



The Meridian Knight

April 2017



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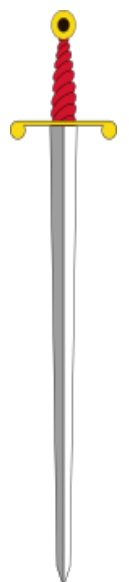
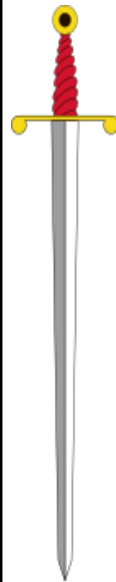
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



*We Thank You Lord for all that
you give us freely*

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**

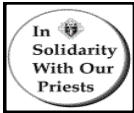


As we begin April, we have passed the mid-point of Lent. So, we are on the downhill run toward Holy Week. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church gives us Psalm 130 as a responsorial Psalm at the Mass. This psalm, which begins with the words "Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord," is commonly referred to in liturgy with the Latin translation of this first phrase - *De Profundis*.

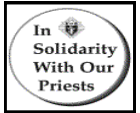
Before we started mistakenly thinking of funerals as "celebrations of life," the psalm was very common in the Mass of Christian Burial. But the Church has always seen the psalm as having a greater role than just in the liturgy for the deceased. Psalm 130 is one of the "Songs of Ascent" - meaning it was sung by Jews on their way up Mount Zion to the Temple. As a preparatory song for worship, it also can and has been used in the Church as a sign of penitence. The psalmist says, "If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness."

During Holy Week, we will remember the words of Psalm 22 which Jesus repeated on the cross - "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Psalm 130's *De Profundis* represents a slight step in that direction to get us ready for the tone of Holy Week. The prayer of the psalm is useful anytime we find ourselves in any kind of danger and waiting in vigil for the Lord.

Fr. Matthew Simmons



Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests



Brother Knights,

Let me start by congratulating Brother Darrell Hover and his lovely wife, Debbie, on their selection as our Family of the Year and Sir Knight Frank Polizzi (PFN) on his selection as the Assembly Sir Knight of the Year! They are each very deserving of the recognition that comes with these prestigious awards! (*Ed note: He is too modest to congratulate himself on being selected as Council 802's Knight of the Year. Congratulations, Dave on a job well done over the last two years.*)

I was out of town on business during our most recent Formation Degree but I would like to welcome Brothers Manny Routt and Orrin Bryant to our Order. I look forward to serving with you!

As most of you are aware, the 113th State Convention is fast approaching. It will be held in Tupelo at the Hilton Garden Inn from April 28th through the 30th. Unfortunately, it is looking like I will be called away to Jacksonville, FL on temporary duty beginning in the middle of April and will not be available to attend. I do want to thank our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz for all the time and effort he did in putting together all the end of year reports and the State Program Reports... GREAT JOB Brother Dave!!!

In closing, I would like to recognize Brother George Walston for the tremendous work he does on our monthly newsletter as well as his ongoing efforts toward our Council webpage. If you haven't visited our webpage in a while, please do so. George has done a GREAT job updating the Recognition section of the page and the Knights in Memoriam section!

I pray that God continues to Bless each of you, your families and our country!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, GK

**Grand Knight
David Viger**



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Ordination to the Diaconate of Nicholas Warren Adam

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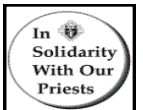
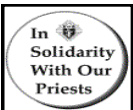
The Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., PhD
Bishop of Jackson



Deacon Nick Adam

Council 802 is proud to announce the advancement to the Provisional Diaconate of Brother Nick Adam.

Deacon Nick joined our parish and our council several years ago and with a little counseling from our then Pastor, Fr. Francis Cosgrove came to believe that his place in life was to serve God and his Diocese as a Catholic Priest, which he will become next spring. We were all fortunate that the Bishop agreed to perform this Rite in Nick's home parish of St. Patrick instead of the usual location of St. Peter's Basilica in Jackson.



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Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK



Our Bingo program is still going strong, more so now that it's tax time and everyone wants to supplement their tax return, so, it helps our bingo. What doesn't help our bingo is "confusion".

