



Knights *focus*

St. Jude COUNCIL #7736

St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield, TX

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

September 2016

Well, the month of August is behind us and we had continued participation in many of the events that were scheduled including, Calendar Girls at Theater Arlington, Religious Appreciation Dinner (where we had 30 in attendance), baseball at the Texas Airhogs, we moved Fr. George with over 40 Knights helping (you could see the appreciation on Fr. George's face) and then ended the month with Fr. George Retirement party, cooking, serving drinks, then cleaning up afterwards. Saw many new brothers helping and I encourage all our brothers to get involved and share in the fun as your schedules permit.

September and October are going to be heavy draws on our pool of brothers and I hope that we can spread the workload. Please visit our website or take a look at the calendar that was handed out at the last meeting. We start out with BINGO and Wurstfest on the 10th, Blue Mass on a very special day 9/11, St. Jude Church Festival on the 17th (with Friday 16th – setup and Sunday 18th – takedown), 40 days for life begin on Friday 23rd 8-10pm (run for 6 weeks) and then Oct 1 we have our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Southern Oaks in Burleson. Brothers we are very fortunate to have an active council where people do notice what the Knights (you) do for St. Jude.

With all of the events that we have planned over the remainder of the year, I have been reflecting on how the retirement of Fr. George and the welcoming of Fr. Thu will influence our council, its events as well as the parishioners of St. Jude. We all will be going through a period of transition. The definition of **transition** is the process of changing from one condition to another. Synonyms of transition are *handover* (an

act of handing something over) and *changeover* (a change from one system or situation to another). After meeting with Fr. Thu, I came to realize that like in any unknown you have to give the transition a chance to work. Will Fr. Thu be just like Fr. George, the answer is NO and really is that what we want. They are two different persons and we have to give the change a chance. Fr. Thu is very impressed with all the activities that we do as a council for our church and community and we have a great opportunity to make a very positive impression on him as he begins his journey at St. Jude. We will never forget Fr. George but let's welcome Fr. Thu as he is a fourth degree brother knight and he is the pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Let me close by sharing with you a story that Fr. Thu told me as my meeting with him was coming to a close. Each year the priests from all over the diocese attend a retreat in January. A couple of years ago their retreat was in Dallas and during one group meeting where all were present, a priest asked Fr. George how he was doing and how were things at St. Jude. Fr. George said that "everything was going well but that he was getting a little tired and that in a little while it might not be a bad idea if one of you young priests could come and take my place", he then pointed to Fr. Thu and said like you "Fr. Thu". Isn't that ironic or is it a blessing to Fr. George and to St. Jude that Fr. Thu was selected and is now our pastor. God Bless Each of You and Your families.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- September 3 – Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- September 5 – Labor Day
- September 10 – Mansfield Wurstfest
- September 10 – Bingo
- September 11 – Blue Mass
- September 13 – Monthly Business Meeting
- September 14 – Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- September 16 – St. Jude Parish Festival Setup
- September 17 – St. Jude Parish Festival
- September 18 – St. Jude Parish Festival Take Down
- September 27 – Monthly Planning Meeting
- September 30 – 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Mansfield Wurstfest

Cooking and selling food at Mansfield Wurstfest celebration. We will need crews to start showing up in downtown Mansfield at noon. Event starts at 9-10 12:00PM until 11P.M. Please sign up on-line with the hours you can work.

[Click Here](#)



Bingo!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on Sept. 10th! 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



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is September 24th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Jude Parish Festival

Come out and help cook for the Parish Festival. Knights will be cooking turkey legs and hamburgers. Event is 9-17, setup starts at 8AM, festival lasting until 10PM

Please sign up on-line with hours you can work.

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St. Jude Parish Festival 9-17-16



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

First Degrees

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

9/26 – Council 13363 Arlington

9/27 – Council 8157 Duncanville

9/30 – Council 11423 Ft. Worth

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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month: Father George Foley

Job Well Done and Congratulations are just a couple of words to describe Fr. George. After 57 years of service to the priesthood, Fr. George gets to enjoy golf and his other hobbies a little more as he retires. Those he has served from St. Jude, all of his previous parishes, the Knights of Columbus and the military and anyone who has had the pleasure to know him is truly blessed. Thanks Fr. George and if you ever need anything the K of C council 7736 will always be there for you. God Bless You !

Family of the Month: Tim Henz and Family

Tim is always available if you have questions. As a trustee for our council, he helps keep us in line in matters of running the council and bookkeeping. He is a past Grand Knight of our council and past Faithful Navigator of the Mary Queen of Peace assembly. He helps us promote after masses, whether it is a membership blitz, selling raffle tickets or handing out fliers, if you look around you will usually see him in the mix. His wife Cindy is very active in the parish as well, she helps with many events from the church festival to the casino night and was very helpful in preparing the theme baskets for the recent religious appreciation dinner. Thanks to the Henz's and keep up the excellent work.



Find out everything going on with Council 7736 at
www.kofc7736.org

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