



Knights *focus*

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

Reflections on the Month of May

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

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Aloha, Brother Knights!

Greetings from 30,000 feet! I write this month's submission while Lorie and I are embarking on our vacation. During the past month we were witness to many new and potentially damaging events to our catholic faith. These events beg each of us to look deep inside our belief system and examine where we stand on the issues. They, also, demand inspection of our position in God's plan. Not that any of us know of God's plan, but it should cause us to wonder if we are being aware of the signs that are manifesting themselves around us in our community and world at large.

First we have to recognize the Supreme Court's decision on gay "marriage". This is a tough subject for those of us with friends who profess themselves to be gay. While we must be tolerant and loving to the individuals, we do not have to love their sin. Make no mistake, the decision is not a victory for equality, but a dagger to the heart of God's plan. When you think about the subject at its most basic level, men and women were created with an innate attraction to each other for the specific purpose of procreation for the survival of our species. Even in the animal kingdom, we do not see same sex copulation due to the nature of instinct. This instinct was created by God. This is just one step in breaking down the Creator's plan. Second, the actions of the citizens of Texas that prohibited the passing of a bill in the Texas State Senate are cause for more introspection. What did they do? Well, in essence they prolonged the murder of innocents across our state. Governor Perry should be commended for calling the Senate back, but in the

meantime, we suffer through the injustice of abortion. The bill that is before the Senate will effectively shut down clinics state wide until they spend millions to bring them up to code for the health and safety of the mothers.

I know this seems like a heady topic for a newsletter, but it is important that we be aware of our current condition. Jesus taught us to be on watch. But, we must do more than watch. We must ACT! I encourage each of you to take an active stance on these issues with our State Senators. Call their office and voice your stance against the needless killing of those who cannot speak for themselves. And no, this is not the end of the world. Our God is a patient God, and a loving God. Think back to the story of Lot and his request for the saving of Sodom if only 1 righteous man be found. You indeed are worthy of that righteous title- even more so, if you choose to speak against the needless suffering!

Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- July 4 – Arlington 4th of July Parade
- July 9 - Council Business Meeting
- July 10 - Prolife Rosary
- July 13 - Council Biannual Planning Meeting\Bingo
- July 17 - 1st Degree Mansfield
- July 23 - Council Planning Meeting
- July 27 – Pray at Abortion Clinic, KNIGHTS CAN Weekend, Family Night at GP Air Hogs Game
- July 28 – Knights Can Weekend

**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

July 4th Parade

Brother Knights and families are invited to march in the Arlington 4th of July parade
IF YOU HAVE REGALIA AND ARE UP TO IT - please wear your regalia to march up front.
Please wear Knights of Columbus shirts if not marching in regalia.

We will form up in the UTA south parking lot (600 Doug Russell Road, Arlington) on the morning of the 4th. Plan to be there no later than 8:15 A.M. - parade steps off at 9:00 A.M. please wear your regalia to march up front.

BINGO!!!!

Monthly Bingo is on July 13th! Come out and help or just bring the whole family and play! Food prep starts around 4:00 P.M. – gaming at 6:30 P.M



First Degrees

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

7/17 – Council 7736 in Mansfield

**7/23 – Council 8157 in
Duncanville**

Contact George Kimmel at
817-584-1798

or e-mail at
kimmel_george@yahoo.com
if you have a lead on a new
member

Family Night Air Hog Game

Family Night to go see the Grand Prairie Air Hogs is July 27th.
We will be in an air conditioned area with some drinks and food
provided by the Council. Tickets are \$10 each. See Chris Heath
for tickets.

KNIGHTS CAN!!!

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is July 27th/28th. On this weekend,
the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for
the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This is the time of year Christmas charity
plays out for many, so this is when we STEP UP!!!



OFFICER INSTALLATION

Monthly Awards

Family of the Month – Bill and Liz Bellman

Bill and Liz show their love to the church in their everyday lives. From wrangling with the youth and helping them to put their faith in action, to organizing the Confirmation events, Bill and Liz do so much that never seems to elicit a Thank You! So from the Knights of Columbus, we say Thank You for all that you do!

Knight of the Month – Marvin Sulak

Marvin is one of the most humble men you will ever meet. Marvin's role as Financial Secretary has made him the backbone to our success as a council over the years. Thank you Marvin for being a role model, confidant, and a measuring stick for our council's knights!



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July 9 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting; Rosary at 6:30 P.M.; Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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July 13 @ 9:00 A.M. – Council Biannual Planning Meeting

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