



*April 2016*



**Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**February Knight of the Month  
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



**February Family of the Month  
Sue and Paul Blier**

**Knight of the Quarter  
October, November, December  
Fr. Francis Cosgrove**

**Council 802 Knight of the Year 2016  
Howard McCarty**

**Council 802 Family of the Year 2016  
Liberty and Salvador (Sal) Moreno**



**Assembly 1251  
Sir Knight of the Year 2016  
Salvador Moreno**





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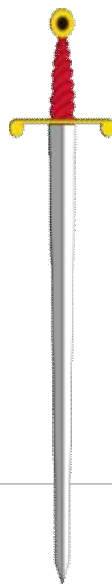
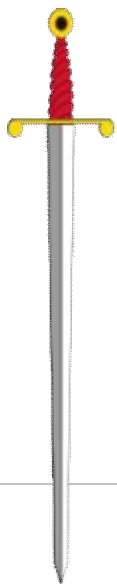
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

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## Grand Knight Dave Viger



**Brothers Knights,**

During the mid-winter meeting, we were introduced to an Order-wide initiative called ***Building the Domestic Church – While Strengthening Our Parishes***. In short, the initiative is for us, as an Order, to build up and support the Catholic Family by strengthening our parish, which is where we get our true Catholic teachings and identity. While I strongly believe that our council already has a tremendous reputation in providing such support, I believe we can do more. Much more!

During our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lecturer event in March, some of us joined together to learn more about the initiative by watching a webinar that was put on by Supreme earlier in the month. For those of you who were not able to join us, there is a great deal of information available on the web if you're interested in exploring it but it really boils down to this – By giving more priority to activities promoting Family, Youth and Church, we will be ***Building the Domestic Church – While Strengthening our Parishes***. The Parish must be the center of every Catholic family's life. I am confident that together, the Knights of Council 802 can be instrumental in helping husbands and fathers and their families become more rooted and *United in their Faith, Family and Service for the Glory of God*.

I plan to meet with Father Matthew this month to get his thoughts and direction on how we, as a council, can work more closely with him in providing additional support to the various parish based ministries, youth activities and St. Patrick School. I ask for your support as we delve into this initiative and I look forward to working together with each of you!

God Bless!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
Dave Viger, GK



## Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons



Having finished the season of Lent, the spiritual content of parishioners' confessions is on my mind as pastor. Most adults confess impatience, and I wish that the words of St. Francis de Sales had been more fresh in my mind when I was hearing confessions.

In the Introduction to the Devout Life, St. Francis de Sales related complaining to impatience. He wrote, "Complain as little as possible of your wrongs, for as a general rule you may be sure that complaining is a sin; the rather that self-love always magnifies our injuries. Above all, do not complain to people who are easily angered or excited. If it is necessary to complain to someone, either as seeking a remedy for your injury, or in order to soothe your mind, let it be to some calm spirit...; for otherwise instead of relieving your heart, your confidants will only provoke it to still greater disturbance; instead of taking out the thorn that pricks you, they will drive it further into your foot."

This advice is counter-intuitive to us living in a fallen world that enjoys sensationalism and gossip. St. Francis de Sales concluded with the image Jesus used in John 26:21 of a woman in labor. He wrote as follows: "You, too, have conceived in your soul the most gracious of children, even Jesus Christ, and before he can be brought forth you must inevitably labor with pain; but be of good cheer, for when these pangs are over, you will possess an abiding joy, having brought such a man into the world. And he will be really born for you, when he is perfected in your heart by love, and in your actions by imitating His.

Fr. Matthew

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We need more priests*



## Church Sal Moreno



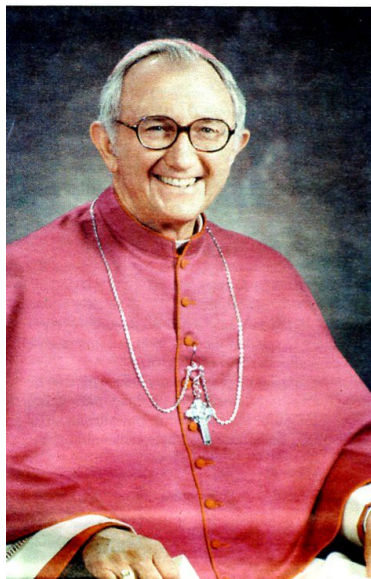
Greetings! I hope you and your love ones had a happy and blessed Easter. Wow! what a week, and this is only the beginning of a lot more activities ahead. Our Corporate Communion Mass March 19th turned out real well. I was impressed on how many showed up with their green shirts. We made people turn their heads and were very curious to know what is going on. Here is a lineup of what is to take place in a few weeks as far as the Church Program is concern.

