



# Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

*By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky*

Wow !! Hard to believe but this month marks the beginning of a NEW Fraternal year. Last year was a very active and event filled year with much to be proud of and thankful for. We said good bye to Fr. George, thanking him for all he has done for us and wishing him the best in retirement and in the next phase of his life. We welcomed Fr. Thu to St. Jude and from the start have shown him love and support as a brother Knight, as our chaplain and as our pastor. Fr. Thu and Fr. George please know that you can call on the Knights whenever you need assistance. It is so humbling to look back on what we did not as individuals but collectively as a council. There are too many events to mention but please know that whether you were able to help out on several or just a few events or were unable to help but kept your brothers in your prayers many thanks from your officers and especially your grand knight. The four core principals of our Order, like the points on a compass, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the very basis for the good works that we do and most important for us to live by as Catholic men and as Knights of Columbus. To the outgoing officers a sincere thank-you and for the incoming officers thank-you for saying yes and leading our council in this new year. The month of July is very important, with our upcoming 6 months planning meeting on Tuesday, the 25th at 6:30pm (in place of our normal monthly planning meeting), everyone has the opportunity to ask questions, get involved, lead an event or volunteer for something that interests them. We start out July with BINGO on Saturday the 8th, Business meeting on Tuesday the 11th and end the month on Monday the 31st with our ever

popular On-the-Border give back event. Please come out and get involved. Council upcoming events: our 3rd annual Charity Golf Tournament is looking for corporate/individual sponsors and donations. Parish Festival SUPER Raffle looking for people to sell tickets with proceeds going to St. Jude Catholic Church. We have a community project of house painting which will take place in August. Another event in August that needs to be mentioned because our council is sooo very much involved is the Religious Appreciation Dinner which will take place on Monday evening, August 7th starting at 6:00pm in Keller. I'm sure that Brother Pat Henz the emcee for the event will have tickets for sale at our business meeting. So bring your money or checks to the councils business meeting on July 11th. For these and ALL COUNCIL events please visit our website at [www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org). Brothers we are averaging between 35-45 people for our monthly business meeting, let's try and beat it this year. I would like to wish you and your families and friends a very Happy and Safe Fourth of July. God Bless You Brothers and the Knights of Columbus!!

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

July 2017

## Upcoming Events

- July 1 - Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 7 – State Organization Meeting
- July 8 – State Organization Meeting
- July 8 – Bingo
- July 11 – Monthly Business Meeting
- July 12 – Council Rosary
- July 17 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting
- July 22 – Financial Secretary Training in Dallas
- July 25 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- July 29 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- July 30 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- July 31 – On the Border Give Back Night

## Financial Secretary Training

Are you a new Financial Secretary? Have you had the opportunity to be trained in Supremes' Member Management program? Trainer Craig Modrzynski will lead this training session designed to enlighten any member that deals with finances. The primary focus group is the Financial Secretaries, however, DD's, Grand Knights, Treasurers, and Trustees are urged to attend. And any brother knight is welcomed to participate.



## BINGO!!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on July 8<sup>th</sup>! 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



## Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is July 29<sup>th</sup>. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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)

7/11 – Council 15789  
Colleyville

7/16 – Council 9748  
Granbury 1:30PM

7/28 – Council 11423  
Ft. Worth

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If you have a lead on a new member

## 2017 Officer Installation



## Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Monsignor Ray Mullan

Monsignor (Fr. Ray) Mullan is one of our council's chaplains, and although he is retired, he says a priest is never really retired. If you have not been to his 12:10 pm weekday Mass you are missing some homily's that are succinct, that is, short and to the point. If you happen to stay after Mass, he can also fill you in on his volumes of jokes that require understanding wit. Most of all he takes his priesthood very seriously and well he should. Fr. Ray just celebrated his 55th year as a priest and to make it more special, he was ordained on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29th 1962. He also celebrated his 80th birthday in May as well as becoming a 4th degree knight. Our council is lucky to have such a priest that is always ready to serve. Thank you Fr Ray, for all you do. God Bless you!

Family of the Month - The Shannon Family

Joe is our council's recorder. He is also always around to lend a helping hand, from squeezing fish for our Lenten fish fry, which includes mopping up after we finish the "squeeze" to working the golf tournament, and many other events. (A side note... do not try and take the mop from him or you may have a problem)☐. He is our councils "pizza delivery guy" for the 1st degree ceremonies, although if Sam's ever checks his id, he may not be delivering any longer. He also is on the church maintenance team that takes care of maintaining our church during the week. Zelma, Joe's wife works the food pantry ministry on Wednesday and Saturday, as well as being involved with the religious education for the children.

Thank you Joe and Zelma for all you do and God Bless your family!

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