



Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

July 2015

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

buy. "Today is a gift, that's why it is called the **PRESENT**".

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his bed. She faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue. . . There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't

Upcoming Events

- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 11 – Matlock Cleanup
- July 11 – Membership Blitz
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- July 12 – Membership Blitz
- July 13 – On The Border Give Back Night
- July 18 – Family Night at the Air Hogs
- July 23 – First Degree in Mansfield
- July 25 – KNIGHT CAN Weekend
- July 28 – Monthly Planning Meeting

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

Matlock Street Cleanup

Come out for a good cause, good time and good company. Meet Saturday, July 11th, 2015 at 9:00 AM at Walmart Neighborhood Market parking lot at Matlock and Broad Streets.



Bingo!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on July 11th ! 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)

7/20 – Council 7850 Plano

7/23 – Council 7736 Mansfield

7/23 – Council 8954 Richardson

Contact Thomas Scott at

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If you have a lead on a new member

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

Knights Can Weekend

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

First Degree 7736 July 23rd



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Keith Roemeling

Keith is the newly appointed Financial Secretary for the Council and very much involved in many parish ministries to include usher, RCIA, Bible Study and Pro-Life. He is a great asset to our Council. Thanks Keith

Family of the Month – Marty and Kay Verville

Both are involved in many parish ministries to include sacristans, usher, Pro-Life, EM and money counter. Marty is the newly elected Faithful Navigator for the 2112 Assembly and seminarian coordinator for the Council.

Thanks to Marty and Kay



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