Sunday, April 10th at 9:00 AM - - Knights of Columbus sponsored RCIA breakfast  
Saturday, April 30th & Sunday, May 1st - -5th weekend Rosary & Family Dinner on Saturday evening.

More details about the 5th Saturday Family Dinner at the Family Life Center will follow.  
The sign-in sheet for the 5th weekend rosary will be available during our next Business meeting.

Sal Moreno  
Church Chairman

## In Memoriam



**Bishop Emeritus William R Houck**  
1926 to 2016

The Catholic Community of Meridian and of Mississippi lost a great friend on Tuesday, March 9th of this year. Bishop Hauck underwent heart bypass surgery and was recovering when God called him home. He was bishop of the Jackson Diocese from 1984 to 2003 when he retired. On his many visits to Meridian, St. Patrick, he was always friendly and gracious. He is the only bishop who called me by name. Early in his tenure in Jackson, I was privileged to serve on the Deanery committee and later on the Bishop's committee where I got to know him personally.

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

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## Special from John Maloney, PGK



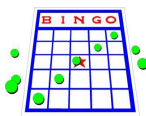
I would like to share some names of members, past and present who should be remembered for the many hours they put in doing KC business. These are elected wardens from the past and almost to the present. These men without pay or reimbursement stocked the bar, used their own vehicles to get beer, soft drinks, snacks and supplies. They took care of rentals, opened the hall and stayed when non-members were present for decorating, cleanup after rentals and a lot of time during the rentals. Most of the time they got little or no recognition. They are Dr. Richard Fleming, Jack Schons, Pete Vining, Andy Stockton, Leo Carr and John Mosby.

As for the Bingo workers, there have been many who have put in thousands of hours and if I mentioned everyone there would be many that I missed so I will just mention the ones who were in charge in 1961, Andy Stockton, John Rivers, and our present Bingo Chairman, Bob Leo. Thanks to all the workers past and present.

Other unsung men you should be aware of whose duties are awesome: The Financial Secretary. These men are appointed by the Supreme Council. Without these men doing their duty the Council would fold. They are Leo J. Donneley, David Gleason, Tom Zettler, John Graupman, and for many years George Walston.

Last but not least I want to recognize the unsung ladies who helped make us what we are today. The wives and some daughters of all members who did and do support us today. Eva Duncan, Celia McRea and Azelia Powers, Nelda Bennett, Pam Walston, Janice Kasper, Teresa LaBiche, Dot DuRapau, Rosalie Leo, Theresia Beeman, Marie Bailey, Donna Polizzi, and I know there are a lot more ladies, which I cannot remember. Please forgive me if I left a name or two out.

John Maloney, Sr.  
Trustee and PGK



## Bingo Bob Leo



You know, in all the years that I've been writing this newsletter, there is always something or someone I forget to mention. I always forget to mention the Brother Knights who come out early every Tuesday night, to help put out the plastic bags. These Knights cut their day short so they can come out and perform this important task. You ask why this task is so important? Can you imagine what the floors in the bingo hall would look like after a night of bingo. So, my many thanks go out to Brothers P.J. Carter, Howard McCarty, Sal Moreno, Tom Zettler, Dewayne Klutz, Grand Knight, David Viger, Frank Sharp. and if I missed any one many thanks to you also.

Our Bingo program is still on the upward trend. We have seen a lot of new customers that we haven't seen before. A lot of our neighbors from the Choctaw community are coming to our bingo. I guess the Silver Star and Golden Moon aren't as exciting, as our bingo. Where else can you go to get the attention that we give to our patrons, especially the good food and service that we provide, (and no tipping). Thank you one and all that perform these services. This is what makes our Bingo Program so successful.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Program Manager



## Community Roland Stewart



**(No Report This Month)**



## Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Paul and Sue Blier family for being selected as our "Family of the Month" for the month of February, and also for being the winners of the Family Plaque from Supreme. Paul and Sue put in a lot of time for our council bingo program. Paul puts together our Special and Intermission packs, saving the Council countless hours of work, and Sue as most of you all know works between the kitchen and the bar. So many thanks Paul and Sue for all of your help.

On Saturday, April 30th, the family get together dinner will be held in conjunction with the community 5th Saturday dinner at the Family Life Center. The time will be after the 5pm Mass. As always the Knights will provide the meat and soft drinks, you may feel free to bring a side dish or desert of your choosing. The menu is to be decided later. For further information, please call Bob Leo or Sal Moreno.

After the Family / Community dinner, our next Family get together will be on Friday, May 27th at the Knights of Columbus Hall picnic area. The time will be at 6:30 P.M. Further Information will be forth coming in the next newsletter.

