



The Meridian Knight

January 2018



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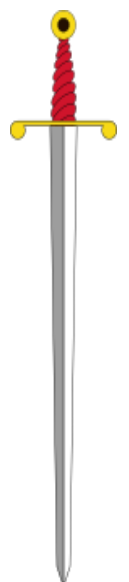
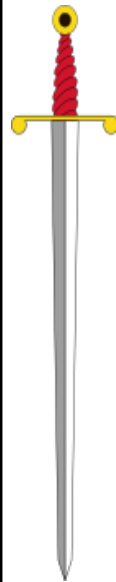
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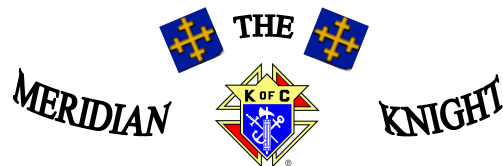
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**



Having celebrated Christmas recently, we are well-familiar with the feeling of opening gift packages. The wrapping creates a sense of mystery about the contents of the package. Sometimes we are happy with what we find inside; sometimes we are not. Isaiah 55:8-8 records God's saying to the prophet, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways...For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts." A new year makes us conscious of time, and we know that God's timing is not like our sense of timing.

The Psalmist says in Psalm 139, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb." God knows what we need and the best time to provide what we need. In hindsight, we can say that, oftentimes, if God had given us what we asked for when we asked for it, the results would probably not have been the best.

Among the gifts God has given to us are talents and abilities. He expects us to use them for the good of his Kingdom. Again in Psalm 139, the Psalmist recognizes God's gifts, writing, "I praise You, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works." The psalmist reflects the kind of attitude that will serve us well for a happy new year. The Church needs your talents. Trust that God has given you gifts for such a time as this.

Fr. Matthew

**Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



Since January is a relatively quiet month, I will use this newsletter to remind you to mark your calendars for our Super Bowl party on February 4th, one hour prior to kickoff. We have had menu requests for wings, both boneless and bone in. I will also have rotel dip and spinach dip with pita chips and some other sides. I'm asking knights that will attend to bring either a salad or dessert for the party. In addition we will have our football pool with 20 percent of the proceeds going to priest education.

Our Sweetheart Night will be on February 10 and will start after the 5PM mass. More details to come. Have a great month.

Tau,
Council Chairman

**Youth Director
John Harwell**



On December 24th, we had our annual Christmas Eve visit to those children who were in the hospital. At Twelve Noon, we met at the KC Hall, where we enjoyed chili and the fixings along with a still warm, made from scratch, Chocolate cake. All was prepared by my wife Bridget Harwell and was enjoyed immensely by everyone there.

About 1 o'clock, Santa (Bob Leo) led his elves to Anderson Hospital. There we gave out 30+ stuffed animals to children all over the hospital. As always it was a lot of fun. Thanks to David and Rose Stephens, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Joe Hosch, PGK and his wife Debbie, Serena Harwell Sanders, and John Bennett, PGK for your presence. And a special thanks to Bob Leo, PGK for being Santa and to Bridget for our delicious lunch. The Knights have been visiting the children in the hospital on Christmas Eve for over 40 years and it never gets old. It is always very special!!!!

John Harwell
Youth Chairman

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**Church
Sal Moreno**



Greetings! Let us kick off the New Year by leading the rosary before every weekend mass for the month of January. As of now, we still need more volunteers to lead the rosary. Please check the sign-in sheet posted on the bulletin board at the KC hall and see if you can lead one or two of the scheduled dates. We are also fortunate to have the Holy Family Icon, so we will have the Marian Hour of Prayer service sometime this month. I will announce the date and place once I have it finalized. And lastly, we will also have our Corporate Communion Mass on January 27 at 5:00 pm at St. Patrick.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman

**4th Degree
Sal Moreno**



I hope you had a happy and memorable Christmas and I would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. Soon, January 6 to be exact, is our 4th degree Christmas Party at 6:30 at the KC Hall. I hope you have already made your RSVP. If not, you have until January 2 to let me know whether or not you plan to attend

The deadline for implementing the use of the new Fourth Degree uniform has been extended to June 30, 2019. Due to a heavy demand for the new Fourth Degree uniform, it has led to a backlog in fulfilling orders. The deadline for mandatory use of the new uniform has been extended one year to June 30, 2019. Due to the delays, the deadline for the 25 percent discount on ordering the new uniform was extended to November 30, 2018.

