



## *December 2016*



### **Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**October Knight of the Month  
Darrell Hover**



**October Family of the Month  
Carolyn and Frank Sharp**

**Knight of the Quarter  
July, August, September  
Rick Norman**

**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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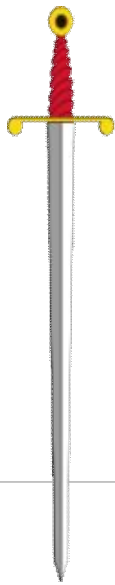
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

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  
David Viger



## Brothers Knights,

The Christmas season is upon us and like many of you, I truly love Christmas! The lights and festivities...I find this time of year magical!!! But more than anything, we should do our best to make it meaningful for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (I don't have any of those yet!!!). **Make Jesus the focus of our Christmas celebration!**

Unless they go to St. Patrick, chances are the children won't hear about Jesus at school or see Him in the sales advertisements. But, they will know what Christmas Day and the celebration is about if we take the time to show them.

Here are some ways we can Keep Christ in Christmas and make the Christmas Season more meaningful:

- Set up a Nativity and make it a focus in your home.
- Hide baby Jesus and "seek" Him Christmas morning before opening gifts or gift wrap baby Jesus in your nativity and let this be your first unwrapped gift Christmas morning.
- Limit gifts and remember it's not our birthday, it's His.
- Participate in Advent. When I went through RCIA with Sister Marilyn, she introduced us to the Jesse Tree which would be an excellent way to participate in Advent.
- As a family, adopt a needy child or family at Christmas. Not only shop for their physical wants, but also give spiritual helps such as a Bible or a book with Christian themes.
- Talk with your children, grand or great-grandchildren about giving God a gift. What does He want from us?
- Invite someone to share Christmas dinner with your family.
- Bake, make or buy a special gift for Father Matthew, Father Sanchez and Sister Marilyn!
- Go Christmas caroling! CYM is planning an evening of Christmas caroling after Mass on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you and your family would like to join in on this celebration, please RSVP with me before December 14<sup>th</sup>.

I pray all of you have a very Merry and Blessed **CHRIST**mas Season!

Vivat Jesus! Dave Viger, GK



Community  
Roland Stewart



Brother Knights, the Christmas visit to East Miss is on the 22nd. We need all the caps, scarves, etc., that we can get, for gifts. Hope to have Santa and some Christmas songs for The evening. Hope to see many of you there . All help is appreciated.

Roland  
Community Chairman

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**Chaplain**  
**Fr. Matthew Simmons**



Every year as Advent begins, we celebrate the Feast of the Apostle Saint Andrew. Saint Matthew's gospel tells us, "As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" In immediately leaving their nets, they showed a great freedom. It was not that they were simply tired of fishing and looking for anything else to do.

Later, after the crucifixion of Jesus, we hear Peter say, "I am going fishing." They truly remained fisherman though their focus changed as disciples. Saint Andrew had first been a disciple of Saint John the Baptist. Saint John the Evangelist tells us that Andrew brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus telling Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Saint Andrew listened to Jesus and then followed His example. Disciples discipline themselves in the way of their Master. In doing so, disciples of Jesus show forth the image of Christ and preach the Gospel.

During Advent, we remind ourselves to discipline ourselves toward a complete transformation to the lifestyle of Jesus Christ. As part of that transformation, we invite others to the special place that the Mass has in transforming us into the image of Christ.

Fr. Matthew



**Extra from**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**  
**Dave Klutz**



*Notes from the November 1st meeting. We had 20 members present*

**Grand Knight Report:** The Grand Knight is out of town but wished to congratulate the 2 newest members of our council, Robert Hammond and Joseph Birzer both became members after completing their First Degree on October 15th.

**Membership:** We completed our October membership drive. We also approved the application of James Snowden.

**Finance:** A few of the checks written over the last month: \$50 for masses for fallen family members. \$300 for our seminarians, \$100 Arch Diocese of Military Chaplains, \$1,000 to St. Patrick School.

**Communications:** Our new church bulletin ad is now in the bulletin.

**Church:** Special thanks to all those who participated in October Rosary. The 5th Saturday meal was an outstanding success. We gave out 110 servings. November 2nd is the All Souls Mass at the Catholic Cemetery. November 26th will be our next Corporate Mass. Remember to wear your green shirts.

