



# The Meridian Knight

## April 2018



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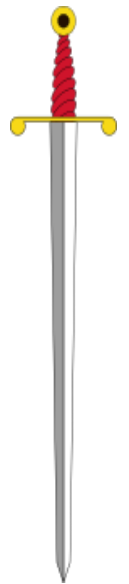
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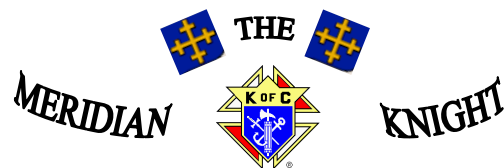
George Walston



THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain  
Fr. Matthew  
Simmons**



Dear Brother Knights,

Every Marian month, I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for leading the rosary before each Mass. Not only is this practice important as a form of prayer and petition for the wellbeing of our families; it also is a form of catechesis. In recent years, as fewer and fewer families pray the rosary together, young people often have no idea how to pray the rosary.

Easter presents another opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to lead prayer and provide catechesis in the parish. Pope Saint John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter each year to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Initially, I was not enthusiastic about the devotion to Divine Mercy. It seemed to be so similar to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as to be unnecessary. As a pastor, I knew I had to “make the best of it” so to speak. As I have done so, I have grown to see its importance in the life of the Church. St. Faustina had a keen sense of the problem of sin and a resulting desire for God’s mercy. Today we lament a loss of a sense of sin in our society. Part of the cause is our loss of reverence for God’s holiness. The devotion to Divine Mercy stresses both God’s holiness and His mercy. As I noted in the bulletin, if you want to begin a novena for Divine Mercy, start saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Good Friday. The chaplet proceeds more rapidly than a ro-

sary, and you can find it on many Catholic websites and smart-phone apps. While I don’t say the chaplet often, I do often use the prayers of the chaplet in repetitive prayer when walking or trying to go to sleep. We pray, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world." The prayer sums up our mission of prayer and charity - to bring God’s mercy to the whole world.

Fr. Matthew

**Youth Director  
John Harwell**



Our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1st at 1:00 PM at the KC Hall. The Easter Bunny has confirmed that he will be there. This is for children ages 10 and under along with their parents and families. Please come out and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Also, I will need some volunteers to help with the activities.

On March 17th, I led a group of 20+ youth and adults down to the Abbey Youth Fest in Covington, LA. We enjoyed a spirit and fun filled day that was capped by our own Deacon Nick Adam assisting the Arch-Bishop during the afternoon Mass. I thank you all for your prayers and support.

John Harwell  
Youth Director

## **In Memoriam**



**Doris Klutz**

**11/03/32—03/26/18**

Our condolences go out to the Klutz Family: Dewayne, David, Sandra, Casandra, & Kelly on the loss of their wife, mother, and grandmother. Please keep them in your prayers.

**May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

**Church  
Sal Moreno**

The RCIA breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 802 on Saturday, March 24, was a hit. Thanks to Tom Zettler, Howard McCarty, Frank Sharp, David Sloan, Liberty Moreno and Teresa LaBiche.

The Weekend after Easter, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will be leading the praying of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in celebration of the world wide celebration of the Feast of the Devine Mercy Sunday. And just what is Divine Mercy Sunday? Many have asked. It comes from the diary of Saint Faustina of whom it is said had been personally visited by Jesus. Jesus said the Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishments to any souls, who goes to confession and received him in Holy Communion, on that same day. St. Faustina also wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will Venerate this image (Image of the Divine Mercy) will never parish.

Sal Moreno,  
Chairman



**4th Degree  
Sal Moreno**

Congratulations to Darrell Hover, who has been elected as the 4th Degree Assembly 1251 Sir Knight of the Year for the year 2017/2018. Our next 4th Degree meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:30pm.

Sal Moreno FN



**Dep Grand Knight  
Joe Hosch**

Brother Knights,

April brings the start to the new fraternal year here regarding our council programs. I am sure you originally joined the order to be involved, so consider renewing your resolve to do so. Council meetings are a great way to keep abreast of upcoming activities, but this newsletter, calendar, and council emails also help. Please truly consider attending the activities that may be of interest to you. Help with the activities that you have some passion toward. Many hands make light work.