Sal Moreno, FN
Faithful Navigator

**Community
Larry Birzer**



At our last East Mississippi visit, Santa Claus, the Big Guy in Red, (guess who) along with his Elves, Roland Stewart, Johnny Johnson, David Stephens, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Eric Ross, Dewayne Klutz, John Harwell, GK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Tau Iosia, Lawrence Birzer and Bob Leo, PGK, brought along goodwill and good cheer to twelve folks at East MS State Hospital. Hats and calendars were provided so folks could keep an eye out for Santa next year. Our usual great menu of fudgesicles, twinkies, and soda, rounded out the visit by old Saint Nick. Oh! And the choir of Elves were in good voice singing Christmas carols.

See you all at our next visit to EMSH which will be on 18 January at 6 pm...

Larry,
Community Chairman

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

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



November Knight of the Month
Joe Semmes, PGK



November Family of the Month
David & Sandy Klutz



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 your New Year is off to a great start and that you had a blessed Advent and fun Christmas celebration. I have been reflecting a lot as we get into the “bleak mid-winter” on the various tensions that we encounter in life. My spiritual director shared with me a curse that the Chinese would invoke on their enemies in ancient times: “may you face changes in your life.” I am staring down a big change as I wrap up my time in seminary in the next few months and look toward priesthood, but we all have to deal with change throughout our lives.

Our daily life may change often, but our prayer never can. The one thing that can keep us rooted is an ongoing conversation with the Lord in silent prayer and participating in mass. This truth was reinforced to me this Christmas as I traveled from New Orleans, to Jackson, to Alabama, to Tennessee, to Virginia, back to New Orleans, to Israel, and finally back to New Orleans. I was all over the place in this last month, but God remained. I felt a great peace

even with all the movement because the Church was the same everywhere I went. This is the great gift of our Catholic faith.

I hope that any of you who are dealing with a major change can rest in your relationship with the Lord from time to time. Take a moment each day to pray with the Scriptures, and make sure to bring any struggles to God at mass. God bless you in this New Year!

- Deacon Nick

**Family Director
David Viger, PGK**



Brothers,

Congratulations to David and Sandra Klutz and family for their selection as Family of the Month for November.

On December 23rd Santa made a quick stop by the hall to visit with children and family of Brother Knights. While turnout was VERY low, the children who did attend each had an opportunity to sit with Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Each child received a gift from Santa, and cookies, candy, and punch were available.

Special thanks to Adrian Viger for decorating and making sure Santa had a gift for every child. And...Special thanks to Santa (PGK Bob Leo) for making the day special for the children!

If anyone has any ideas of what we could do better or different to increase participation at our family events, I'm open to suggestions...

Happy New Year!!!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Family Director

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Happy New Year Greetings to my Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows, Families and Friends,

Looking back at December, the most important event we had was the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The Advent Season was a time of reflection and anticipation. The Christmas Masses at St. Joseph, St. Patrick and NAS were all beautiful and meaningful.

Councilwise, we started the month by sponsoring and helping with the inaugural Candy Cane Dash (Santa made his first appearance of the season) at St. Patrick School on December 2nd. The event was a great success for the school. On December 13th, we donated 80+ coats to the Boys and Girls Club (almost all of which were brand new). On December 14th, the KC's spent an hour or more in Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 8:00 PM in the St. Aloysius Chapel. Santa's visit to the EMSH Nursing Home occurred on December 21st where he and his elves gave out gifts and served drinks and snacks to the residents. Santa stayed busy and was the headliner for our Family Christmas Party on the 23rd. Santa closed out his duties by leading his elves up to Anderson Hospital on Christmas Eve to visit the children there in-patient, in the waiting areas and in the hall ways. All were given a stuffed animal.

Too many people to thank for the above but I want to say special thanks to Bill Nix, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Donna Polizzi, Ed Shamp, Bob Leo, PGK (Santa), David Viger, PGK, Adrian Viger, Larry Birzer, Roland Stewart, and an

extra special thank you to my wife Bridget!!!

Update on the bathroom and front entrance construction project: Both bathrooms are functional. The project is almost complete and it is looking good.

I hope you all have a good month!!!!

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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In Memoriam



Paul Blier

11/25/39 - 12/03/17

We have lost another faithful Brother Knight. Paul had been a very active member of our council for a long time until his health began to fail. He helped out in the kitchen at our Wednesday Bingo. He was always ready to pitch in when called upon for many of our other events as needed.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Sue, his son Steven, and their family in your prayers

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On Saturday, January 20th the annual Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil will be held at the State Capitol Building First Floor Rotunda, 400 High St, Jackson, MS. The vigil will start at 6 pm and will last about one hour. The Knights of Columbus will have a church bus available for anyone desiring to attend. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 4:15 pm. If you desire to ride the bus, please call Tom Zettler at (601) 482-7350. Let's fill the bus up for the unborn!

January 22nd is the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade - the Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion in the U. S. for the entire nine months of pregnancy. Pro-Life Mississippi is sponsoring three prayer vigils across the state, asking God's forgiveness for allowing this grave injustice, and mourning the 55+ million babies killed by abortion since the court ruling.

