



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *July 2017*



### *Council Officers*

*Chaplain - Fr Matthew Simmons*

*Grand Knight - John Harwell*

*Deputy Grand Knight - Tyler Cakes*

*Financial Secretary - Richard Norman*

*Chancellor - Robert (Bob) Leo , PGK*

*Treasurer - David Stephens*

*Advocate - Roland Stewart*

*Recorder - Frank Polizzi, PGK*

*Lecturer - John Bennett, PGK*

*Warden - Howard McCarty*

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*Outside Guard - Dewayne Klutz*

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*David Viger, PGK*

*Mouise Richards, PGK*

*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**



Dear Brother Knights,

On the first Sunday of July, Jesus says in the gospel “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” The most prominent date on the calendar for the month is, of course, the fourth. The anniversary of our independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain reminds us of our patriotic and civic responsibilities. If we devote ourselves to following Jesus Christ, living out our responsibilities as good citizens will naturally follow.

So, assistance at Mass on July 4th at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph is a good way to focus that day on our responsibilities. First, we pray for the country. We recognize that the country has become increasingly divided especially by political ideologies. A patriotic responsibility of Christians is to treat with respect those with whom we disagree. Since the Knights of Columbus are a pro-life organization, that respect for the dignity of all human life is an especially powerful witness. We show respect for those who don't show respect for us. Doing so can require a delicate discernment of when to hold one's tongue and when to speak out. Self-centered pride is always a danger for human beings; so it is important that we examine ourselves for that pride. In that sense, we lose our lives for the sake of Jesus and His gospel.

On another note, as the former vocation director, I thank you for your support of vocations through fundraising and prayer.

Fr. Matthew

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



I would like thank all of our my Brother Knights for your confidence in selecting me to lead our council in the coming year. Being Grand Knight does carry a tremendous amount of responsibility, but because we have such a great group of men and women who work to make Council 802 the best in the State, the job becomes more of a labor of joy rather than drudgery. I look forward to continuing the great work that we have done over the years to make our council, church, school and community better.

Obviously, the BIG item that we have on the horizon is the bathroom remodel along with the hallway and entrance renovation. A big thanks to Ed Shamp and the Building Committee for their hard work on this project. As you all know, the monies have been appropriated and we are getting close to getting the construction started. I do not know an exact date as of yet, but I will communicate that to all of you as soon as I know.

Upcoming in July, please mark your calendars for the following:

1. Flag Ceremony: July 4th at St. Patrick Cemetery 8:00AM
2. Budget Meeting at 1PM on July 9th at the Hall. All Committee chairmen are encouraged to attend. Our budget will be tight this year as we will be paying for the renovation along with continuing our charitable works and also building our savings back up.
3. School of Columbianism in Hattiesburg: 12:30PM to 3:30PM on Sunday July 16th. New officers i.e. GK, DGK, Treasurer as well as returning officers and committee chairman are encouraged and welcomed to attend.
4. Installation of Officers, July 18th at 6:30PM. This will be a potluck. Council will provide the meats/drinks and ask members to provide a side item/dessert to share.
5. ESMH visit on July 27th at 6:00PM

We will have no business meetings in July. The First Degree normally scheduled for the Third Tuesday (July 18th) will not be conducted in lieu of the Installation of Officers that night. The next business meeting will be on Tuesday, August 1st.

Lastly, a big thank you to outgoing Grand Knight David Viger for his excellent work over the last two years. He is leaving our council in good shape and I look forward to his helpful guidance as I get started in the coming weeks and months.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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## Council Taupule' (Tau) Iosia



June 4th was a family picnic. We had good attendance and the weather worked in our favor. I would like to thank John Bennett, Howard McCarthy, Rick Norman, Sal Moreno, and John Kasper who helped out with cooking and setup. In addition, a shout out to our Grand Knight and his wife Adrian for washing the dishes after the event. I will mention the balloon toss was an entertaining event in which I got wet. Finally, I thank everyone who attended the event.

Our next council event will be the Labor Day picnic.

Tau

## Church Sal Moreno



What a way to kick off this year's Fathers Day , A Saturday vigil Mass on June 17th followed by an Affirmation of Wedding Vows. We had 17 people who signed up with numerous couples from our congregation who also joined in the celebration. Last Saturday's Corporate Communion Mass on June 24th was also crowd breaking, there were at least 25 K of C members wearing that famous green shirt. Thank you all for participating.

Now back to business. I am in the process of preparing our annual gifts to our young altar servers, any suggestions? Also July 29/30 is a 5th Sunday Rosary weekend. I need a volunteer to say the rosary on Saturday at 5 o'clock Mass on July 28th and on July 29th at 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph and 11 o'clock Mass at St Patrick.

That's all for now. Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Church  
Sal Moreno  
[salmoreno@comcast.net](mailto:salmoreno@comcast.net).