Bob Leo  
Family Activities Director



## Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz



I just wanted to thank all those involved in making our Easter Egg Hunt so successful. It was such a great demonstration of how we work together for each successful event. Gary Koca jumped into the kitchen to get the hot dogs made. David Stephens jumped in to help out in the hall. Tau Iosia led the youth in beating up piñata's. Those piñata's were picked up by David Viger who knew we needed a time killer since it would take longer since we were doing it indoors. Thanks to Grace, Cheltsey, Cassandra, James, and Sam from our youth group for hiding the eggs for each group. They also helped stuff over 1800 Easter Eggs. Of Course, Bob Leo was the Easter Bunny. Sandra and Kelly helped me decorate the hall. What does all this mean? It takes a lot of people to make these events successful and you can always count on the Knights to come through when you need them.

Thanks everyone!  
Dave Klutz, DGK



## Council Tau Iosia



Fellow Knights,

The Year of Mercy is still going on, so please refer to our website and the Catholic Community website for more information about events in the future. We will sponsor the RCIA breakfast on Sunday, April 10th, at 9am. We will need some Knights to assist with this event.

Thank you for your help and support.

Tau



## Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DSK



Well, by the time you read this, Easter will be over and hopefully we had a successful Easter Egg hunt. I've been asking for a year for someone to take over as the Youth Chairman position and this is the last major event of the 2015-2016 calendar for the youth. Throughout the year I have been told by many Knights that no one will step up as long as I continue to do the job. Well, I couldn't just walk away and hope someone would step up and let this effect our Youth. Finally, I believe they might be right, so this will be the last newsletter from me as the Youth Chairman.

If the Knights are going to have youth events someone reading this article needs to step forward. Thanks to everyone who supported me during the year while I filled in as the Youth Chairman. I have had a lot of fun, but it is time for me to step down and pray that someone steps forward.

If you are interested please let me or the Grand Knight know. I would love to help you take over this very enjoyable position.

Dave Klutz  
Acting Youth Chairman



## Seminarians Corner Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

It was wonderful to be back at the parish for the Easter Triduum and to see so many of you over my Easter break. We are about to get back into the swing of things here at the end of another semester. On May 13<sup>th</sup> I will receive candidacy, which is an official recognition from the Bishop that I am a candidate for Holy Orders. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the ordination of Jason Johnston and Joseph Le at the Cathedral in Jackson, so lots of exciting vocation events are on the horizon!

During his Easter Sunday homily you may have heard Father Matthew mention a conversation that Tom Welsh and I had about the attractiveness of atheism, and I wanted to spend some space reflecting on that with you. There is a huge problem that we face today, especially among men and women my age (about 30 or so), and that is practical atheism. So many people (and I used to be one of them) come to mass on Sunday, but what they say they believe does not affect any other aspect of their life. These people may go to Church, but they are *practically* atheist. How do we get people to practice their faith after they walk out of the Church?

I think the KC's already offer plenty of options for people who want to put their faith into action, but we all know that there are some who do not respond to the call of the Knights. I think that encouraging young people to engage in the sacraments that they receive is a good place to start. I wonder how much people think about what the Eucharist is when they receive it. I also think that Reconciliation is good not only for our souls, but for our entire life of faith. When we actively reflect on where we have fallen and seek to turn things around, we cannot help but to ask God to enter our lives more and more.

I hope your Easter season is full of joy,

Nick

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## Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



I hope everyone had a meaningful Holy Week and those of you who were able to attend the various liturgies, I think, will agree with me that they were all beautiful and spirit filled.

On Thursday March 24th, our Honor Guard again was a part of the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Patrick Church. They also stood guard in tandems of two during the Gethsemane Watch at the Saint Aloysius Chapel from the conclusion of Mass until 930 PM. The following Sir Knights participated: Commander Bob Leo PFN, Frank Polizzi PFN, Roland Stewart, Larry Birzer, David Klutz, Dewayne Klutz, Bob Connor, Sal Moreno, Howard McCarty, David Stephens, David Viger and Richard Moody. Thank you for your dedication and for helping make this night special for our Catholic Community.

During a special 4th Degree meeting on March 1st, we elected SK Sal Moreno as our "Sir Knight of the Year" for Assembly 1251. Sal is a terrific selection as he is involved in virtually every activity that our Assembly and Council puts on. As was mentioned above, he is a member of our Honor Guard in addition to his handling of various parish duties at St. Patrick and NAS Meridian. Well deserved indeed. Congratulations Sal!!!!!!

Coming up in April, we are looking forward to the State Convention in Natchez. Finally, I hope the beginning of Spring brings all of you the Joy that only Christ can provide.

Faithful Navigator  
John Harwell  
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## Garage Sale



**Reserve your tables now** for our garage sale at the Knights of Columbus hall on Saturday, April 16th. Tables are available for \$10 each for anyone from the parish who wants to participate. The hall will be open on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 8:00pm, to allow people to set up their goods. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday for buyers to come in. If you need more information call P. J. Carter (601-604-6229). We have a limit of 50 tables.

