



The Meridian Knight

July 2018

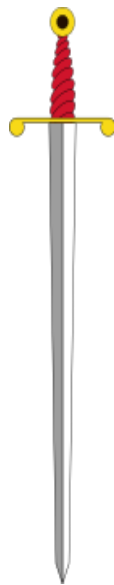


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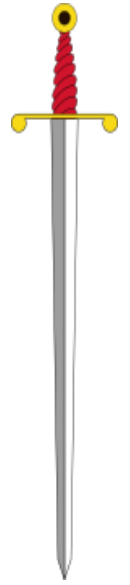
The Main Principles of
Our Order are

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism



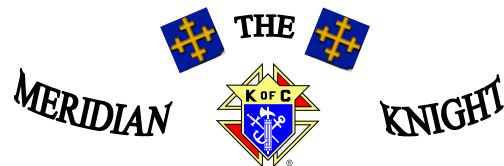
Newsletter Editor

George Walston

THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



We Thank You Lord for all that
you give us freely

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**



July begins with Independence Day on which we pray for God's guidance for us as citizens of the United States. We are grateful to God for the freedoms and privileges He has bestowed upon us. We are also mindful that those freedoms and privileges can be lost. We want the generations to come to have the opportunity to pursue lives focused on the values important to the Knights of Columbus. We know that *people in generations past made sacrifices that enabled us to enjoy our rights and responsibilities.*

As Knights, we are mindful that responsibilities go along with rights. In the parish, I am grateful for the example you set of committing oneself to responsible actions. As I finish this assignment as pastor of the parish, I have appreciated your integral involvement in parish life. As a former vocations director of the diocese, I thank you again for your support of seminarians and priests. Now that Fr. Nick Adam has completed his time in seminary and been ordained, it is time for the parishes in Meridian to send another man to seminary. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are born of family life in parishes.

This fall, there will be a synod of the universal Church held in Ireland focused on youth. Some of those who are involving themselves in the synod have an agenda that is not in unison with the values of the Knights of Columbus - values which have long been a part of the deposit of faith found in Tradition. Pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit's intervention in this synod.

Near the end of July, we celebrate the memorial of Saints Joachim and Ann, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout this month, we can ask for their intercession in support of our families. We can continue to ask their intercession throughout the months to come on behalf of young people and the future of the Church.

Fr. Matthew

**Parish
Youth Director**



I would like to thank the Knights for the \$500 donation to help support the "Alive in You" Catholic Conference and Camp that we just attended. I took a group of 9 youth and 2 adults to Knoxville, TN, June 19-24. During the camp, we had three days of service work around the city. To cite one example of our service, on Thursday, June 21st, we assisted the Knoxville Dream Center, which consists of a Homeless Outreach (Lost Sheep Ministries) and a Food Distribution for the Working Poor. We helped their staff load the food truck and then went out to a low income apartment complex to distribute the food to those in need. It was a very moving experience and I think it helped some of our kids appreciate how they are blessed in their own lives. That same afternoon we assisted them at their warehouse in a number of different ways, in the rain. We had full days each day. We attended Mass, were in Adoration and Reconciliation on different nights. We had morning and evening sessions, we had parish time for reflection, we prayed a decade of the Rosary each day for five days (Glorious Mysteries). On Saturday, we had some free time and enjoyed the Navitat Nature Canopy Experience (a combination of rope bridges, elevated obstacles, zip lining, etc. Think America Ninja Warrior but on a much smaller scale). Overall, I believe it was a great spiritual experience for our youth as well as fun, too. So once again my heartfelt thanks to my brother knights for your support of this trip.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

July Birthdays

5th Charles Lavene **9th** Ed Shamp **12th** Col. John Ascherl, Ret & James Duncan **15th** Dr. Paul Varela & Jon Yarger

18th Steve Cayer **22nd** Thomas Brewster & Dewayne Klutz **24th** John Bennett

27th Anthony George, Tyler Harrell, & Lindon Ratliff **28th** Damon Mesecher **31st** Andrew Yarger

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**4th Degree
Dave Viger, FN**



Brothers, I consider it a true honor and privilege to serve as Faithful Navigator for Assembly 1251! I follow in the footsteps of many men who proudly led our Assembly in the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. With your help, I will strive to continue to follow their legacy of good will.

