

August 2014



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

June Knight of the Month
Darrell Hover



June Family of the Month
Janet and Greg Stephens

Knight of the Quarter
April, May & June
Pending Vote

Council 802 Knight of the Year 2014
Patrick J (PJ) Carter, GK

Council 802 & State Family of the Year 2014
Pam and George Walston

Assembly 1251 & State
Sir Knight of the Year 2014
Roland Stewart





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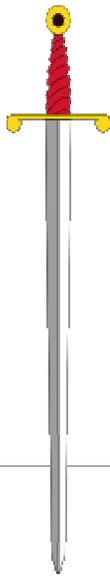
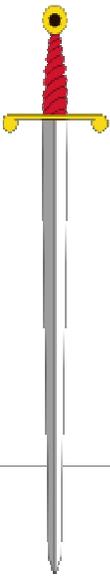
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The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism



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

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Grand Knight
P. J. Carter



Congratulation to Darrell Hover for being chosen as our Knight of the Month for June and Greg and Janet Stephens on being selected Family of the Month.

We are starting a new fraternal year. We really had a good year last year. Lots of new knights and lots of knights getting involved. I hope that continues this year.

We just had a nice family picnic last Friday, July 25th, and we have a big picnic coming up. I hope a lot of knights and their families come out for this. This will be the Labor Day picnic on Sunday, August 31st at 6:30. The council will provide the meat, so please bring a dish of your choice, either savory, salad, or sweet. We will put up the water slide for the kids. Hope to see you there.

P. J. Carter
Grand Knight



Chaplain
Fr. Francis Cosgrove



Brother Knights,

As I have said before, the Knights of Columbus are fortunate to have Carl Anderson as Supreme Knight. I continue to be impressed by his editorials in *Columbia Magazine*. In the July issue, he expands the Vatican Council II description of the Christian family as “the domestic church.”

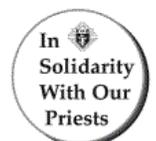
The Pope and 2,500 of the world’s bishops emphasize that every Christian is called to holiness. “And since the family is the primary community in which a person matures, it is clear that the Christian family should be a place in which we are helped to grow in holiness” (*Columbia*, July 2014). Supreme Knight Anderson reminds us that holiness leads to witness and that the work of evangelization is the responsibility of every baptized Christian. We are all called to proclaim the Gospel and the family is the privileged place to start.

Pope Francis reminds us that Christian families “are the domestic church where Jesus grows in the love of a married couple, in the lives of their children.”

In the months ahead, the Knights of Columbus will launch a new initiative called “Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive.” The initiative will help families grow in holiness and become better witnesses to the Gospel. The Knights of Columbus will ask the help of the Holy Family as we strive to be a holier domestic church and believable evangelizers of the Gospel. It looks good.

Fr. Frank

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





Fourth Degree John Harwell, F N



I would like to thank the Assembly for your support and confidence in selecting me to be the Faithful Navigator for the 2014-15 Fraternal year. It is an honor and privilege for me to serve in this capacity. I am following a legend (SK Tom Zettler PSD) so I will do my best to carry forward, sustain and build upon the past deeds of Assembly 1251. With the generous nature of our members, spouses and families that should be very attainable. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and fruitful year.

Now on to my report. First out of the gate, in July, we had our flag raising ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery on July 4th. At 8:00AM or 0800 if you prefer, the following people gathered at the flag pole inside the cemetery grounds; Tom Zettler, John & Nelda Bennett, Dewayne & Doris Klutz, PJ Carter, Roland Stewart, Richard Semmes, David, Sandy, Kelly and Cassandra Klutz, Donna White, Theresa Cutright (retired from the MPD and long time friend of our Catholic Community), my lovely wife Bridget and myself. We were greeted with a beautiful blue sky, bright sunshine and a temperature of about 58 degrees. In my life time, that was coolest, most comfortable July 4th I have ever experienced. Kelly Klutz flanked by her Mom, Sandy and sister, Cassandra sang a beautiful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner". After the flag raising ceremony, several of those in attendance went to the 9AM Mass at St. Joseph. It was a wonderful way to start the Independence Day Holiday. At 5:00PM or 1700, Roland Stewart and I retired the colors. Thank you to all who attended.

On July 8th, we had our Installation of Officers at the Council home. The 4th Degree, as always, piggy backed on the 3rd Degree Installation. Special thanks to State Master Bill O'Connor, who came from Clinton to install our new officers. He and his wife Mary enjoyed our hospitality and the delicious meal that was provided by the members/spouses of Council 802.

On July 23rd, the Knights of Columbus led the Rosary at the Visitation of long time St. Patrick parishioner Pinkie Mitts. She was the Mother of our Brother Knight Billy Mitts. Those of us who knew Ms. Pinkie through the years, knew what a generous, kind person she was during her lifetime. She touched many lives through the Girl Scouts, School and Church. Most of all, she and her family have been great friends to many people in our church and community. She will be missed. Those leading the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary were George Walston, John Harwell, Frank Polizzi, Joshua Maeda and Tom Zettler. As always, it is an honor for us to be asked to lead the Rosary and I have never seen a family that was not appreciative to the Knights for doing so.

