



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Scott Brinkman

February 2020

LENT

"Remember, man, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return"

These are the words which the priest says to us as he makes the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ashes derived from burning the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. This should be a vivid reminder of our mortality and the fragile nature of our lives. The ashes give us a reminder of death. As Knights, this symbolism should have special meaning, as we are ever watchful for the hand of death. This ensures that we strive each day to be more Christ-like in the way we treat our fellow man.

As lent approaches I would like to ask each of us as Knights to think about what we can do for our parish during the Lenten season. As you know our council will be holding fish fries on each Friday during lent. This year I would really like to make this a bigger and better event for our Parish, but that can only happen if we have brother Knights help. I would like to get the word out and advertise our council fish fries more aggressively this year so the entire parish can take advantage of it. We will need Knights to help on Thursday nights during Lent to get the fish prepared for the Friday cooking. Of course, we will need Brothers to help on Fridays as well. Please consider helping this year. Let's make this an event that everyone in the parish will enjoy and take advantage of. I will leave you with a prayer for lent.

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer you this Lent. I offer it to you with total abandonment and trust. I offer you my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as you will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful. I know you have much to say to me and much to do in my life. May this Lent be a time through which your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all your faithful. Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent. Humble me so that I may see clearly. Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart.

Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Help me to come to know you and to deepen the gift of faith in my life. Show me the plan you have for me and place my feet upon the path you have chosen. My suffering Lord, I thank you for the fullness of your perfect Sacrifice. I thank you for holding nothing back, giving your life to the last drop of blood. May I offer you my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in your mercy with every offering. Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love. Strengthen my prayer and make me holy. Help me to turn to you, each day, seeking your sacred and pierced Heart. Blessed Mother, you stood by your Son in His suffering and death, stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life. Pray for me and offer me to your Son, that He may take me into His loving embrace. Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner. Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner. Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner. Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen

God Bless the Knights and Their Families!!

Vivat Jesus
Scott Brinkman
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- February 1 – Brat Sales
- February 2 – Brat Sales after all Masses
- February 2 – Family Super Bowl Party
- February 11 – Monthly Business Meeting
- February 12 – Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- February 14 – Saint Valentine's Day
- February 17 – Presidents Day
- February 19 – Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting
- February 25 – Fat Tuesday
- February 25 – Council Planning Meeting
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday
- February 27 – Fish Prep
- February 28 – Fish Fry

FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 2nd is our Annual Family Super Bowl Party! Come and enjoy the company of your fellow Knights and enjoy the big game. The Council will have some bratwursts, along with SOME beer, wine and sodas. Bring some cash if you want to buy some "squares". Potluck meal - please bring a dish to share.



SUPER BOWL BRATWURST

Turkey and Brat sales after all Masses Saturday and Sunday February 1st weekend. Start setup around 3:30 P.M. Saturday - 7:00 A.M. Sunday - shut down when done. Come out and sell after the Mass you attend.



LENTEN FISH FRY

Fish Fry prior to Stations of the Cross. Start cooking around 3:00 PM - Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and ends when Stations start at 7:00 PM. Please come out whenever you can, even if it's right at the end to help clean up.

LENT

What is Lent? When does Lent start? What to do during Lent?

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the most important times of year for many Christians around the world, particularly those within the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions, held at a similar level of importance to Advent – the build up to Christmas.

While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our personal lives, as a wedding, or birthday; Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection.

When does Lent start?

Because Lent follows the liturgical calendar, the exact date that Lent falls each year changes. The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday.

What do Catholics do during Lent?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence, fasting obligations apply to adults age 18 through 59.

So, what is fasting? The traditional fast for Catholics is very simple: it is one meal a day that has meat (except on Fridays, when you don't eat meat) and then the other two meals should be more like snacks and nothing in between meals. There's no restriction on liquids.

**Ask a good Catholic man
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)

**2/27 – Council 8417
Waxahachie 6:30 PM**

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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – John Pressley

John leads our council degree team. He is the Grand Knight of the Degree team. He takes this role seriously. Twice within this past month there was a need to hold a first degree on very short notice. John organized the team and got two new brothers into council 7736. He has decided to stay on as the Grand Knight going forward with the new degree format, we are grateful and lucky for his choice to do so.

Family of the Month – The Cosby Family

I was lucky enough to attend the induction ceremony of our newest Knight Rodger Cosby Son of Jason Cosby and grandson of Rodger Cosby this past week. This was very special. At the end of the ceremony Jason pinned his Knights emblem that he had received during his first degree on his son. Then Rodger placed his original Knights name tag on his grandson. I am excited to see what our newest member will bring to our Council. It's special to have three generations of Cosby's in council 7736

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