



# Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

*By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky*

January 2018

December 2017, was a good month for our council, we continued with a most popular event Coats 4 Kids. Through our parishioners' generosity, the Knights handed out enough coats for over 50 people (kids/adults). Thanks to all who helped collecting, sorting and distributing. On the 12th we held a last minute 1st degree and welcomed in 5 new brothers: Jesus Chee, Pat Bucek, Scott Brinkman, Dzuy Nguyen and John Fernandez – hope to see you brothers soon at our meetings and other council events. Visit our website often: [www.kofc7736.org](http://www.kofc7736.org). Our Council

Christmas party was a big hit again, held on the 19th with almost 100 people in attendance. Great food, fellowship and fun was had by all. The gift exchange is getting better each year, keep it up John P. Thanks to everyone who helped lend a hand in coordinating the event and to the Lady Knights who decorated the dining hall.

January 2018, we begin the month with our second half 6 months planning meeting on the 4th. Then on Saturday the 6th at 8:30am we have a Rosary for the unborn at the Holy Family memorial by the flag pole. Bundle up and come join us for 30 minutes. Tuesday the 9th we have our council business meeting at 7:00pm preceded by Pro-Life Rosary at 6:30pm. Hope to see our newest brothers and those who have been away there, come meet everyone. On-The-Border buyback which is an all-day event will be held on Monday the 22nd. Then on Saturday the 28th we end with a Corporate Communion at the 7:30am mass. Don't forget our Council Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th-more to follow and this is a HUGE FAMILY EVENT.

We have had some challenges through the first six months of this fraternal year, but through your efforts good things are happening. From a recruitment viewpoint we have added 14 new brothers and numerous brothers have transferred in and are really stepping up. We need to keep it up and continue to work together and ask other Catholic men to join us. If you are new and would like some help in talking to a prospect, feel free to reach out to Roger Cosby our membership director, Jason our DGK, past officers of our council or myself and we will jump in and assist. In the not too distant future we will be holding officer elections and in order to be considered you must be a 3rd degree brother knight. For all 1st degree brothers, we have plans to host a Major Degree (2nd & 3rd degrees on same day) in February (info and exact date to follow), so clear your calendars and make plans to attend. Roger will be main contact for this event. As we begin our new calendar year, let's all strive to make the next six months, better than the first and continue to be active in our church community and have a good time while we are doing it. Be safe and I hope to see all of you soon. I encourage those brothers who have not been around as much as they would like to get more involved as your schedules permit.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & God Bless !!**

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Mark Von Plinsky**  
**Grand Knight**

## Upcoming Events

- January 4 – Midyear Planning Meeting
- January 6- Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- January 9 – Monthly Business Meeting
- January 10 – Council Rosary
- January 13 – Diocesan Conference
- January 15 – 4th Degree Assembly 2112 Meeting
- January 22 – Diocesan Respect Life Mass
- January 23 - Monthly Planning Meeting
- January 27 – Knights Can Weekend
- January 28 – Corporate Communion
- February 4 – Council Family Superbowl Party

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## Council Organizational Meeting

Come out and attend our Organizational Meeting to plan the coming fraternal year, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 9PM.



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## On the Border Give Back Night

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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## Corporate Communion

January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM is our Corporate Communion. You might ask "What is a Corporate Communion"? It is a Knights expression coined by Supreme for Knights and their families sitting and praying together in Church at Mass. The Council attends Mass as a corporate body to worship together and provides a visible sign for the community to see the Knights gathered together.

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## Council Family Super Bowl Party!!!

February 4<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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)

1/20 – Council 15789  
Colleyville 10AM

1/26 – Council 11423  
Ft. Worth

Contact Roger Cosby at  
210-834-0662  
rcby@aol.com

If you have a lead on a new member

## Monthly Awards

**Knight of the Month – Brian Atwood**

From faith formation, to reader, to Eucharistic minister, to the big cheese of our local cub/boy scouts. Brian is a very active member of St. Jude and the Mansfield community. His leadership of the youth of this parish is outstanding. His example will produce many future Knights, and great leaders of our communities. Thank you Brian for everything you do for us.

**Family of the Month – SK Michael Barboza Family**

Whether it's the golf benefit, cooking breakfast, bingo. Whether it's a Knights function or a CWO function or just providing help around St. Jude. You can count on seeing the Mother and Son duo. They are the Mail persons of our council (rain, snow, sleet, or hail). Will maybe not Hail. You can guarantee the Barboza's will be present to help and lead the way. We are thanking both of you of your countless hours and sacrifices.

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January - 4 – Midyear Planning Meeting

January - 6- Rosary at Memorial to the Unborn

January - 9 – Monthly Business Meeting

January - 10 – Council Rosary

January - 13 Fort Worth Diocesan Conference

January - 15 4th Degree Assembly 2112 Meeting

January - 22 Diocesan Respect Life Mass

January - 22 – On The Border Give Back Night

January - 23 - Monthly Planning Meeting

January - 27 – Knights Can Weekend

February - 4 - Council Family Super Bowl Party

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