Finally, thank you to SK Robert Leo PFN for agreeing to be the Color Corps Commander for our Honor Guard again for the 2014-15 Fraternal Year. Thank you to Bob and those Sir Knights who participate in the Honor Guard. Your presence at various Events/Masses/Visitations etc. adds greatly to those endeavors.

Hope you have a great month,

John Harwell
Faithful Navigator
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Membership
David Viger



Be prepared for a First Degree sometime in August. The date will be forthcoming as soon as I can get with our Team Leader, Tom Zettler, PSD.

Keep in mind that recruiting is not a one man job. Ask someone to join, after clearing him with Fr Frank. A lot of the young and older Catholic men in St Patrick and St Joseph are just waiting for someone to ask them to join.

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Membership Chairman



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Family Bob Leo



On Friday, July 25th, we had our monthly Family theme night cook-out, this event was attended, by approximately 65-70 members, their families, and guests.

If you missed this cook-out you missed a good one. I don't know if we will be able to top this one, but we will try. The theme for this family night was "Hawaiian Night" and it was superb, We had Teriyaki- chicken, Hawaiian meatballs, a Hawaiian pineapple cake, etc.etc. you get the picture.

But like every successful event, it doesn't just happen, it takes the work of a lot of good help, at this time I would like to thank those that made this event so successful.

Many thanks to my wife Rosalie, who's idea it was for a Hawaiian Night, and who made all of the Hawaiian dishes, and also did the decorations. Many thanks to Howard McCarty who helped in preparing the hamburgers, and showing me how to do it, and a big thanks to Tommy Beeman, for helping me to do the shopping, and last but not least thanks to John Bennett, and Frank Sharp our two Grill Chefs, who cooked the hamburgers, and sausages, and many thanks to all who helped in the clean up, oops I almost forgot our roving photographer, Otto Storr, Who I hope took a lot of pictures thank you Otto.

Our next Family theme night cook-out will be on September 26th. we will not have one in August due to having our Labor Day picnic, which I hope you will all attend.

Bob Leo
Family Activity Director



Bingo Bob Leo



The month of July seems like it will be a very good month for bingo. The number of customers wasn't that high, but the revenues were, which means we had less customers than we usually have, but they were spending more money. I do believe that the drop in attendance is due to the cut backs in the Kemper coal plant project.

It is summer time, and we have a lot of our workers going on vacations. We have a couple that their jobs take them out of town, and we have some that are ill, or under a doctor's care, and cannot come to bingo. So, what does this do? Well it cuts back on the number of members working bingo, this puts a burden on the members that do work bingo.

I am asking you new members who have become Knights this year, please come out to bingo and help your brother Knights with this worthwhile program.

You have to ask yourself why did I become a Knight of Columbus, was it because I wanted to belong to an organization that helps their church and their community? Remember, the first principle of our order is charity. This is what we do, we work for the church, the schools, the community, and also our brother Knights, that have their own projects, such as donations to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to High school band members and Cheerleaders, and don't forget our scholarships that are given each and every year. These are just a few of the programs that are supported by our bingo program.

So, if you can spare an hour or two on a Wednesday night, turn that remote button to your TV to off and come on out to the KC Hall, and help your brother Knights. Remember when you became a Knight, this became your bingo program also.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

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Pro Life Darrell Hover



**“Blood, Sweat and Tears” – Church at the Mill
Sunday, July 27 – Friday, August 1, 2014**

Please join with Pastors For Life MS as we seek to see the last remaining abortion mill in our state closed. Pastors from across our nation and state will lead us as we “beseech” God to help us end legalized child killing in our state.

Church will be held on Sunday, July 27 at 3 p. m. and each day Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1 at 9 a. m. The abortion mill is located at the corner of State St. and Fondren Place in Jackson. Updates posted at <http://fortyisenough.com/>.

Blood – Proverbs 6:16 –20 “These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”

I believe God wants to use this most “divisive issue” (the shedding of innocent blood) to bring all Christians together.

Sweat – Luke 22:44 “In his anguish he (Jesus) prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.” Nobody said it would be easy.

Tears - Psalm 125:5, 5 “Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Lives are being saved and lives are being changed at Mississippi’s last remaining abortion mill!

Doug Lane, Director Pastors For Life MS, 601-956-8636

Darrell Hover
Pro Life Chairman

Knights of Columbus Insurance Article From Supreme

Knights of Columbus Earns Top Rating from A.M. Best for 39th Consecutive Year

Financial Strength Rated A++ (Superior)

Citing the Knights of Columbus' strong presence in Catholic communities and its members' loyalty, ratings agency A.M. Best reaffirmed the K of C's rating of A++ (Superior) for financial strength.