Looking forward to seeing you around the hall.

Fraternally,  
Joe Hosch, DGK



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# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**February Knight of the Month**  
**David Stephens**



**February Family of the Month**  
**Sal & Liberty Moreno**



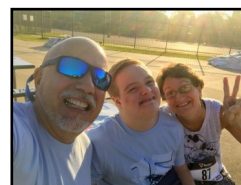
**Knight of the Quarter**  
**Ending in December**  
**Bob Leo**



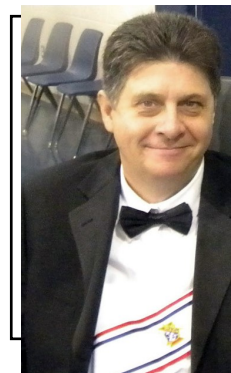
**Council 802 Knight of the**  
**Year 2017-2018**  
**Ed Shamp**



**Council 802 Family of the Year**  
**2017-2018**  
**David, Patrick & Adrian Viger**



**Assembly 1251 Sir Knight**  
**of the Year 2017-2018**  
**Darrell Hover**



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**Seminarians Corner**  
**Deacon Nick Adam**



Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and that you were able to enjoy time with family, friends, and the Church as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord!

I look forward to celebrating with many of you next month as I am ordained to the Priesthood! I decided to limit the paper invitations that I send since bulletin announcements and newsletters can reach more folks, but just so you have it, here is the schedule of events:

Thursday, May 31 - 6:30 PM  
Ordination Mass of Rev. Nicholas Adam and Rev. Aaron Williams  
Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at Old Capitol Inn

Friday, June 1 - 12:05 PM  
Fr. Williams' Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving  
Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at Cathedral

Friday, June 1 - 6 PM  
Fr. Adam's Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving  
St. Richard Catholic Church - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at St. Richard

*I will also be celebrating all weekend masses at St. Patrick and St. Joseph on the weekend of June 2-3.* I am looking forward to celebrating with all of you men (and ladies in the auxiliary!) who have made such an impact in my discernment and have supported me through thick and thin. I can't believe we are here!

Deacon Nick

*Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests*

**Community Larry**  
**Birzer**



Our selection for the Burns' Award this year is Mr. Tom Maynor of the Maynor Rehab Center for Stroke Victims. A reception in his honor will be held at the KC Hall on April 21st at 6:30 PM followed by the Award presentation at 7 PM.

Our next visit to the Pines at East Mississippi State Hospital is scheduled for 6:00 pm on 26 April. Come and join us as we share with the residents at the nursing home. You'll get more out of this visit than will the residents.

Larry Birzer,  
Community Chairman

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**Bingo Guest Writer  
Frank Polizzi, PGK**



While this space is usually reserved for a report from the Bingo Chairman, Brother Bob Leo, I am taking the liberty of writing it in his absence. As most of you who read Bob's monthly reports know, he seldom, if ever, fails to write one. You also know that he is always passing out accolades to Brother Knights, Spouses, and other, who contribute to the success of our magnificent charity fund raiser known as bingo.

When Brother George Walston, our Newsletter Editor, informed me that there would not be an article from our Bingo Manager, Bob Leo, I knew it was an opportunity I couldn't miss out on. Now I could add several pages to this month's newsletter mentioning Bob's involvement in Knights of Columbus activities, from the council level, up to and including, the state level, but my purpose is to recognize his contribution to our current bingo program. While Bob is always giving credit to those who generously contribute their time and talents to bingo, and rightfully so, it is Bob

that coordinates everything from the mundane, like making sure trash bags are out prior to each Wednesday for bingo to the countless hours spent on weekly, monthly and quarterly reports required by the Mississippi Gaming Commission. When two or three workers have to miss bingo for one reason or another it is Bob who is on the phone asking others to fill in.

Just last week I received a call from Bob on Monday morning around nine o'clock, asking me if I could meet him at the KofC Hall at eleven, just two hours away, because the Head Bingo Agent from the Mississippi Gaming Commission needed to meet with us. I mention this because this and a lot of other things that go on behind the scenes that Bob takes care of without others even knowing. So, at this time I would like to recognize Brother Bob Leo, PGK for his dedication and loyalty to keeping our charity bingo fund raiser well oiled and running, which is no small task.