I would like to extend a sincere and well-deserved “Thank you!” to our outgoing Faithful Navigator, Sal Moreno and his wife Liberty, for all they have done for us during the past year while he served as our Faithful Navigator. Sal always provides an excellent example of a man whose life is grounded on our founding principles.

As we begin this year, I ask each of you to take a moment and reflect on the time when you made your First Degree. For some, it has only been a matter of months. For others, it’s been over 50 years. But for each of us, there was something that attracted us to the Knights and made us want to be a Knight. Perhaps it was to grow closer to the Church. Maybe it was to give back to the

community in the form of Charity and Good Works. Maybe it was the fellowship enjoyed by associating with a group of “like-minded” men and their families. Whatever it is that made you want to join the Knights, we are definitely glad you are a part of our family. As we begin the new fraternal year, I challenge each of you, along with myself, to revisit those reasons for joining and rededicate ourselves as Knights. If there is something specific you’d like to see our Assembly do, please bring it to my attention and we’ll do our best to make your plans happen. We have one of the most active Assemblies in the State of Mississippi and we should strive even higher.

As it stands, during the month of July we have four functions that I am privy too:

Wednesday, July 4th, 8am and 5pm: Flag ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery.

Tuesday, July 10th, 6:30pm: Installation of Assembly Officers.

Saturday, July 21st, 11:30am: Fourth Degree Exemplification in Starkville *(see attached Flyer)*.

Tuesday, July 24th, 7:30pm: Fourth Degree Business Meeting.

On behalf of the Assembly Officers serving this Fraternal Year, we pray you will continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251 the BEST in the Bienville Province and we look forward to a busy, but fun year working with each of you.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

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FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

July 21, 2018

HONORING:

Rev. Fr. Channappareddy Basani

HOSTED BY

Sir Eugene T. Hicks Assembly 2734

St. Joseph Catholic Church

607 University Drive

Starkville, MS 39759



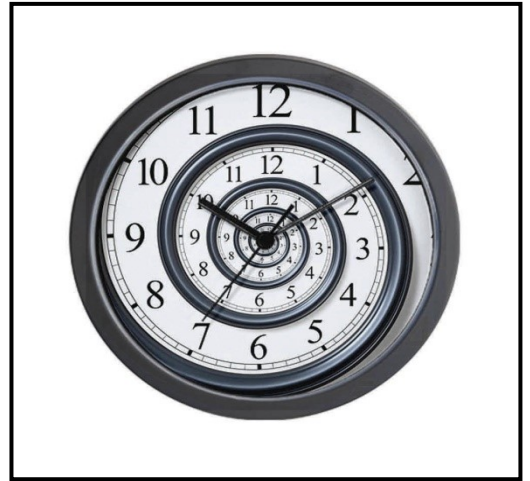
Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.



One Nation, Under God

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:30 - 1:30 P.M.—Registration/Lunch
- 1:20 P.M.—Candidate preparation
- 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.—Exemplification
- 4:30 P.M.—Assemble for Mass
- 5:00 P.M.—Mass at Immaculate Conception Church West Point



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

Cost includes:

- 4th Degree Social Baldric
- 4th Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate suitable for framing

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ORDER TO INSURE CERTIFICATES AND PROGRAMS ARE CORRECT, A COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY July 17 2018.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT MASTER, GERALD SCHMUCK AND MAIL TO
12192 CHARLOTTE DRIVE, GULFPORT, MS 39503**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT



Dress Code: Candidates as described below:

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit (Slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.



Dress Code Exceptions (for candidates)

Military—Dress Uniform

Police and Firemen—Formal Dress Uniforms

Priests—Regular Clerical Dress

Seminarians—Dark Suit and Tie or Seminarian Collar with Black Suit

Dress Code for Others

4th Degree Members/Observers

New uniform.