**Community:** Our EMSH visit will be on November 17th. We had 11 Knights and family members visit with over 30 guests.

**Pro Life:** Please pray for the families in Chunky. This is the final week of the 40 Days of Prayer. It is reported that during this 40 day period 527 mothers have chosen life. That is better than the 471 mothers during the Spring Campaign.

**Family:** We are still looking for a new family chairman.

**BINGO:** No BINGO November 23rd due to Thanksgiving.

**4th Degree:** We will still have the flag ceremony November 11th. We will not be able to retire the flags due to the burn ban in effect. We will still retire our flag after the deceased members mass. We will have a potluck after the flag ceremony.

**Good of the Order:** The motion for \$16,000 to remodel our meeting and bar space was passed. We also passed a motion for \$100 to purchase a full page ad for the MHS Choir program. Our plans for remodeling the restrooms were displayed and approved. We are working to get fixtures approved and then we can determine cost for a vote to remodel the restrooms.

**Knight of the Month:** Darrell Hoover was selected as our KOM for October.

**Family of the Month:** Frank and Carolyn Sharpe were selected as our FOM for October

Courtesy of David Klutz, PGK

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



Family  
Bob Leo



**No Report For December**



Bingo  
Bob Leo



**No Report For December**



Special from  
Tom Zettler, PSD



Special thanks to the Brother Knights who volunteered to serve as pallbearers for Sir Knight R. Don Snowden's funeral Mass. They were: George Walston, Kenneth Woodward, Larry Birzer, Dennis Deviney, Tom Zettler, and Bob Connor. If you are willing to serve as a pallbearer when needed, please be sure that I have your cell phone number. This is a wonderful ministry we offer to our fellow parishioners. Vivat Jesus

Tom Zettler



Special from  
John Bennett, PGK



On 11 November a nice thing happened. FOOD !! John Bennett PGK again fixed his world class Seven Bean Taco Soup. Granted! He had a lot of help from his Bride Nelda. Along came Frank Sharp with a thirty minit (sic) drive into the city to help poor ole John. Thanks to you Frank. Pretty much all who came to the KC Hall on the 11th. enjoyed a really good pot luck meal. Anyone that has ever put on any function knows that it takes a lot of able bodies to succeed. Thankfully I did.

Will attempt to remember some (will leave out five because of poor memory) that really helped out. Casandra Klutz, thanks for serving, Theresa Labiche, John, PGK and Janice Kasper, Bob Leo, PGK, David Stephens, Dennis Deviney, Howard McCarty, Tom Zettler, PSD, and our very own GK Dave Viger. There were more, but I didn't carry my pen. I do apologize in advance. I was told a long time ago that just as soon as you start giving names, people that you missed remember.

There were several things going on that evening that will be reported. I just wanted all to know some of the helpers. Remember!!! Together, We Can. Key word is .....That's right. Before I forget, a shout out to SK Frank Polizzi for his labors fixin' the ice machine.

John Bennett, PGK



Church  
Sal Moreno



Greetings! I hope you all had a good and blessed thanksgiving. Now that Advent has arrived it is time to concentrate our effort and attention to Christmas and The New Year. As far as the Church program is concern, it will be a relatively quiet December. We will not have a 5th Saturday Family dinner this month. The scheduled ( quarterly ) month long Rosary prayer will be in January. The yearly Marian Hour of Prayer service is also in January. I will put out the date and time as soon as I find out the schedule. Lastly... I would like to thank all those that came and supported our Communion Service. You all have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Sal Moreno  
Church Program Dir.  
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**Special on Youth from  
Dave Klutz, DSK**



Two big items for the month of December. First, the Essay Contest is open to all Catholic 9-12th graders. The topic is: The importance of Religious Freedom. Essays must be double spaced with one inch margins. Essays must be between 500-750 words long. All essays need to be turned in with an Essay Contest entry form. You can get them at the meeting or contact me and I will be glad to get one to you. The deadline for the essay is December 16th.

Second, our annual visit to the local hospitals on Christmas Eve will happen again this year. We will meet at the KC Hall at 12:00 Noon for lunch and board the buses to visit any sick children in the hospital. Please come join Santa and support this great event.

