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December 2017



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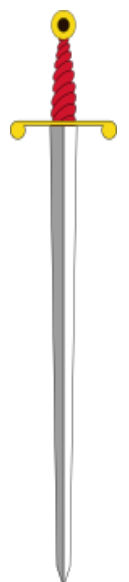
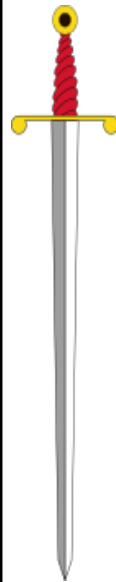
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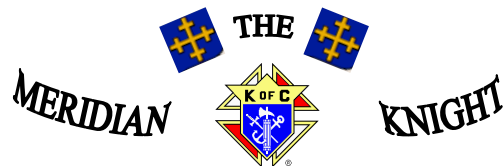
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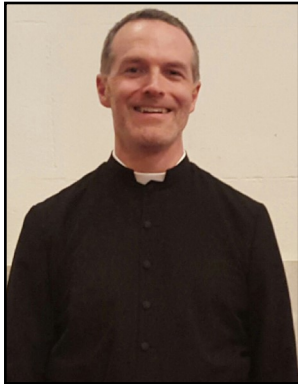


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**



Having been the vocation director of the diocese, I still receive emails concerning promotion of vocations and concerning seminarians. Sometimes these emails ask me for information and sometimes the emails give information. A recent email was sent by a group of psychologist studying the impact of pornography on men entering seminary or already studying in seminary. While it's bad that there's a problem with pornography in seminaries, we know how much more the problem of pornography is among the general population of Catholic men. Furthermore, many men who are not religious do not consider there to be anything wrong with viewing pornography.

Pope Francis has spoken frequently on the subject of pornography. The Church struggles to help her sons with the problem. If pornography is not a problem for you, thank God for the strength He has given to you. How can we help others who do have a problem with pornography? It is helpful to become more knowledgeable about the impact of pornography on families. The Knights of Columbus website fathersforgood.org has useful information.

We have reflected on the Communion of Saints during the month of November. We asked for the intercession of the saints and prayed for the faithful departed. We speak of the Church Militant, the Church Penitent, and the Church Triumphant. Suffering the temporal consequences of our sins

can have a redemptive effect by God's grace. Some Christians have suffered for the sins of others. When saints have born suffering with the help of God's grace, they have contributed to the treasury of merit in the Mystical Body of Christ.

During the penitential season of Advent, we can voluntarily choose to make sacrifices for the good of the Body of Christ. A holiday season that doesn't involve sensual indulgence goes against the grain. In the confessional, I sometimes tell people that practicing penance in one area of life can have a positive effect in a seemingly unrelated area of life. If for no other reason, we can gain freedom for the practice of virtue. Remember the penitential nature of Advent for your own good and for the good of others in the Body of Christ.

Fr. Matthew

**Dep Grand Knight
Joe Hosch**



I hope your Thanksgiving was an enjoyable time with family and friends.

For program chairmen; please do not forget to get in the reports of the activities you complete. It is not so much us getting credit as a council, but also the activities can give inspiration and ideas to other councils for activities. If you hand in the reports, I can get them entered into the state website. If you have ideas for new activities or events, get with me and we can try to figure out how we can make it happen.

Thanks to all my brother Knights for what you do for our council, church, and community.

Joe Hosch, DGK

**Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



I wish for everyone a safe and wonderful Christmas season. Football is drawing to a close, so the Super Bowl party will be in February, followed by our Sweetheart Night. Further information will be presented in the January newsletter. God bless to all and Merry Christmas.

Tau,
Council Chairman

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**Church
Sal Moreno**



Sal Moreno
Church Chairman

We are scheduled to receive the Icon of the Marian Hour Of Prayer at the end of this month. I will be posting the display schedule, prayer service day, time and location as soon as I have it finalized. Meanwhile, we need to concentrate on our family and try to enjoy and celebrate Christmas and New Year. Having said that, I would like to wish everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas and Joyful New Year.

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



First, let me wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year, from me and my family to you and yours. Also, we will not have Bingo on Wednesday, 12/27

I would like to thank everyone for the get well wishes that were extended to me when I fell and broke my wrist. The cast is off, and the wrist is healed. The weirdest thing was, when they took the cast off, they took another x-ray to check that the wrist was in fact healed, and lo and behold they found that my right hand below the thumb had another broken bone that they missed the first time, so now that area is in a brace.

I want to thank Brother Knights Frank Polizzi and Roland Stewart for taking on extra responsibilities due to my being on the injured reserve list.

Our bingo program is still doing well, but not as well as I would like it to be. We are going through a slow period now, and that may be due to the up and coming holidays, and partially due to

the renovations to the restrooms, and front entrance way, that we are continuing with and continuing with.