Black tuxedo with social baldric

Dark suit with tie and social baldric

Honor Guard

Regalia for ceremony—complete

Tuxedo, white gloves, and
swords

Flag Bears

No Swords

Color Guard Escorts

Regalia for ceremony—Complete
tuxedo, white gloves, and
swords



Congratulations to the Following Honorees



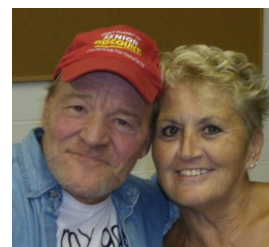
May Knight of the Month

Fr. Nick Adam



May Family of the Month

Gary & Betty Koca



Knight of the Quarter
January, February, March

Richard (Rick) Norman



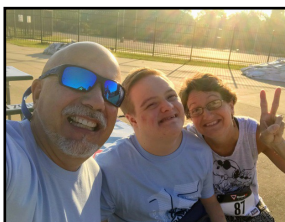
Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2017-2018

Ed Shamp



Council 802 Family of the Year
2017-2018

David, Patrick & Adrian Viger



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight

of the Year 2017-2018

Darrell Hover



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**Special Guest
Fr. Nick Adam**



Brother Knights,

I am continually blown away by the generosity of Council 802 and I cannot be more grateful for your support of me and my journey to the priesthood.

Speaking of which...it has been about a month since my ordination and my life as a priest is off and running. I have been reading (slowly, when I have time!) *The Priest is not His Own* by Fulton Sheen, and Bishop Sheen is spot on in so many of his reflections of priestly life. This month has been full of accepting my new identity, my identity as both shepherd and priestly victim.

The priest is called to lose himself and to accept his configuration to Christ, and Christ is the perfect example of the priestly victim. He ministered to others by pouring his very self out on the cross for all of humanity, and I am trying to live that out in and through my own priesthood.

At mass, in the confessional, at the hospital, the nursing home, on the basketball court, in the gym, in all places I am called to be a living witness to the ministry of Christ on earth, and this is both an

enormous challenge and an inestimable gift. And I have many of you to thank for helping me get to this point. Thank you so much for your encouragement and support, and I look forward to staying in touch with Council 802 for the REST of my life!

God bless you all, and thank you.

Fr. Nick Adam

(Ed. Note: This will probably be the last regular monthly article by Fr. Nick in our Newsletter. However, Fr. Nick has an open invitation to submit an article anytime the notion grabs his fancy. We at council 802 have thoroughly enjoyed following Fr. Nick on his journey to priesthood and would sincerely love to continue to keep up with him in the future. Best of everything to you, Fr. Nick. See us when you can find the time to visit.)

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**Dep Grand Knight
Sal Moreno**



I'm looking forward to serving as Council 802 Deputy Grand Knight for the coming year. It looks like the next Fraternal Year will be even more challenging due to the major restructuring of the current programs. Ready to learn more ? Check out the details in the June - July edition of Knightline. I am sure we will be talking more about this during our next few meetings. Like you, I am anxiously waiting to know who will do what and how we are going to do it.

Have a Blessed day.

Sal Moreno
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601-681-6111

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

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Looking back on June, we have several things to reflect on. First, I would like to welcome two new members, Dan Gorgas (who is returning to the order after a time of being inactive) and John Graupman, Jr. (John is the son of our late Brother Knight and Financial Secretary, John Graupman, Sr.). We are very glad to have him join our ranks. Thank you to the First Degree team for another outstanding Exemplification held on June 19th.

The Recognition Banquet on June 9th was a great success. The Dinner which was catered by Sherry Graupman and the Daily Grind was delicious. Thank you to Joe Price and the Scouts of Troop 7 from St. Patrick for their help (one of which was one of our new members, John Graupman, Jr. who we honored for attaining his Eagle Scout Badge). Also thank you to numerous knights and ladies who helped set up and clean up afterward.

Congratulations to Father Nick Adam on being elected Knight of the Month for May and the Gary and Betty Koca Family for being honored as our Family of the Month.

Faith in Action is our new umbrella for our programs starting July 1st. The program structure has been revamped from 6 program areas to 4. The new categories will be Faith, Family, Community and Life. We have two committee chairmen (David Viger, PGK has agreed to continue as Family Director

and Darrell Hover has agreed to continue as the Life Director). At this juncture, we need a Faith and a Community Chairman. As most of you know, volunteer help here is not a problem but we do need a man to drive the bus (so to speak) in these two program areas. Plus, with us eliminating Council and Youth, many of those programs will continue to be coordinated by people who have previously been doing them i.e. (Coats for Kids-Bill Nix, Free Throw, Soccer Challenge-myself and so on). So please pray about it and if you are interested in one of these chairmanships, please contact me to discuss.

