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

The Month of Mary?

By Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

As Knights, we have a special devotion to Our Lady. Therefore, the month of May also becomes a very extraordinary month for the Knights of Columbus. Our devotion to Mary is centered on our love for Christ, and goes well beyond Mary's choice to affirm God's plan for the Savior during the Annunciation. Scripture gives us very little insight into the day to day life of Jesus. Sure we get a few insights into some of the major highlights, but no real indication of his daily activities between his birth and his introduction in the synagogue in Jerusalem. I sometimes think about what it must have been like to watch the child of the Almighty grow up. For those of you with children, you will recall the formative years of rearing your own children. This is the time when relationships are built, lessons are taught, and closeness is developed especially between a mother and a son. I bet if I interviewed 100 of you, to a man, each of you would have the utmost adoration and respect for your Mom. If your mother asked you any of you to complete a task, no matter how important or trivial, you would do it out of the love that was built for her when you were small. The same is true for The Master. Whenever we pray to Mary and ask her for her intercession, do you really believe the Lord can refuse? Not a chance!

The devotion to Mary goes back to the apostles and is especially reflected in Jesus' command to us and his mother at the foot of the cross. However, the devotion in May doesn't go back as far as you may think. It might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among

Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal. May crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such events are rarer today, but we can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine. This month, our council will be paying close attention to the Queen of Heaven. Not only will our first degree and major degree ceremonies held at our Parrish be dedicated to Our Lady, but as Knights, we give special devotion on Mother's Day by placing roses near the statue of Mary in our church. Take some time this month, not only to thank your mother, but to give thanks to Our Mother for her devotion to our Lord and to us.

Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

May 2014

Upcoming Events

- **May 10 -11 - Immaculate Conception Icon at St. Jude**
- **May 10 - Bingo!**
- **May 11 - Mother's Day Breakfast**
- **May 13 - Council Business Meeting (Elections)**
- **May 14 - Prolife Rosary**
- **May 15 - First Degree in Mansfield**
- **May 17 - Major Degree in Mansfield**
- **May 23 - 25 - Special Olympics**
- **May 24 – Pray at the abortion clinic**
- **May 25 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend**
- **May 30 – Ascension of the Lord**

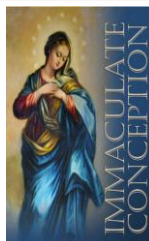
Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's day Breakfast will be held at 8:30 Sunday, May 11th, over in the Parish Hall. Please come out and help, even if you can only help cleanup. This is a fun and easy way to get involved with the Council, so we hope to see you there!



Immaculate Conception Icon at St. Jude

Immaculate Conception Icon will be at St. Jude the weekend of May 10th and 11th. We will have an Honor Guard at all masses.



Bingo!!!

Monthly Bingo is in May 10th ! 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

State Special Olympics Meet at UTA

We will need volunteers Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to help cook for all the volunteers, come out and help cook or cheer on the contestants! Schedules and more details to come at the Council Business Meeting on May 13th.

Dedication Mass



**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)

5/15 – Council 7736
Mansfield

5/27 – Council 8157
Duncanville

5/30 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth

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if you have a lead on a new
member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Lee Livingston

Lee is one of the hardest working Knights around. Among his numerous duties around the church, he still makes time for the Knights and helping out where he can. At the State Convention, Lee was an instrumental player in making the Country Store an overwhelming success. Thanks for all you do Lee!

Pat and Mary Henz- Family of the Month

Pat and Mary work tirelessly for the Knights of Columbus. This month, Pat finished a year long service in coordinating the State Convention of Texas. Job well done you two!!



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Council 7736 Upcoming Elections

Slate of Officers on upcoming Election
Election will be held at the May meeting

Grand Knight- Speedy Gonzales

Deputy Grand Knight- Mark Von Plinsky

Treasurer- Lee Livingston

Chancellor- George Kimmell

Recorder Keith Roemeling

Warden- Tom Wilson

Advocate- Larry Evans

Inside Guard- Gregg Ipock

Outside Guard- Chris Jacquez

3rd Year Trustee- Dave Tomlin

Lecturer- Pat Henz

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