



August 2016



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**June Knight of the Month
Frank Sharp**

**June Family of the Month
The Christy and Joe Price Family**

**Knight of the Quarter
April, May & June
Frank Sharp**

**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 (Sal) Moreno**





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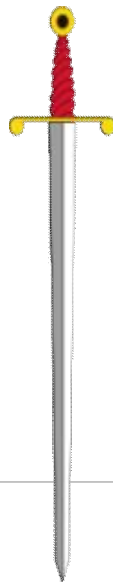
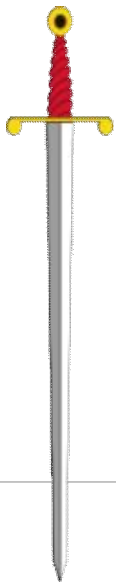
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Grand Knight Dave Viger



Brother Knights,

July was another productive month for us! We set aside an evening to recognize several folks who helped to make (keep) our Council active and successful throughout the last Fraternal Year. We led the Rosary prior to Masses during the 5th Sunday weekend and we celebrated an evening with the Catholic Community on our 5th Saturday meal at the Family Life Center and much, much more! Thanks to all who put forth the “sweat” to make these events successful!

Congratulations to Brother Frank Sharp for his selection as Knight of the Month and Knight of the Quarter and, to Brother Joe Price and his family for their selection as Family of the Month!

I've been hearing lots of positive feedback on the new tables and the layout in the meeting room portion of the hall. I'm happy to hear most of you like it – a lot! We should be getting a quote soon for some additional remodeling, primarily to put cedar or cypress paneling on the walls. Once we get the quotes, we will bring a motion to the floor for a vote to see whether or not we will proceed...hopefully we will!

Thank you again and may God Bless you, your families and our country!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger, GK



Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons



As one looks at the August calendar of the Catholic Church, what stands out is the Assumption. This year, the Assumption falls on a Monday; therefore in the United States, it is not a day of obligation. The Assumption was only declared a dogma of the Church sixty-five years ago, but the tradition of the Assumption is much older. Scripture does not explicitly say that, at the end of her life, Mary was assumed bodily into heaven. Belief in the Assumption has long been celebrated in the liturgy and piety of the Church. This belief flows from the older dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Sin results in death and corruption of the body. The Church teaches that Mary was preserved from sin. The psalmist (traditionally, David) wrote, “[Y]ou will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your devout one see decay.” As a result of Mary’s docility to the grace of God, she was spared corruption. Her reward is seen as a foreshadowing of what awaits those who are Christians. We will enjoy a bodily resurrection. We are not, and we will never be angels.

One is not obligated to attend the Mass on August 15 this year in the United States. Still, there will be Mass on that day. In the world in which we live, the connection between body and soul is misunderstood. The church has taught that the soul is the form of the body. One’s actions in the body also have an impact on one’s soul. So, our actions have an eternal importance. The consequences of those actions are preserved in our bodies. Jesus’ scars remained with Him in His risen body. During this month of August, we ask God to help us to bear witness to the dignity of the human body. You might add a decade of the Rosary each day of this month. Meditate on the Assumption; and pray that Mary will help us put our values into action. Also, just because it’s not an obligation day this year, that does not mean it’s not important to attend the Mass of the Assumption.

Fr. Matthew

Please continue to pray for vocations.

We need more priests



Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to Joe Price and his family for being selected as the "Family of the Month " for our council. You all know that Joe and his family are deeply rooted in the Boy Scouts of America, wherever Joe goes so goes the Boy Scouts of troop 7. Again, congratulations to Joe and his family.

Once again I'm seeing hesitations when it comes to selecting a Family of the Month, there should be no hesitations, you should have done your home work. Did you ask our pastor if he had any one in mind that could qualify as a Family of the Month? Did you research the ladies church organizations and ask them for a candidate for you to propose. I am seeing a repetition of the same families being proposed over and over again.

Remember the families don't have to be associated with a member of the Knights of Columbus to be nominated as a FOM. They will be recognized by the council. The down side to this is that their names will not be sent to Supreme for the family of the month drawing,

On June, 24th we had our first family get together picnic, it was a huge success, we had approximately 75 members and guests attend this outing. We served fried chicken legs and breasts. We also had our exquisite sausage cooked on the grill by master chefs John Bennett and Frank Sharp. We also served hot dogs and an array of delightful desserts. if you missed this one there will be another cook out in September at the Labor Day Picnic.

