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“Tuning In” to God

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If you're married, you've probably had this happen to you. You're driving along, wife seated next to you, and you notice an unusual noise coming from somewhere in the car. So you spend the next twenty minutes trying to get her to notice it, too.

In your mind, it gets louder and louder until everything else is drowned out--except for your wife telling you that she doesn't hear a thing.

I think this is how God often talks to us. We hear something, softly, calling our attention; we're not sure at first, but it comes to occupy our minds more and more, until nothing else seems to matter.

How can we learn to listen to God like this? To notice when He whispers to us?

In order to listen to anybody, we need to first be quiet. As Roy Rogers said: “God gave me two ears and one mouth so I reckon I ought to listen twice as much as I talk.”

We also need to learn to be “mentally quiet” – in other words, not have a bunch of sub processes running in the background while we are trying to listen. Painters paint on a clean canvass – music sounds its best with no other sound in the background – and we need to listen with a clear mind.

These listening tips are applicable throughout our lives, but even more so with God. Sometimes we get slapped upside the head by God, but most times I think he whispers to us, like the afore mentioned car noise.

Have you ever had someone do that to you – whisper to you or speak in a very low tone? It's a technique that forces the listener to stop what they are doing and really focus on the speaker. God is a pretty clever dude

and it seems He has mastered this aspect of communication.

Getting back to the car analogy, I think God calls our attention to things in subtle ways. A comment from our wife – something we notice with our kids – a situation we see with a co-worker. If we ignore the initial sign, God is smart enough to continue to nudge us a little bit harder. More from the wife, kids and co-workers.

The trick for us to hear Him before we get slapped is to truly bring ourselves to quietness in prayer. We need to clear our minds of all distractions and really focus.

If we do this, I think we can become “tuned in” to God, much like we tune in to the odd noise we hear coming from our car. We hopefully then can be more open to God's will for us and open to the graces He wants to bestow on us.

If we remain “tuned in” to God, we can be His true disciples. If we allow ourselves to fall away from listening to God, we will grow distant.

Keep in mind that when I feel distant from God, it isn't God that has left – it's me. God is always there and any distance I feel is self imposed.

I wonder how many people could become “tuned in” to God if they'd just stop talking, or watching TV, or texting long enough to let it happen? I know I would – and it is a challenge for me every day.

I encourage you all to practice “tuning in” to God and becoming better disciples of Christ.

*Vivat Jesus!
Bill*

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1 – Parish Festival
- Oct. 1 – 4th Degree
- Oct. 4 – Cruise Meeting
- Oct. 7 – Forty Days for Life
- Oct. 11 – Monthly Meeting
- Oct. 14 – FDFL
- Oct. 17 – 4th Degree Mtg
- Oct. 18 – Lady Knights
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- Oct. 21 – FDFL
- Oct. 25 – Planning Mtg
- Oct. 28 – FDFL
- Oct. 29 – Boo in the Park
- Oct. 30 – Pancake B'fast
- Nov. 1 – All Saint's Day
- Nov. 4 - FDFL

Cruise News

Our Council is sponsoring a cruise in May of 2012. Flyer is attached to this newsletter. An informational meeting about this cruise will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 P.M. in the Knights Room. Please contact Lee Livingston for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

We'll be cooking pancakes on the morning of October 30. Please come out and help, even if you can only help cleanup. With Religious Ed started, the crowds are much bigger!

40 Days for Life

We are participating in the 40 Days for Life prayer Vigil outside the Henderson Street abortion clinic. We are praying outside the clinic every Friday night until November 4th from 10:00 P.M. to midnight. Please come out and help protect the unborn.

Parish Festival

The St. Jude Parish Festival was held all day on October 1. Many of you came out and worked, especially several of our new brother Knights, which was exciting to see. We handed out a number of Form 100's at the event as well. Special thanks to the Chris Laurent Family who worked the booth by themselves for about four hours straight in the later afternoon.

We also supported the Festival by contributing the proceeds from the gaming at the September 24 Bingo to the festival.