I would like to thank Brother Knights Dave Viger, DD, John Harwell, G.K., Chad Lint, and fill in P.J. Carter, and ever present Frank Polizzi. Being a bingo caller is not an easy job, trying to call bingo with all of the noise and chatter going on, it's very difficult to hear the numbers. So, having said that, we are looking for backup bingo callers to train with Brother Frank Polizzi. If you are interested, please contact Frank or Myself and let us know.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

December Birthdays

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

17th Ryan Craft **19th** John Baranello **25th** Greg Stephens **26th** Steve Slimp

29th Patrick (PJ) Carter **30th** Jack Collins, Jr



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

Congratulations to the Following Honorees

October Knight of the Month

Darryl Hover



October Family of the Month

Liberty & Sal Moreno



Knight of the Quarter
July, August, September

Tom Zettler, PSD



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2016-2017

David Viger, GK



Council 802 Family of the Year
2016-2017

Debbie and Darrell Hover



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2016-2017

Frank Polizzi



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Seminarians Corner
Deacon Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. I spent most of my time in Alabama visiting many of my brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and of course my dad. They are all doing well thank God!

I am entering the end of my second-to-last semester in the seminary. One of the classes that we are taking is the theology of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. It has been a great opportunity to learn the way the Church has practiced this sacrament throughout the centuries.

While there have been many changes (it used to be a one-shot-deal, you only confessed your sins one time after baptism!) the core of the sacrament remains the same. The acts of having sorrow for your sins, confessing them to a priest, receiving absolution, and performing

a penance not only reconciles us with God, but it also reconciles us with one another. This has been an important theme of my last few months in the seminary. I realize now more than ever how much we have to work together in order to have a healthy, vibrant Church. If I do not play my part, I am not only damaging my own relationship with God, but I am also hurting the communion of the Church, and this is why regular confession is so necessary.

We have also had a class this semester on the art of spiritual direction, and have covered the importance of helping directees find the balance between scrupulosity and laxity in the spiritual life. This is very important regarding Penance as well. As you can tell all of my classes are really hitting some practical points! I hope to see you over the Christmas holidays!

- Deacon Nick

Family Director
David Viger, PGK



Congratulations to the Moreno and Risch families for their selection as Co-Families of the Month for the month of October.

On November 14th, we celebrated our annual Deceased Members Mass honoring our departed Brother Knights who have gone before us. I was not able to be there but was told that it was well attended! Special thanks to Father Sanchez for celebrating the Mass, Sal and Liberty Moreno for preparing the main course, all of those who brought side dishes and/or deserts and to those who helped to setup and cleanup!

We are planning our Children's Day with Santa starting at **1pm, Saturday, December 23rd** for children ages ~1-10. All children of members of the Knights of Columbus, are invited to attend, by all children I mean sons, daughters, nieces nephews, grandchildren and any children that are visiting your home.

To guarantee your child will have a gift from Santa, please RSVP with Dave Viger at kofc802@gmail.com or (601) 480-3364 by December 20th. When you RSVP please let me know if they are a boy or girl and provide the name and age of the child(ren). Thanks in advance to all Santa's Elves who help with the event!

From our family to yours, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Family Director

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Winter Solstice Greetings to my Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows, Families and Friends,

Looking back at November, we had a number of activities highlighted by our annual Deceased Members Mass/Flag Retirement Ceremony that was held at the KC Hall on November 14th. Other items of note included: Cemetery Mass held on November 2nd at St. Patrick Cemetery, Conclusion of the 40 Days for Life Campaign on November 5th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on November 9th, KC Youth Soccer Challenge on November 11th, the monthly EMSH visit on November 16th, the Knights participation in the Talent Show on November 18th along with our usual Meeting nights and Bingo on Wednesday evenings.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and I know we all enjoyed a break from Bingo on the 22nd. Lots of thank you's go out to Father Matt, Father Sanchez, Sal Moreno, John Bennett, PGK, Howard McCarty, Bob Connor, Tom Zettler, PSD, George Walston, Ed Shamp, Bob Leo, PGK, PJ Carter, PGK, Mouise Richards, PGK, John Kasper, PGK, Janice Kasper, Joe Price, Frank Sharp, Teresa LaBiche, Nelda Bennett, Liberty Moreno, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Ron Duckworth, Tau Iosia, Chad Lint, Rick Norman, David Stephens, Roland Stewart, Larry Birzer, David Viger, DD, Darrell Hover, Debbie

Hover, Sue Blier, Danny Santiago, Rory Santiago, John Maloney Sr., PGK, Richard Moody, Pete Nause, Bill Nix, Joe Hosch, PGK, Eric Ross, Dewayne Klutz, Frank Washington, Otto Storr and others not mentioned for making the above activities/events successful.

Upcoming in December, we will again have a busy month as we enter Advent and prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ and renew our faith with the joy that the season brings. Right off the bat, St. Patrick School will be having a 5K run on December 2nd, Regular Meetings on December 5th and 19th (please note on the 19th, we will not have a 1st Degree Exemplification and that the meeting will start at 8:00 PM that evening due to the St. Patrick School Christmas program earlier that evening), Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on December 14th-Noon until 8:00 PM in the St. Aloysius Chapel. Coats for Kids campaign will be reaching its peak and we will donate all of the coats bought and received to the Boys and Girls Club around the middle of the month (drop off boxes are set up at each church and the Hall. Contact Bill Nix to volunteer to help spread the word after each Mass on the weekends of December 4th-5th and 11th-12th), Santa's visit to the EMSH Nursing Home on December 21st at 6:00 PM, our Family Christmas Party will be on December 23rd at 1:00 PM at the KC Hall-contact David Viger, DD for further information, Toys for Tots will commence at 12 Noon on Christmas Eve and Santa Claus will lead us to Anderson Hospital to visit the children that are in the hospital-contact me for further information on that, Bingo will be held on December 6th, 13th and 20th and then we get another break as we will take off the 27th to allow our workers the opportunity to enjoy the Holidays with their families and friends.