Dave Klutz  
Acting Youth Chairman



**Seminarians Corner  
Nick Adam**



Brother Knights,

As a part of my assignment at the seminary I have been asked to lead an Advent reflection at a local parish. As a part of the reflection I am focusing on the true meaning of Advent and its place in our liturgical calendar. I found this explanation from the US Bishops regarding the use of Advent wreaths. It's something so simple that we see every year, but I for one did not know exactly what the wreath meant until now:

“Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candle in particular symbolizes the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.” *from USCCB.org*

I had a great time seeing some of you over Thanksgiving, and hope to see more of y'all over Christmas. I will be taking part in a mission trip to Nicaragua from December 9-17 so please keep me in your prayers!!!

Nick



**Council  
Tau Iosia**



Our Super Bowl party and Sweetheart night, with the Knight auction, are just around the corner. More details will be shared in January and we are hoping you can join us for both events. Have a safe and great Christmas!!!!

Tau

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Pro Life  
Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

**“For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God” (Romans 13:1).**

The results for the 40 Days for Life campaign are in: 872 LIVES WERE SAVED when their mothers chose LIFE. Eight abortion industry workers experienced conversions during this campaign and quit their jobs. Some of the employees who leave their abortion jobs greet 40 Days for Life vigil participants outside their workplaces with a common sentiment: "I just can't do this anymore!" Peaceful prayer witness outside their windows has made a difference.

Thank you all that took a few minutes each day to pray for the unborn during the 40 Days for Life campaign. After the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever, with hearts and minds changed and lives saved, it is clear that momentum is on the side of life. The next internationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign runs from March 1 - April 9, 2017.

An endorsement from POPE FRANCIS via Vatican Secretariat of State: “The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God.”

Although the Jubilee of Mercy has ended, Pope Francis has decided that some of the novelties he applied to the Church during the Holy Year will continue. He is allowing all priests to absolve the sin of abortion. In the United States the faculty to absolve abortion has already been delegated to all priests. However, the Pope’s new provisions take it to a universal level.

The Pope announced his decision in his new Apostolic Letter “Misericordia et Misera,” meaning “Mercy with Misery.” Published Nov. 21, the letter was signed by the Pope on November 20th during Mass for the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

In the letter, Pope Francis said that “the Sacrament of Reconciliation must regain its central place in the Christian life.” “Given this need, lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God’s forgiveness, I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion.”

I pray you will have a very Merry Christmas as you gather with family and friends to thank the Lord for all of His blessings. God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Pro-Life  
"IN GOD WE TRUST"



Editor's Note  
George Walston



I would like to draw your attention to the calendar for Thursday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and due to Mass schedules, we will not have Adoration on that day. However, the church will be open.

George Walston, Ed.



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





## Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



Looking back on November, we did have our flag ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8 AM on November 11th to start Veterans day off in the right way. The following people gathered; Bob Leo, PFN, Dewayne Klutz, David Klutz, Teresa LaBiche, Sal and Liberty Moreno, Teresa Cuthright, Donna White, John Bennett, PGK and his wife Nelda, along with yours truly. The flag was retired at 5 PM with Tom Zettler (PSD) and David Viger (GK) doing the honors.

Later that evening we had our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony which was held after the Deceased Members' Mass. The following members of Boy Scout Troop 7 and Cub Scout Pack 7 participated: Ashton Taylor, Christian Grace, Logan Parker, Matthew Wilson, Ty Duong, Stephan Arora, Josh Everett, Tate Smith, Jean Karol Mayo along with Scout leaders Joe Price and Roland Stewart. Since we were under a burn ban, we had a symbolic ceremony. The following Honor Guard participated; Sal Moreno, PJ Carter, PGK, Bob Connor, Tom Zettler, PSD and Commander Bob Leo, PFN. Thank you to all who were a part of the ceremony. Special thanks to John and Nelda Bennett for the delicious soup and all who helped in the kitchen that night.

As was mentioned above, we had our Deceased Members' Mass earlier that evening. Our most previous deceased member, Brother Knight had been Father Pat Smith, PFN who died in August of 2015 meaning we had none since the previous Deceased Members Mass and that was a blessing to our council. Sadly, that only lasted until 530AM on Saturday November 12th, when SK Don Snowden went on to his heavenly reward. A special thank you to Tom Zettler, Ken Woodward, Larry Birzer, Bob Connor, Dennis Deviney and George Walston who served as Pall Bearers. In addition thank you to the following Honor Guard who stood watch and participated in the Funeral Mass; Frank Sharp, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Howard McCarty, Dewayne Klutz, PJ Carter, PGK, Sal Moreno and Commander Bob Leo, PFN. On a personal note as Don was my Brother-in-Law and husband to my sister Emily, a heartfelt thank you to all who had a part in the Mass and the meal afterwards. It was greatly appreciated.

