



Knights *focus*

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

Signing off!!!

By Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

In our local organization the Knights of Columbus' Grand Knight serves for a term of 12 months as elected by the council. Our culture, typically, will elect the same slate of officers for two consecutive terms. It's hard to believe this 24 month term has come and gone so quickly. It has been my pleasure to serve you in the role of Grand Knight. While the position is at times trying, dealing with a variety of personalities and agendas, it has provided me with some of the greatest memories and accomplishments that I will cherish the rest of my life.

During the first 12 months of my term as Grand Knight, our council was awarded the prestigious Double Star Council Award. This great accomplishment is one that only eight other councils in our state, which is comprised of 750+ councils, achieved in 2013. This also afforded me the chance to speak at the State Conventions in both Corpus Christi and Dallas, Texas. But perhaps my two most favorite memories are the Air Hog Family event and the Knights' Family Mass/Corporate Communion that was held in March, 2014. Each of these events were unique and remind me of the precepts that our Order was founded upon – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

While waxing reminiscent can be touching, there is a certain amount of joy that comes over me when I think about the future of our council. Our council is being left in the very capable hands of Grand Knight-Elect Speedy Gonzales. Over the past two years I've gotten to know Speedy as an officer, a friend, and a confidant. It's been a rather humbling journey when I think this man, who once worked for LBJ, working side by side

with me to better our organization. Very humbling indeed! Speedy and I have had the opportunity to share our thoughts and direction on the direction of the council over the next two years, and I have watched him begin to put together his list of officers and chair people for the next fraternal year. As is the case with Speedy, he never takes his role lightly, and will serve this team with the greatest of pride. And, it is this characteristic that makes me confident that he will build upon the successes that the council has achieved in years past.

In closing, I would like to share one last thought with you. I have tried to impart some knowledge through this newsletter over its last 24 installments. I have to admit that not all of them were genius, but all were written from my heart. I hope that you have enjoyed them as much as I have enjoyed composing them. Officially, my last day as your Grand Knight is June 30th, but I will begin transitioning some of the activities to the new leadership during the next 30 days-including this newsletter. Thank you for the memories! I, sincerely, love you all!! Signing off...

Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

June 2014

Upcoming Events

- June 8 - Pentecost
- June 10 - Council Business Meeting
- June 11 - Prolife Rosary
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 21 - Corporate Communion
- June 21 - Officer Installation
- June 24 - Council Planning Meeting
- June 28 – Pray at the abortion clinic
- June 29 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

Council Business Meeting

Monthly Business Meeting of the Council - Rosary at 6:30 P.M. and meeting at 7:00 P.M.



Bingo!!!

Monthly Bingo is in June 14th! Come out and play, the CWO will be working the food, the Knights will work the gaming.



Officer Installation

Come out and help welcome our new officers into office June 21 from 6:30 pm 'til 8:30 pm. We will attend Mass and then have the officer installation and dinner.

Knights Can Weekend

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

2014 Scholarship Winners



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)

6/17 – Council 9299

Arlington

6/24 – Council 8157

Duncanville

6/27 – Council 11423

Ft. Worth

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if you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Albert Gutierrez

Albert work tirelessly at the special Olympics year. Whether it was cutting the vegetables or cooking the meat, Albert was ready to jump in and help with a smile. Thanks Albert for your constant support.

Family of the Month - Randy and Cindy Duhon

Randy and Cindy both worked the Special Olympics for our council this weekend. Cindy did a great job greeting the volunteers with a smile as she served fajitas on Saturday! Thank you both for all you do!!



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at www.kofc7736.org

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June 10 - Council Business Meeting

June 11 - Pro-life Rosary

June 15 - Father's Day

June 17 - First Degree in Arlington

June 21 - Corporate Communion

June 21 - Officer Installation

June 24 - Council Planning Meeting

June 24 - First Degree in Duncanville

June 28 - Pray at the abortion clinic

June 27 - First Degree in Ft. Worth

June 29 - KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

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