The rating announcement marks the 39th consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus earned A.M. Best's top marks. The Order has \$94 billion of life insurance in force and \$21 billion in assets under management. No insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus.

"Our top rating from A.M Best underscores our commitment to our members and their families," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We were founded to protect the financial futures of Catholic families, and we take that obligation seriously. In our sales, operations and investments, we keep in mind that Knights and their families are more than customers, they are members of our fraternal family."

Supreme Knight Anderson added: "We credit our commitment to our members, our excellent sales force of agents who are all Knights of Columbus, and our commitment to our Catholic values, which are the keys to the work we do."

Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus was named a 2014 "[World's Most Ethical Company](#)" by the Ethisphere Institute — an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. It was one of two companies named in the “life insurance” category, and one of fewer than 150 total companies worldwide

A.M. Best noted that the rating of the Knights of Columbus “reflects its strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its strong risk-adjusted capitalizations as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio, and its consistently positive statutory operating results." It added that the Knights of Columbus "has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable programs and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products."

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Youth David Klutz



This August we will be conducting our annual Creative Contraption Contest at St. Patrick's School. I don't have a date yet, but when I do I will have it posted on the web site. I will need volunteers that are willing to judge this project. The kids do a great job every year and it is really neat to see what they come up with - so come see it for yourself. I also need objects for the contest. What I need is anything! That's right anything, as long as you can give me 60 items all the same. The more stuff I get from you guys the less things I have to buy. That means more money goes to the prize winners. So if you can stop at the hardware store, Walmart, CVS, or the Dollar Store and pick up 60 items all the same please bring them by and I will pass them down to the kids for the contest.

In case you didn't hear, Matt Shine will be working on his Eagle project this year. He has volunteered to clean up and repair the schools playground area. One of the major parts of this is removing and replacing all the wood chips. The council agreed to split the cost to replace the wood chips. Matt raised the rest of the money on his own. Way to go Matt! We all look forward to seeing your finished product.

PSR classes begin August 13th. Register your child/children after Mass on August 2—3 in St. Patrick Family Life Center or St. Joseph Kehrler Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. You can register online at catholicmeridian.org or the Parish Office.

If you know of a youth in our parish doing something great in our community please let me know so I can spotlight them in our newsletter.

Dave Klutz
Youth Chairman



Seminarians' Corner Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

My summer assignment is winding down, and it has been a great one. I have spent the last two months in McComb at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, but I have also gotten to help out at St. Teresa of Avila in Chatawa and St. James in Magnolia. Fr. Brian Kaskie has been a great supervisor and I have learned a lot from him and from the parishioners here.

McComb reminds me a lot of Meridian, there is a good mix of city and country living, and the people are very welcoming of new faces into the parish. Fr. Suresh just arrived to start his new assignment in Chatawa and Magnolia, and it has been great to see him and help him in any way I can as he gets comfortable down here.

Now I'm anxious to get started on the new semester and on a new subject: Theology! I have four years left of formation, but if they go as fast as the past two years have gone, I'll be finished in no time! The seminarians are meeting in Clarksdale at the start of August for a short retreat, then I am going home to see my Dad for a while, he is doing well as is the rest of my family. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support,

- Nick

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August Birthdays



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

5th Jeff Schoeneck **6th** Tom Zettler, PSD **8th** Tommy Beeman & Russell 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 **17th** Ralph Walters **23rd** Carl Schultz **26th** Dr. David Doorenbos & Pete Vining

27th Don Snowden **28th** Valeriano "Chino" Suarez **30th** Chris Freyaldenhoven **31st** Bernd Foerster

In Memoriam

This month we mourn the death of two of our family. Brother Knight Bob Glenn and parishioner Pinkie Mitts were both called home by their Maker this week. Bob has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 22 years and Pinkie has been a member of St. Patrick Parish since 'I can't remember when'. I have known Pinkie most of my life. Her son Billy is a member of our council and has been for over 20 years. I was honored to be asked, along with four of my brother knights, to lead the Rosary of our Blessed Mother at Pinkie's wake on Wednesday night, July 23rd. Along with me were Tom Zettler, PSD, John Harwell, FN, Joshua Maeda, and Frank Polizzi, PFN.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen



Community Roland Stewart



First, I would like to thank everyone who helped me while I was the Family Chairman. I could not have put on all of those dinners without the help I received from all of you. I have now taken over as the Community Chairman and I ask for your continued help and support.

We had our monthly visit to EMSH on Thursday, July 24, and I would like to thank Bob Leo, Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Sharp, and PJ Carter for accompanying me on that visit. It was our watermelon bash and, as usual, the men loved it. Our next visit will be on Thursday, August 28, at 6pm. Please join us. You'll get a lot more out of these visits than you give. The saying, "give and you shall receive" is especially applicable to these visits.

Thanks again.

Roland Stewart
Community Chairman

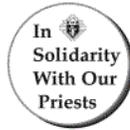


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31 <u>Labor Day Picnic 6:30 pm Pot Luck</u>			<i>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime</i>			 <i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i>	