



Knights *focus*

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

Dear Brothers

By Grand Knight Mark Von Plinsky

May 2017

Well the 2017 Texas State Convention in Dallas wrapped up today (Sunday 4/30) around 12 noon and our council was well represented, at the council level we had Speedy Gonzales, Tom Scott and myself in attendance. At the District level Dave Tomlin and Bill Tillotson and at the State level Pat Henz. You all would have been very proud of not only our councils brothers but also fellow Knights throughout the state of Texas, there were over 580 voting delegates in attendance from approximately 325 councils. The convention was blessed to have Cardinal Daniel DiNardo from Galveston-Houston along with 6 Bishops co-celebrating the masses on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Sunday mornings mass was a Memorial Mass for those brothers that passed away in this fraternal year as well as all brothers who have died. From our council Brother Alfredo Martinez (grandfather of Brother Kyle Martinez) was remembered, please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our fellow brothers who have died. A most impressive site with well over 1,500 people in attendance. I encourage other brothers to attend our state conventions in the coming years. Our council picked up a few awards and I will announce what they were at our next business meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00PM (preceded by a rosary at 6:30PM) I hope you to see you there. The month of April aside from the convention was filled with some very wonderful events. A huge THANK-YOU to Fr. Thu for orchestrating a very spiritual and beautiful Holy Triduum and Divine Mercy Sunday service on the First Sunday after Easter. We had a record crowd for our Easter Breakfast and the Easter Egg hunt was well attended. Thanks to all brothers for coordinating those special events. On Monday the 24th we had our quarterly On-The-Border give back day and it went very well and I saw a bunch of

parishioners there and for the three hours I was there, the crowds were a little slow at first but picked up nicely, thanks. Scholarship raffle ticket sales are coming to a close quickly with the drawing on Sunday May 7th after the 10:00am mass, please get your ticket sales in this week. We are starting out of the gates in May with a bang, on Thursday the 4th we have a budget planning meeting for next year, on Saturday the 6th our council is hosting a MAJOR degree I highly encourage all 1st degree members to contact our membership director Tom Scott immediately and plan on attending. The Major will begin with a Mass at 8:00am followed by registration and will end with lunch after the 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies around 1:00pm. Let's have a good showing, brothers. Business meeting on Tuesday the 9th we will announce the list of candidates for officer positions to be voted on at our councils June business meeting. Mothers Day weekend on the 13th & 14th we will be handing out flowers to all mothers in attendance after mass. We will also have a huge breakfast on Sunday the 14th after the 7:30am mass and will need a big turnout of brothers to assist. Knights BINGO on Saturday the 13th which is always a lot of fun and a great way for new brothers to come learn and help out. Cooking crew to arrive at 4:00pm and first call at 6:30pm. These and other events please check out our event calendar on our website. www.kofc7736.org.

I would like to end with a reflection from St. Luke's Gospel (Luke 24: 13-35) where Cleopas and his friend were walking to Emmaus. When you hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, try to imagine that you

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Von Plinsky
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

- May 6 – Major Degree in Mansfield
- May 6 – Rosary at Memorial To The Unborn
- May 7 – Scholarship Raffle Drawing
- May 7 – Monthly Business Meeting
- May 10 – Council Rosary - St. Jude Chapel
- May 13 - Mother's Day Flowers
- May 13 – Bingo
- May 14 – Mother's Day
- May 14 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 14 – Mother's Day Flowers
- May 18 - First Degree in Mansfield
- May 20 – Armed Forces Day
- May 25 – Special Olympics
- May 26 – Special Olympics
- May 27 – Special Olympics
- May 27 – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend
- May 28 – Special Olympics
- May 30 – Memorial Day

Bingo!!!!

Our Monthly Bingo is on May 13th! 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



Mother's Day Breakfast

We will need help Sunday May 14th, come out and help cook and cheer on the Mothers! Schedules and more details to come at the Council Business Meeting on May 7th.



Knights Can Weekend

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is May 27th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Special Olympics

We will need volunteers Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to help cook for all the volunteers, come out and help cook or cheer on the contestants! Schedules and more details to come at the Council Business Meeting on May 7th.



**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)

**5/9 – Council 9299
Arlington**

**5/18 – Council 7736
Mansfield**

**5/26 – Council 11423
Ft. Worth**

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If you have a lead on a new member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month – Father Thu

Talking about a “full plate”. The meetings and coordination with all the involved ministries began weeks before the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil), culminating with the three Masses on Easter Sunday. The planning, hours of preparation, practice and implementation that Fr. Thu envisioned was an overwhelming success for all of us and all of the St. Jude parish. Speaking of a “full plate”, on Holy Thursday, Fr. Thu also cooked up some pretty tasty lamb and chicken, along with some good vegetables and (vino) to wash it all down with. Along with all his other priestly duties, I think Fr. Thu deserves a big “ATTA FATHER” for the lead by example work ethic that he displayed.

Thank You, Father Thu, for all you do. God Bless you!

The Marcucci Family

Gary and Florence, better known as the “Dynamic Duo” are always into something. When Gary is not locked up in jail, with the prison ministry, he is calling numbers during the KofC bingo or reading at Mass, assisting the Eucharistic Ministry, along with helping Florence with sacristan duties. Florence is like the bunny with the battery that never runs out. She is a member and former president of the CWO, caller at CWO bingo, and reader at Mass; Eucharistic Minister, in charge of maintaining the sacristan quarterly schedule for all weekend Masses and the direct link from Fr. Thu in requesting help in serving for funerals. Bottom line, these two are” DYNAMIC” and deserve an applause!

Thank you for all you do and God Bless your family!

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