Our next Family outing will be on September 30th at the KC Hall picnic area. So let's see if we can't come up with some new families for the FOM program.

Bob Leo
Family Director



Bingo Bob Leo



First let me thank brothers Frank Polizzi and Roland Stewart for allowing me to relax for three glorious weeks camping. Frank and Roland did a wonderful job covering for me while I was on vacation. Many thanks to both of them.

In trying to bring our bingo program into the 21st century, we have updated our security system. We installed another monitor at the front desk where the security guard is stationed. This new monitor will enable the security guard to observe the parking lot from the front desk.

You have probably noticed by now that we are issuing our customers a ticket. These tickets are to insure that the customer has purchased an admission pack at the front window. There have been complaints that some customers are coming in late when the front window is closed and purchasing packs from the back window without having an admission pack.

When the worker on the floor gets a bingo, he should be looking for this ticket that should be displayed by the customer. This is just another step to see that our customers are treated fairly. Thank you to all of you, for all of your hard work that makes our bingo program the successful program that it has become.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DSK



WOW!!!! That's the best word I can use to describe the Steubenville Youth Conference. It was a fantastic spiritual weekend with over 3000 youth from all over the south. We had Mass and Adoration every day, along with Reconciliation, lectures, discussions, and a great time. Lectures topics were "How to live the life the Holy Spirit is guiding you towards", "Sex, love, and understand", "How to be a Catholic Gentleman", "How to be a Catholic Lady", "Want to know more about being Catholic", and "Knowing more about the Holy Spirit". All topics were fantastic. Our favorite speakers included Fr. Leo Patalingug (from the Catholic Channel and Cooking Network) and Bob Rice from Franciscan University.

I included my favorite picture from this event. Let me explain what you are witnessing in this picture: this is the line for Reconciliation. What's the big deal you say? Well this long line is filled with youth all giving up their lunch time in order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How great is that? We all had a great time and appreciate your support and prayers. We finished off the trip with a white water rafting day. What a blast!

Our next event will be a back to school game night. I don't have a set date yet, but watch the bulletin for information. I was looking for a volunteer to take on the Soccer Challenge at our meeting and Trey Grissett stepped up and volunteered. Thanks, Trey! We haven't done this event in many years and thanks to Trey we can start up this event which is one of the events that Supreme wants every council to complete. If you would like to help out please contact Trey or me.

David Klutz
Acting Youth Chairman



Seminarians Corner
Nick Adam

Brother Knights,

My time at St. Dominic's will be complete at the end of July, and it has been a very challenging and fruitful learning experience. Hospital ministry is an incredible vocation and one that I have even more respect for after spending two months as a full-time chaplain. The biggest lesson that I learned is that I have to keep my prayer life up even when I am very busy and have lots of patients to visit. Having the trust that I will get my work done while still being able to pray like I need to will be extremely important in my priesthood, and so I got some good trust-practice this summer! I am extremely thankful for the wonderful pastoral staff at St. Dominic's as well as the administrators who welcomed me and made me feel like a part of the team from day one.

Now I turn my attention to my seminary duties as I look at the beginning of my fifth year of seminary and my third year of theology. The 3rd Theology class is really the "senior" class at Notre Dame since the 4th Year Deacons don't return to campus until later in the semester. I have been working on seminarian convocation for our Jackson seminarians and we will all gather in Chatawa August 8-10 for a short retreat before returning to the seminary. Please keep this event in your prayers. Our theme is taken from Jesus walking on the water in Matthew's Gospel: "Take courage, it is I." I am very hopeful that this can be a "team-building" event and a great springboard into the new school year for us all. Thank you for your continued prayers, and thank you for welcoming Andrew Bowden this summer as a visiting seminarian, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

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- Nick



Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz



It's been a busy month as your Deputy Grand Knight. We had a fantastic Installation of Officers on July 12th. Thank you for trusting me to be your DGK for another year. On July 17th I attended the School of Columbianism. Here are a couple of the key notes from that event:

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven. These numbers are because of all of your hard work. We are also tasked with a couple of new programs that will help our council become a major force in building the Domestic Church. Some of the new programs are a Family Reconciliation Service (Church), Council Retreat Day (Council), Blue Mass (Community), Family Corporate Communion (Family), Connect Catholic College Student to School (Youth), and Ultrasound Initiative (Pro Life). I need these program chairman to get with me so we can add these to our calendar and get funding for these projects. For more information on the Domestic Church go to the website at www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch. Also announced is this year's State Convention will be held in Tupelo, April 28-30.

