



The Meridian Knight

August 2017



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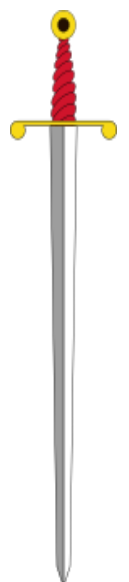
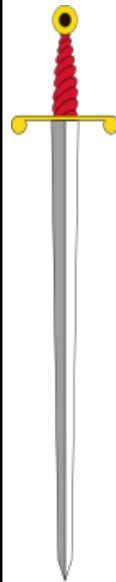
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons



August brings the return of children to school. I am grateful for the support of St. Patrick School by the Knights of Columbus. Later in August, many parish programs will resume. You can continue to help us by identifying especially those children who need to be in First Communion or Confirmation classes. In addition, RCIA will resume the last Sunday in August. Most people who enter the Church do so at the invitation and inspiration of another. So, please invite others.

On the liturgical calendar, there are a number of important days. The Feast of St. John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, the patron saint of parish priests is August 4. Since the KCs are also patrons of priests, the day is a good day for Knights to remember. Because the Transfiguration of the Lord falls on a Sunday, you will hear about the Transfiguration at Mass on Sunday, August 6. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, falls on a Tuesday and therefore remains a holy day of obligation. There will be multiple opportunities for Mass. The Assumption of Mary is especially important for us who believe in a bodily resurrection from the dead. We will not be angels for eternity. We are not spirits. We are a composite of body & soul. Mary is exemplary for us in her already enjoying the presence of God in heaven, and so we can learn from her religious example as well. I suggest using her Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55 - in your prayer during August. May God bless you.

Fr. Matthew

Grand Knight John Harwell



Greetings my fellow Knights, Spouses, Widows, Family and Friends. First, I want to thank my Brother Knights for their support and confidence in placing me in the position of Grand Knight of Council 802 for the upcoming year. As I mentioned at the Installation of Officers, to follow my Grandfather, James T. Crowe (1913-14, 1923-24) and my Uncle John Crowe (1953-54) as Grand Knight of the oldest KC Council in Mississippi is an honor that I will also cherish and a responsibility that I take on faithfully.

Looking back on July, the one big event we had was the Installation of Officers on July 18th at the KC Hall. About 50 people attended, highlighted by our very own, the new District Deputy for District 4, David Viger PGK, who conducted his very first Installation, which I think was very appropriate. Also, State District Master Jerry Schmuck and his wife Linda were here from Gulfport to install our new Fourth Degree officers for Assembly 1251.

After the Installation's were conducted we enjoyed a delicious meal with meat and potatoes being furnished by the Council and some scrumptious side dishes/desserts provided by our spouses/widows and fellow brother knights. At the head of the THANK YOU list is John Bennett, PGK. John prepared

the meat, which was left over from the Burns Banquet. He also procured and prepared the potatoes with help from Sal Moreno and Howard McCarty. Also, helping set up the Hall were Frank Washington, District Deputy David Viger, PGK, Howard McCarty, and Sal and Liberty Moreno. Serving the food that evening were Roland Stewart, Sal Moreno and Teresa LaBiche. John also purchased our other supplies as needed i.e. water, soft drinks, plastic utensils etc. As per usual, John's wife Nelda had a hand in helping the night be very special with her contributions which are usually behind the scenes but are noted and appreciated by all. The clean up was done by committee and I thank all who helped there and also set out the bags for bingo after we had finished.

August tends to be fairly quiet for the council, but I will mention that as of now, we have a 1st Degree scheduled for 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 15th, provided we have at least one candidate for membership that night. September will find us getting busy once again and I will note a couple of items there to be aware of: Labor Day Picnic on September 3rd, Silver Rose Program on September 10th among other things. Also we are getting closer to the start of construction for the bathrooms and front entrance refurbish. We are awaiting final approvals for the plans and hopefully construction will start by September 1st.

Finally, I would like thank my wife, Bridget, for all of her support and love over the years and now as I start my tenure as Grand Knight. She loves our council and the Brother Knights, spouses, widows and families that are such an integral part of it. Without her, I would in no way be in this position and for that I am very grateful.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia



Don't forget to set your calendar for our Labor Day Picnic which will be held on Sunday, September 3rd, at 6pm in the Pavilion. Please bring a side dish of veggies, salad, or dessert. The Council will provide the meat, which usually consists of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Sausages, and maybe even some Chicken. See you there.