Here is an update on the bathroom and front entrance construction. Work is slowly moving along and it is my hope that the Ladies Restroom will be completed and in use by the time you read this. We know that this has been inconvenient but when it is completed, it will be a nice upgrade to our hall and something we can all be proud to have.

It is my hope and prayer that all of you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope each of you can find moments of quiet and solitude during the hustle and bustle of the season to offer thanks to God our Father, to ask Jesus to guide our hearts down the right path and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our conscience each and every day.

John Harwell

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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Matthew 2:1-6 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

40 Days for Life update: In the campaign that just ended we are aware of 693 babies spared from abortion! Thank you all that prayed the daily devotions during this campaign.

Federal judge strikes down abortion law: From the Mike Huckabee newsletter - A federal judge has struck down an Indiana law signed by then-Governor Mike Pence, banning abortions based on the baby’s sex or whether it had Down Syndrome. The judge ruled that because the reasons were non-medical, the state’s interests were not strong enough to override a woman’s right to a pre-viability abortion. The decision to allow abortions based on gender, race and disability was celebrated by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Youth Director
John Harwell**



We held our first ever KC Youth Soccer Challenge on November 11th at the Jaycee Soccer Complex on Old 8th Street Road. Approximately 25 kids participated in the challenge which consisted of the youngsters kicking 15 penalty kicks into the goal. The goal was divided into sections with the upper corners being worth 20 points each, lower corners 10 points each and the middle section kicks worth 5 points. The overall high points scorer was Ryann Gorgas who scored 140 points and all the kids who participated had a fun time.

Thank you to John Bennett PGK and his wife Nelda, Father Matt, Tau Iosia and Ron Duckworth for their assistance in helping me with this endeavor. Donnie Gardner with the MYSO was also very helpful to me with securing a field and getting the word out. Tentatively, in April 2018, we are going to hold the challenge in conjunction with their end of the year spring fling.

Upcoming youth activities in December is the St. Patrick School 5K Run on December 2nd, our Family Christmas Party on December 23rd and the Toys for Tots Hospital Visit on December 24th. On the 24th, we will meet at the KC Hall at 12:00 Noon for a lite lunch and then head over to Anderson Hospital about 1:00 PM to visit any children in the Hospital and Santa will deliver a stuffed animal to each of them. I invite your participation in this annual activity that we all enjoy being a part of.

John Harwell

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

**4th Degree
Sal Moreno**



There will be no 4th Degree meeting in December. The 4th Degree Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 6 at 6:30pm at the KC Hall. An RSVP is strictly required. You can either text or call me (601-681-6111) or e-mail me at salmoreno@comcast.net no later than **January 2**. The attire will be casual. Join this fun filled party with music, food and great fellowship. Have a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year from me and my family to you and yours.

Sal Moreno, FN
Faithful Navigator

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

I trust many of you had an opportunity to participate in the Veterans Day recognition activities, and all of you had a Wonderful Thanksgiving.

Coming up this month, December, is the most Important, most Celebrated, most Blessed Birthday of the year, December 25th! This is recognized as the Birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. Brother Knights, let us lead the charge in honoring and recognizing this most Holy Day.

Knights, let's aggressively recruit the last month of 2017 to see if we can locate more catholic men to join the KC's – it would be great to end the year with a positive recruitment month.
"Membership is truly a team effort!"

Exemplifications in December: None

As always, we are **"in search of"** membership applicants – More Applicants = More Growth!
Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Have a Merry Christmas and be Safe!!!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

**Community
Larry Birzer**

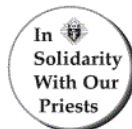


Please join us on the **third** Thursday in December, December 21st , at 6:00 pm for our next visit to our friends at The Pines of East Mississippi. The residents there really appreciate our visits. You will get more out of this visit than will the residents. Thank you to all who help in this most worthy endeavor.

Larry Birzer
Community Chairman



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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests

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<p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8</u></p> 	<p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p>	 <p>Abortion Kills the Innocent</p>			1	 <p>2 St. Patrick School Candy Cane Dash Walk/Run 8:30 AM</p>
3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4	5 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 6 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	7 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation	9
10	11	12 <i>No Meeting Tonight</i>	 13 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	14 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</i>	15	16
17	18	19 <i>No 1st Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM</i>	 20 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	21 <i>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</i> <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	22	23
24 <i>Visit Children in Hospital 1pm</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26 <i>January Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>No 4th Degree Meeting Tonight</i>	 27 <i>No Bingo tonight</i>	28 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	29	30
31 	January 1st 2018 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 					