



January 2016



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**November Knight of the Month
Thomas (TZ) Zettler, PSD**



**November Family of the Month
Rory and Danny Santiago**

**Knight of the Quarter
July, August, September
George Walston, FS**

**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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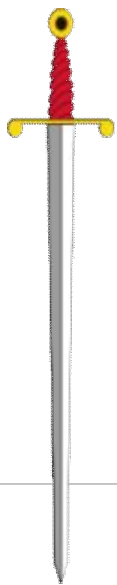
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The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

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PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

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Grand Knight Dave Viger



Brothers Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you and your families had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! We can look back at all of our 2015 council's activities and be very proud of our accomplishments and hard work towards Charity, Unity and Fraternity!

As we move forward in 2016, our focus will now shift to the Holy Year of Mercy. Both, as individuals and together as a Council, we need to do our best to reflect on and practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Our efforts throughout this year should center on helping each other to grow spiritually, strengthening our faith, and continuing our works of service so that we may promote unity within the Meridian Catholic Community and throughout the Meridian area in general.

To Our Ladies,

Unquestionably, you are the center of our homes and you are essential in providing us with much needed help and support for all of our Council activities. With that, we ask that you consider the possibility of re-forming and re-organizing a Ladies Auxiliary. For those of you who may be interested, we would like to host an informal meeting at the KofC Hall on **Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30pm** to discuss some potential ways forward. The council will provide light snacks and refreshments during the meeting so, please, let me know in advance if you will attend so we can plan accordingly. I hope to see you there!

I pray all of you and your families have a Blessed and Holy 2016!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, GK

Ladies, Council 802 want YOU



to form a Ladies Auxiliary!!!



Council Tau Iosia



My fellow Knights and families please put on your calendar our Super Bowl gathering. We will hold the Super bowl party on February 7th at 4:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. More information to follow and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas!!!!

Tau Iosia



Chaplain
Fr. Francis Cosgrove



Dear Brother Knights,

Since my arrival in Meridian, January 12, 2005, I have experienced the welcome, support and encouragement of my brother Knights. Your faith, your dedication to the church and your love and support of priests and seminarians has inspired me.

Your service to the community is a clear sign of the love and mercy of God for all people. Pope Francis encourages us to experience God's mercy and to pay it forward during this Year of Mercy. Pope Francis asks Catholics to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Council 802 is already doing many of the Corporal Works of Mercy. You visit the sick. You bring comfort, teaching and prayer to prisoners and you helped several to embrace our Catholic faith. Your charity work reaches far beyond our church members. I am always inspired when I see my brother Knights volunteer as pallbearers for deceased who have few or no family members. That is truly a work of mercy.

You are helping the Church of the future with your encouragement and financial support of our seminarians and your outstanding generosity to the priest education fund.

I'm sure you are aware that transfers are difficult for priests. From my 1st Sunday in Meridian you have welcomed, embraced me and cooperated with me as your pastor. The late Mr. Horner of St. Joseph summed it up well when he shook my hand and said, "Father, you are in the right place." Indeed Meridian has been the right place for me and I leave with cherished memories.

I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust in God's goodness and care and in the prayers of so many of my brothers and sisters. Thank you. Thank you. Gracias.

Fr. Frank



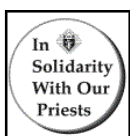
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Sal Moreno



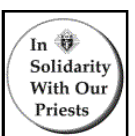
We are starting 2016 with a B A N G ! January is Rosary month. The Knights will be leading the Rosary every weekend (Sat. & Sun.) at all masses at both churches. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the board at the KC Hall. It will also be passed around during the meetings. January 30th is a 5th Saturday, so we will host a Family Dinner after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Family Life Center.

The Knights of Columbus has sponsored the Marian Hour of Prayer programs since 1979. Through these programs the Supreme Council distributes pilgrim icons to each state deputy. The icons, which depict the Blessed Virgin Mary under her various titles, travel from council to council in each jurisdiction for prayer services. We are scheduled to have the Holy Mother's Icon on January 18th and will remain in our council until February 1st. I have tentatively scheduled a Marian prayer service on Sunday January 24th at St. Joseph (around 4:00 PM) immediately following the 3:00 PM Spanish Mass. Please come join us and support this worthy program.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman



Please continue to pray for vocations.
We need more priests





Special from
John Maloney, PGK

Did you know that KC Council 802 sponsored the Meridian Charity Horse Show for either two or three years in the 1960's? The off shoot of the Meridian Charity Horse Show is now the Ralph Morgan Rodeo held twice a year in Lauderdale, MS.