Last Wednesday, we had a situation where two different colored sheets were being sold on the floor at the same time, now this does happen on occasion, and we work through it, but what made this noteworthy was the fact that the caller had not begun to call the new game yet, when some members began selling the next game sheets on the floor while the new game sheets were still being sold, this led to the caller being confused as to what game he was to call and the customers what game they were to play, so I left my secure place of safety, and went out on the floor and corrected the situation.

Please, when you are selling sheets, please wait until the caller has started to call the new game, before you begin selling the next game sheets, this will cut down on the confusion of having two different colored sheets on the floor at the same time.

Part of the bingo manager's job is to see that the bingo session is run as smoothly as possible, and to take care of problems and confrontations, and keep them as minimal as possible, from time to time I may have to do this, to go out on the floor and correct a situation or dispel a confrontation. Some members may get upset at this, and this is unfortunate, but it is solely to keep the bingo session running as smooth as possible, with the least amount of interruption.

On another note, any one (member, or non-member) must fill out a "Personal History Application, before they can help out on the floor. They can help in the kitchen or behind the bar, but not out on the floor, until their application is approved by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. I will have applications available for them to fill out.

I wish you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter!!.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with Nick's reception for his Ordination as a Provisional Deacon. A special shout out to Debbie Hover and Teresa LaBiche for their help with organizing this event. In addition, Ed Shamp, John Harwell and his wife, Bridgett, Otto Storr and his wife, Inez, Gary Koch, Sal Moreno, Frank Washington, Tyler Oakes, and others. If I forgot someone I apologize. I've heard good things about the event and without these individuals listed above and others it would not have been a success!!!

The next council event is the Memorial Day Picnic in May. Information for that event will be given in the May newsletter.

The John J Burns award banquet is right around the corner. Please join us for that event as we honor the recipient, TBD, for that prestigious award.

Thanks again to all, Tau

April Birthdays

2nd Terry Cranmore & Aaron Dougherty **10th** John Gomez **12th** David Newell, Jr. **14th** James Cranmore
15th Jack LeGuin **18th** Ricardo Fraga **21st** Jack Huntley & Matheus Nieuwenhuizen **23rd** Jeff Mitchell
25th Joe Price **26th** Travis Huntley & Bob Stephenson **27th** Fr. Joseph Reardon **30th** James M Lee



**4th Degree
John Harwell**

Greetings to all as we move into the home stretch for Lent. I hope everyone has found new ways to be closer to the Lord and as we reflect on the suffering that Jesus endured for us, that we will be inspired to serve him even better than before.



Looking back on March, our only 4th Degree activity was a biggie. In the first ordination of any kind at St. Patrick Church since 1985, our own Nick Adam was ordained a transitional Deacon on March 17th in what was a beautiful Mass led by Bishop Kopacz. For many of our parishioners, it was their first opportunity to witness an ordination in person. Our Assembly Honor Guard participated in the service along with several members of the Knights of Peter Claver. As always, they added greatly to the dignity and beauty of the ordination. The following Sir Knights participated: Roland Stewart, Tom Zettler, PSD, Bob Connor, Howard McCarty, Richard Moody, Sal Moreno, Larry Birzer, David Stephens, Grand Knight David Viger, David Klutz, DGK, Dewayne Klutz and Corp Commander Bob Leo, PFN. I know Nick was overwhelmed and overjoyed at the hospitality that he, his family, friends, fellow seminarians and priest's received while they were in Meridian. A big thank you to all who made it happen.

In April, the Honor Guard will again participate in the Holy Thursday (April 13th) Mass and Gethsemane Watch. Mass commences at 7pm and the Watch will start at the conclusion of Mass and continue until 10 pm. Please contact Corp Commander Bob Leo if you wish to participate in this special night.

In closing, my prayer for you all is to let the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with a newness just as Spring blooms and we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday from the depths of his Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Faithful Navigator
John Harwell
1 COR 12 4-7

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

We have all heard this statement from the bible before, but do we listen to it? You joined the Knights for a reason, right? Did you know that we have 235 members but only have 24 members attend meetings? We also have about the same attendance at our other events. We are lucky to get 10 members to EMSH. So why are you not involved? Is it that you are not listening to his voice? Have you hardened your heart? Did we do something that causes you not to attend events?

Please let us know if we can help you get back involved. We have lots of chances and different categories to get involved in. Read the newsletter, come to the meetings, and talk to an involved Knight. Come join us.