Then I had to run the July 19th meeting since our Grand Knight was on vacation. Hope he had a good time. Thanks for all the support during this meeting. Speaking of meetings.....I know they aren't the most exciting thing to attend, but thanks to our loyal members who always attend. If you don't attend, please think about attending at least one this year. We need your input to improve our council. Our meetings are where we make our plans and spend our money. So let us know what is important to you.

Finally, I finished off the month participating in the webinar with Supreme Council July 23rd. They had a lot of great ideas and I will get with program directors about some of the things discussed.

One last note: Did you know that the Knights of Columbus license plate costs only \$32 more and that \$24 of that goes to priest education and retirement. Think about changing out your license plate this year.

David Klutz, DGK

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Extra from
Deputy Grand Knight
Dave Klutz



Following a week of violence across the United States, the Knights of Columbus called for a novena of prayer to heal the wounds and divisions afflicting this country. The novena was nine days from July 14-22.

Although the days have passed we are still experiencing violence, so if you didn't get a chance to do the novena pick a day and start. If you did the novena, you can do it again. Start by praying St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

“The violent episodes of the past week have shocked the conscience of our country,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Through this prayer, each of us has the opportunity to help transcend hatred and violence by personally committing to the concepts of love of neighbor, peace and forgiveness that are central to an authentic embrace of Christianity. It is our hope that, from coast to coast, those who pray this prayer will become true instruments of peace.”

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore also urged people to join this prayer campaign: “During this Year of Mercy, let us pray for an end to violence and senseless killings,” he said. “Through our prayers and good works, may we help build a society that is merciful, just and peaceful.”

Dave Klutz, DGK



Church
Sal Moreno



GREETINGS !

June and July have been my busiest months so far this year. I've been so busy that I missed a write up for the July newsletter. The Weekend of July 30th and 31st is our 5th weekend Rosary and Family Night supper. I will need help in setting up the Family Life Center on Friday morning (07/29) at 10:30. Then again on Saturday (7/30) at around 6:00 (After Mass) to help serve and cleanup afterwards. If you can, we ask that you bring a dessert. I will talk about how it turned out during our business meeting on Tuesday.

I finally mailed our gift certificates to our young boys and girls who are serving as Altar servers. There were a total of 45 altogether.

The month of August is going to be a quiet one for a change. As far as I can tell, there is no church activity during the month. Could it be the calm before the storm? It could very well be, because we will have a few things going on for the next couple of months.

Till next time. Thanks, we will see you there.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman



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

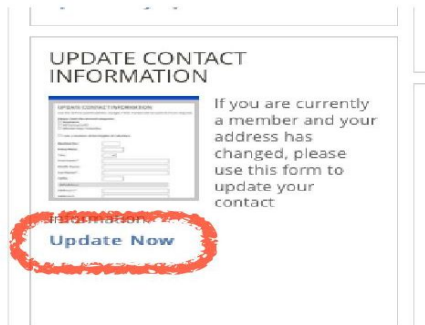


A reminder from your Financial Secretary...

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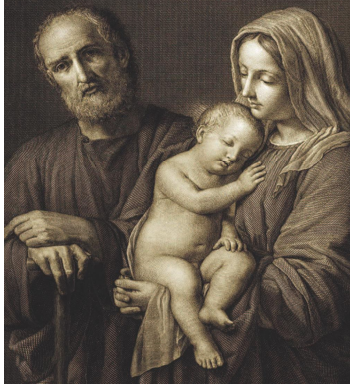
Community
Roland Stewart



Our next EMSH visitation is set for August 25th at 6:10 pm. Please come if you can. Thanks to all those who help each month.

Roland Stewart, Chairman

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Building the Domestic Church

The Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is the first and primary place where we experience and are formed in our Catholic faith. With this in mind, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parent and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith.

In order to assist families in performing their important mission of evangelization, the local Meridian Council #802 of The Knights of Columbus will provide a monthly theme and meditation designed to support each family in the sacramental life of the parish. With this month's bulletin insert, we "kick-off" the year long initiative with an introduction from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson entitled *The Family Fully Alive*.

and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."⁶

In this way the witness of husband and wife within the daily life of the family can guard, reveal and communicate love as they make their own the gifts of marriage — unity, indissolubility, faithfulness and openness to new life.