If you look up to the highest outside window in the front of St. Patrick Catholic Church, you will see a stained glass window with a picture of St. Patrick. It was purchased by Council 802 for over \$12,000.00.

Did you know the flag pole for St. Patrick Catholic School was constructed there by the Fourth Degree. The flag pole was donated by Joe Bailey and was installed by a Fourth Degree member. We now supply new flags when needed.

Did you know that one of our own members and his family was honored as the third runner up for K of C Supreme's International Family of the year? That is the Tom and JoAnne Zettler Family.

More next month.

John Maloney, Sr.
Trustee and PGK



Seminarians Corner
Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

I'd like to thank you for a couple of things as we go through the Christmas season and enter the New Year.

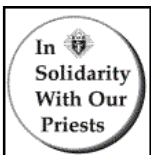
First, thanks to all of you for supporting our first ever "Fit for the Priesthood" program at Notre Dame Seminary. Council 802 was the first council to pledge \$500 toward this fundraiser which helped to motivate more than 60 seminarians to work out this semester. This program offers incentives to seminarians who work out for a set amount of days. This is also helping a group of men who are traveling to a national seminary basketball tournament in February.

The Council should be receiving a newsletter with all the numbers detailing the accomplishments of this program this semester.

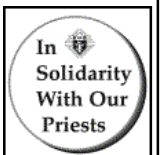
Also, a great thanks to the Knights who donated funds which will be matched by Catholic Extension in their year-end seminary education fundraiser. So many people went above and beyond in helping out on very short notice, and the diocese as a whole did great in raising money for seminarian education.

Thanks to all of you for your friendship and support, and I wish you all the best in the New Year!!!

- Nick



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Bingo Bob Leo



Well I trust that everyone and their families had a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year celebration.

Our bingo program is doing very well, even as I hear that some of our customers are going to the Casino "bingo" in Philadelphia. I get this information from some of our customers. They want to know if it's hurting our bingo program. My reply is, it's not and the main reason it's not is because they don't get the personal attention that we give our customers. I'm sure that they don't have someone to go get their drinks, or get their special or intermission packs for them, or bring them their food, or all of the other small things that we do to keep our customers happy, especially the food that we have available for them.

Many thanks to our kitchen and bar crew for the effort that they put into serving our customers: Brothers John Bennett, Frank Sharp, Ed Shamp, Josh Maeda, and the newest member, future brother Tyler Oakes, our Grand Knight's grandson. And let us not forget our ladies, Sue Blier, Carolyn Sharp, and Teresa LaBiche. Thank you one and all for all that you do.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager



Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Dr. Danny and Rory Santiago family for being selected as the "Family of the Month" for the month of November.

Danny and Rory have been putting on the Fashion Show at St. Patrick's for as long as I can remember. This is not an easy task. In addition to that, they are members of the Philippine choir, they are both involved in many aspects of the Catholic Community and the church. Again congratulations to Danny and Rory Santiago.

On Sunday December 20th we had our annual children's Christmas party, there were 13 children who gathered at the KC Hall to greet "SANTA" and receive gifts from him. The Children were lead in singing Christmas carols by Brother Tom Zettler, who emceed the program for us. Then they were served hotdogs, chips and soft drinks along with a various assortment of cakes and cookies prepared by Mrs. Claus, Rosalie Leo. The hotdogs were prepared by Master chef Roland Stewart.

Many thanks to my wife Rosalie for all of her help in buying the gifts for the children, and to Roland Stewart for helping set up the hall, and cooking the hotdogs, and to Tom Zettler for being our Emcee. Also a big thank you SANTA for showing up to our children's Christmas party.

Our next Family get together will be determined at a later date.

