



*August 2015*



**Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**June Knight of the Month  
Ed Shamp**



**June Family of the Month  
PJ and Betty Carter**

**Knight of the Quarter  
April, May & June  
PJ Carter, PGK**

**Council 802 Knight of the Year 2015  
John Kasper, PGK**

**Council 802 Family of the Year 2015  
Bob & Rosalie Leo**



**Assembly 1251 and State  
Sir Knight of the Year 2015  
David Viger**





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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, I consider it a true honor and privilege to serve as Grand Knight for Council 802! I follow in the footsteps of many men who proudly led our Council in the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. With your help, I will strive to continue to follow their legacy of good will.

I would like to extend a sincere and well-deserved “Thank you!” to our Past Grand Knight, PJ Carter and his wife Betty for all they have done for our council during the past three years while he served as our Grand Knight. PJ provided an excellent example of a man whose life is grounded on our founding principles. His selection as our June Knight of the Month and Knight of the Quarter coupled with Betty and him being recognized as our June Family of the Month is very well deserved!

As we begin this year, I ask each of you to take a moment and reflect on the time when you made your First Degree. For some, it has been only a matter of months and for others, it has been over 50 years. But for each of us, there was something that attracted us to the Knights and made us want to be a Knight. Perhaps it was to grow closer to the Church, maybe it was to give back to the community in the form of charity and good works or, maybe it was the fellowship we enjoy by associating with a group of “like-minded” men and their families. Whatever it was that made you want to join the Knights, we are definitely glad you are a part of our family. As we begin the new fraternal year, I challenge each of you, along with myself, to revisit those reasons for joining and rededicate ourselves as Knights. If there are activities you want to get involved in, contact the person heading up that activity. If there is something you would like to see the Knights do, bring it to my attention and we will do our best to make your plans happen. We have one of the most active councils in the State of Mississippi and we should strive even higher.

My vision and goal for this fraternal year is to **INSPIRE MEMBERSHIP** through:

*Energized programs and activities,  
Institution of an orientation program for new members,  
Increased opportunities for members to share information and learn more about our faith and our Order,  
Resurrection of a formal Ladies Auxiliary, and  
A more visible presence within our church and our community*

Working together on these five areas, I believe we can and will be more successful in all the good that we do!

On behalf of the Officers for this Fraternal Year, we hope you will continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 the **BEST** in the State and we look forward to a busy, but fun year working with each of you.

Dave Viger  
Grand Knight

### August Birthdays



**1st** Vinny 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** James Vaughn **14th** John Maloney, Jr.

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

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



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## Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz

First, thanks to everyone who entrusted me with the responsibilities of the Deputy Grand Knight. I feel so under qualified to act in such an important position. I just want everyone to know that I am here to help all directors. Our program directors are the driving force for all of our activities. One of the things I would like to do is get us more publicity for our projects out in town. This isn't to draw attention to us so we get credit for what we do. It is designed to show our Catholic community what we do so we can get more involvement from everyone, and then we will have more people to do even more.

Knights are perfectly positioned to take the lead to encourage and promote that action. Our council has the numbers, the organization, and the communication ability to get involved in spreading the Word throughout the Christian community. This is what Pope Francis has called all Catholics to do. We need to be the leaders in this. Knights of Columbus programs should help members practice their faith in the fields of charity, devotion, and education. Remember each of us should be a constant and worthy example of an ideal Catholic for his family, his community and his brother Knights.

I would like to use this space each month to highlight an event, a person, or something that is going on with other Knights throughout the world. Please stop me if you need help or have a great idea. Thanks again for all your support.

Dave Klutz  
Deputy Grand Knight

### Special from Dave Klutz, DGK



#### ***Knights of Columbus Sets Record for Charity and Service in 2014***

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The number of service hours rose more than a million hours over the previous year's total. Donations grew by more than \$3.4 million since 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year. (Did you know that our council gave over \$50,000 to charitable organizations last year).

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knight of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million to this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance in Iraq and the surrounding region.

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Byzantine and Latin Rite Catholic communities of war-torn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014. Council 802 supported our local community with Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Hospital Visits, Prison Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Iron Wheels, Pro Life, and many, many more in addition to the cash donations mentioned above.

Dave Klutz, DGK



## Bingo Bob Leo



I would like to thank all those Brother Knights that jumped in to help out when other members were away on vacation; Brothers Frank Polizzi, John Harwell, PJ Carter, Howard McCarty, & Tom Zettler. Thank you one and all you did a great job either coming in early or staying late, or just covering the whole shift. One person I keep forgetting to thank is Roland Stewart. Now Roland wears two hats. He also does the popcorn. Roland comes in a little earlier just to make the popcorn that we all enjoy. So thank you, Roland.