The Installation of Officers will be on July 10th. It will start at 6:30 PM. This will be our usual pot luck supper. The council will provide the meat & drinks, but we ask you to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Our District Master Jerry Schmuck will be here for the 4th Degree and our own David Viger will be installing the council officers as the District Deputy of District 4.

There will be a budget meeting on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 PM at the KC Hall. The Budget will be discussed there, and voted on at the Business meeting on July 3rd.

Finally, I would like to thank Father Matt and Father Sanchez for their faithful service to our Council over the recent years. You both have served as spiritual inspirations to us all and please know that the Brother Knights of Council 802 will always be your friends and stand ready to help either of you in any way we can even though you both will be moving away from Meridian. At the same time I am pleased to welcome our new Pastor and Chaplain Father Augustine (Augusteen) Palimattam to Meridian and we are excited and honored to have him in our midst in the coming weeks, months and years. Please give him your kindness and support as he starts his new ministry here at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parishes.

With that, I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Independence Day (4th of July) Holiday and a good month as well.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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(Editor's Note: We will not have a 4th of July Picnic this year.)

Grand Knight's Awards Banquet

Scholarship Recipients or their stand ins

Front, L to R: John Graupman, Chelsea Grissett, Kaitlin Fowler, Lauren Fowler, (Nelda Bennett for Sara Dietrich), (Pam Walston for Rob Walston) (Mary Zettler for Kristen Zettler)

Rear: L to R: Hayden Downing, Kaylee Zettler, Jenna Graupman, (Jo Ann Zettler for Kristen Zettler, (David Stephens for Ajaylae Banks) (John Bennett for Emily Dietrich).

Not pictured: Mary Miles.



Knights of the Quarter



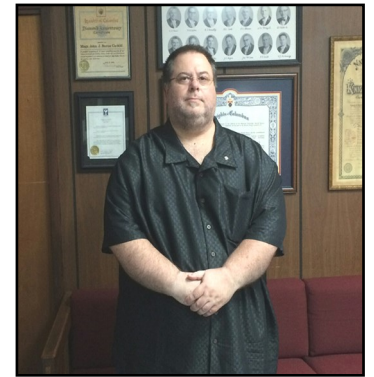
1st Qtr Ed Shamp



2nd Qtr Tom Zettler, PSD



3rd Qtr Bob Leo, PGK



4th Qtr: FS Rick Norman



*Knight of the Year
Ed Shamp*



*Family of the Year
Dave & Adrian Viger Family*



*Sir Knight of the Year
Darrell Hover*

Bingo

Bob Leo, PGK



I sincerely hope that everyone is enjoying these beautiful summer days, although our bingo program is feeling the pinch of it in our attendance. The amount of customers we are getting has dropped off some, from approximately 165 -178 on average, to about 140 - 148 presently. We are working to try to keep the donations to our charities up to par as much as possible, since funds are a little tight. On the brighter side we did see an increase in attendance last week. We had 178 players attending the session. I'm hoping we are seeing an upswing in future attendance.

There will not be a bingo session on Wednesday, July 4th, due to the holiday. I'm sure most of our bingo workers will be home having barbecues, and plenty of company, or going away for the holiday.

I wish everyone a very patriotic and joyous 4th of July.

Bob Leo, PGK
Bingo Manager

Family

Dave Viger, PGK



Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating Brother Gary Koca (pronounced “kocha”) and his wife, Betty, on their selection as our May Family of the Month!

As we start this new Fraternal Year, Supreme has introduced Faith In Action – A New Model for a New Age, replacing the Surge With Service model. The most recent KNIGHTLINE (June/July 2018) provides recommended programs for Faith In Action.

Specifically for the Family Program, the following are recommended:

- Food for Families (Featured Program)
- Family of the Month/Year
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Week
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night (New)
- Good Friday Family Promotion (New)

In the coming weeks, I hope to discuss the new program model with our Worthy Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight/ Program Director in order to get a better “grip” on what we, as a Council, will be focusing on accomplishing with our Family Program throughout the Fraternal Year to support Faith In Action Model. More to follow...

I pray each of you and your families have a fun-filled and Blessed summer!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Family Director

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

I am humbled that my fellow Sir Knights selected me as Sir Knight of the Year. The plaque given to me is absolutely beautiful. Thank you for this honor. Blessings to all of you.