Bob Leo
Family Director

Community Roland Stewart



I would like to thank all those who went with us on our Christmas visit to East Mississippi State Hospital. A special thanks goes out to Tyler Oakes, GK Dave Viger's Grandson, for playing the guitar and leading the singing. Our next EMSH visit will be on Thursday, January 28th. If you have never been on one of these trips with us, it is not too late to experience the feeling of gratitude that we receive from the patients there. We receive more from these visits than do the patients.

Roland Stewart
Community



Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DOK



For the youth newsletter article this month I am going to tell you about a true Christmas miracle I witnessed during our hospital visit. From my point of view maybe a couple of Christmas miracles occurred. It all started on December 23rd when I called the church office to confirm that the bus was ready for pick up on Christmas Eve to bring our fellow Knights and youth to visit any kids in the local hospitals. Immediately things started to go wrong. The office was going to be closed and I would have to pick up the bus today (Tuesday). Big problem, I am stuck at work. What to do? Well I know that whenever I need advice or get stuck in a jam there is always some one special person I can call on who will either help or point me in the right direction, Tom Zettler! Tom immediately said, "no problem I'll go get it now and bring the keys to Bingo." What a savior - and completion of miracle #1. Thank you so much Tom for bailing me out of a tough spot. I can always count on you to help out without hesitation. I am so glad I nominated you as Knight of the Month last month. You proved again why you deserved that honor.

OK, one problem down, now the next. I was just planning on getting pizza. You know the standard fair for any youth group, but aren't we tired of always getting pizza? I know...lets get Squealer's BBQ, but can they do it on Christmas Eve with only a day notice? Well, it never hurts to ask, right? So I call Squealer's, not only will they do it but they give me a discount and tell me a few tricks to cut some cost. Keeping me way under budget for this project. Thanks Theresa Cranmore, you provided a great meal and a great price. My fellow Knights, this is my shameless plug to visit Squealer's and get a great meal. After all they helped out our Youth group and our Knight's budget. Support this great local restaurant and tell them thanks for supporting us. ***(Ed Note: The owners of Squealer's are not only the daughter and son-in-law of John Maloney, but Terry Cranmore is a fellow Knight and they are both members of our Parish.)*** OK...so I know I got miracle #2 done.

Now down to the really great miracle story. On Christmas Eve we all get together and eat our meal and hop on the bus to drive to Anderson's Hospital where we are told we have a 2 year child waiting for us. After Vincent Kidd tried to get us lost, we made it to the right parking lot and unloaded. I found a parking spot...a long way from the front door. We went into the hospital with our group and Santa Claus. Ashton Taylor, Roland Stewart's son acted as Santa's helper by carrying the bag. We gave away our gift and on our way out we stopped by the ICU waiting room and met a few more kids. Santa made the rounds to any child we saw on the way out. We gave away all but one gift, so we promised the last stuffed animal to Ashton since he did such a great job carrying Santa's bag. Now it is time to head back to the parking lot. Well as I said, the bus was a long way off and Santa was getting hot in his suit, but we had no choice. This is when I truly believe the Holy Spirit stepped in and gave us a Christmas Miracle for all to see.

As we were walking across the hot parking lot this lady pulls up in her car and tells us her son spotted Santa as they were driving down the street. He insisted that they stop to get a picture. You see the little boy didn't get a chance to see Santa this year because the family was in the middle of a move. The mom was so overjoyed to see us and to get a picture with Santa. Santa said that he was sorry that he was all out of stuffed animals but would love to take a picture with him. Then Ashton stepped up and told the little boy that he could have his stuffed animal. Way to go, Ashton! That is what the Christmas spirit is all about and we got a chance to see the Holy Spirit act in our lives. Talk about all the things that had to go right for us to be spotted by that little boy in the middle of the parking lot walking back to the bus. Only the Holy Spirit could have made that happen.

Thanks to all the Knights and youth that came out for this great event. I hope you had as much fun as I did and enjoyed witnessing a Christmas miracle. Don't worry I was told that daddy promised to replace the stuffed animal.

P.S. Congratulations to Cassandra Klutz for winning this year's Catholic Youth Essay Contest. It took a lot of bugging to get her to write the essay, but I was very proud of her. Hopefully she will win at the State Competition.



**Fourth Degree
John Harwell, JN**



Happy New Year to everyone!!! I hope all had a joyous Christmas season.