There are a lot of new faces out there on the floor playing Bingo. We were hit for another \$3000 jackpot this month, and I believe that is what is bringing new customers to our bingo. That in addition to the fact that we're the only game in town, and we serve the best food. Speaking of food, we have a policy that no outside food or drinks are permitted in the bingo hall during the bingo session. You wouldn't bring a hamburger to Mac Donald's and use their Ketchup. While you are out walking the floor if you see this happening please ask them to take the food or drink outside.

School will be starting up soon and we will probably see a drop in our attendance for a couple of weeks. With the cost of school clothes and school supplies, parents don't have the extra funds for playing bingo. So, if there is a drop it's not something to get alarmed about.

Hey!! you proposers out there, where are the new candidates that you brought into the Knights. I don't see them at Bingo, I don't see them at meetings. I wonder where they are, they're probably like my wife's purse, I call it the Bermuda Triangle, because whatever goes in you never see again. Let's give them a call and see if they will come out and join their brother knights for a night at bingo. We old guys can sure use a break.

Bob Leo, Manager



## Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the P.J. Carter Family, for being chosen as our Family of the Month for June. PJ and his lovely wife, Betty, spend a lot of hours doing work for the church and the council. PJ and Betty have the hard task of raising and supporting their three grandchildren. Besides all the work they do for the church, PJ has the difficult task of maintaining the schedule for the various ministries in the church. Again congratulations to PJ and Betty.

A couple of dates to remember in the Month of August. The first is Tuesday, August 11th. On this day the Knights of Columbus are inviting families of the Knights, Council 802 and the families of the Catholic Community, to a Little League Baseball game, to be played at the Phil Hardin ball park. The Knights will pay for all soft drinks and hot dogs bought at the concession stand. The game starts at 6:30 P.M. This event is to celebrate "Family Week". Please come out and join in on the fun.

The next date to remember is Friday, August 28th. On this date, the knights will be hosting their monthly outing, to be held in the Knights of Columbus picnic area out back. All members and their families are invited to attend, and also any potential members who want to come out and see what we're all about. As always, the Council will provide the meat and drinks, but feel free to bring a favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. So come on out and join in on the fun.

Since I have been appointed as the State Family Director, I have decided to accept "Family of the Month" reports for families that ARE NOT associated with a member of the Knights of Columbus. The only downside to this is that the family will not be eligible for Supreme's drawing for the Family of the Month Plaque. This is not to say that the local councils can't honor them with a certificate, or a plaque of their own.

I am sure that in our own Catholic Community, there are plenty of families who are deserving of this award. The council will still be given credit for submitting a report, for the 100% participation in the program.

Bob Leo  
Family Director

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Seminarians Corner  
Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

I have completed the two month Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Nebraska. To describe this as a great experience would be to underestimate the abundant graces that I received from the Lord through this program.

I'd like to share with you a part of a talk I gave to some IPF supporters at the end of my time in Omaha. I was speaking about my experience of my mother's death and how IPF helped me to heal and grow from that experience.

*We all have our share of tragedy, and as faithful Catholics I know how much you depend on your priests to give you faith and hope during times of trial. In these moments, what kind of priest do you want to show up? The men in the seminary with me have stories much like my own, just like all of us they have pasts that need healing, and if they don't get healed in the seminary, then instead of getting a spiritual physician at your door, you may get a wounded man who has not allowed God's healing love into his life and therefore can't bring it into your life.*

*What kind of priest do you want? This is important because there is a choice here. IPF has given me great confidence that one day I will be the type of priest that the Church deserves, the type of priest that each of you deserve. I believe in IPF, the men that come here leave forever changed, they become beacons of God's love and a source of great comfort to all that they encounter. That's what God asks us to do as priests, and that is what we learn to do here, good priests don't grow on trees, but they do grow at IPF.*

I can't wait to see all of you soon before I go back to New Orleans, God Bless.

Nick



Associate Pastor  
Fr. Jose' de Jesus Sanchez



Dear friends,

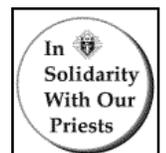
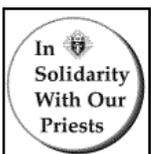
After a short time on vacation, I am glad to be back in Meridian. While I was in Mexico, my pastor allowed me to celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in my hometown. I was surprised that a lot of people attended Mass not only during the weekends, but also during the weekdays. I also had the opportunity to baptize three of my nephews, and I am the godfather of one of them. The next day after the baptism my brother in-law's father was missed and his family was looking for him. After five days of seeking him, the police found him drowned in the river. It was hard to believe that he did all of the cooking for my nephews' party. I celebrated his funeral Mass, which was very sad.