Brother Knights James Whitaker (left) and Ed Haidusek at Parish Festival on 10/1/11.

Boo in the Park

We will once again be cooking at Halloween in the Park on October 29. We will start sometime in the afternoon, take our cooking gear up to Vernon Newsom Stadium, set up and cook, serve and then come home. Keep an eye on your e-mail for more details closer to this event.

Membership Contest

Our membership contest continues. For the brother Knight who forwards the most good leads to Speedy Gonzales by October 11, he will get a council t-shirt and \$50 cash. Send those leads today!

Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion is on October 16 at 11:15 A.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)
10/11 – St. Thomas Moore in Fort Worth
10/12 – St. Mary the Virgin in Arlington
10/22 – St. Francis in Grapevine (1:00 P.M.)
10/27 – St. Joseph in Waxahachie
10/28 – St. Rita in Fort Worth
11/7 – St. Joseph in Cleburne
Contact
Speedy Gonzales at 817-680-8240
or e-mail at speedyg@hotmail.com
if you have a lead on a new

Monthly Awards

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH – Brett Cleary and Kyle Martinez – Brett and Kyle are friends who just joined the Knights after finishing high school. These guys have been great Knights since making their First Degree. They came and watched the First Degree in September. They have come out and prayed during Forty Days for Life. And they were out working all day at the Parish Festival. Young guys like this are always welcome in the Knights and we need more like them. Thanks Brett and Kyle!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Chris Laurent Family – Chris Laurent and his family have been very active in the Council over the last month. Chris is an active member of our Degree Team and took part in our September First Degree. He and his family came out and supported the Festival Bingo. And his whole family came out at the Parish Festival and covered our booth for several hours in the afternoon. Thanks to Chris and his family for all they do.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 by going to our website:

www.kofc7736.org

Council 7736 Upcoming Events

October 1 @ 9:00 A.M. – 4th Degree Exemplification at Sheraton Grand Hotel D/FW Airport

October 1 – All Day – Parish Festival at St. Jude in Knights Room.

October 4 @ 7:00 P.M. – Cruise Meeting

October 7 @ 10:00 P.M. – Forty Days for Life at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, Fort Worth

October 9 & 12 – Deliver First Communion Books to RE Children

October 11 @ 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Business Meeting at Parish Center. Membership contest ends.

October 12 @ 7:00 P.M. – First Degree at St. Mary the Virgin in Arlington

October 14 @ 10:00 P.M. – Forty Days for Life at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, Fort Worth

October 15 @ 9:00 A.M. – Hike for Life in Denton

October 16 @ 11:15 A.M. – Corporate Communion

October 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – 4th Degree Meeting at Council 6269

October 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Lady Knights Meeting

October 21 @ 10:00 P.M. – Forty Days for Life at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, Fort Worth

October 25 @ 7:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting

October 26 @ 7:00 P.M. – Fort Worth Chapter Meeting at Council 2813

October 28 @ 10:00 P.M. – Forty Days for Life at Henderson Street Abortion Clinic, Fort Worth

October 29 @ 3:00 P.M. – Halloween in the Park at Vernon Newsom Stadium

October 30 @ 7:00 A.M. – Pancake Breakfast

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 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

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TUE	FUN DAY AT SEA		
WED	MAHOGANY BAY, ISLA ROATAN	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
THU	BELIZE	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
FRI	COZUMEL, MEXICO	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
SAT	FUN DAY AT SEA		
SUN	GALVESTON, TX	8:00 AM	

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Traveling Companion: _____ DOB _____

Names must be exactly as they appear on the passport.

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Home Phone: _____ Bus./Cell Phone: _____

Client Fax Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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Citizenship: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

Do you require Insurance: Y N Signature: _____

Destination Preferences 1: _____ 2: _____

Hotel required/suggested: _____ 2: _____

Trip Date Start, Opt. 1 : _____ Number of Days: _____

Opt. 2 : _____ Number of Days: _____

Number of Adults, : _____ Number of Children & ages : _____

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