Thank you to the following Sir Knights that served on the Honor Guard for the Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 13th:

Commander Bob Leo, PFN, David Viger, Sal Moreno, Richard Moody, Larry Birzer, PJ Carter PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Sharp, Howard McCarty, and Dewayne Klutz. I have heard from several people in the Hispanic community that your presence was greatly appreciated and added to the beauty of the Mass.

The 4th Degree Christmas dinner will be January 9th at Ole Farm Beef House at 630P. It is open to all 4th Degree members and spouse, companion or guest. Please RSVP to me by January 7th at 601 513 5456 or email jdharwell4@comcast.net.

I hope everyone has a great month.

Faithful Navigator

John Harwell

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**Special from
John Bennett, PGK**



A funny thing happened to me on my way to the Forum, Knights of Columbus, that is. Youth and the next generation. We all will surely die. Then what? The next generation will show up. They are among us as I speak. Look around. There they are. Amazing. Our seats will get filled.

We had a First Degree at the KC Home this month. Welcome to Shane Brewer. The next time I saw Shane, he was on TV with Tom Zettler, PSD and Bill Nix. Why? A feature showing "Coats for Kids" with KC members. He just got into Council 802 and already is getting into IT. Speaking of IT. Brother Jordan Zettler on leave from the USS Vincent takes time out to visit the KC Hall to renew old friendships and witness a First Degree and show support for a new Knight.

So, what else is in the pipe? Enter Tyler Oakes, our Grand Knight's grandson. As we got closer to celebrating the Birth of Christ, the kitchen crew got a little depleted. Who shows up, Tyler!! Thanks for the help. Quick learn. Our Brother Knights keep showing up as needed. We will keep Christ in Christmas and support our clergy. We actually could use another ten+ new members. As old age approaches (quiet rapidly, I might add), ten is a good number. So, ask and see what happens. It might surprise you. More is more gooder. God Bless. I hope you and yours had a Merry Christmas, and wish for you and yours a very Happy New Year.

John Bennett, PGK

Lecturer



Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

First of all, let me use this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year – May 2016 be filled with nothing but happy blessings for you and your family. As many of you know, we had a 1st Degree Exemplification in December to bring Shane Brewer into the Knights of Columbus. What many of you may not know is I had the pleasure (challenge) of performing the Warden's role during the exemplification (thank you P.J.). Many thanks to the 1st Degree Team who did a very good job performing the Exemplification. Also, we approved the transfer of Knight Marvin Nance into our council. I remain excitedly optimistic that we will have new applicants during the month of January. "Membership is truly a team effort!" Let's Go Team!!!

Exemplifications in January:

2nd Degree – Saturday, January 23rd, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; St. Joseph; Starkville, MS.

4th Degree – Saturday, January 23rd, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; Hattiesburg, MS.

All you 1st and 3rd Degree Knights, please contact GK David Viger and/or Faithful Navigator, John Harwell (for 4th Degree) and let them know that you wish to be a candidate for the 2nd/4th Degree Exemplification listed above.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify David Viger and/or John Harwell of your intentions.

As always, we are "*in search of*" new members. Seek out those who you believe might be interested and qualified, then plant a seed...

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director



Deputy Grand Knight

Dave Klutz



By the time you read this, Christmas will be over. I hope you all had a great time. This month I would like to pass on two simple requests. Don't worry both are very easy. We all know lots of brother knights that do lots of work not only within our Knights of Columbus activities but throughout the community. During the first business meeting of every month we ask for Knight and Family of the month nominations. What I have noticed is only one or two knights every month nominate anyone. Why is that? So my first request is for the next couple of months every knight who attends our meetings come prepared to nominate a knight and a family of the month. It isn't hard. Just state their name and what they did. If you don't attend the meetings but would like to nominate someone, let me know. I would be proud to pass on your nomination at the meeting. *(Editor's Note: Our web site provides a spot for these nominations. Go to Members Only sign in and scroll down the page to make your nomination)*

My second request is to at least once this month gather your family together to pray the rosary. The Knights will be doing the rosary prior to every Mass in January. Come join us. If you don't know how to pray the rosary there are lots of free apps available and free rosaries and prayer cards in the back of every church in Meridian.