Taupule' (Tau) Iosia
Council Chairman

Church
Sal Moreno



We will not have a 5th Saturday Family dinner for July. A further announcement regarding the 5th Saturday dinner will be forthcoming in a future newsletter. We will, however, lead the Rosary on the 5th Saturday and Sunday this weekend, July 29th & 30th. August seems to be a quiet month as far as Church Programs are concerned. I figured it to be the calm before the storm, because in September we will have a few things going on. I will elaborate more in our forthcoming activities in the next newsletter.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman

Dep Grand Knight
Tyler Oakes



With this being my first article as the newly installed Deputy Grand Knight of our council, I'd like to wish for a prosperous year and give a huge thanks to the men who allowed me to partake in this journey. The installation of officers for our council and assembly on Tuesday the 18th went smoothly, and I believe we have a great group of men with officer positions.

Before the installation, a few knights from our council including myself went down to the School of Columbianism in Hattiesburg on Sunday, the 16th. Although some of the items on the agenda mentioned didn't quite make sense to me yet, I think it was a learning experience and it helped me to be more acquainted with the leadership positions in the State Jurisdiction. More recently, several of us from our council went to the Fourth Degree in Starkville on Saturday, the 22nd, which was an amazing experience where I finally acquired my title as Sir Knight. Definitely a lot of great events have happened, and I look forward to future rewarding experiences. Thanks again to all of the men that make our council as successful as it is!

Tyler Oakes
Deputy Grand Knight

Community
Roland Stewart



Please join us on Thursday, August 24th, at 6:00 pm 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. Thank you to all who help in this most worthy endeavor.

Roland Stewart
Community Chairman

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



June Knight of the Month
Sal Moreno



June Family of the Month
John & Nelda Bennett



Knight of the Quarter
April, May, June
Ed Shamp



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2016-2017
David Viger, GK



Council 802 Family of the Year
2016-2017
Debbie and Darrell Hover



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2016-2017
Frank Polizzi



**Family Director
David Viger, PGK**



Family Programs – As we begin this Fraternal Year, GK John Harwell has accepted my offer to fill our vacant Family Program Director position. I will do my best to build on our Family Programs in the months to come and will propose family oriented events to the Council at our next meeting and hope to have more information on them soon!

Family of the Month – Congratulations to **The Bennett Family** for being selected by the Council as our **June Family of the Month**. **John** and **Nelda** personify all the qualities of a strong and committed Catholic Family! They are cornerstones both in our Council and throughout the Meridian Catholic Community at large.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, PGK

**District Deputy
District Four (4)
David Viger, PGK**



Brothers Knights,

Congratulations to our newly installed Council and Assembly Officers! On behalf of the Officers who retired from their posts, I extend to our worthy successors our warmest congratulations, assurance of continued cooperation, and prayerful wishes for a most successful administration!

I would also like to congratulate **Brothers Tyler Oakes, Chad Lint, Frank Washington and Joe Birzer** for participating in the Patriotic Degree and advancing to Sir Knights!

Fraternal Leader Success Planner – Using this planner is an excellent way to help make good use of your time and focus on your actions. The planner is designed primarily to aid in defining and tracking progress of your goals. It should be used by each council to plan and stay on track with the vision and mission of the Order. It can also be used to measure progress and determine any changes needed to chart a more successful course!

Charitable Program Spotlight: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – If you're thinking about what programs to run this Fraternal Year, why not consider getting more involved with Habitat for Humanity? I believe our Community Program Director; Brother Roland Stewart would welcome all the support he can get! Habitat for Humanity assists with providing affordable houses to needy families by providing them with volunteers and supplies to build or renovate their home. For more information about Habitat and how to get involved, contact Brother Roland!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, PGK



August Birthdays

1st Vinnie Krause & Doug Smith **2nd** Richard Gough, John Johnson, Jr. & Bill Nix

5th Jeff Schoeneck **6th** Tom Zettler, PSD **8th** Tommy Beeman & Russ Loper **11th** Cary Cox, Jr.

12th Mike Holcomb, Andy Polizzi, & Brett Shamp **13th** Jim Vaughn **14th** John Maloney, Jr

16th Vincent Kidd **17th** Ralph Walters **23rd** Carl Schultz **26th** Dr. David Doorenbos & Pete Vining

28th Valeriano (Chino) Suarez **30th** Andrew Freyaldenhoven **31st** Bernd Foerster

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Seminarians Corner
Deacon Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

I was honored this month to assist as deacon and preach at Don Souigny’s memorial mass at St. Patrick. Many of you know that I was very close with Don and looked up to him as a good Catholic man and mentor. I also was able to assist Bishop Kopacz at Father Noonan’s funeral mass this month. I did not know Father Noonan very well, but in such a small diocese it is almost as if you know all the priests very well since stories get swapped all the time.