## Dep Grand Knight Tyler Oakes



Hello everyone! I'm looking forward to serving as the Deputy Grand Knight for this fraternal year. I know I'm a bit of a younger guy, but I know I will learn so much throughout my term as DGK. I'm certain that my brother knights will help me along the way and that this will be a growing experience for me. I know that I can count on just about anyone in our council for help. I will do my best to be successful and most importantly make sure my council is successful.

There may be times during my upcoming college year where I'll be incredibly stressed and things may be tough, but like I said before I will put in the effort that's needed.

I'd like to see more involvement in our council when it comes to people showing up to bingo and other events. Of course, I'd also like us have a better youth recruitment program and get some younger guys in as members.

I know that everything is easier said than done, but if everything was easy how could we become better men?

I'd like to say thank you to David Klutz for doing a great job during his terms as DGK, and also a big thank you to the guys who show up for the events and bingo frequently. You guys are the backbone of our council.

Thank you,  
Tyler, DGK

## Congratulations to the Following Honorees



*May Knight of the Month*

**Howard McCarty**



*May Family of the Month*

**Betty & Roland Stewart**



*Knight of the Quarter*

*January, February, March*

**Tommy Beeman**



*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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## Culture of Life Darrell Hover



THANK YOU David, Sandra, and Cassandra Klutz, my Grandson Johnathan Hover, and his girlfriend Anna Meadows Cress for attending the Walk-4-Life campaign in Jackson on June 10th. *(See the picture below this article)* Over \$4,000 was raised to support Pro-Life Mississippi. We walked and rolled a total of 4 miles through some extremely harsh conditions.

Although most of the motorists that we pass along the way are very supportive of our efforts, this year I heard one lady offering condescending remarks and cursing us verbally as we went by. This shows that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. There is only one abortion clinic left in Mississippi. Please be in prayer that we can close this clinic forever. THANK YOU!

Biking for Babies takes place from July 11-16th with 40-50 young adults pedaling over 2,500 miles on four routes to raise awareness and support for pregnancy resource centers across the country. The 2017 National Ride is the largest expansion Biking for Babies has seen since 2014. Four teams beginning in Green Bay, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, and Denver 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. Following a geographical path of the corpus of Christ from His Holy Wounds to His Sacred Heart, we will carry this message of hope "across" America to thousands who see us on the highways. <http://www.bikingforbabies.com/2017-ride/>

Come meet these young people at a Meet -n-Greet dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus at St. Richard Catholic Church in Jackson on July 12th at 6:00 pm. For more information visit: <http://www.bikingforbabies.com/>

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

Darrell, Culture of Life  
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Front Row left to right: Darrell Hover, Casandra Klutz & Anna Meadows Cress  
Back Row left to right: David Klutz, Sandra Klutz & Johnathan Hover

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**Guest Writer**  
**Tom Zettler, PSD**



A SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who participated in the wake and funeral services for Betty Stewart. I especially thank George Walston, John Harwell, David Viger, and John Maloney, Sr. who joined me in leading the rosary for the happy repose of her soul. I also thank the following Knights who served as pallbearers at the funeral Mass: Bob Connor, Bob Leo, Sal Mareno, Howard McCarty, David Viger, Tau Iosia, Frank Polizzi and David Stephens.

Brother Roland Stewart has expressed his appreciation to me and on his behalf I forward his appreciation to all of you.

Vivat Jesus  
Tom Zettler, PSD

**Guest Writer**  
**David Viger, PGK**



**Brother Knights,**

My term as Grand Knight has come to an end... I want to thank all who participated in this past two Fraternal year's events while I served as Grand Knight and in so doing contributed so greatly to our success. It would imply that the past couple of years were indeed a success, but I won't place myself as judge and jury – others will decide.

In particular, I warmly thank our Officers and Program Directors for their constant help without which nothing can be accomplished. Their unending dedication was instrumental in any success we can claim. Our Bingo workers who volunteer each week to help ensure we have an ample cash flow to assist us in all of our good works were also instrumental in that success, as well as all the spouses, family and friends who volunteer and support our Council. Thanks to all!

I want to also express my very special thanks, appreciation and love to my wife, Adrian, who has listened to my diatribes, yet has provided me with unwavering support during the past two

years. I would have never been able to do much without her, and I am forever grateful we are sharing our life together!

To the incoming Officers and Program Directors, I pledge my continued support in all that we do as a Council!  
May God Bless each of you, your families and our country!

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Dave Viger, PGK**



## **July Birthdays**

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

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

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

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**Past Faithful  
Navigator  
John Harwell**



Greetings to all, first I would like to thank the Assembly for your support over the last three years as I wind up my time as Faithful Navigator. Our 4th Degree Assembly has remained a solid supporter of Patriotism not only locally but nationally as well. I give my best wishes to our new Faithful Navigator Sal Moreno and stand ready to support him in any way I am able in the coming year.

On June 14th, we held our annual Flag Day ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8:00 am. Thank you to the following who came out for the flag raising and short program: SK Tom Zettler PSD, SK Bob Leo PFN, SK Sal Moreno and his wife Liberty, SK John Bennett PFN, Teresa LaBiche, Donna White, Teresa Cuthright and yours truly. We retired the flag at 4:00PM since it was a Wednesday and Bingo was that evening.

