



# Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

May 2016

## Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked, "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Moral:

In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Which one are you?

**Viva Cristo Rey  
Speedy Gonzales  
Grand Knight**

## Upcoming Events

- May 5 – Ascension of the Lord
- May 6 – Confirmation Mass
- May 8 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 10 – Monthly Business Meeting
- May 10 – 2016 Scholarship Applications Due
- May 11 - Prolife Rosary
- May 14 – Bingo
- May 15 - Pentecost
- May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- May 22 – Graduation Mass
- May 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- May 27 – Special Olympics
- May 28 – Special Olympics
- May 28 – Pray at Abortion Clinic
- May 28 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- May 30 – Memorial Day

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## BINGO!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on March 14<sup>th</sup>! 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



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## Special Olympics

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 10<sup>th</sup>.



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## Knights Can Weekend

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

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## Our Newest Member

Meet our newest Brother Knight. Father George joined Council 7736 at our last First Degree on April 19<sup>th</sup>.



**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)

5/12 – Council 759 Keller

5/14 – Council 16258 Ft. Worth  
5:30 PM

5/24 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

Contact Thomas Scott at  
469-834-5252

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If you have a lead on a new member

## Monthly Awards

**Knight of the Month - Bob Murzin**

Bob was very active in the selling of Scholarship Raffle tickets this year and in years past. He also was involved in the Denim N Diamonds event and is an active member of the parish in many ways. Thank you Bob for your help to the Knights and the Parish!

**Family of the Month – Pete and Del Marie Murphy**

THANK YOU for their tremendous effort in putting together the Denim N Diamonds event. They surrounded themselves with active men and women of our Parish and made the event a success. Thank you both for your support of the Knights and the Parish.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at  
[www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org)

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