A recent Vatican document on the role and mission of the family has stated, "the family needs to be re-discovered as the essential agent in the work of evangelization."⁷ It also pointed to the necessity to better understand the "missionary dimension of the family as a domestic church."⁸

These observations echo those of St. John Paul II who said in 1979 during his meeting with the Latin American bishops that "in the future, evangelization will depend largely on the domestic church."⁹

Clearly, the role of the family in the work of evangelization is not primarily a matter of programs, projects or strategies. These all have their place, but they are secondary. Their place is to be at the service of what is essential: the love between a husband and wife which, sanctified through the love of Christ, radiates to each member of their family.

The family as "domestic church" as a place of encounter with Christ within the community of a particular Christian family — a place where each member of the family has an important role.

In other words, the "mission" of the family in the task of evangelization is to be what it is called to be — that is, to live its daily life as a Christian family or as St. John Paul II said so often, "Families become what you are!"¹⁰

The family's mission to "guard, reveal and communicate love" — like the parish community — does not exist in an ideal place. The truth and beauty of the family remains to be communicated to every Christian family, even those that are fragile, wounded or broken. These families too may read the words of St. Paul with confidence: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom 8:35) And they may find in that confidence a path of hope and healing.

During his visit to the Philippines, Pope Francis cited the need for "holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God's plan and to be an example for other families."¹¹ Building the Domestic Church is one concrete way that the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can offer "holy and loving families" for the Church's mission of evangelization in our time.


Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Family Fully Alive

In founding the Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

His family was a living example of what the Second Vatican Council later taught, that each man, woman and child is called to holiness through proclaiming the Gospel and communicating the divine gift of love through the activities of their daily lives.

When Christian families respond in this way to the design of the Creator, they become a "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church."¹

Since the Second Vatican Council, and especially during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, it has become clear that the family is "the way of the Church."² In one sense this obviously means that the family is the object of the Church's evangelization efforts.

But the Christian family too has its own indispensable mission. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Familiaris Consortio*, "The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love."³ This mission is at the heart of the "community of life and love"⁴ that begins with the married couple in the sacrament of matrimony.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter ... It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh leads to forming one heart and soul."⁵ In other words, sacramental marriage involves not just an agreement between the spouses but a radical transformation of the spouses.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Deus Caritas Est*, "marriage based on an exclusive

A Family Prayer

Composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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Msgr. John J. Burns Council #802

Meridian, Mississippi

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Fourth Degree John Harwell, FN



Well, we are in the dog days of summer (according to the Farmer's Almanac). They run from July 3rd to August 11th. The lore behind this is that during this time, the star "Sirius" aka the "Dog Star", the brightest star visible from Earth, other than the Sun generally rises and sets with the Sun. It is also in the same region as the Sun at this time. The ancient Romans believed that it gave off heat and added warmth to the Sun and that was why the temperature was so warm during this time. Specifically, on July 23rd, they both rise and set at the same time, so the twenty days before and after this date became referred to as *diēs caniculārēs* or dog days.

Now that I have regaled with you some important history, on to the report. We had a couple of significant events during the month and they are detailed below.

First, on July 4th, we gathered at St. Patrick Cemetery for our Knights of Columbus Assembly 1251 annual Independence Day Flag ceremony. A record twenty-eight people attended (at least that is the highest during my time as Faithful Navigator). Special thanks to our GK David Viger, Sr. and DGK Dave Klutz for posting the colors. As the flag was being raised we listened to the US Marine Corp Band's version of the National Anthem. We then followed that with the Pledge of Allegiance. Finally, I read the entire Declaration of Independence aloud to the group. Given the times we are in, I felt it was important for all of us to hear those words, ponder on them and let them sink into our hearts once again. Despite the problems our country faces across a broad range of issues, the United States of America is still the best place to be in this world.

The following were in attendance: Dave Klutz, Sandy Klutz, Cassy Klutz, Rick Norman, Sal Moreno, Liberty Moreno, Sister Soccorro (Liberty's sister), Richard and Virginia Moody, Tom Zettler PSD, Trey Grissett, Dewayne and Doris Klutz, Joanne Marzi (cousin of the Klutzes), David and Adrian Viger, Patrick Perry, Teresa LaBiche, Howard McCarty, Gloria McCarty, Randy Routt, Bob Connor, Roland Stewart, John Bennett PGK, Nelda Bennett, Suzanne Blier, and my Sweetheart Bridget Harwell.

