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

Reflections on the Month of May

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

The month of May is usually regarded as the month of our Lady. Often times Catholics will move the statuary of the Virgin Mother to the front of the church. There, parishioners pay homage to the Queen of Heaven by offering their special prayers for her intercession. We too, at St. Jude's, have done the same. We have placed her at the foot of the altar for our children to place flowers at her feet at the beginning of Mass.

The Knights of Columbus are called to a special devotion to the Mother of Jesus. We signify that in our carrying of the Rosary and praying it as often as possible. It is important for us to reflect on her life and what she represents so that we may deepen our devotion. Catholic Dogma states that Mary was born without original sin and, therefore, was the worthy vessel to carry the Son of God. At an early age she was visited by the angel Gabriel who delivered her call to which she answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Have you ever thought about the depth of her response?

Her "yes" was eternal. It was a yes to taking a responsibility to rear God's son. Her "yes" was an affirmation to follow Him to Calvary, where He suffered and died for our sins. Her "yes" accepted the responsibility of motherhood to all of God's children. To each and every one of us! God knew in His infinite wisdom of her strength when He sat her before us to be a pillar of the eternal church.

When I think of how she answered her calling, I am awestruck. Never again will there be an opportunity like the one offered to Mary. While it came with many sorrows, it afforded her a unique relationship with Christ. Can you

imagine the conversations they must have had! And, Jesus, as a faithful Jew, regarded his mother with the highest respect, honor, and love. That love for His mother has transcended the ages and, has made Mary the most powerful intercessor for Jesus will refuse nothing to His mother.

As we close the month of May, spend some time meditating on Mary and her answer to God's call. Ask yourself how you would have responded to such a worthy call from God. I challenge each of you to add one prayer for Mary's intentions so that she can present you to Jesus for Him to transform and open your hearts to love. So that when you hear God's call your answer will be a deep and affirming "yes, Lord".

**Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight**

June 2013

Upcoming Events

- June 8 – BINGO
- June 11 - Council Business Meeting
- June 12 - Prolife Rosary
- June 12 - Elvis Presley at Council 6269
- June 16 - Corporate Communion
- June 22 - Officer Installation
- June 23 - Pancake Breakfast
- June 25 - Council Planning Meeting
- June 26 - Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting
- June 29 – Pray at Abortion Clinic, 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!!!**

4th Degree

Council 1099 in Temple, TX is hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification on June 1. This is about a two hour drive from Fort Worth, so some may be interested in going. Below is a link to their website

<http://www.kofc1099.org/Exemplification.html>

BINGO!!!!

Monthly Bingo is on June 8th! 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

Elvis Presley at 6269

Come out and hear one of the greatest Elvis impersonators of all time, Mr. Kraig Parker, as he recreates The King's greatest hits!

June 12! Doors open at 6:30 P.M. - concert at 7:30 P.M.

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center June 23rd 7A.M. Come out and help with the food prep or clean up.

First Degrees

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

6/4 – Council 9299 in Arlington

6/11 – Council 10930 in
Ft. Worth

6/25 – Council 8157 in
Duncanville

6/28 – Council 11423 in
Ft. Worth

Contact George Kimmel at
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if you have a lead on a new
member

Officer Installation

Come out and participate in the Officer Installation, June 22nd 10am.

KNIGHTS CAN!!!

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is June 29th/30th. 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!!!



Cooking burgers at the State Special Olympics 2013

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month- Brandon LeClaire

Brandon is one of the newest members of our council. Brandon made his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees inside of a week and has hit the ground running. Brandon help on Mother's Day by participating in every duty available and helped make our Mother's Day Breakfast a success. At the Special Olympics, he and his Mom were up to the task of cooking hamburger for the volunteers. Keep up the good work Brandon!!!

Family of the Month- John & Cindy Pressley

The Pressley's were instrumental in organizing this year's Special Olympics event. While John made sure everyone had a job to do preparing the food, Cindy and their daughters helped serve the volunteers a hot meal. Thank you for all that you do!



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Council 7736 Upcoming Events

June 1 @ 9:00 A.M. – 4th Degree Exemplification Temple TX

June 8 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO

June 11 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting; Rosary at 6:30 P.M.; Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

June 12 @ 6:30 P.M – Prolife Rosary

June 15 @ 5:30 P.M – Corporate Communion

June 22 @ 10:00 A.M – Officer Installation

June 23 @ 7:00 A.M – Pancake Breakfast

June 25 @ 7:00 P.M - Council Planning Meeting

June 26 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Council 8512, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. - meeting at 8:00.

June 29 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic

June 29/30 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

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