



# Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

June 2016

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 4 - Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn
- June 4 – Corporate Communion
- June 8 - Pro-life Rosary
- June 11 – CWO Bingo
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 14 – Monthly Business Meeting
- June 18 – Webmaster Training
- June 18 – Officer Installation
- June 19 - Father's Day
- June 20 - 4th Degree Assembly 2112 Meeting
- June 24 - Mulligans for Medals Golf Tournament
- June 25 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- June 28 – Monthly Planning Meeting

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## CWO BINGO!!!!

CWO Monthly Bingo is 6:30 PM June 11<sup>th</sup>, the CWO does the food, but Knights still help with the gaming.

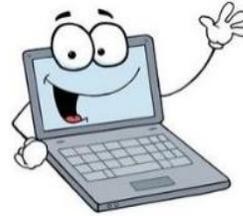


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## Webmaster Training

Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:00 am 'til 12:00 pm

Fort Worth Diocesan Webmaster Bill Tillotson will walk you through how to use your UKnight website to achieve your goals and much more. We'll have a computer set up with projector and we'll start working on YOUR council website RIGHT THERE IN THE TRAINING!



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## Officer Installation

Come out and help welcome our new officers into office June 18th. We will attend Mass and then have the officer installation and dinner, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

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## Knight Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is June 25<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.

2016 Scholarship Awards



**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)

6/20 – Council 7641 Bedford

6/24 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

6/28 – Council 8157 Duncanville

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If you have a lead on a new member  
a lead on a new member

## Monthly Awards

**Knight of the Month: Pedro Rios**

This young man since joining our Brotherhood a little over a year has accomplished his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees and can be seen at just about all of our events to include breakfasts, pickle parade, bingos and cookouts. Just a great asset to this Council. Thank you so much for what you do Pedro. God bless you and your family.

**Family of the Month – Bill and Liz Bellman**

One of the Dynamic Duos of the Parish. Involved with the Youth and RCIA and many other ministries. We thank you for what you do for our Parish.



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