With the loss of another priest in the diocese I continue to feel convicted about the need for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and of course I know that the KCs are at the forefront of this mission. In our diocese, there are a lot of challenges, like personnel shortages, small, spread out parishes, heavy protestant influence, but these same challenges can be areas for growth and transformation as well. We are shorthanded right now with

priests, and this is an opportunity to spread the word that God *is* calling men to the priesthood. Some parishes struggle to stay afloat, and this is a call to help others in need and call our parishes to good stewardship. We are Catholics in a land that does not have many, and so there are plenty of opportunities to explain the faith to others.

The seminarians will come together for our annual summer gathering in early August, and I will continue to encourage them to spread the word about the priesthood, and I ask all of you to do the same. The best way to promote vocations is to make it known that a vocation to the priesthood is a possibility. Ask someone today if they have thought about religious life, and if they haven’t, ask them to consider it. Again, I know I’m preaching to the choir, but there is always more we can do as we build up the kingdom of God here in the Diocese of Jackson!

Dcn. Nick

Culture of Life
Darrell Hover



Brother Knights

PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI TO ATTEND NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

2017 saw an unprecedented rise in women's marches in the United States, unfortunately advocating a pro-abortion position. These women came from all walks of life, marching in Washington and other major cities because they felt they were victims of injustice.

In contrast, Pro-Lifers have been marching in Washington on January 22nd for 43 years, protesting a true injustice, the killing of innocent, unborn human beings. Unfortunately, Pro-Lifers have never gotten the media attention that these pro-abortion women received.

In 2018, wouldn't it be exciting to see the 44th March for Life stronger than ever? That's why Pro-Life Mississippi is asking you to bring the idea of going to Washington in 2018 to your church, your youth group, Bible study group, etc. PLM plans to take a group to the 2018 March to represent the state of Mississippi. In fact, everyone who took part in our Walk 4 Life this year will have half of their pledges designated to subsidizing this trip to

the 2018 March for Life. If they can't personally attend, they can designate their part of the pledges for someone else's trip.

Please call Pro-Life Mississippi for more information (601-956-8636). By Mary Trepanier, Board Member PLM
God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**4th Degree
Sal Moreno**



Sal Moreno
Faithful Navigator

This is my first newsletter in the 4th Degree corner. As an opener, my congratulations to SK Chad Lint, SK Tyler Oakes, SK Joseph Birzer and SK Frank Washington. They are our newest 4th Degree members who just went through the Exemplification on Saturday, July 22nd in Starkville.



Left to Right

SK Frank Washington, SK Joseph Birzer, State District Master, SK Jerry Schmuck, SK Chad Lint, and SK Tyler Oakes

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights:

As of July 24, 2017, there have been 70 “In Line of Duty Deaths” of Police Officers (66 Males, 4 Females) – 26 due to gunfire. Please pause for a moment of silent prayer in honor of these Officers (Human Beings) who devoted their lives to protect and serve the people of their communities... Amen. Thank you.

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of July:

Formation/Knighthood Degrees (2nd & 3rd Degrees) – Sunday, August 6th, 10:00 am & 12:30 pm; Council 1244, Biloxi

Admissions (1st Degree) – Tuesday, August 15th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian

I had the pleasure of attending the School of Columbianism on Sunday, July 16th – very good event. The following are highlights of what I jotted down related to Membership:

- Membership Incentives – Any member recruiting 3 new members between now and January 15th will receive \$25
- Form 100 must be filled out correctly before submission
- If you do not know date of a previous degree, it will be populated later
- Transfers and returning members have to be voted into/back into the council
- Invite potential new members to help with programs you are doing, this may help them decide to apply for membership
- Hold the Exemplification in less than two weeks
- “Knights Change Lives and Save Lives”

“Membership is truly a team effort!” Keep up the good work!

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Chairman

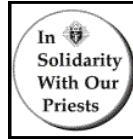


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Please continue to pray for vocations.

We need more priests



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<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Feast of the Assumption</p>  <p>1st Degree 6:30pm if applicant present</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>EMSH Visitation</u> <u>6:00 pm</u></p> <p>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><u>September Newsletter Deadline</u></p>
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