



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

May 2018

April 2018: Scholarship Raffle ticket sales continue in earnest. Please help out after the mass you attend and get your tickets in as well. Let's have a last big push because the drawing is on Mother's Day 5/13 at the 10:00am mass. We held a great fundraiser on the 23rd with the On-The-Border give back, thanks to those who attended and Speedy for coordinating. The Budget Planning meeting was held on the 25th with some good discussion and participation. Thanks to those brothers who were able to be there. Our DGK Jason and his wife Shannon were able to attend the KofC TX State Convention the last weekend in April and will give a recap at our May's business meeting.

May 2018: As mentioned above the Scholarship Raffle ticket sales continue the first couple of weekends. Remember if you have a Senior High School student in your household, please note Scholarship Applications are due on Tuesday, May 8th. You can stop by raffle ticket table and pickup an application or visit our councils' website. At our business meeting on the 8th, the 2018-19 Budget will be presented and then voted on at the June business meeting. Big Mother's Day breakfast on the 13th after the 7:30am mass, come on out and lend a hand in the kitchen. Special Olympics TX State Games will be held on Friday 5/25 and Saturday 5/26 which are big days for our council as we along with other KofC councils cook lunch for the volunteers. This is a lot of work but is one of our favorite events where we show our support for the Olympians and our Police as they are a huge part of this event each year. More emails to follow as the date gets closer, plan on coming out Friday, Saturday or

both days, you will not be disappointed. We will end the month awarding the Scholarships at the 10:00am mass on 5/27.

Brother, this past month has been a very busy month for me. Having had my hip replaced on April 10th, I have had some challenges with the healing process. I want to say I am very humbled for all of the support given me while I have been recuperating. The texts, phone calls, emails, cards, meals and visits have been very special to JoAnn and myself. But most of all I wanted to thank-you for your prayers, because I could really feel them on my surgery day. I wasn't sure what to expect but I knew that I was in good hands with the surgeons, nurses and their complete team caring for me and the prayers coming my way.

As we grow closer to the end of our fraternal year and my second year as Grand Knight, I wanted to thank each of you for your help, support and guidance over the past couple of years. It has not always been smooth sailing, but together we persevered and worked to make our council stronger. NOW is your chance (3rd & 4th degree brothers) to step forward and run for an Officer position. We will have our list of officer nominations updated at our meeting in May and positions will be voted on at our June business meeting. WE NEED YOU !!!!!

**God Bless The Knights
and Their Families !!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight**

Upcoming Events

- May 5 – Rosary at Memorial to The Unborn
- May 8 – Monthly Business Meeting
- May 9 – Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- May 12 – Bingo
- May 13 – Mother's Day
- May 13 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 13 – Scholarship Raffle Drawing
- May 19 – Armed Forces Day
- May 20 – Pentecost
- May 20 – Corporate Communion
- May 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- May 25 – Special Olympics
- May 26 – Special Olympics
- May 27 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- May 28 – Memorial Day

Bingo!!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on May 12th! 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



Mother's Day Breakfast

We will need help Sunday May 13th, come out and help cook and cheer on the Mothers! Schedules and more details to come at the Council Business Meeting on May 7th.



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is May 26th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 8th.



**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)

**5/17 – Council 8417
Waxahachie 6:30PM**

**5/24 – Council 8417
Waxahachie 7:30PM**

**5/25 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth**

**Contact Roger Cosby at
210-834-0662
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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Scott Brinkman

Scott has been a Knight for less than a year, but he is on fire. He has two girls and has been a soccer coach for as long as he remembers and he said that this is his last year as coach and then he wants to devote more time to the Knights. He has jumped right in, he is Mr. French Fry because whether at the Lenten Fish Fry's or the Pickle Parade he has manned the French Fryer and has figured out exactly how much time it takes to cook a perfect French Fry. He recently attended his major degree and now is a full 3rd degree brother knight. Thanks Scott, for all you do and don't lose that passion. God Bless You and Your Family

Family of the Month – The Schultz Family

James, Patsy and their family are very special. As a brother Knight, James has always been there through the years. Fish Fry's, Holy Family Memorial to the Unborn, Recruitment Blitzes, ticket sales of any kind plus other events we can always count on James. Over the past several months our Brother James has had to deal with some critical health issues and he and his family have dealt with them head-on. Please know that the Schultz Family remain in our prayers through this most difficult time. Thank you both for all you have done for the Knights and St. Jude over the years. God Bless !!!

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