Upcoming, I have been advised by our incoming FN Sal Moreno, that we will have a Flag Ceremony on Independence Day (July 4th) at 8:00AM at St. Patrick Cemetery. The flag will be retired at 5:00PM. Please join us if you are able.

One other note for July, we will have the Installation of Officers on Tuesday, July 18th at the KC Hall at 6:30PM. The 4th Degree will piggy back on the 3rd Degree Installation that evening. Our State Master, Jerry Schmuck will be here to conduct the Installation. The Installation will be a Pot Luck as usual. The Council will provide the basics of the meal, drinks and we ask

members/spouses to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you there on the 18th.

Finally, as this is my last submission as Faithful Navigator and I will be moving into the Grand Knight role for Council 802, I thank all of our members, spouses, widows, family members for your support and friendship and I look forward to serving you all going forward.

John Harwell, PFN  
1 COR 12 4-7

**Seminarians Corner  
Deacon Nick Adam**



Brother Knights,

It has been a wonderful first month of ministry at St. Richards as my first “official” assignment in the diocese is well underway. I have loved preparing homilies several times a week, preaching on the weekends, meeting with parishioners, and performing baptisms (well, just one so far but more to come).

The most incredible thing about being a deacon is having the knowledge that I have been ordained to do this task. This knowledge has made it so easy to jump right in and joyfully serve in whatever way I am asked each day, because I know that this is what I am meant to do! I have especially enjoyed getting to know members of our junior and senior high youth groups. I took the high school kids on a mission trip to Atlanta in mid-June and got to know them especially well. It was a challenging trip for the kids but they rose to the occasion and I was very impressed.

I can’t wait until the high school football season starts so I can go to the St. Joe-Madison football games (my love for sports remains strong.) I am also starting an adult

basketball league at St. Richard during the summer, so I can stay active and get to know the parishioners as well.

I appreciate all of you very much, I will be in town for Don Souigny’s memorial mass on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, and I look forward to seeing many of you this summer!

Deacon Nick

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



## 4th Degree Sal Moreno



Greetings and a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to you all. As the incoming Faithful Navigator I am honored and I promise to do the best I can. But, I cannot do this without your help. I am asking for your help and support.

I believe my first task is to make sure we fly our flag on July the 4th. Come and join in kicking off Independence Day by raising our national flag at 08:00 AM and then retiring it at 5:00 PM.

Also:

July 18 - - installation of Officers

July 22 - - 4th degree in Starkville. More details to follow. Enjoy the 4th and be safe.

Faithful Navigator

Sal Moreno

[salmoreno@comcast.net](mailto:salmoreno@comcast.net)

## Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

July 4, 1776, the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

On this day, The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. Enjoy and be Safe as you and your family are celebrating our independence. Happy Independence Day (Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July)!

Brothers, as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> let us take advantage of every opportunity to ask our fellow catholic brothers are they a member of the KC's. **Our next Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th** – there is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us! We will not have one in July.

Exemplifications in July:

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree – Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Registration and light lunch; 2:30 – Exemplification; 5:30 – Mass; 6:30 – Reception for Members, Candidates, Spouses and Guests; 7:00 – Banquet; St. Joseph Catholic Church, 607 University Drive, Starkville, MS 39759

All of you 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, please contact GK John Harwell and/or FN Sal Moreno and inform them if you wish to be a candidate for the 4th Degree Exemplification listed above. July 18<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe the above 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification should notify FN Sal Moreno and/or GK John Harwell of your intentions.

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

David Stephens

Membership Director

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



## *In Memory Of*



*Betty Stewart*

*December 24, 1943 - June 7, 2017*

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we announce the death of the wife of one of our most active members, Roland Stewart. His wife Betty died on Wednesday, June 7th. Before her long and hard fought battle with illness, Betty was an active member of our Catholic Community and our council. She was an inspiration to all of us during her long illness. She fought long and hard, but in the end could not overcome the illness. The good news is that she is now with God and His Heavenly Family.

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

### **Community Roland Stewart**



Please join us on Thursday, July 27, at 6:15 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.

Roland Stewart  
Community Chairman,

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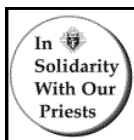


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*We need more priests*



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2	3 <b>9:00 Mass at St. Joseph for the 4th of July tomorrow—&gt;</b>	 4 <b>Flag Raising 0800 St. Patrick Cemetery</b> <b>No Meeting tonight</b>	 5 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	6 <b>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</b>	7	8 <b>Memorial Mass for Brother Don Souigny 1:00 pm at St patrick</b>
9 <u>Budget Meeting 1:00pm at the KC Hall All Program Chairmen should attend</u>	10	11 <b>Biking for Babies begins today</b> <b>No Meeting tonight</b>	 12 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	13 <b>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</b>	14	15
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23	24	25 <b>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</b>	 26 <u>August Newsletter Deadline</u> <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	27 <b>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</b> <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</u>	28	29 <b>5th Saturday Rosary at 5pm Mass</b>
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