Besides celebrating the sacraments, I traveled with my family to Mexico City to visit our Lady of Guadalupe, and while I was in Mass, I prayed for all of you as I always do. Then I went to Morelia to visit different places there, but it started raining day and night to the point that I was unable to leave the room; for this reason, I decided to go back home. During all these days, my family spoiled me a lot with authentic Mexican dishes and as you can tell, I gained some pounds. After this break, I am ready to continue with my pastoral duties in this wonderful Catholic Community of Meridian.

***God bless all of you and your families as well!***

Sincerely,  
Fr. Sanchez

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





## Fourth Degree John Harwell, FN



I would like to begin by thanking my fellow Sir Knights for selecting me again as your Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1251 for the 2015-16 fraternal year. I believe this past year has been fruitful in a number of different areas and I will touch on a few of those below.

First, our Honor Guard participated in numerous events, Celebratory Masses, Funeral services and visitations, etc. Those included the Holy Thursday Gethsemane Watch, Holy Rosary Anniversary, Military Chaplain Bishop Neal Buckon's welcome at NAS Meridian, Father Frank Cosgrove's 50th Anniversary Celebration to name just a few. Special thanks to our Color Corp Commander SK Robert (Bob) Leo PFN for his dedication to making our Honor Guard, in my humble opinion, the finest in Mississippi. Secondary thanks to SK Frank Polizzi PFN who subs in as commander when Bob is not available. I believe we have 18 Sir Knights that serve which I think is outstanding.

Second, we held our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony back in November on the 11th (Veteran's Day). A very appropriate day indeed. The aforementioned Honor Guard participated as well as our Tiger Cubs, Wolf Scouts and Boy Scouts from St. Patrick Church. We also held our flag ceremonies at St. Patrick Cemetery on Independence Day, Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day. Each had good participation from not only Knights and families but from our wider community as well.

Finally, a couple of other highlights, last summer we completed our \$5,000 donation to Supreme for the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund (this was actually completed under our former FN Tom Zettler PSD). I think it is noteworthy that a few months after that, NAS Meridian was graced with the arrival of Chaplain, Father Dan Reardon. It has been some years since the base had a Military Chaplain on Post. I know the two are not connected but I cannot help but think that God bestows his grace upon those that are generous, especially when it is directed towards vocations. Lastly, at the recent State Convention, for the fifth consecutive year and six out of the last seven, our Assembly's Sir Knight of the Year was also the State Sir Knight of the Year. Congratulations to SK David Viger for keeping our streak going!!!!

Now on to our new year which started July 1st. Right out of the gate we had our Independence Day flag ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery on the 4th. The following people were in attendance; Richard Norman, Dewayne Klutz, Michael Miller, Howard McCarty, PJ Carter, Otto and Inez Storr, John and Nelda Bennett, Teresa LaBiche, Roland Stewart and Ashton, Bob Connor, Tiffany Browning, Dave and Sandy Klutz, Kelly and Casandra, Bridget and John Harwell. Special thanks to PJ (Navy) and Dewayne (Army) for raising our nation's colors and to Tiffany for the beautiful rendition of our National Anthem on her flute. Thanks to all who were able to come out.

On July 21st, we had our Installation of Officers at the Hall, piggybacking on Council 802's Installation that same night. Special thanks to our Mississippi District Master Bill O'Connor for conducting our Installation. He and his wife Carolyn have made numerous trips to Meridian over the last several years and we are always glad to welcome them in our midst. Also, thanks to those Knights and family members that contributed food, helped with set-up and/or clean up for the evening. I thought we had a nice turnout and that it was an enjoyable evening for all.

It has been brought to my attention that a 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Madison on Saturday, August 8th. If any of our Third Degree members are interested in attaining their Fourth Degree, please get in touch with me by phone (601) 513-5456 or email ([jdharwell4@comcast.net](mailto:jdharwell4@comcast.net)) prior to August 4th so that we can get you registered. I hope everyone has a great month

John Harwell  
Faithful Navigator  
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## Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

As your newly appointed Membership Director It is a pleasure to serve in this capacity and I thank you for this opportunity. Of course, this is one of those positions where the help and support of all the members is essential to help retain and grow our membership. As David Viger previously stated, "Membership is truly a team effort!"

We have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree initiation scheduled for Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We currently have three applicants scheduled for initiation – Samuel Coleman, Archie McKinley and Patrick Quito. As always, we are still *"in search of"* membership applications – No Applications = No Degree. Seek out those who you believe might be qualified and interested and plant a seed...

Exemplifications in August:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00pm-4:00pm; Southaven, MS.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm-9:30pm; Madison, MS.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am-8:00pm; Olive Branch, MS.

Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights wishing to participate in the Exemplification please contact Faithful Navigator, John Harwell, on or before Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to allow time to make proper arrangements. Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe should also notify John of your intentions.

