



# Knights *focus*

FR. EDWARD V. McCULLOUGH COUNCIL #7736

St. Jude Catholic Church

Mansfield, TX

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## Thoughts on Independence Day

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."* - **John F. Kennedy**

In 1776, men in our country came together to unite themselves against a government who sought to impose its will against the people of colonial America. This spirit of unity has been our heritage since that time, and it continues to manifest itself to this very day. Some may say it is an interwoven part of our DNA. No matter our internal differences, our country has stood strong to protect the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator. We should be reminded of this each time a flag waves, each time we speak the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem, and, moreover, each time we greet a veteran.

As Knights of Columbus, we have a unique view on unity. Unity is a pillar in our culture. Our call to action is to fight the social and economic injustices that are happening in our midst. Blessed Father McGivney faced the same challenges when founding our Order. Being a Mid-Atlantic Catholic in 1882, meant facing ridicule from your fellow man, exclusion from labor unions and social organizations of the time. Fr.

McGivney could only have seen this as an attack on our faith, dignity and humanity. His vision was to unite Catholic men for future generations to protect the church family from scorn and ridicule.

When we band together for a common cause, we illustrate the achievement Fr. McGivney made in the formation of the Order. Whether its prayer against abortion, feeding the homeless, or caring for the infirmed, we make a difference in our community by being united. Our members are shining examples of Fr. McGivney's light.

In closing, as you celebrate Independence Day this year, wave your flags with pride and reach out to thank a veteran for their service and remember them for defending our country. Teach your children about our rich history and take time to reflect upon the importance of standing together for our ideals.

To the veteran members of Council 7736, I would like to personally thank each of you for protecting our freedom. It is truly an honor to be associated with you. I could not be more proud to serve you as your Grand Knight!

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Tomlin  
Grand Knight Council 7736

## Upcoming Events

- July 1 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND
- July 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 8 – Corp. Communion
- July 10 – Officer Install
- July 14/15 – Membership Blitz
- July 17 – Council Planning Mtg
- July 21 – Vegas Night
- July 22 – Turkey & Brauts
- July 24 – First Degree
- July 25 – Pro-life Rosary
- July 28 – Abortion Clinic
- July 28/29 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND
- July 30 – Religious Appreciation Dinner

## New Officer Installation

The new officers of the Council will be installed at a dinner on July 10. The meal is being prepared by executive chef Jerry Rodriguez and should be splendid. The whole family is invited to come out and recognize the fine men stepping forward to lead this council in the coming fraternal year.

## Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Brother Knights and families are invited to march in the Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We'll meet at 8:00 A.M. in the south parking lot of UTA and march the nearly 3 mile long parade carrying a large U.S. flag. Please no pets. More details on the website in the Events Calendar.

## Membership Blitz

A membership blitz will be held after all masses on the weekend of July 14/15. Please plan on helping after the Mass you attend. It will only take a few minutes. Also speak to that guy you talk to at Mass about joining the Knights!

## Council Planning Meeting MOVED

Due to the new officer installation and the upcoming First Degree, the Council planning meeting for the month will be on July 17 at 7:00 P.M. in our meeting room. Please plan on attending.

## First Degree

Our first First Degree of the fraternal year will be held on July 24 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Candidates are to meet in the Dining Room and proceed from there. Please come out and help support the new Knights of our Council.

## Turkey and Brauts

We will be grilling turkey and brauts after masses on July 22. Come out and help us cook and sell to the parishioners. Yeah, it'll be hot but so what – great food takes effort!

## New Council Officers

Our new officers for the upcoming fraternal year were elected at the June meeting. Please congratulate these men when you see them as they will be leading our Council to grand new heights in the coming year.

Grand Knight - Dave Tomlin  
Chaplain – Fr. Amado Vallejo \*  
Deputy Grand Knight - Speedy Gonzales  
Chancellor - George Kimmel  
Recorder - Larry Ciarkowski  
Financial Secretary – Marvin Sulak \*  
Treasurer - Lee Livingston  
Lecturer – Pat Henz \*  
Advocate - Larry Evans  
Warden - Chris Laurent  
Inside Guard - Ray Reyes  
Outside Guard - Ricky Villareal  
Three Year Trustee - PGK Bill Tillotson  
Two Year Trustee - PGK Chris Heath  
One Year Trustee - PGK Tim Henz

\* Appointed

**ASK A FELLOW CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN  
TO BECOME A KNIGHT!**

**FTW RELIGIOUS  
APPRECIATION  
DINNER @ St. Vincent  
de Paul in Arlington –  
July 25 at 6:00 P.M.  
Contact Chris Heath  
for reservations!**

## First Degrees

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)

**7/24** – Council 7366 in Mansfield  
**7/27** – Council 11423 in Ft. Worth

Contact George Kimmel at  
817-584-1798  
or e-mail at  
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if you have a lead on a new  
member

## Monthly Awards

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** – Tim Henz – Tim is a past Grand Knight of our Council and is instrumental in the success of our scholarship program. At Tim's direction, our outside panel of judges were able to review all scholarship applicants anonymously. The integrity of our selection process has been tremendous due to Tim's efforts.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH** – Bill & Christina Tillotson – This recognition is more of a reflection on Christina rather than Bill. A special thanks to Christina for allowing Bill to play "Knights" with us for the last two years!!



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

## Council 7736 Upcoming Events

June30/July 1 @ All Masses – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

July 4 @ 8:00 A.M. – Arlington Fourth of July Parade

July 8 @ 11:15 A.M. Mass – Corporate Communion

July 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – Officer Installation Dinner

July 14/15 – MEMBERSHIP BLITZ after all Masses

July 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at Council 6269

July 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

July 21 @ 7:00 P.M. – St. Jude Casino Night at Council 6269

July 22 @ All Masses – Turkey and Brauts

July 24 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Jude

July 25 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary at St. Jude prior to Mass

July 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Council 6269 in Arlington

July 28 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

July 28/29 @ All Masses – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND!

July 30 @ 5:30 P.M. – Fort Worth Religious Appreciation Dinner at St. Vincent de Paul in Arlington

August 5 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

August 11 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO!

August 12 @ 2:00 P.M. – Family Bowling at Forum Lanes in Grand Prairie

August 14 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

August 20 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269

August 21 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

August 22 @ 6:30 P.M. – Prolife Rosary at St. Jude prior to Mass

August 25 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

August 24/25 @ All Masses – Ministry Fair

August 25/26 – KNIGHTS CAN WEEKEND

August 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

August 29 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Council XXXX

September 8 @ 6:30 P.M. – Family Pool Party at Bob and Patty Schuljak's house

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