Thank you for supporting our fellow Knights, our church, and our community.

Dave Klutz, DGK

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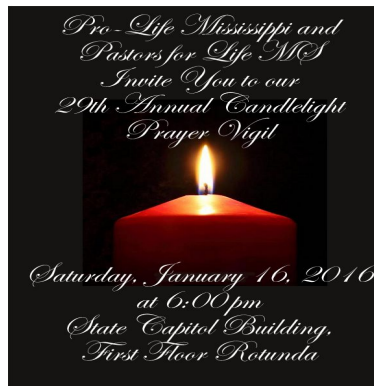


Pro Life Darrell Hober



Pro-Life Mississippi Annual Candlelight Prayer Vigil at the State Capitol Building First Floor Rotunda. - Please consider this to be your invitation to attend this most solemn event. Prayer is the foundation on which all of our other pro-life endeavors must be built. Mississippi still has only one abortion clinic in the entire state.

God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS PRECIOUS. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Darrell, Pro-Life



Special from John Harwell



Our FS, George Walston, will or may have already mailed out our 2016 dues statements. If you pay before March 31st it is \$20 for those members over 26 years of age but under 65 years of age who live in town; \$12 for out of town members; \$10 for students, active duty military, policemen, and those under the age of 26. Council 802 doesn't charge those members age 65 or older.

Do you realize what a bargain this is? If you and/or your family only attend one function during the year you have already gotten your money's worth. Of course we have dozens of activities, programs, dinners, picnics, etc. throughout the course of the year that easily makes this a worthwhile investment.

Going back in history, in 1903, when our council was chartered (the first in the state of Mississippi), dues were \$1.75 per quarter for a total of \$7.00 a year. That was a large sum of money in those days. If our dues had increased with the rate of inflation over the last 113 years our dues should now be about \$175 a year. What a bargain we get! So please do not procrastinate, get your dues payment back into George promptly. It is easily the best money you will spend this year!

By the way, after March 31st \$20 becomes \$30, \$12 becomes \$18, and \$10 goes to \$15. So, you can see that you are receiving a 33% discount by paying early. So, try not to be late.

John Harwell

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



Billy C. Beal



In Memoriam

The Catholic Community lost a very special member on December 7th. Billy was the organist and Choir Director at St. Joseph and during Holy Week played the organ at St. Patrick on Holy Thursday evening. He received his early education at St. Joseph Catholic School. He will be especially missed by his brother, Cornelius, or “GooGoo” as he is affectionately called. Billy was very active in the Catholic Community and will be sorely missed.

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

Amen

January Birthdays

1st Dr. Ramon Luina **2nd** Derek Zuchowski **5th** Taupule (Tau) Iosia **7th** Kent Bowen, Jr. **11th** Eric Ross

12th Justin Bates **13th** Howard Hill **14th** Richard Harris **15th** David Jeter & Frank Polizzi **16th** John McCaskill

20th John Harwell & Michael Lee **22nd** Robert Butkus **24th** Ed Thomas **25th** Rufus McCarra

26th Edward (Tripp) Ward **28th** Jason Caballero **31st** Pete Nause

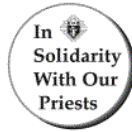


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3	4	 5 Group Picture in Green Shirts Business Meeting	 6 Bingo 6pm	 7 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	8	9 4th Degree Dinner Ole' Farm Rosary Before All Masses this Weekend
10	11	 12 No Meeting Tonight	 13 Bingo 6pm	 14 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility	15	16 Pro Life Vigil in Jackson 6PM Rosary Before All Masses this Weekend
17	18	 19 1st Degree Exemplification 6:30pm if applicant Business Meeting Follows at 7:30pm	 20 Bingo 6pm	 21 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	22	23 2nd Degree in Starkville 4th Degree in Hattiesburg Rosary Before All Masses this Weekend
24 The Marian Hour of Prayer 4PM St. Joseph	25 February Newsletter Deadline	 26 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 27 Bingo 6pm	 28 EMSH Visitation 6PM Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	29	30 Rosary Before All Masses this Weekend Family Dinner at Family Life Center 6pm
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