



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

March 2017

The Lenten Season is upon us as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

February was a very good month for our council. We picked up five new Brother Knights: Mike Monsivais, Tony Gonzales, Jim Honquest, Dan Rogers and Steve Romero. Welcome again Brothers !! When you see them give them warm welcome.

Many thanks to St. Jude 1st Degree team for putting on a great exemplification on the 23rd. From the organizing the candidates for the degree, to the pizza and refreshments served afterwards to processing the paperwork through, Supreme everything went smoothly. Thanks to all those involved. Lee and Breakfast crew good job on the 12th after the 7:30am mass. Corporate Communion which was held on Feb 25th at the 5:00PM mass went very well 11 SK in full regalia stood for Honor Guard. A big thanks to our membership director (Tom Scott) for heading up the membership blitz that was held on the weekend of Feb 11th and 12th, the table looked awesome and he rounded up a lot of help from all brothers helping to recruit.

The month of March we will be full steam ahead as we enter Lent and our Fish Fry's. We will have five Fish Fry's this month and then one more next month. Thanks to those families that offered to bring a special dinner each Friday. Scholarship Raffle ticket sales also begin early in March and will continue all the way up to the drawing in early May. DGK Mike is heading up the raffle this year, so let's show him support after each mass and also look for your raffle tickets in the mail. Remember all of the proceeds go back to the students of St. Jude that are moving on to college. On Saturday the 11th, we will have our Matlock Street cleanup (Justin Ramos coordinator) at 9:00am and BINGO will begin at 6:30pm with the kitchen staff to be there by 4:00pm (Gary Marcucci and Greg Ipock coordinators), come on out and lend a hand. Knights Can weekend the weekend of the 25th and 26th, please bring some canned goods. For these and other events please check out our event calendar on our website. www.kofc7736.org

Ecce Homo! "Behold, the man!" These were the words that Pontius Pilate used when he presented Jesus to the crowd on Good Friday (John 19:5). Every time Mass is celebrated, father urges us to do exactly that: "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world." Behold. It's an interesting choice of words. To behold something is to go beyond simply glancing at it. It involves fixing our gaze on something and looking closely and carefully at it. In a sense, this is exactly what the season of Lent is all about. For forty days, God asks us to look closely at Jesus so that we can grasp the depth of his love and the greatness of the salvation he has won for us. Perhaps Pilate said, "Behold, the man" as a way to quiet the crowd or satisfy their desire to see Jesus punished. Or perhaps he hoped that after seeing Jesus beaten, bloodied, and crowned with thorns, the people might have had some pity and asked for him to be released. Or maybe he presented Jesus to the crowd out of contempt for them, as if to say, "Look at what your envy has done." All three are possible answers, and maybe a mix of them was at work that day. The call to behold Jesus like this is bittersweet. We want to join John, Mary and the other women at the cross in weeping over how Jesus was treated. But it is also sweet because through that cross, we have been set free from sin and death. Make it a point to behold the man every day of Lent. Let what you see inspire you to kneel before him in gratitude and adoration. Let it move you to give your heart to him. Let it help you be firm in your desire to follow him and give him glory in the way you live. Jesus gave his life for you; behold him every day so that you will want to give your life to him in return.

God Bless You Brothers and the Knights of Columbus !!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- March 1 – Ash Wednesday
- March 2 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- March 3 – Fish Fry
- March 4 – Prolife Rosary
- March 9 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- March 10 – Fish Fry
- March 11 - Matlock Street Cleanup
- March 11 – Bingo!!
- March 14 - Monthly Business Meeting
- March 15 – Council Rosary
- March 16 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- March 17 - Fish Fry
- March 17- St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 – St. Paddy's Pickle Parade
- March 19- KOFC Founders Day
- March 18 - Fish Fry
- March 22– Monthly Planning Meeting
- March 23 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- March 24 - Fish Fry
- March 30 – Fish Prep AM/PM
- March 31 - Fish Fry

**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 11th! 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)

**3/14 – Council 10930
Ft. Worth 6:30PM**

**3/28 – Council 13470
Arlington**

**3/31 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth**

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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 25th. 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 18th. 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



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Pedro Rios

Pedro can always be counted on to help with any Knight sponsored event, especially when it comes to serving people. He is very active in all cooking events, which include pickle parade, parish festival, Lenten fish fry, and all the pancake breakfasts' events. And most of all he always does it with a big smiley face ☐ Thanks Pedro, for all you do. God Bless you!

Family of the Month – The Cosby Family

When it comes to a "family affair", the Cosby's define that phrase to a "T". Any KofC event that involves kids, cooking, coordinating, or family, Roger, Jason, and Andrew are there to help (along with the kiddos). Then add Julie to the mix and they are extremely active in their support of our ministries at St. Jude. Julie is the DRE of Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation as well as both EM and Lector (Reader). Thank you both for all you do and God Bless your family!

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