



Knights *focus*

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What Do We Really Value?

by Grand Knight Bill Tillotson

I live a busy life. If asked, I would tell you I'm busy because I'm doing things I value. I am busy going to kid's activities because I want them to remember that I cared about them. I am busy at work because I value my job and want to make a significant contribution. I do lots of stuff with the Knights because the Order is working hard to support our Catholic Church.

And thus I feel "busy" all the time as I try to fill my whole day with stuff. Stuff that I value – mostly – but still stuff.

It is said you can really tell what a person values by looking at how they spend their time. We only have 24 hours in each day and a person tends to allocate that time based on what they truly value. Note that I said "truly" – not what we **say** we value, but what we actually do value.

Since I feel so busy – and I'd like to reduce the hecticness of my life – let's look at how I spent my time on a typical day. Let's look at Leap Day – February 29, 2012.

I got up at 5:00 A.M., read the paper for 30 minutes and got ready for work. I had to drive my 17 year old to school because the truck is broke down (again), then drove my 8th grader to school and then to work.

I worked until 11 AM and went to our gym here at work (a real treat) and spent an hour working out. I then came back to work and worked until 5:30 P.M.

I then drove to Denton for the Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting. I sat through this

meeting (1 hour of dinner and 2.5 hours of meeting) to help coordinate the Fort Worth Diocesan Knights activities. We prayed briefly and the beginning and end of the meeting (2 minutes max). I then drove home (about an hour). I went to bed at around 10:30 P.M.

So, my day broke down accordingly:

Sleep – 6.5 hours
Morning Prep – 0.5 hours
Work – 9 hours
Driving – 3 hours
Working out – 1 hour
KC Meeting – 2.5 hours
Eating – 1 hour
Reading paper – 0.5 hours
Praying – 2 minutes

So, I spent (2 minutes/24 hours) 0.14% of my day praying – and I wouldn't have done that much if I hadn't been forced to. I also spent 0.00% of my day with my family.

If you were to ask me what the two most important things in my life are, I'd first say my relationship with God and family. But the evidence from Leap Day suggests my actions say otherwise. I got work to do in this area.

How are you spending your time? Does it align with what you say you value? Perhaps this Lent would be a good time for all of us to reassess what we show we value by how we spend our time.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill

Upcoming Events

- March 2 – Fish Fry
- March 3 – Corporate Communion
- March 9 – Fish Fry
- March 12 – First Degree @ St. Matthew
- March 13 – Monthly Mtg
- March 16 – Fish Fry
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 19 – 4th Degree Mtg
- March 20 – Lady Knights Mtg
- March 23 – Fish Fry
- March 24 – Abortion Clinic
- March 27 - Planning Mtg
- March 30 – Fish Fry

Raffle Tickets

Our annual scholarship raffle has started up. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. First prize is \$100 cash, 2nd a diamond ring, and on from there. See Dave Tomlin for tickets. Drawing will be on June 3 after 7:45 A.M. Mass.

Fish Frys

Our Lenten Fish Fries started early this year on February 24. Please pencil in the Fridays of Lent on your new calendar. As a heads up, we WILL NOT be doing a Fish Fry on Good Friday this year.

**Have the Knights
made you a better
Catholic?
Pass on the gift by
asking someone to
join the Knights!**

Kevin Henry B-ball

Kevin Henry will be running a basketball tournament in Burlison over Spring Break. If you have a team or some kids who are looking for something to do over the break, give him a call. Contact information, including flyer, are on the website.

Easter Breakfast/Party

Don't forget that the Knights will do breakfast on Easter morning after 7:45 A.M. Mass. In addition, the Children's Easter Party, which culminates in the big Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 A.M. SHARP, will also be that morning.

First Degrees

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

3/12 – St. Matthew in Arlington
3/23 – St. Rita in Fort Worth
3/28 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton in Keller

Contact

Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240
or e-mail at speedyg@hotmail.com
if you have a lead on a new member

First Degree at St. Matt

Our Degree Team will be performing the First Degree ceremony at St. Matthew in Arlington on March 12 at 7:00 P.M. Please try to recruit a good Catholic gentleman to come! Also plan on coming yourself to support our team. They will be having a brisket dinner afterwards.

Organ Donation Awareness

On the weekend of April 14/15, the Knights will be sponsoring an organ donation awareness weekend at St. Jude. There will be people coming out to speak after all masses. We'll need Knights to hand out flyers after Mass. Please pencil that weekend in for this.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Mansfield St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 17. Groups are asked to start forming up at noon and the parade steps off at 2:00 P.M. Our very own Father George Foley will be serving as St. Patrick, driven in a convertible by SK George Kimmel.

An Honor Guard will escort Father along the parade route. We are asking all 4th Degree Knights with regalia to come out and march. We also are going to have our families and any other Brother Knights march behind the convertible. We are asking that everyone wear AS MUCH green as you can! We are also going to invite the entire parish to turn out as well! This is a traditionally Catholic holiday so let's show Mansfield that we KNOW how to do St. Patrick's Day!

Monthly Awards

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH – Gregg Ipock and Cliff Vittorio – I couldn't decide who deserved this honor this month so I gave it to both these guys! These two new members came out and worked their TAILS off at the Super Bowl Turkey and Brauts. They then came out and worked the first Fish Fry as well as the Bingo the next night! These guys have really jumped in with all four feet! Thanks guys!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Pat and Sarah Hergenrother - This is a couple that gives so much to St. Jude. Pat is very active with the high school youth and religious ed – so active that we don't see him TOO often at Knights only events. But that doesn't mean he isn't working for the Knights in other ways. Sarah is also very involved with religious ed. Thank you for all you do for the parish Pat and Sarah!

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CATHOLIC
GENTLEMAN TO
BECOME A KNIGHT!**



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 by going to our website:

www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

- March 2 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry
- March 3 @ 5:00 P.M. – Corporate Communion
- March 9 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry
- March 12 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Matthew
- March 13 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center
- March 16 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry
- March 17 @ 2:00 P.M. – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 19 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269
- March 20 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting
- March 23 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry
- March 24 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic
- March 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center
- March 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Council 9299 in Arlington
- March 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at Council 759 in Keller
- March 30 @ 3:00 P.M. – Fish Fry
- April 8 @ 7:00 A.M. – Easter Breakfast, followed by Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt.
- April 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center
- April 14 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO at the Parish Center
- April 14/15 – Organ Donor Awareness Weekend after ALL masses
- April 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – RCIA Fair
- April 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269
- April 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting
- April 21 @ 9:00 A.M. – End of Life Planning Seminar
- April 24 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center
- April 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting at Council 14679
- April 27-29 – State K of C Convention in Houston
- April 28 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic
- May 4 @ 7:00 P.M. – Confirmation Mass
- May 4/5 – Council 6269 Carnivore Cookout

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