We do need help!!!! We are still looking for a Family Director and a Youth Director. Is God calling you? Please pray about it with an open heart and see where you are being called. Until I see you again.

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Klutz, DGK

**Dep Grand Knight
Dave Klutz**



Congratulations to the Following Honorees



February Knight of the Month
Deacon Nick Adam



February Family of the Month
Pat and Pete Nause



Knight of the Quarter
October, November, December
Darrell Hover



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2017
David Viger, GK



Council 802 Family of the Year 2017
Debbie and Darrell Hover



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight of the
Year 2017
Frank Polizzi



**Pro Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

Upcoming events: The annual Pro-Life Spring Banquet at First Baptist Church, Jackson is on Thursday April 6th beginning at 6:30 pm. I still need 6 more Knights to attend this event.

The latest update on babies saved from abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign was on March 27th. So far we've learned of 251 babies (that we know of) whose mothers turned around at the last minute and chose life!

Stepping out to pray at the 40 Days for Life vigil is an act of faith. You may see results immediately. Or maybe you're just being asked to trust that the Lord will hear your prayer and bring his mercy and grace to someone who really needs it.

Every now and then, the person on the receiving end of those blessings will come back to say "thank you!" ... and show you a beautiful child. Here's an example.

In Sacramento, California the volunteers at the 40 Days for Life vigil in Sacramento just learned about a blessing that they had no idea God had provided. A woman pulled up to the vigil participants near the abortion center's driveway and rolled down the window. One of the people praying offered her some information - but she said she'd been there before and seen the material. Then she told her story.

Some time ago, she learned she was pregnant - and she was also diagnosed with cancer. When she arrived at the abortion business - the inaccurately-named Women's Health Specialists - there were people praying outside who offered her information about a life-affirming health center that's nearby.

Since she already had an appointment at Women's Health Specialists, she went inside ... where she was told she needed to have an abortion right away. Afterward, she went to the medical practice recommended by the vigil participants. At this clinic, they helped look after her baby, and she was given a reference for cancer treatment.

And now, she told the volunteers, she has a little boy ... and she is cancer free. She just stopped by to tell the rest of the story. "I wanted to thank all of you for being here," she said, "and sharing the information that saved my baby and made me well!"

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

-Psalm 127:3-5

God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Pro-Life

**Community
Roland Stewart**

Please join us on Thursday, April 27th for our next visit to our friends at The Pines of East Mississippi. The residents there really appreciate our visits. You will get more out of this visit than will the residents.

Community Chairman,
Roland Stewart



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**Special on Youth from
John Harwell**



The St. Patrick Middle School students (Grades 6-8) have thrown down the gauntlet. They have challenged the Knights to a basketball game. The Knights have bravely accepted the challenge. The game will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 1st at the FLC. We need players, so you younger guys lace up your sneakers and get down to FLC Saturday morning about 9:30 am to play our school kids in a game. Tom Zettler, PSD, will be our Play by Play announcer and Frank Polizzi, PGK will provide sound effects/music etc. Food and drinks will be provided for all. All are welcome whether you are playing or a spectator and it should be a morning of fellowship and fun.

John Harwell

**Guest Writer
Tom Zettler, PSD**



THANKS TO PALLBEARERS: I would like to thank those Brother Knights who willingly gave of their time to serve as pallbearers at the funeral of Brother Mike Lundstrom. It was greatly appreciated by the family. They were Brothers Bob Leo, Frank Polizzi, Ken Woodward, Larry Birzer, George Walston, Roland Stewart, and John Harwell. You have fully participated in this Corporal Work of Mercy.

Tom Zettler, PSD

Brother Knights,

**Seminarians Corner
Deacon Nick Adam**



In the past week and a half I have been reflecting on what a wonderful opportunity it was to celebrate my ordination to the diaconate with you in the parish. I cannot express adequately my gratitude to all of you for the various ways you helped me, from offering lodging to my seminarian brothers, to serving in the honor guard, to simply being there for me at the liturgy itself.