Second, on Tuesday, July 12th, we had our Installation of Officers for the 4th Degree. As it was the last official duty in Meridian for our State Master Bill O'Connor, our assembly presented him with a "Thank You" card and gratuity for his service over the last 4 years. He and his wife Carolyn have made numerous trips to Meridian and we have always enjoyed their company in our midst. He has and I know will continue to be a great friend to our Assembly. Thank you Bill for a job well done. The New State Master will be named in August and will start his duties on September 1st. I would also be remiss if I did not add kudos to John Bennett and the KC Kitchen Krewe along with those whose brought side dishes, deserts, salads etc. for the meal we enjoyed prior to the Installations. It was delicious.

We keep in our prayers, Johnny Huntley, who started a six month overseas deployment in the Middle East. We also keep in our prayers any Sir Knight, Brother Knight or family member/friend serving in the armed forces at this time. For a number of years we have closed our 4th Degree meetings with the Rosary, specifically invoking our Lady's protection, for those serving in the Armed Forces. Starting with our recent July meeting we are adding our Law Enforcement personnel to that prayer as well. August is generally a quiet month for the Assembly so I hope you all will continue to have a good summer.

Faithful Navigator
John Harwell 1 COR 12 4-7

Membership Addition David Stephens


The Following information pertains to the Membership contest sponsored by the State Council

State Membership Contest

Council Incentive 1

Steak Dinner, Cooked and Served by the State Officers

- Steaks Paid for by State Council




State Membership Contest

Council Incentive 2

Hamburger Dinner, Cooked and Served by the State Officers


- Hamburgers Paid for by State Council



Top Recruiter Contest

Member Incentive


- Monthly Cash Prize
 - First Place \$100
 - Second Place \$65
- Eligibility: Must be at least a First Degree Knight in good standing and must recruit at least 3 new members or reinstated members in a calendar month.
- No drawings for ties - cash prizes will be split.



State Membership Contest

Council Incentive 1


- Make these Star Council metrics by December 31, 2016
 - Membership Quota
 - Insurance Quota
 - 185 through Member Management Submitted
 - 365 through Member Management Submitted
 - 1295-1 - Jan 1 to June 30 Semi Annual Submitted
 - State Directory must be updated
 - Must maintain all metrics through June 30th 2017
 - Current with all Supreme and State Council Assessments
 - Submitted reports have to be submitted to Supreme, Salsport and DD.



State Membership Contest

Council Incentive 2


- Make these Star Council metrics by December 31, 2016
 - Membership Quota
 - 185 through Member Management Submitted
 - 365 through Member Management Submitted
 - 1295-1 - Jan 1 to June 30 Semi Annual Submitted
 - State Directory must be updated
 - Must maintain all metrics through June 30th 2017
 - Current with all Supreme and State Council Assessments
 - Submitted reports have to be submitted to Supreme, Salsport and DD.



Top Recruiter Contest

Membership Eligibility

- First Degree Knight in good standing and must recruit at least 3 new members or reinstated members in a calendar month.
- Verification of recruitment: The FS must submit form 100 to
- Supreme Membership at membership@kofc.org
- State Membership Director at membership@kofc-ns.org
 - Field Agent
 - The MPC will send a monthly report of recruiters for each month to SMD.
 - The SMD will verify that Supreme has received form 100 in the month specified to be counted as a new member for that given month.
- If no one proposer recruits 3 or more members in a one-month period, then the money is carried over to the next month and added to the pot.



Council
Tau Iosia



Don't forget to set your calendar for our Labor Day Picnic which will be held on Sunday, September 4th, 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 Sausage, and maybe even some Chicken. See you there.



Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights:

As of July 19, 2016, there have been 69 "Line of Duty Deaths" of Police Officers – 32 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 August:

Admissions (1st Degree) – Tuesday, August 16th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian
Knighthood (3rd Degree) – Thursday, August 11th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; St. Richard, Jackson
4th Degree – Saturday, August 13th: 12:30-2:30 p.m. – Registration and light lunch; 2:30 – Exemplification; 5:30 – Mass;
6:30 – Reception for Members, Candidates, Spouses and Guests; 7:00 Banquet; St. Francis of Assisi, Madison

I had the pleasure of attending the School of Columbianism on Sunday, July 17th – very good event. The following are highlights of what I jotted down relating to Membership:

Membership Goal for 2016 is 365 (current membership 350)
Districts are asked to recruit three (3) members per month
Applicants as young as 17 ½ years old can join the KC's – provided they become a member of our insurance program.
New 2nd Degree Exemplification coming out – DD's should have the new books
Brother Sal Moreno was the winner of the drawing from the group of Star Recruits. Registration fees, Room and Meals are to be paid for him and his wife, Liberty, to attend next year's State Convention.

