



Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

She had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside -- the kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth that it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child, came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain!" she repeated. "No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said. "No we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about

what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life, a time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. "Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD lets us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said. Then off they ran.

We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran too. I got wet. I guess I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories. So don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day. I hope you will take time to run through the rain!

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

November 2014

Upcoming Events

- November 1 - All Saints' Day
- November 2 - All Souls' Day
- November 3 - On The Border Give Back Night
- November 8 - Matlock Street Cleanup
- November 8 – Bingo
- November 9 - Pancake Breakfast
- November 9 – Silver Rose
- November 11 - Monthly Business Meeting
- November 12 - Prolife Rosary
- November 22 - Pray at Abortion Clinic
- November 25 - Monthly Planning Meeting
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

Matlock Street Cleanup

Come out for a good cause, good time and good company. Meet Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Walmart Neighborhood Market parking lot at Matlock and Broad Streets.



Bingo!!!

Monthly Bingo is in November 8th! 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



First Degrees

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

11/6 – Council 13363
Arlington
11/21 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth
11/25 – Council 8157
Duncanville

Contact Randy Duhon at
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If you have a lead on a new member

Silver Rose

Sunday, November 9, 2014 7:30 am

The Silver Rose symbolizes the Knights' commitment to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The silver rose icons honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, who made known her will through Juan Diego who in 1531 persuaded a Mexican bishop to build a chapel to honor the Virgin Mary in Mexico by presenting roses given to him during an apparition of Mary.

Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is November 29th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Wheelchair delivery to parishioner in care facility



Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Kyle Henson

Kyle has been a force when we ask for help for different events. They include fish fry's, bingos, selling rosaries, food sales etc. He is a great asset to the council.

Family of the Month – Dennis and Cathy Levine

Dennis is a great asset to our council, he and Cathy are involved in many parish activities. Dennis is always willing to pitch in and help when he sees something that needs to be done. Dennis is an Eucharistic Minister helps in our cooking events, selling rosaries, helping with various activities. Dennis recently became a Fourth Degree Knight.



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