## April Birthdays

**2nd** Terry Cranmore **10th** John Gomez **12th** David Newell, Jr. **14th** James Cranmore **15th** Jack LeGuin

**18th** Ricardo Fraga **21st** Jack Huntley, Patrick Jones, & Matheus Nieuwenhuizen **23rd** Jeff Mitchell

**25th** Joe Price **26th** Bob Stephenson **27th** Fr. James Reardon **30th** James M Lee



We had our Membership Drive the weekend of March 19th & 20th. We gave out several brochures and a couple of applications. A Big Thank You to all who helped with the Drive. Of course, just because the Drive is over doesn't mean we stop recruiting. Each time you greet a catholic, if you are not sure, ask them are they a member of the KC's. All who continue to help recruit new members, thank you! "Membership is truly a team effort!" Let's Go Team!!!

Exemplifications in April:

There were only Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Exemplifications scheduled during the month of April.

As always, we are *"in search of"* new members. Seek out those who you believe might be interested and qualified, then plant a seed...

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director

### Our Newest 3rd Degree Members



Pictured from Left to Right: Fr. Jose' de Jesus Sanchez, Rick Norman, Kenneth Napierkowski, David Rauenhorst, Patrick Quito, Joe Price, and Rick Harris

Please welcome these new 3rd Degree members who took their final step to full Knighthood on February 27th of this year in Starkville. If you have never gone on one of these trips to welcome members into a higher degree, you've missed something. We stopped by the Mennonite store in Brooksville on the way back and bought all kinds of special breads and cookies. Plus, the trip up and back with friends is a lot of fun. Maybe you would be interested in pursuing your 2nd or 3rd Degree or just witnessing a degree so you can take a fun trip with some of your brother knights.

George Walston, FS  
Newsletter Editor



## Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

Thank you all for participating in the 40 Days for Life daily devotionals. This 40 Days for Life campaign was held in 23 different countries around the world and the only plausible reason why 40 Days for Life has spread so far, and so fast is the grace of God. These are His children and He wants us to be His light to give hope, no matter where we live. Campaigns have reported that we have at least 471 reasons to celebrate! That is how many babies have been saved from abortion during this campaign. That is why 40 Days for Life has grown from that first campaign in one community in Texas ... spreading to 607 cities worldwide.

***Dear Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you have called us and appointed us to be ambassadors of Christ. It is a calling much higher and grander than our finite minds can imagine. We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower us to walk worthy of the calling. We pray that Your unconditional love will flow through us onto those who desperately need Your saving grace. In the name of Christ who is worthy, Amen.***

Try to take a moment every day to ask the Lord for compassion towards the elderly and the young. As spring rolls around and the sun warms the Earth, God shows us that only He can start new life. Flowers are starting to arise from the ground, new leaves are ready to bud, and gardens are being planted. This shows us that without God none of this is possible. Let us remember that all life has a beginning and an end. I pray that with the blessings of God, all life receives rewards by his compassion. Let the Lord put that new growth in you and let's help others blossom.

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

Darrell, Pro-Life



### ***The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy***

- (1) Feed the hungry.
- (2) Give drink to the thirsty.
- (3) Clothe the naked.
- (4) Shelter the homeless.
- (5) Visit those in prison.
- (6) Comfort the sick.
- (7) Bury the dead.

In this, the Year of Mercy, as requested by Pope Francis, we need to keep the above seven Works of Mercy close to our hearts and try to live up to each one as much as possible.

George Walston, Editor



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*Please wish a  
Happy Birthday to  
all whose names  
appear on Page 8*



***Abortion Kills  
the Innocent***



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**1**

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**5**

***Business Meeting  
7:30pm***



**6**

***Bingo 6pm***



**7**

***Adoration  
12 Noon to 8PM***

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**



**12**

***No Meeting  
Tonight***



**13**

***Bingo 6pm***



**14**

***Adoration  
12 Noon to 8PM  
KC Responsibility***

**15**

**16**

***Garage Sale  
KC Hall  
7:00 am  
Until***

***RCIA Breakfast  
9AM Family  
Life Center***

**17**

**18**



**19**

***1st Degree  
Exemplification  
6:30pm if  
applicant  
Business Meeting  
Follows at 7:30***



**20**

***Bingo 6pm***



**21**

***Adoration  
12 Noon to 8PM***

**22**

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**26**

***4th Degree  
Meeting 7:30pm***



**27**

***Bingo 6pm***



**28**

***EMSH  
Visitation  
6:00pm***

***Adoration  
12 Noon to 8PM***

**29**

**30**

***Rosary Before  
5:00 Mass***

***Family Dinner  
after 5:00 Mass***