



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

January 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!! Can you believe 2017 is here, boy how time flies. Hope you were able to relax a little and spend quality time with your families.

This past month we finished a very successful "Coats 4 Kidz" campaign where we distributed over 300 coats, great job helping out and making it run very smooth. Our Holy Family Christmas Cards fundraiser finished up in early December with some impressive numbers. We sold approximately 4,500 cards and after covering our costs were able to give Fr Thu a check for \$1,250 for the St. Jude Building Fund. Response from parish was very positive and there are almost 3,000 cards left to sell next year at pure profit (50% St. Jude / 50% KofC 7736). Our annual Knights Family Christmas party was a big hit again this year. Received several nice emails saying how much fun our knights their wives and children had. Over 100 people attended, thanks for making it a great event.

The month of January is the month we remember the Roe vs Wade decision, legalizing the killing of innocent babies. On January 23rd please take a moment to say a prayer asking our Lord to help us continue the fight to end abortion. To date over 56 million babies have been aborted. What better way than to come out on Saturday, January 7th at 8:30am at the Holy Family statue by the memorial pavers, for 15-20 minutes and pray the respect life rosary.

Hope to see everyone at our monthly business meeting on the 10th, rosary at 6:30pm meeting at 7:00pm. As mentioned last month we will have our 6 months planning meeting on Saturday the 14th from 9am – 12noon, hope you can make it (location for meeting to follow in separate email). Come learn more about what makes YOUR COUNCIL run. If you have questions before the meeting please don't hesitate to let me know. On Monday the 23rd we will have our quarterly On-The-Border buyback promotion, come eat and have some fun. The SUPER BOWL is only a month away (hey is this the COWBOYS year, only time will tell) it is on Sunday February 5th and we need to plan out this big

opportunities for brothers to step up and family fun filled event.

Brother, as we begin 2017 one of our councils primary goal is to promote the Knights of Columbus to every Catholic gentlemen and ask them if they would like to join. Currently we increased our council by 16 members and we have a goal of 21 but with six months to go, let's start our year off right and increase our number of new members by 10 or more over the next 3-4 months. I know we can do it. As mentioned earlier in my letter the Roe vs Wade decision took place 44 years ago this month. How many potential brother knights never had the chance to say yes, please make a difference and extend an invitation to them to join our brotherhood. I would like to end with a prayer written by Pope Saint John Paul II: *A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100**

God Bless You Brothers and the Knights of Columbus !!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- January 7 – Temple Keepers
- January 7- Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- January 10 – Monthly Business Meeting
- January 11 – Pro-life Rosary
- January 14 - Council Organizational Meeting
- January 23 – On the Border Give Back Night
- January 24 - Monthly Planning Meeting
- January 30 – Knights Can Weekend
- February 5 – Council Family Superbowl Party

Temple Keepers

It's time look into tightening up our physical and spiritual health! Temple Keepers is designed just for that. For 8 consecutive Saturday mornings starting January 7, we're gonna meet in the St. James Hall from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM and get healthier and fitter! Each session will include prayer, talks about spiritual and physical health, and some HEART THUMPIN' exercise to put it all too good use.



Council Organizational Meeting

Come out and attend our Organizational Meeting to plan the coming fraternal year, Saturday January 14th from 9am to 12pm.



On the Border Give Back Night

January 23rd is On The Border Give Back Night. Eat lunch or dinner and 20% of your bill goes to Council 7736 charities! Must be at On the Border in Mansfield.

Council Family Super Bowl Party!!!

February 5st 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 a margarita machine and SOME beer, wine and sodas. Bring some cash if you want to buy some "squares". Potluck meal - please bring a dish to share.



**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)

1/22 – Council 9748
Granbury 2PM

Contact Thomas Scott at
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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – John Pressley

John knows what it means to get involved, because he is involved in just about everything that is going on at St. Jude and in our council. He is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Sacristan and is a regular for standing honor guard whenever needed. He is a leader in our council by regularly attending and taking an active part in our monthly business and planning meetings. He is one of the organizers when our pits are needed for an event, brats, Halloween in the Park, Family picnic and especially the Special Olympics. He is also the Grand Knight and leader of the 1st degree team for our council. John, thanks brother, for being there whenever you are needed.

Family of the Month – The Goodnight Family

Mike and Carlene are extremely active in their support of our priests at St. Jude. They are both sacristans. Mike regularly supports Fr. Thu as an altar server at Sunday, Wednesday night and at daily mass. He also, attends Saturday morning mens bible study and has stepped up in his leadership for our council as Deputy Grand Knight. They are always at the Wednesday night pro-life rosary led by the Knights. Carlene supports our parishioners and others in need as she brings the Eucharist to those not able to attend mass due to health issues. Thank you both for saying yes, when asked to help. God Bless You! Knights and St. Jude are lucky to have you two as active members in the church.

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