I cannot close without saying, on behalf of the KC's, thank you, David Viger, for doing a Great job as Membership Director. I'm sure you will do an Outstanding job as Grand Knight. Thank you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens  
Membership Chairman



## Special Entry on Prison Ministry Mike Lundstrom



I am in need of two volunteers to hold religious services at the prison at Lost Gap. Prisoners are a very special group of people to our very Dear Lord along with babies/children, widows, the meek and poor as well as his chosen people. Services are held 2 days a week, on Wednesday and Thursday, both at 2:00 pm. Please do consider volunteering for this extremely rewarding, badly needed, feel good position at the prison. Reply via email please, [rlundstrom@msn.com](mailto:rlundstrom@msn.com) or leave a voice mail at 601 513-2859

Thank You, Be Blessed,  
Be Graced,  
Mike Lundstrom



## Community Roland Stewart



Thanks to all who attended our East Mississippi Hospital visit. We had a great time. Those attending were Frank Polizzi, David Klutz, Sam Coleman, Mike Breedlove, who played the guitar and sang, James Snowden, Vincent Kidd, and myself.

Next Month we Plan to have someone to play music. We have access to a piano, so any volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Contact Roland Stewart for more details 601-917-1787. Our next visit is set for Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Ya'll come join us, ya hear!

Roland Stewart



Pro Life  
Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

"Slain Troops in Chattanooga Saved Lives Before Giving Their Own" / This was one of the headlines in The New York Times on July 22nd, 2015. The article expresses the bravery of law enforcement and our men and women in uniform to save so many lives by distracting the gunman that brought gunfire in their direction instead of the larger crowd. Please keep ALL of our law enforcement, our military and their families in your prayers for the sacrifices they give for our freedom.

Three dead, 7 Injured, after a Shooting at a Theater in Lafayette, Louisiana / Posted: July 23, 2015 by: The Associated Press.

Additional news making headlines has Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal launching a state investigation by Department of Health and Hospitals into the operations of Planned Parenthood, based on reports alleging some of its affiliates are using partial birth abortions to sell fetal body parts. This is alarming to us because the same organization is seeking to open an abortion clinic in New Orleans.

I started listening and watching these posted videos and they were so bad I could not watch more than a couple of minutes. It is so bad; I decided NOT to include any links to these videos within my article. They are actually putting a price on body parts. Averaged out, Planned Parenthood does approximately one abortion every 97 seconds and some of your tax dollars are being funneled to this organization. According to stopp.org, Planned Parenthood has been receiving government funding for decades. In fact, STOPP has data that can be traced back to the 1960s. Their records show that Planned Parenthood has received over \$4.8 BILLION in taxpayer money.

Please take a few minutes to write our congressional leaders insisting that our tax dollars do not go to any organizations of these types. In addition, lifenews.com has asked that you sign a petition asking Congress to investigate Planned Parenthood. See link below.

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/congress-must-investigate-planned-parenthood.html>

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

Darrell, Pro-Life

***I received the following letter from Thad Cochran in answer to my letter to him***

Dear Mr. Hober:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding abortion.

On July 22, 2015, I joined 49 other Senators in writing to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to express our expectation that HHS not only cooperate with Congressional investigations but also undertake its own review of Planned Parenthood's compliance with applicable federal statutes and regulations related to abortion. The footage raises a number of questions about the practices of the organization, and there should be a thorough examination into whether federal laws and policies are being violated. The harvesting of fetal organs for profit is not only repugnant, it is illegal.

I am opposed to any measure that could encourage abortion as a matter of federal law or policy. My voting record continues to earn a 100% score from National Right to Life based on my firm stance on protecting the lives of unborn children. I am a supporter of pro-life legislation restricting federal funds for abortions and banning late-term abortions, including the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015 and the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Should the Senate consider legislation related to Planned Parenthood or abortion, I will keep your thoughts in mind.

Having the benefit of your views is important to me. I appreciate your taking the time to write. Sincerely,

THAD COCHRAN  
United States Senator

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



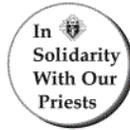


# August 2015



*Please continue to pray for vocations.*

*We need more priests*



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 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on page 3 of this Newsletter	 <b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b>	 Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime					1  3rd Degree Exemplification Southaven 12-4pm
2	3	 4  Business Meeting 7:30pm	 5  Bingo 6pm	 6  Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM	7	8	4th Degree Exemplification in Madison (Check for Times)
9	10	 11 Baseball at Phil Hardin Field 6:30 pm Hot Dogs & Drinks furnished by Council 802	 12  Bingo 6pm	 13 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility	14	15	
16	17	 18 1st Degree Exemplification and Business Meeting 6:30pm	 19  Bingo 6pm	 20 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM	21	22	4th Degree Exemplification in Olive Branch 11:30am to 8:00pm
23	24	 25 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 26  Bingo 6pm	 27 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM <b>EMSH Visitation 6:10 pm</b>	28	29	Family Night Potluck Supper 6:30pm In the Pavillion outside the hall
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