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Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

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One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up, and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him, and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before, but we talked all the way home, and I carried his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes. We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him. And my friends thought the same of him. Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship. Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. On graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually

looked good in glasses. He had more dates than me and all the girls loved him! Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech, so I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach -- but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story." I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable." I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth. **Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture, you can change a person's life.**

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

Upcoming Events

- June 6 - Antique Car Show in Arlington
- June 8 – Lady Knights Meeting
- June 9 – Monthly Business Meeting
- June 10 - Prolife Rosary
- June 13 – Financial Secretary & Faithful Comptroller Training
- June 13 – CWO Bingo
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 17 – ELVIS! Concert Council 6269
- June 21 - Father's Day
- June 23 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- June 27 – Pray at Abortion Clinic
- June 27 – Officer Installation
- June 27 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

Antique Car Show in Arlington

Assembly 2112 Car Show. In parking lot in front of the Antique Mall that shares the building with Burlington Coat Factory Store (next to Super Walmart) at the intersection of Cooper and Oak Village in Arlington.

Registration is from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Awards at 1:30 P.M. Free to the public - lots of giveaways. \$15 per car entry.



Elvis!!! Concert at Council 6269

Elvis artist Kraig Parker performs at Council 6269 in Arlington.

Doors open at 6:30 PM - concert at 7:30 PM June 16th, \$15 at the door. Beer and setups available for sale.

Kraig has performed all over the world as an Elvis artist and is one of the best in the business. A portion of sales goes back to Assembly 2112, so come and support our Assembly and enjoy a great show.



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is June 27th. 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

Come out and help welcome our new officers into office June 27th. We will attend Mass and then have the officer installation and dinner, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

Father Hathaway's First Mass May 24th



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)

6/16 – Council 9299 Arlington

6/20 – Council 13068 Dallas
5:00 PM

6/26 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

Contact Randy Duhon at

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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Mike Goodnight

Mike has been an excellent addition to our council involved in various church ministries and functions. Participates in numerous knights events; pickle parade, breakfasts, Bingos and many many more.

Family of the Month – The Goodnight Family

Mike and Carlene Goodnight are both involved in various ministries in our Church and both always willing to lend a helping hand no matter what is being asked.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at
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