



# Knights *focus*

FR. EDWARD V. McCULLOUGH COUNCIL #7736  
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## New Year's Resolutions

*By Grand Knight Bill Tillotson*

The 2012 liturgical year starts this Advent on the weekend of November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is our church's "New Years Day". Happy New Years!

I suspect all of you have made a New Year's resolution before. Heaven knows I have. "I'm going to lose weight" or "I'm going to exercise every single day all year long" or "I'm going to quit smoking".

We typically do this at the beginning of a new year because – well, since it's the start of a new year, I guess we think it's a good time to start anew And, it is.

"Starting anew" or being "born again" is a recurring theme in Christianity. We are born anew in our Baptism by Christ. So how about we make a New Year's resolution related to our faith this coming year?

***I propose we resolve to embrace fully the new translation of the Latin Mass.***

I know a lot of people don't like change – and many wonder why we need to make this change. Well – let me give you my take on it. And I'll start by discussing a guy names Mark.

We start a new series of readings this Advent – this year will be from Cycle B, which uses mostly the Gospel according to Mark.

I like the Gospel of Mark – I really do. Mark is generally believed to be the oldest Gospel account of the life of Jesus. The author, Mark the Evangelist, is the only gospel writer who personally knew Jesus. He was believed to be one of the original 70 disciples who were sent forth by Jesus.

Later in life, Mark the Evangelist wrote down the oral recounting of the last days of Jesus as told to him by Saint Peter. So, if this gospel is the oral account our first pope

gave of the life and death and life again of Jesus, it's probably pretty close to being accurate.

I personally like being as close to the source as possible, and Mark is certainly that. I suppose that is why I like the new translation of the Mass that we begin using this Advent.

Having been "exposed" to Latin in high school, I always knew the English version we'd been using since 1970 wasn't a very good literal translation. To me, much of the formality and grace of the Latin Mass was lost in the English translation. Jesus is "consubstantial" with the Father, not "one in being" with the Father. We lost the very familiar "mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa" that drives home that our sins are wholly our choice and fault.

I understand how we got to where we got. When the old translation was done back in the 1960's, the translators were in a big hurry. And the direction they were given was to translate the Latin into what they thought it meant in everyday English, not a literal word for word translation.

The translation we have been using is a "dynamically equivalent" translation – an interpretation of the original Latin. The new Mass is a "formally equivalent" translation. So it is much closer to the ancient language of the Church.

For a better explanation, go our website ([www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org)) and watch the video I posted at the top of the page.

Let's resolve to start the new year this Advent by embracing these changes which bring us back to the ancient prayers handed down to us through the centuries by the Church.

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1 – All Saint's Day
- Nov. 4 – FDFL
- Nov. 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Nov. 8 – Business Mtg
- Nov. 12 – BINGO!
- Nov. 13 – Bowlathon
- Nov 15 – Lady Knights Mtg
- Nov 19 – Major Degree
- Nov 19/20 – Turkey and Brauts
- Nov. 22 – Planning Mtg
- Nov. 26 – Pray at Abortion Clinic
- Dec. 3 – Christmas Parade
- Dec. 3 – Corporate Communion

*Vivat Jesus! Bill*

## Bingo!

Our next Bingo is going to be on the evening of November 12. Please either come out and help with food or work Bingo (if you have a license). If you're going to help with food, please be there around 6:00 P.M. or after 5:00 Mass.

## Pancake Breakfast

Our last Pancake Breakfast of the year is on December 11. Please come out and help, even if you can only help cleanup. With Religious Ed started, the crowds are much bigger! We need all the help we can get! First crew shows up at 7:00 A.M.

## Turkey and Brauts

We are cooking our world famous turkey legs and bratwursts after all Masses on the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help when you can, especially after the mass you attend to help sell. This is a big fundraiser for us so please come out and help. New guys especially welcome!

## Mansfield Christmas Parade

The Mansfield Christmas Parade is on December 3. We will need all hands on deck as we are supporting the parade in several different ways.