I think the most memorable part of the entire ordination was making my promises to the Bishop. I certainly felt the gravity of the statements that I was making as I promised to live a life of celibate chastity, prayer, and obedience, but it was also a very joyful moment because I have been preparing to make those promises for the last five years. I was also filled with gratitude that I could make those promises to Bishop Kopacz, who has been such a strong support to me and to all of the seminarians. I feel truly blessed to call him my shepherd.

Another neat part of the weekend was being able to share it with Father Matthew, who was my vocation director for four years before being named Pastor in Meridian. He was incredibly helpful and I am very thankful to have him as a friend in the diocese. I will continue to put in work at the seminary as the semester wraps up, and then I will begin my diaconate assignment at St. Richard in late May /early June. I am excited that Deacon Aaron will be in Meridian because I know he will have a great experience with all of you!

God Bless,
Deacon Nick

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Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,
Happy Resurrection! Thank you, Lord!

We had our Membership Drive the weekend of March 11-12th. We gave out several brochures and/or applications. The outcome was positive with Dr. Guillermo Hernandez applying for membership and approved by the Council. A Big Thank You to all who helped with the Membership Drive. Let's keep recruiting. Each time you greet a catholic brother, if you are not sure, ask are you a member of the KC's. "Membership is truly a team effort!" Let's Go Team!!!

Exemplifications in April:

1st Degree – Tuesday, April 18th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.

We had our last **Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification** on **Tuesday, March 21st** where we welcomed Randolph "Manny" Routt and Orrin Bryant into our council. Congratulations and Welcome to our newKnights! **Our next Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th** – there is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

Church Sal Moreno



Yes, it is Easter Time and I would like to mention that the K C's church program will not be as busy as it was last year. We will not be sponsoring the reception for the First Communion and the Confirmation. We will not be doing the 5th. Saturday Family Dinner this month because it coincides with the State Convention.

This is what we will be doing: We will be serving a yearly Breakfast tradition for the RCIA which will be on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 AM.

Also, Fr. Matthew ask if the K C can schedule and lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer during the Divine Mercy weekend, April 22nd & 23rd) at both St. Patrick and St Joseph. I will circulate a sign-in sheet in the next coming meetings.

What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy ?

According to **Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's** visions, written in her diary, the chaplet's prayers for mercy are threefold: to obtain mercy, to trust in **Christ's** mercy, and to show mercy to others. St. Faustina wrote that Jesus promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the

presence of the dying will receive great mercy. She wrote that Jesus said: "...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying not as the just judge, but as the Merciful Savior."

St. Faustina stated that Jesus also promised that anything can be obtained with this prayer if it is compatible with His will.

According to **Roman Catholic** tradition, the chaplet may be said at any time, but it is said especially on **Divine Mercy Sunday** and Fridays at 3:00 PM. In 2000, **Pope John Paul II** ordained the **Sunday after Easter Divine Mercy Sunday**, where Roman Catholics remember the institution of the **Sacrament of Penance**. The hour Jesus died by crucifixion, 3:00 PM (15:00), is called the Hour of Mercy. In a **novena**, the chaplet is usually said each of the nine days from **Good Friday** to Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pope John Paul II was instrumental in the formal establishment of the **Divine Mercy** devotion and acknowledged the efforts of the **Marian Fathers** in its promotion in a Papal Blessing in 2001, the 70th anniversary of the revelation of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion.

As a **Roman Catholic devotion**, the **chaplet** is often said as a *rosary-based prayer* with the same set of **rosary** beads used for reciting the Rosary.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Sal Moreno
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 4	 Abortion Kills the Innocent	Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime				1 Youth Basketball Challenge Family Life Center 9:30am
2	3	 4 Business Meeting 7:30pm	5 Bingo 6pm	 6 ProLife Supper in Jackson 6:30 pm Adoration 12 noon until 8pm	 7 Stations of the Cross St. Patrick 6pm	8
9 Palm Sunday 	10	 11 2nd Degree Team Practice 6PM	12 Bingo 6pm	 13 Holy Thursday Services at 7:00pm <u>Adoration</u> <u>Follows</u>	 14 Good Friday Services at 7:00 pm	 15 Holy Saturday Services at 7:00pm
16 Easter Sunday 	17	 18 1st Degree Exemplifica- tion 6:30pm if applicant Business Meeting Fol- lows 7:30pm	19 Bingo 6pm	 20 Adoration 12 Noon until 8	21	22
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