The Honor Guard's participation has been requested for the Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Sunday, December 11th at 2:30 PM at St. Patrick Church. Contact Bob Leo if you wish to be a part of the group that day.

Our 4th Degree Christmas Party will be held on Saturday January 7th at the KC Hall starting about 630 PM. All Sir Knights are invited along with your spouse, companion or guest. We will need your RSVP by January 1st. No exceptions. Please contact me by email at [jdharwell4@comcast.net](mailto:jdharwell4@comcast.net) or call/text me at 601 513 5456. Thank you in advance and I hope to see you all there as we are planning to have a fun evening of food and fellowship.

We will not have a 4th Degree meeting on December 27th.

Finally thank you to all our Sir Knights and families that support our programs/ceremonies/activities and I hope you each have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Faithful Navigator  
John Harwell  
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## December Birthdays

**4th** Louis Montesi, III & Dr. Ivan Zamora **6th** Greg Crain **7th** David Stephens **16th** Dr. Luis Borrell

**19th** John Baranello **25th** Greg Stephens **26th** Steve Slimp **29th** Patrick Carter **30th** Jack Collins





## Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

I trust all had a wonderful Thanksgiving fellowshiping with family and friends, as you gave thanks to GOD for all of his many blessings. In a few weeks, we will be celebrating the birth of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, the ONE who made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. We are truly Blessed. Merry Christmas (Happy Holidays) to All!!

We currently have two applicants scheduled for the Admissions (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) Exemplifications on December 20<sup>th</sup> and we have time to recruit more applicants prior to then.

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of December:

- Fourth Degree – Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Leland
- Formation (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree) – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.; Starkville
- Admissions (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian

All 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, please contact GK David Viger and/or Faithful Navigator, John Harwell, and let them know you wish to be a candidate for the Formation or Fourth Degree Exemplification listed above. Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe the Fourth Degree Exemplification, should notify GK David Viger and/or FN John Harwell of your intentions. State Membership Goal for 2016 is “365”. “Membership is truly a team effort!” Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,  
David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director



Deputy Grand Knight  
Dabe Klutz



Happy Advent! By the time you read this, we will have already started our Advent season. Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, was the first Sunday of Advent. Hopefully, you have taken your Advent wreaths out. If not, I know that Our Lady’s Corner has them for sale. OK, that was a shameless plug, but they deserve our support!

Speaking of Advent, there are a lot of Christmas events happening all over Meridian, some inside and some outside our Catholic Community. Make sure you make a little time in your schedule to support a few. I know that many of our chairmen will have events like coats for kids, hospital visit to EMSH, hospital visit on Christmas Eve, Children's Christmas party, and a few more I can't remember off the top of my head. Make sure you read the entire newsletter and double check our calendar.

Well, I am sure there are plenty of things I missed, but this might give you a few you might have overlooked. The point is to stop and make a little time with your family and friends. Most importantly is to remember to Keep Christ in Christmas. Another shameless plug....the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are selling the Keep Christ in Christmas cards again after every mass. Stop by and pick up a few. Oh.....and remember to keep an ear out for our "Keep Christ in Christmas" advertisements on the radio.

Until next month, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

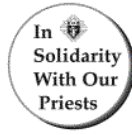
Dave Klutz



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b>	<p><i>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime</i></p> 	<p><i>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8 of this newsletter</i></p> 		 1  Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	2	3  <u>4th Degree Leland MS</u> 12:30pm
4  <u>2nd Degree Starkville</u> 1:00 pm	5	 6  Business Meeting 7:30pm	 7  Bingo 6 PM	8  <u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u>  <u>No Adoration today</u>	9	10
11  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Services</b> 2:30 PM	12	 13  No Meeting tonight	 14	 15  Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	16  <u>Deadline for Essay Entries</u>	17
18	19	 20  <b>1st Degree Exemplification</b> Tonight 6:30  Business Meeting Follows at 7:30pm	 21  Bingo 6 PM	 22  EMSH Visitation 6:10pm  Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	23	24  <u>Visit &amp; Gifts for children who are in the Hospital for Christmas</u> 12:00 Noon KC Hall
25   JESUS is the Reason for the Season.	26  <b>Merry Christmas</b>	 27  <u>No 4th Degree Meeting tonight</u>	 28  Bingo 6 PM	 29  Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	30	31  