I would like to also mention the main reason Bob has been tied up this past month is because he and Rosalie have found their dream home in the Briarwood area. They are taking care of the closing today even as I speak. Bob and Rosalie, best wishes with your new home, and yes, you can count on the Knights of Council 802 to be there for you when you need help moving in.

Frank Polizzi

## **April Birthdays**

**2nd** Terry Cranmore & Aaron Dougherty **10th** John Gomez **12th** David Newell, Jr. **14th** James Cranmore

**15th** Jack Leguin, Jr. **18th** Ricardo Fraga **19th** Mike Holcomb **21st** Jack Huntley & Matheus Nieuwenhuizen

**23rd** Jeff Mitchell **25th** Joe Price **26th** Travis Huntley & Bob Stephenson **29th** Michael Breedlove **30th** James M Lee

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Happy Easter to you and I hope all of you had a spirit filled Holy Week and found renewal in the Lord's grace during the Lenten time leading up to it.

Looking back at March, we led the Stations of the Cross along with the Knights of Peter Claver at St. Joseph on March 2nd. The Knights and families were in Adoration on March 8th from 12N-7P in the St. Aloysius Chapel. We conducted a Membership Blitz at all Weekend Masses on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11th. March 22nd saw us visit the residents at the Pines on North Lakeland where we served snacks, drinks and ice cream and enjoyed some fellowship. On March 24th, the Knights prepared (led by Sal Moreno) breakfast for the RCIA group in the Fr. Vally room in the Parish Center. Later that same day our first ever Crawfish Boil was held at the KC Hall. Some 60+ people enjoyed mudbugs, potatoes, corn along with some burgers and such. During the picnic, a corn hole tournament was held and enjoyed by a good number of participants.

Upcoming in April, our Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 1st at 1:00 PM at the KC Hall, the Knights will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Masses on April 7th-8th. Adoration will be 12N-7P in the St. Aloysius Chapel on April 12th. EMSH Nursing Home visit will be at 6:00pm on

April 26th. That, along with our regular meetings (April 3rd and 17th) and Bingo each Wednesday starting at 6:00pm will keep us busy. Finally, the State Convention will be April 27th-29th in Biloxi. Thank you to all who submitted program reports and to DGK Joe Hosch for his work in preparing our submission of activities to the State. Special thanks to our committee chairmen for volunteering their time to put on all the activities and programs that we do throughout the year. We are the best council in the State because of you and the Brother Knights who work hard, often in the background to make it happen.

Tom Zettler, PSD has opened up the application process for our college scholarship program. If you are a student, have a child or grandchild that is an undergraduate student, please avail yourselves by applying for one of our scholarships.

Congratulations to our Msgr. John J. Burns honoree this year, Mr. Tom Maynor. As it stands now, the date of the reception will be April 21st at the KC Hall. More information will be forthcoming regarding this event.

Our council is hosting a Second and Third Degree (Formation and Knighthood Degrees) on May 5th at the KC Hall. This will be the first time we have hosted one of these in a number of years and I am hopeful that we will have a large turnout for it. Additionally, we will be soliciting volunteers to help with the day's events. As we get closer to the date, more information will be made available.

A couple of sad items to touch on are the recent deaths of Mrs. Anita Covert Graybeal (March 23rd) and Mrs. Doris Klutz (March 26th). Ms. Anita was a longtime member of St. Patrick Church and a very faithful parishioner who was loved by many in our Catholic Community. Ms. Doris who was likewise loved by many in our parishes was the wife of SK Dewayne Klutz and father of SK David Klutz. Additionally, please keep Sandy (David's wife), and Doris' grandchildren, Kelly and Casandra (Cassy) in your thoughts and prayers.

With that, I hope you all have a great month.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



HAPPY EASTER Brother Knights.

**The Mississippi Pro-Life Banquet is on Thursday, April 5th at First Baptist Jackson.** The keynote speaker is Lt. Col. Allen B. West. The VIP Meet-n-Greet will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will start at 6:30. Currently attending are Bob and Rosalie Leo, Larry Birzer, Frank Sharp and myself.