First of all, we are going to have a concession booth set up to sell hot dogs, hamburgers and other food to the parade crowd at church starting around noon. We will need a dedicated group to set up, cook and tear down. Please let me know if you are interested in manning this booth.

Secondly, we will have a fourth Degree Honor Guard leading our float. If you are a Fourth Degree member who can march a mile or so, please consider coming out in your regalia to do this.

Finally, we will have Third Degree members and their families riding on a float. Please come out early to help decorate and then ride on the float. We will be singing carols as we go through the parade. Bring the whole family out to enjoy this event!

## Family Christmas Party

The Knights Christmas Party will be held on the evening of December 13. Pencil it in now. We will have a "Chinese" gift exchange as in previous years. Please make your gift less than \$20 in value.

## Major Degree

There will be a Major Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) at Council 6269 on November 19. We will meet at St. Jude at 9:00 A.M. and carpool up. Lunch is provided free for candidates after the ceremony. We should get back around 2:00 P.M. Please plan on taking this next step to full knighthood!

## Membership Contest

Our membership contest continues. For the brother Knight who forwards the most good leads to Speedy Gonzales, he will get a council t-shirt and \$50 cash. Send those leads today!

## Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion is on December 3 at 5:00 P.M. Mass. Please come with your family and help us remember our Brother Knights who have passed away this year. Honor Guard WILL stand.

**Have the Knights  
made you a better  
Catholic?  
Pass on the gift by  
asking someone to  
join the Knights!**

### First Degrees

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)

11/7 – St. Joseph in Cleburne

11/18 – St. Rita in Fort Worth

12/15 – Council 6269 in Arlington

Contact

Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240  
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if you have a lead on a new  
member

## Monthly Awards

**KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH** – Adolfo Rubio – Since joining the Council in 1 in September, Adolfo has been a very active member. He came right out the September First Degree and worked a full day at the Parish Festival. Adolfo also had his son out helping. Adolfo was also at the Halloween in the Park to help cook and sell turkey legs and sausage on a stick to help raise funds. Adolfo is planning on attending his Major Degree in November as well.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH** – Lee and Claudia Livingston – Both have been active members of our parish for many years. Lee is presently serving our Council as Treasurer. Lee and Claudia were both active in our latest very successful Parish Festival. And Claudia is the Lector Coordinator for the parish. Lee and Claudia continue to be an inspiration to many with their dedication to their faith and church.



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## Council 7736 Upcoming Events

- November 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation. Go to Mass.
- November 4 @ 10:00 P.M. – Forty Days for Life at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, Fort Worth
- November 6 – Forty Days for Life Ends
- November 7 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Joseph in Cleburne.
- November 8 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center
- November 12 @ 6:30 P.M – Bingo in Parish Center
- November 13 @ 12:30 P.M. – Deaf Ministry Bowl-A-Thon at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie
- November 15 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting
- November 19 @ 9:00 A.M. – Major Degree at Council 6269 in Arlington
- November 19/20 – Turkey and Brauts after all Masses.
- November 21 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at Council 6269
- November 22 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting
- November 24 – THANKSGIVING DAY
- November 26 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic
- December 3 @ noon – Mansfield Christmas Parade
- December 3 @ 5:00 P.M. – Corporate Communion
- December 8 – Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Go to Mass.
- December 10 @ 9:00 A.M. – Feed by Grace
- December 11 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast
- December 13 @ 6:30 P.M. – Family Christmas Party
- December 14 @ 7:00 P.M. – Fort Worth Chapter Meeting at Council 4709
- December 15 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Mary the Virgin in Arlington
- December 16 @ 7:00 P.M. – Youth Christmas Party
- December 18 – Seminarian Keith Hathaway's birthday
- December 19 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at Council 6269
- December 20 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting
- December 24 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic
- December 24 @ 10:00 A.M. – Council 11423 Feed by Grace
- December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

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