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All You Have To Do Is Ask

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Plymouth Rock... The Mayflower...
Pilgrims... Indians... Parades...

Since our formative years, these are the images that we share when we think of Thanksgiving. We have received this imagery from the days when Calvinist separatist fled Plymouth, England seeking freedom from religious persecution, which, by the way, was the same oppression that made martyrdom possible for St. Thomas Moore. As Catholics, we may be tempted to view the flight of the pilgrims as a Protestant movement, when in reality; we shared in their distaste for the treatment of their faith.

You may be saying to yourself, "Ok, Dave, where are you taking us this month? Religious persecution has been left to history or, at most, to third world countries... What does this have to do with our American generation?"

Well, I'm glad you asked...

During the time of the pilgrims, their struggle was against a visible and obvious foe. In very certain terms and actions, they were told that they could not practice their faith openly.

Our generation faces the very same opponent. This opponent, however, has changed tactics. No longer is the flagrant and excessive use of force acceptable in the enforcement of law. Instead, the approach is to change the law's verbiage to suit a party's agenda

on inclusion or exclusion of freedoms. This encroachment of religious freedom has reared its ugly head during the current administration to the point where the Vatican has taken notice.

In an interview in November 2011, Cardinal Raymond Burke, former Archbishop of St. Louis and now the head of the Vatican's highest court, declared that "it is a war" and "critical at this time that Christians stand up for the natural moral law."

While the statement was made a year ago, its call to action was for today. In the election coming up next week we must exercise our rights as Americans and stand up for our beliefs. We cannot stand idle and let others shape the destiny of our country.

You have the opportunity to change history over the next two weeks. Please research the candidates and become an informed voter. You will need to know which candidates align with our Catholic teachings and which ones do not. Then, once you have completed your assessment, go out and cast your ballot.

The time is now. Make your vote count!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Tomlin
Grand Knight

November 2012

Upcoming Events

- Nov 6 – Election Day
- Nov 13 – Monthly Meeting
- Nov 17 – Matlock Road Cleanup
- Nov 17/18 – Turkey Raffle
- Nov 18 – Diocesan Special Olympics Bowlathon
- Nov 27 – Planning Mtg
- Nov 28 – Prolife Rosary
- Nov 28 – Chapter Mtg
- Dec 1 – Abortion Clinic
- Dec 1- Mansfield Christmas Parade
- Dec 2 – PancakeB'fast
- Dec 2 – Corp Communion
- Dec 8 – Bingo
- Dec 11 – Monthly Mtg
- Dec 18 – Family Christmas Party

Turkey Raffle

We are trying a new idea this year – a Turkey Raffle! On the weekend of Nov 17 & 18, we will be selling raffle tickets BEFORE Mass for a smoked turkey. We will be raffling off the turkeys AFTER Mass. So plan on coming to Mass about 15 minutes early to help sell tickets.

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

Major Degrees

There will be two Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) Ceremonies available in November – 11/10 in Grapevine and 11/17 in Arlington. If you are a First Degree member and interested in attending, contact George Kimmel at kimmel_george@yahoo.com.

Prolife

Thank you to all who helped with 40 Days for Life. We will be leading a Prolife Rosary before Mass on 11/28 at 6:30 P.M. We then will be going to pray at the Abortion Clinic at 8:15 A.M. on 12/1. Please come out and help us pray.

First Degrees

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

11/16 – Council 11423 in Fort Worth

12/20 – Council 7736 in Mansfield

Christmas Parade

The Mansfield Hometown Christmas Parade is scheduled for the afternoon of Dec. 1. We will have a presence in this parade and we'll also be selling food before the parade. Plan on coming out to help that day or just be in the parade.

Pancake Breakfast

We have our last Pancake Breakfast of 2012 on the morning of 12/2. We get started about 7:00 A.M. and go to about 10:00 A.M. This will be a very busy weekend, so please come out and help when you can.

Contact George Kimmel at
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or e-mail at
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if you have a lead on a new member

Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion will be held on 12/2 at 11:15 A.M. Mass. We would really like to have a big turnout for this event since we have a special recognition that will be made at the end of Mass. If you have your regalia, please come out and join us. Otherwise, plan on attending this Mass to help remember all our departed Brother Knights.

Family Christmas Party

Family Christmas Party will be held the evening of 12/18 in the Parish Center. More details will be in next month's newsletter, but save the date!

Monthly Awards

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Kyle Martinez & Dennis Levine – Grill Masters Kyle Martinez and Dennis Levine had a busy October! Their work behind the pits earned them the title of Grill Master after the Halloween in the Park event. These two brothers flame broiled enough bratwurst and sausage on a stick to feed two armies! Your work gentlemen is appreciated!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Family of the Month - John and Cindy Pressley – September and October are two of our busiest months every year. This is the time when we are raising money for our charitable causes. One thing that you can count on during this time of year is the Pressley's being there and giving 110% effort. Our council appreciates all of your involvement and sacrifice through the years.

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Council 7736 Upcoming Events

November 6 – Election Day

November 13 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center – Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

November 17 @ 8:00 A.M. – Matlock Road Cleanup

November 17/18 after Masses – Turkey Raffle

November 18 – Diocesan Special Olympics Bowlathon

November 27 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting at Parish Center

November 28 @ 6:30 P.M. – Pro-life Rosary before Mass

November 28 @ 7:00 P.M. – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting in Fort Worth

December 1 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at abortion clinic

December 1 @ 2:00 P.M. – Mansfield Christmas Parade

December 2 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

December 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Family Christmas Party

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