January is "Sanctity of Life" month. "What does it mean to believe in the sanctity of life?"

The phrase "sanctity of life" reflects the belief that, because people are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27), human life has an inherently sacred attribute that should be protected and respected at all times. While God gave humanity the authority to kill and eat other forms of life (Genesis 9:3), the murdering of other human beings is expressly forbidden, with the penalty being death (Genesis 9:6).

Humanity was created in God's image, but sin has corrupted that image. There is nothing inherently sacred in fallen man. The sanctity of human life is not due to the fact that we are such wonderful and good beings. The only reason the sanctity of life applies to humanity is the fact that God created us in His image and set us apart from all other forms of life. Although that image has indeed been marred by sin, His image is still present in humanity. We are like God, and that likeness means that human life is always to be treated with dignity and respect.

The sanctity of life means that humanity is more sacred than the rest of creation. Human life is not holy in the same sense that God is holy. Only God is holy in and of Himself. Human life is only holy in the sense of being "set apart" from all other life created by God. Many apply the sanctity of life to issues like abortion and euthanasia, and, while it definitely applies to those issues, it applies to much more. The sanctity of life should motivate us to combat all forms of evil and injustice that are perpetuated against human life. Violence, abuse, oppression, human trafficking, and many other evils are also violations of the sanctity of life.

Beyond the sanctity of life, there is a much better argument against these things: the greatest commandments. In Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus says, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" In these commandments, we see that our actions are to be motivated by love for God and love for others. If we love God, we will value our own lives as part of God's plan, to do His will until it comes about that His will is better served by our deaths. And we will love and care for His people (Galatians 6:10; Colossians 3:12-15). We will see to the needs of the elderly and sick. We will protect others from harm— whether from abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking, or other abuses. While the sanctity of life can be the foundation, **LOVE** must be the motivation.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

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

**Membership
David Stephens**

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year Knights!! May your 2018 be a year filled with great health, happiness and prosperity!

I'm sure you and your family had an opportunity to celebrate the Birthday of our Wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 25, 2017. Well, on January 15, 2018, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Birthday of another Wonderful man of God, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, who may have been considered, by many, a kmodern day disciple of Jesus. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "America's Greatest Civil Rights Leader," dedicated his life to achieving equality and justice for all Americans of all colors. He was an American Baptist Minister and Activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement.

Knights, we are entering a New Year, 2018, let's continue to see if we can locate more catholic men to join the KC's - it would be great to start the year with a positive recruitment month.



"Membership is truly a team effort!"

Exemplifications in January:

- 1st (Admissions) Degree - Tuesday, January 16th, 6:30 p.m., Meridian, MS
- 4th Degree - Saturday, January 20th, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Southhaven, MS

As always, we are *"in search of"* membership applicants - More Applicants = More Growth!

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

January Birthdays

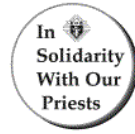
1st John Killen, III & Dr. Ramon Luina **2nd** Derek Zuchowski **5th** Taopule' (Tau) Iosia
7th Kent Bowen, Jr. **11th** Eric Ross **12th** Justin Bates **14th** Richard (Rick) Harris **15th** David Jeter &
 Frank Polizzi **16th** John McCaskill & Randy Routt **20th** John Harwell, GK, Mike Lee, & Tyler Oakes
22nd Robert Butkus **24th** Ed Thomas **25th** Rufus McCarra **26th** Edward (Tripp) Ward, III
28th Jason Caballero **31st** Pete Nause



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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bring on the NEW YEAR! 2018</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><u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>4th Degree Christmas Party KC Hall 6:30 PM</i></p> <p><u>Rosary before 5 o'clock mass</u></p>
<p>7</p> <p><u>Rosary before Masses St Joseph & StPatrick</u></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>No Meeting Tonight</i></p>	 <p>10</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>Rosary before 5 o'clock mass</u></p>
<p>14</p> <p><u>Rosary before Masses St Joseph & StPatrick</u></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>1st Degree if candidate(s) Meeting follows at 7:30 PM</i></p>	 <p>17</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>4th Degree Southaven 11am Pro Life Vigil 6pm Rosary before 5 o'clock mass</u></p>
<p>21</p> <p><u>Rosary before Masses St Joseph & StPatrick</u></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>4th Degree meeting 7:30</i></p>	 <p>24</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>Rosary before 5 o'clock mass</u></p> <p><u>February Newsletter Deadline</u></p>
<p>28</p> <p><u>Rosary before Masses St Joseph & StPatrick</u></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>No Meeting Tonight</i></p>	 <p>31</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	<p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8 of this newsletter</u></p> 	<p>Abortion Kills the Innocent</p> 	<p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 