This month our 2018 Biking for Babies campaign will be arriving at Dayspring Community Church in Clinton, MS at 7 pm on July 9th. Come Meet N Greet the Biking for Babies Southern Route Team on Stop #1 of their 600 mile journey!

Four teams beginning in Green Bay, WI, Columbus, OH, Tylertown, MS and Holly, CO will strengthen their resolve to defend life through athletic and mental challenges and unite in St. Louis to extend our mission of joy and love.

The riders are ready to tackle four routes and over 2,000 miles to raise awareness for America’s pregnancy resource centers. They are preparing, spiritually, physically and mentally to ride over 150 miles each day in support of these centers clients, services and material needs.

Following a geographical path of the Corpus of Christ from His Holy Wounds to His Sacred Heart, Biking for Babies will carry this message of hope “across” America to thousands who see us on the highways. Please keep these riders and the support teams in your prayers.

Visit: <http://www.bikingforbabies.com/2018-ride/routes/>

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



Southern Route Details

- July 9| Tylertown, MS -> Clinton, MS: 99 mi
- July 10 | Clinton, MS -> Clarksdale, MS: 149 mi
- July 11 | Clarksdale, MS -> Memphis, TN: 93 mi
- July 12 | Memphis, TN -> Dyersburg, TN: 80 mi
- July 13 | Dyersburg, TN -> Sikeston, MO: 89 mi
- July 14 | Sikeston, MO -> St Louis, MO: 155 mi

**Faith
(Volunteer needed)**

(Editor’s Note: This area is new for the coming Fraternal Year, but basically it is similar to the Church Director of years past. Please give some thought and prayers to heading up this very important position for your council.)

Just think, you could have your picture here.

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

Membership
David Stephens



Brother Knights,

I am filled with excitement and so much pride every time I reflect on and pray for Fr. Nick and Fr. Aaron. Although they did the hard work, we should have a great feeling of success knowing that our investment, as an organization, in these two young men (Priests) over the years contributed to the Greater Good of the Catholic Religious Order. May the LORD continue to Bless the Good Works of the Knights of Columbus, especially, Council 802 and Assembly 1251. Amen.

Brothers, Enjoy and be Safe as you and your family are celebrating our independence. Happy Independence Day (Happy 4th of July)! GOD Bless America!

Brothers, as we celebrate the week of the 4th let us take advantage of every opportunity to ask our fellow catholic brothers are they a member of the KC's. **Our next Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th** – there is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Exemplifications in July:

Admissions (1st) Degree – Tuesday, July 17th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian

Fourth Degree Exemplification: July 21, in Starkville (*See previous brochure in this Newsletter*)

There are no Formation, Knighthood or Fourth Degree Exemplifications listed on the State calendar at this time.

“Membership is truly a team effort!” Let’s Go Team!!!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

Community
*(Volunteer Needed to
head this committee)*

***This could be your picture in
our August Newsletter.
Please give it some thought
and prayer***

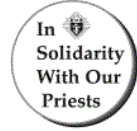
Please join us at the KC Hall on Thursday, July 26th, at 6:00 PM for our monthly visit to the Pines at East Mississippi State Hospital. You won't regret the time you spend bringing cheer to the occupants there. Some of them will not see anyone all month except for us. Please set aside an hour or two for this most important function of our council.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Budget Meeting KofC Hall 2:00 pm</i>	2 <i>ED. Note: There will not be a 4th of July Picnic this year</i>	3 <i>Meeting 7:30pm</i>	4 0800 & 1700 St Patrick Cemetery Flag Ceremony <i>No Bingo</i>	5 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	6	7
8	9 <i><u>Biking for Babies Clinton 7PM</u></i>	10 <i>Installation of Council & Assembly Officers for 2018-2019 & Potluck Supper 6:30pm</i>	11 6:00 pm 	12 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM KofC 802 Responsibility</i>	13	14
15	16	17 1st Degree if candidate(s) <i>Meeting follows</i>	18 6:00 pm 	19 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	20	21 4th Degree Exemplification in Starkville (see page 4 thru 6 for more information)
22	23	24 4th Degree meeting 7:30	25 6:00 pm 	26 <i>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM. Meet at the KofC hall</i> <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	27	28
29	30	31 <i>No Meeting tonight</i>		 <i>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 2 of this newsletter</i>	 <i>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</i>	 <i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i>