 – Fish Prep
- February 23 – Fish Fry
- February 24 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 4th 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 SOME beer, wine and sodas. Bring some cash if you want to buy some "squares". Potluck meal - please bring a dish to share.



SUPER BOWL BRATWURST

Turkey and Brat sales after all Masses Saturday and Sunday February 3rd weekend. Start setup around 3:30 P.M. Saturday - 7:00 A.M. Sunday - shut down when done. Come out and sell after the Mass you attend.



LENTEN FISH FRY

Fish Fry prior to Stations of the Cross. Start cooking around 3:00 PM - Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and ends when Stations start at 7:00 PM. Please come out whenever you can, even if it's right at the end to help clean up.

MAJOR DEGREE IN MANSFIELD

Candidates and members should arrive by 2-17-18@ 8:00 A.M. for Mass. Candidates and members are expected to have their current membership card for admission to the degrees. Appropriate dress: All candidates and members should wear business casual. No shorts or T-shirts please. For additional information please contact the host Grand Knight or District Deputy:

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY



**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)

- 2/1 – Council 7736
Mansfield 6:30 PM
- 2/15 – Council 8417
Waxahachie 6:30 PM
- 2/15 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth

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

If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – TJ McCormack

Although TJ is new to us, this has not slowed him down. TJ is a phone call away to assist. From loading the festival trailer, to usher at the youth masses. TJ is becoming a very active brother in the council and in the St. Jude parish. For this TJ, we are very thankful. Keep up the great work. We can't wait to see you at the major.

Family of the Month – The Mike Duke Family

Mike Duke, like a lot of brothers has a million things going at once. Yet Shannon, him and the girls have been very active in the festival, and faith formation. No matter what problems arise, the Dukes are all in to overcome diversity and further the mission of our council and the St. Jude Parish. Thank you Dukes for all that you do...Tell uncle Jessy we said Hi!

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