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FR. EDWARD V. McCULLOUGH COUNCIL #7736
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The Gift of Sacraments

By Grand Knight Bill Tillotson

To me, the greatest benefit of being Catholic is the ability to receive the Eucharist. All the sacraments give us grace, but the Eucharist does so in a special way.

As a reminder, a Sacrament is an efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. So what that means is – when we receive a sacrament, we know for dead certain that we have received God's grace and been given a gift that brings us closer to divine life. No ifs and or buts.

Wow. Just wow. Through no merit of our own, we have access to what amounts to an Eternal Fountain of Life from God! That really is pretty earth shattering if you sit down and think about it.

And while all the Sacraments bestow grace, the Holy Eucharist does so in a special way. Each week, we reconnect all the way back across 2000 years to an event Jesus himself invites us to participate in – the sacrifice of himself for our sins. It is only through that sacrifice that we can have salvation.

We don't deserve it – I know I sure don't – but Jesus freely invites us to receive him and enjoy the graces that come from that.

But as an usher, almost every Sunday, I see people wandering up to receive the Eucharist as if they're in a grocery store line. And truth be told – there are times that I have gone up that same line worrying about whether I made the right fantasy football

picks for the games about to kick-off.

Father George put it very well in his Homily last week – the First Communion students will be filled with amazement and wonder as they receive Jesus for the first time. But what about the second? And the tenth? And so on? Truth is – the child will probably adopt the same attitude towards the Eucharist and other Sacraments that their family exhibits. We are told in the Rite of Baptism that parents are the first teachers of the faith. What kind of lessons do we teach our kids about the beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

It is incumbent upon us as Knights to respect and cherish the Sacraments as dearly as we can. To model for our families and our church what we men think and feel about the special way we have access to the grace of God.

If you ever have the chance, go with Brother Mario Gamez on a Saturday when he goes to minister at the prison – especially if it is a day that Father is going to say Mass. Watching these inmates approach the Holy Eucharist with such reverence is somewhat humbling to me. Since they do not have the Eucharist very often, they revere it much more deeply than many of us do.

Vivat Jesus!

Upcoming Events

- All Masses in May – Raffle
Ticket sales after Mass
- May 10 – General Mtg
- May 10 – 1st Degree @
Council 14549
- May 13-15 – State
Convention in Dallas
- May 14 – Abortion Clinic
- May 16 – Fourth Degree
Meeting @ Council 6269
- May 17 – Lady Knights
- May 22 – First Degree @
Council 2813
- May 27 – Rangers Outing
- May 27 – 1st Degree @ St.
Rita, FW
- May 27/28 – Special
Olympics in Arlington

Special Olympics

Our Council works the big State Special Olympics event at UTA's Maverick Stadium every year. Our specialty is to feed the volunteers at this event. This year's event is May 27th and 28th. We'll start setting up around 8 A.M. and finish around 2:00 P.M. Please consider coming out to help.

Scholarship Raffle

Scholarship Raffle ticket sales will take place after ALL MASSES in May. PLEASE come and help sell tickets after Mass. Just go out the north exit of the church (by the usher's closet) after Communion but BEFORE Father starts his announcements. Whoever is coordinating that Mass will put you to work at one of the exits. It will only take about 5-10 minutes of your time and will really help the parish.

The drawing of the winners will take place after 7:45 A.M. Mass on June 5.

**Buy
Scholarship
Raffle tickets
today!**

Abortion Clinic Visit Date Change

Due to Special Olympics being on the 4th Saturday of the month, the date of the monthly visit to the abortion clinic to pray the Rosary has been changed to ay 14. Meet at the Parihs Center at 8:15 and carpool up or just meet us there.

2011-2012 Officer Candidates

The following men have agreed to run for council officer positions for the coming fraternal year:

Grand Knight – Bill Tillotson
Deputy Grand Knight- Dave Tomlin
Chancellor – Speedy Gonzales
Treasurer – Lee Livingston
Warden – Tom Pailliotet
Recorder – Vacant
Inside Guard – Vacant
Outside Guard – Vacant

Feel free to volunteer for one of these jobs if you like. The elections will be held June 14 at our regular monthly meeting.

First Degrees This Month

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)
5/10 – Council 14549 at St. Maria Gorretti in Arlington
5/22 – Council 2813 on Columbus Trail in Fort Worth
5/22 – St. Rita Council 11423 5550 E. Lancaster, Fort Worth
6/5 – St. Jude in Mansfield – 2:00 P.M.

Call Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240 or e-mail at speedyg@hotmail.com if you

Monthly Awards

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Larry Evans – Larry did a tremendous job heading up the Lenten Fish Fires this year. He took charge of running the operation right from the get go - was the first one there and the last to leave every time. Larry did a great job and deserves the thanks of every man in this Council.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Larry and Donna Ciarkowski – Larry and Donna are a great asset to our Council. Larry is very active as the head of our Bingo Food committee and was a weekly breading expert for the Fish Fries. Donna is very active with the Lady Knights. And both were very generous in donating the printing expenses of our raffle tickets. Thank you for all you do Larry and Donna.

1st Degree Ceremony – June 5 at St. Jude

We are going to host a first degree ceremony at St. Jude on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 P.M. Please talk to guys you know at church to try and get them to this ceremony as we make our push to Double Star Council. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 by going to our website:
www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

April 30 / May 1 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

ALL MAY MASSES – Scholarship Raffle Ticket sales after all Masses.

May 1 @ 1:00 P.M. – Honor Guard stand at Spanish Mass. K of C free hot dog give away afterwards.

May 7 @ 9:30 A.M. – Major Degree at Council 759 in Keller

May 8 @ 6:30 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast, Parish Hall

May 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree @ Council 14549 in Arlington.

May 10 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting

May 13-15 – Texas State Knights of Columbus Convention in Dallas

May 13 @ 8:15 A.M. – Monthly Abortion Clinic visit to pray the Rosary

May 14/21/28 – First Communion Masses at St. Jude. 9:00 A.M. (English) and 11:30 A.M. (Spanish).

May 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269 – 4th Degree Officer elections

May 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

May 22 @ 1:30 P.M. – First Degree at Bishop Dunne Council 2813 on Columbus Trail in Fort Worth

May 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – Ranger Game outing

May 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Rita in Fort Worth

May 27/28 – Special Olympics at Mavericks Stadium at UTA – 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. each day

June 4 – Jewel and Junk Sale at St. Jude – Cookout and sell drinks from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

June 4 @ 5:00 P.M. – Corporate Communion at Saturday afternoon Mass

June 5 – Scholarship Raffle drawing after 7:45 A.M. Mass

June 5 @ 2:00 P.M. – First Degree Ceremony at St. Jude

June 8 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at Most Blessed Sacrament Council 9299 in Arlington

June 18 @ 8:00 A.M. – Matlock Street Cleanup

June 23 @ 7:00 P.M. – Confirmation Mass at St. Jude

June 25 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO at the Parish Center

June 26 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

June 29 @ 7:00 P.M. – Chapter Meeting at Council 759 in Keller

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