**The Walk for Life campaign will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.** We will drive to Jackson and walk from St. Richards Catholic Church to the Women's Health Organization for song and prayers. **Volunteers are needed** as this is another fundraising event. If you would like to sponsor a walker, please let Darrell know.

By the time you read this our 40 Days for Life Spring campaign will be completed. At the time

I am writing this, the latest update on babies saved from abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign was on March 26th. So far we've learned of 490 babies in 354 locations around the world whose mothers have rejected abortion and chosen life! Thank you for helping save so many lives!

On Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant signed a bill to protect unborn babies and moms from abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Bryant hopes to make Mississippi "the safest place in America" for unborn babies by supporting a bill to ban abortions after 15 weeks. State House Bill 1510, signed into law, created the earliest ban on abortion in any state in the U.S. by pushing back Mississippi's current limit by 5 weeks. This bill prohibits abortions after 15 weeks. Previous Mississippi law banned abortion at 20 weeks after conception, similar to limits in 17 other states.

Unfortunately, U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves on Tuesday granted a temporary restraining order requested by the state's only abortion clinic. Pray that the court will lift this restraining order. Pray that our state leaders will have courage to stand up and pass a law making it illegal to have an abortion at any stage in life.

Consider these trials in light of God's plan for you. The Apostle Paul understood the big picture when he said in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." This is our Hope and our victory. Let us rejoice in the opportunity to give that Hope to others in our path.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

*Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime*

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**Membership  
David Stephens**

Brother Knights,  
Happy Resurrection! Thank you, Lord!

We had our Membership Drive the weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. We gave out several brochures and/or applications. In the near future, we expect to see positive fruit from the volunteer efforts of all the brothers who helped. 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.

There is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Fraternally,  
David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director



**Family Director  
David Viger, PGK**

Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating Brother Sal Moreno and his wife, Liberty, on their selection as our February 2018 Family of the Month!

All who attended our crawfish boil/family picnic had an absolutely wonderful time enjoying a day of fellowship with family and friends. Brother Frank Polizzi (PGK) had our sound system setup so we could all enjoy some Zydeco Cajun Music, putting everyone in the proper "mood" for the day's events!

Brother Roland Stewart, Lance Breeding (friend of the Knights) and I took care of cooking the crawfish, taters and corn and Brother Howard McCarty flipped some burgers for the non-crawfish eaters.

When the bugs were ready, Father (Brother) Sanchez led us in Grace followed by Brother Sal Moreno filling up plates and serving them up!

Adrian organized a Corn Hole Tournament and after everyone had a full belly, the competition began, with twelve teams competing to be Grand Champion! Though the competition was tight, Brother Tom Zettler (PSD) and Brother Howard McCarty were



victorious! Brother Frank Polizzi and his partner, Marco Espino finished a close second!

Special thanks to Adrian Viger and Lance Breeding for their help in getting the prep work and setup done! Also, thanks to Brothers Roland Stewart, Howard McCarty and Sal Moreno.

Several folks helped in cleaning up after the activities, which was nice! All-in-all, it was a wonderful day and I would like to see a crawfish boil become an annual event!

Vivat Jesus!

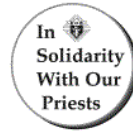
Dave Viger, Family Director



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> <u>1:00 o'clock KC Hall</u>	2	3  <u>Business Meeting</u> <u>7:30pm</u>	4  <u>6:00pm</u>	5 <u>ProLife Banquet</u> <u>1st Baptist Church</u> <u>Jackson 5pm</u>  <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	6	7 <u>Lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at</u> <u>5 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick</u>
8 <u>Lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at</u> <u>8:30 Mass at St Joseph and 11:00 Mass at St. Patrick</u>	9	10  <u>No Meeting tonight</u>	11  <u>6:00 PM</u>	12 <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u> <u>KC Responsibility</u>	13	14
15	16	17  <u>1st Degree if candidate(s)</u> <u>Meeting follows at 7:30 PM</u>	18  <u>6:00pm</u>	19 <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	20	21 <u>The Burns Award Presentation at the KC Hall 6:30</u>
22	23	24  <u>4th Degree meeting 7:30</u>	25 <u>May Newsletter Deadline</u>  <u>6:00 pm</u>	26 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</u> <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	27	28 <u>Walk for Life St. Richard Church Jackson</u>
29	30					