



Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

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Here is a true story about a nine year old boy who lived in a rural town in Tennessee. His house was in a poor area of the community. A church had a bus ministry that came knocking on his door one Saturday afternoon. The kid came to answer the door and greeted the bus pastor. The bus pastor asked if his parents were home, and the small boy told him that his parents take off every weekend and leave him at home to take care of his little brother. The bus pastor couldn't believe what the kid said and asked him to repeat it. The youngster gave the same answer, and the bus pastor asked to come in and talk with him. They went into the living room and sat down on an old couch with the foam and springs exposed. The bus pastor asked the kid, "Where do you go to church?" The young boy surprised the visitor by replying, "I've never been to church in my whole life." The bus pastor thought to himself about the fact that his church was less than three miles from the child's house. "Are you sure you have never been to church?" he asked again. "I sure haven't," came his answer. Then the bus pastor said, "Well, son, more important than going to church, have you ever heard the greatest love story ever told?", and then proceeded to share the Gospel with this little nine year old boy. The young lad's heart began to be tenderized, and at the end of the bus pastor's story, the bus pastor asked if the boy wanted to receive this free gift from God. The youngster exclaimed, "You bet!" The kid and the bus pastor got on their knees and the lad invited Jesus into his little heart and received the free gift of salvation. They both stood up and the bus pastor asked if he could pick the kid up for church the next morning. "Sure," the nine year old replied.

The bus pastor got to the house early the next morning and found the lights off. He let himself in, snaked his way through the house, and found the little boy asleep in his bed. He woke up the little boy and his brother and helped get them dressed. They got on the bus and ate a donut for breakfast on their way to church. Keep in mind that this boy had never

been to church before. The church was a real big one. The little kid just sat there, clueless of what was going on.

A few minutes into the service, these tall unhappy guys walked down to the front and picked up some wooden plates. One of the men prayed and the kid, with utter fascination, watched them walk up and down the aisles. He still didn't know what was going on. All of a sudden, like a bolt of lightning, it hit the kid what was taking place. These people must be giving money to Jesus. He then reflected on the free gift of life he had received just twenty-four hours earlier. He immediately searched his pockets, front and back, and couldn't find a thing to give Jesus. By this time the offering plate was being passed down his aisle and, with a broken heart, he just grabbed the plate and held on to it. He finally let go and watched it pass on down the aisle. He turned around to see it passed down the aisle behind him. And then his eyes remained glued on the plate as it was passed back and forth, all the way to the rear of the sanctuary.

Then he had an idea. This little nine year old boy, in front of God and everybody, got up out of his seat. He walked about eight rows back, grabbed the usher by the coat and asked to hold the plate one more time. Then he did the most astounding thing I have ever heard of. He took the plate, sat it on the carpeted church floor and stepped into the center of it. As he stood there, he lifted his little head up and said, "Jesus, I don't have anything to give you today, but just me. I give you me!"

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

Upcoming Events

- March 7 - Matlock Street Cleanup
- March 7-8 - Scholarship Raffle Sales
- March 10 - Monthly Business Meeting
- March 11 - Prolife Rosary
- March 13 - Fish Fry
- March 14 - St. Paddy's Pickle Parade
- March 14-15 - Scholarship Raffle Sales
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - Fish Fry
- March 21 - Bingo
- March 21-22 - Scholarship Raffle Sales
- March 24 - Monthly Planning Meeting
- March 27 - Fish Fry
- March 28 - Pray at Abortion

Ask a good Catholic man to join the Knights today! It'll make him a better Catholic – just like it did to you!!!

Bingo!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on March 21st! 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



First Degrees

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

3/18 – Council 7641
Bedford

3/23 – Council 8895
Ft. Worth

3/31 – Council 13470
Arlington 7:30 PM

Contact Randy Duhon at
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If you have a lead on a new member

Lenten Fish Frys

Fish Fry prior to Stations of the Cross. Start cooking around 3:00 PM - Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and ends when Stations start at 7:00 PM. Please come out whenever you can, even if it's right at the end to help clean up.



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is March 28th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Paddy's Pickle Parade

St. Paddy's Day Parade March 14th. We will have a food stand for event and also a marching unit. Food Crew - Starting at 9 AM to load at St. Jude, then move to Main Street. Honor Guard - Report to St. Jude at 12:00 PM - step off at 1:00 PM.



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Tony Ayala

Since becoming a knight Tony has been very active many events from Pancake Breakfasts to Bingos and the most recent fish frys. He is also involved in parish activities. A true asset to our council.

Family of the Month – Mark and Joann Von Plinsky

Mark is a great asset to our council and parish, he is our current Deputy Grand Knight and involved in many Knight activities. He is always pitching in grilling, working fish frys, selling rosaries and food sales, Joann is involved in many parish events and active in the lady knights.



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

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

March 1 - Family of the Year Applications DUE!

March 4 - Bishop's Event to Grow Scouting

March 6 - Fish Fry

March 7 - Habitat for Humanity House

March 7 - Matlock Street Cleanup

March 7 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 8 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 10 - Monthly Business Meeting

March 11 - Pro-life Rosary

March 13 - Fish Fry

March 14 - St. Paddy's Pickle Parade

March 14 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 15 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - Fish Fry

March 21 - 3 on 3 tournament

March 21 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 21 - Bingo!

March 22 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 24 - Monthly Planning Meeting

March 27 - Fish Fry

March 28 - Pray at Abortion Clinic

March 28 - KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

March 28 - Scholarship Raffle Sales

March 29 - Palm Sunday

March 29 - KofC Founder's Day

March 29 - KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

March 29 - Scholarship Raffle Drawing

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