



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

July 2016

This is my first letter to my Brothers of the best council in the state of Texas. I want to say that I am honored that you have elected me as your newest Grand Knight (GK) for St. Jude's council 7736 and am excited as we start our 2016-17 Fraternal Year. It has been a journey that originally started in Georgia, but Our Lord had different plans for JoAnn and I and that resulted in our moving to Texas and ultimately to settling in Mansfield and St. Jude's in 2012. These four and a half years have flown by and now I begin a new challenge as your GK. What can I say, the past two years as Deputy Grand Knight working with Speedy have taught me a great deal. I want to thank Speedy for his leadership, his insight and our many conversations over the past two years. I will put that to good use over the next twelve months as he is a tough act to follow. As I look around our council room and see all of the many plaques that have been awarded to our council and see the pictures of the past Grand Knights, I want to thank them as well for their leadership and continued example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

A couple of weeks ago (June 18th-19th), the week of the officers installation was a very special weekend for JoAnn and I. You know it was Father's Day weekend and on Saturday it was our 33rd Anniversary and then on Sunday I was lector at 7:30am mass. On that weekend Fr. George had a special challenge that he gave to all men, whether they were Husbands, Fathers, Grand Fathers, Uncles or God Fathers. He challenged each man to be a leader for his family and set examples for them, by praying together, attending mass and

going to confession to name just a few. We have busy lives and making time to grow in our faith is not always easy. That made me think of the challenge that I have as a Knight of Columbus and it is a challenge that I present to each of you now. Am I satisfied with the Knight that I have become or what can I do to improve. When I joined the Knights only a short eight years ago (how long has it been for you ?) what made me say YES to wanting becoming a KNIGHT of COLUMBUS and a follower of Father Michael J. McGivney. We have several events to start out the year and as encouragement, I welcome each of you to attend our planning meeting on Saturday, July 9th from 9:00am until Noon. It will be a lot of fun and I guarantee you will learn a great deal about the many activities that our council is involved in and at the same time be able to ask questions you may have and how you can get involved. As was mentioned to each Knight when they went through their first degree by either the degree team, Grand Knights, Insurance Agent and others that may have attended, you get more out of the Knights when you GET INVOLVED and are active. Let's go Brothers take the CHALLENGE.

God Bless Each of You and Your families,

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- July 2 – Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 8 – Texas State Council Organizational Meeting
- July 9 - Planning Meeting
- July 9 - St. John Paul II 4th Anniversary Dinner/Dance Bingo!
- July 12 - Monthly Business Meeting
- July 13 - Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- July 16 – Membership Blitz
- July 17 – Membership Blitz
- July 25 – On The Border Give Back Night
- July 26 – Monthly Planning
- July 28 – 1st Degree 7736
- July 30– KNIGHT CAN Weekend

Council Rosary

Monthly Rosary at the Memorial to the Unborn at the Parish Center, from 8:30 am 'til 9:00 am July 2nd.



Membership Blitz!!!

After each Mass the weekend of the 16th, we are having our membership blitz. Come help after the Mass you attend and ask a good Catholic man to join the Knights



On the Border Give Back Night

July 25th On The Border Give Back Night. Eat lunch or dinner and 20% of your bill goes to Council 7736 charities! Must be at On the Border in Mansfield.

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.

Officer Installation 2016



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)

7/5 – Council 799 Dallas

7/22 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

7/26 – Council 8157 Duncanville

7/28 – Council 7736 Mansfield

Contact Thomas Scott at
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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Jim Connor

Truly an asset to the K of C and our council is lucky to have him. Jim is always recruiting and it seems like he is always asking for more form 100's. Even with some health issues over the last year, nothing stops him. You can see him standing Honor Guard with the 4th Degree and helping at Bingo, Knights Breakfast, you name it he is always around. He regularly attends council and assembly meetings and he is an officer in our council, Jim keep on truckin' thanks for all you do.

Family of the Month – Speedy and Chickie Gonzales

These two set such a great example for not only our council but for St. Jude's. Over the past two years as our Grand Knight, Speedy introduced several ideas and events to our council and encouraged each brother knight to do the same. A couple of events: On-the-Border buyback, Theater Arlington and the Councils 1st Golf Tournament all are events that went well for our council. He energized our council to achieve Star Council each of the past two years which is not an easy task. Chickie is always there to support him and led the Lady Knights in their efforts of supporting the Knights. Speedy and Chickie thanks for your love and support over the last several years. Well Done !!



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at
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