In an effort to help boost the excitement and interest in reaching the 365 Membership Goal for 2016, the State has put a couple of incentives on the table for the Councils (State Membership Contest – Council Incentives 1 and 2), and there is a new incentive for individual members (Top Recruiter Contest). See Handout below (or see attachment) for details of the contests:

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

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,
David T. Stephens,
Membership Director



Special from
John Bennett, PGK



Tuesday, July 12th, the Installation of Officers pot luck event took place at the KC Hall per the request of Grand Knight, David Viger. I accepted the task of feeding an unknown number of guests. I want to thank three Brother Knights who volunteered (i.e., not asked) to assist in this task. They were Ken Napierkowski, Ed Shamp, and Frank Sharp. I was so pleased with their total effort. All of these men left their ego's at the front door and proceeded to help as requested. We fed over fifty guests and members. Nobody left hungry. I was impressed with the folks understanding the term "pot luck". It helps. Thanks to all. You know who you are.

John Bennett PGK



Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

This past month the republican and democratic political parties held their respective conventions marking the start of the final phase of the election of our next president. It is not my policy for this publication to endorse or oppose any specific candidate. I do hope that you will learn and study as much as you can about the candidates and hope you will vote for the one you feel will return this country to a positive culture of life. A leader that is PRO-LIFE.

This is not just about the election of a president. The entire House of Representatives and one-third of the U.S. Senate are also on the ballot. Listen carefully to the candidates for every elected position regardless of their party affiliation.

That being said, the American Life League (ALL) report to you that a major political party has put the defunding of Planned Parenthood, by name, in its party platform. It reads: "We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare."

Equally important, on June 27th, the United States Supreme Court handed down its pro-abortion ruling and the pro-death groups across the country celebrated. What have these people become that they celebrate the destruction of the unborn child? The Court basically struck down two provisions in a Texas law because, in its words, the pro-life restrictions created an "undue burden on abortion access." The next President will be the one who appoints the next judge to the Supreme Court.

Sadly, this past month, more mass shootings, more division, more terrorist attacks, and more hatred has been seen throughout the world. Pray for our country. We must place our trust and faith in the ONE who gave HIS LIFE so that we can be saved from an eternal death. Thank you Jesus.

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

Darrell, Pro-Life
IN GOD WE TRUST"



August Birthdays



1st Garrett V (Vinnie) Krause & Doug Smith **2nd** Richard Gough, John O. Johnson, Jr & Bill Nix

5th Paul (Jeff) Schoeneck **6th** Tom Zettler (PSD) **8th** Tommy Beeman & Russ Loper **11th** Cary Cox

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

15th Jimmy Files **16th** Vincent Kidd **17th** Ralph Walters **23rd** Carl Schultz **26th** Dr. David Doorenbos & Pete Vining

27th Don Snowden **28th** Valeriano (Chino) Suarez **30th** Andrew Freyaldenhoven, Sr. **31st** Bernd Foerster



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



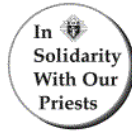


August 2016



Please continue to pray for vocations.

We need more priests



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1</p> <p><i>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 13</i></p>	 <p>2</p> <p><i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i></p>	 <p>3</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>4</p> <p><i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Seminarian Retreat in Chatawa August 8th through the 10th</i></p>	 <p>9</p> <p><i>Retreat Continues</i></p> <p><i>No Meeting Tonight</i></p>	 <p>10</p> <p><i>Retreat Ends</i></p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>11</p> <p><i>3rd Degree Exemplification St. Richard 6:30-8:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i></p> <p><i>KC Responsibility</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>4th Degree Exemplification St Francis Madison 12:30-2:30 PM</i></p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Mass for the Assumption of Mary (Time and Location to be determined later)</i></p>	 <p>16</p> <p><i>1st Degree Exemplification if Candidate(s)</i></p> <p><i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i></p>	 <p>17</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>18</p> <p><i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	 <p>23</p> <p><i>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</i></p>	 <p>24</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>25</p> <p><i>EMSH Visitation 6:10 pm</i></p> <p><i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Corporate Communion St Patrick 5pm Mass</i></p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>No Meeting Tonight</i></p>	 <p>31</p> <p><i>Labor Day Potluck Picnic on Sunday September 4th at the KC Hall pavilion 6pm. Bring a side dish</i></p>	 <p><i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i></p>	<p><i>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime</i></p>	