



Knights *focus*

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

Something for the Heart

By Grand Knight Speedy Gonzales

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed

appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue. . . There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy. "Today is a gift, that's why it is called the PRESENT".

**Viva Cristo Rey
Speedy Gonzales
Grand Knight**

November 2015

Upcoming Events

- November 1 – All Saints' Day
- November 2 – All Souls' Day
- November 7 – Coat Drive Begins
- November 10 – Monthly Business Meeting
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 11 – Prolife Rosary
- November 14 – Matlock Street Cleanup
- November 14 – Bingo
- November 15 – Pancake Breakfast
- November 21 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- November 21 – Smoked Turkey Raffle
- November 24 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent
- November 29 – Coat Drive Ends
- December 5 – Coat Giveaway

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

Coats for KIDS

Coats for Kids program throughout November. Please donate your gently used coats that your kids have outgrown to be distributed to the poor of our community. Just bring the coats to Mass and drop in the boxes by the doors.



Matlock Street Cleanup

Come out for a good cause, good time and good company. Meet Saturday, November 14th, 2015 at 9:00 AM at Walmart Neighborhood Market parking lot at Matlock and Broad Streets.



Bingo!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on November 14th! 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)

11/12 – Council 8512 North Richland Hills

11/18 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

11/24 – Council 8157 Duncanville

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If you have a lead on a new member

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center November 15th 7A.M. Come out and help with the food prep or clean up.

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Mark Von Plinsky

Mark is our current Deputy Grand Knight and most recent was instrumental in the success of the recent Family outing, Saturday am Bible study, involved in Bingo, Honor Guard, Parish festival, helps out at our various events and is always available to help out. Thank you Mark for what you do for the Knights and the Parish.

Family of the Month: Jairo and Olivia Hernandez

Jairo and Olivia were both a tremendous asset in the success of the Family Picnic. They helped in starting, organizing and finally putting on the event. Both are very much involved in various parish ministries and great Family examples. Thank you for your service to the Knights and the Parish.

Silver Rose at St. Jude October 24th



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