



July 2015



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**May Knight of the Month
Richard Norman**



**May Family of the Month
Cindy and Stephen Slimp**

**Knight of the Quarter
January, February, & March
Salvador Moreno**

**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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David Viger**

**Chaplain
Father Francis Cosgrove**

**Deputy Grand Knight
David Klutz**

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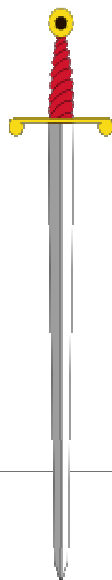
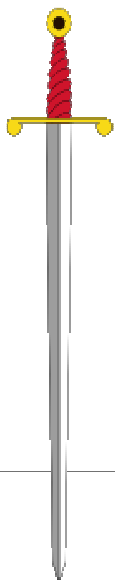
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Frank Sharp**

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David Stephens**



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**Newsletter Editor
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The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS

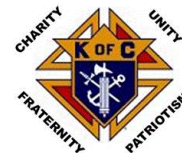


*We Thank You Lord for all that
you give us freely*

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Grand Knight Patrick J Carter



I would like to thank everyone who helped me during the last three years as your Grand Knight. You were a lot of help and I needed that help to get the things done that we got done. I would also like to congratulate Richard Norman for being elected as our Knight of the Month for May, and the Stephen & Cindy Slimp Family for being selected as our Family of the Month.

I hope everyone had a good time at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night, 06/20. I know it was hot. I finally got the air conditioner fixed today, 06/23, it broke on Saturday night.

We will have our Installation of Officers on Tuesday the 21st of July. Both 3rd Degree and 4th Degree officers will be installed. All family and guests are welcome. It is a potluck meal, so bring a covered dish vegetable, dessert or salad.

I hope everyone has a great summer

P. J. Carter,
Grand Knight



Chaplain Fr. Frank Cosgrove



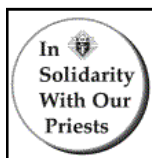
Dear Brother Knights,

Reflecting on 50 years since I was ordained a priest in 1965, I am grateful for God's grace and protection and for the many opportunities to help people grow in their commitment to the Lord. As I mentioned at the celebration on June 1st, I feel that my life has been like a cornucopia overflowing with the fruits and vegetables of God's graces. It was so affirming to see so many people from our Catholic Community and from parishes where I served over the years. I hope that one of the graces of our celebration and those of other priests will be an interest in vocations. I am thankful for the encouragement and support which the Knights give to vocations, to the priesthood, and to religious life.

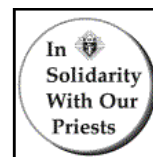
The presence of so many Knights and your families including the 4th degree Honor Guard helped make our Liturgy beautiful. So did the choir and all of you who helped to plan the Liturgy and the reception. My family from Ireland and I were impressed and we are thankful.

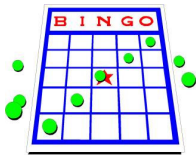
I appreciate the affirmation and support of the Knights of Columbus for the past ten years and I am grateful for the very generous gifts from Council 802 and the 4th degree Assembly. While I try to minister to you and others, I remind you that you minister to me also. For this and for so many graces for the past 50 years, I thank God and all of His people.

Fr. Frank

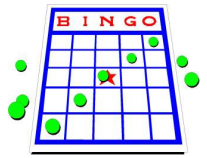


*Please continue to pray for vocations.
We need more priests*





Bingo Bob Leo



Our bingo program is still on the upswing. We are seeing a lot of new member's faces at our Bingo sessions, and also an increase in the attendance. This is a good sign.

I want to thank Grace Perry and Tiffany Browning for all of their assistance at the bingo sessions. Unfortunately, Big Brother (state gaming commission) would not let them continue to help us out, because they are underage to work at the Bingo Hall. However, they are not underage to gamble at the hall. Go figure. Another example of your government at work. Again a BIG Thank YOU to Tiffany and Grace.

I invite some of our new Knights to come on out to the bingo session and take Tiffany and Grace's place. If they can do it why can't you? Come on out and see what your Brother Knights do each and every Wednesday night. Come out and see what the organization that you chose to join does to help with our charities. Who knows, you may get to like it.

I would like to extend my congratulations to one of our steady callers, Brother David Viger, who was chosen to be our Grand Knight for the coming year. Congrats David, and good luck in your new position.

The summer months are among us and as in summer months people go away on vacations. And what does this do? It leaves us short-handed. I am asking for your help. If we know that we are going to be short handed ahead of time maybe you can spare an extra hour or two to stay over, or come in a little early. It would help a great deal and will be much appreciated. Thank you ahead of time for all that you do.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager



Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Stephen and Cindy Slimp family for being chosen as our "Family of the Month" for May. Our council has chosen Steve and Cindy because of all the work they do for our church and our community. Steve is a Tenured Professor at the University of West Alabama and teaches part time at MSU. He and his lovely wife, Cindy, are very active in our church programs, such as PSR and the RCIA programs. Their daughters also help with these programs.

Whenever there is a function where a meal is to be prepared and served, you will almost always find Cindy and Steve helping out. These are only a few of the reasons that Steve and Cindy were chosen as our "Family of the Month". Again congratulations to Steve and Cindy Slimp.

A date to remember is Friday, July 31st, at 6:30 P.M., at the Knights of Columbus Hall picnic area. We will host our first outdoor Family get together. The council will serve chicken, sausage, hot dogs, and a few hamburgers on the grill, and, also liquid refreshments. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert of your own liking. This Family outing is open to all members of the Knights of Columbus, their families, and any potential members wishing to join the Knights of Columbus. Come on out and see what we're all about.

Do you have a family in mind that could be a candidate, for our "Family of the Month" program, if you do please submit that Families name for consideration at our 1st meeting in the month, I am sure that there are quite a few families in our organization that are deserving of this honor, all you have to do is submit their names. You can also nominate a Family on our web site, [kofc802.org](http://www.kofc802.org).

Bob Leo
Family activities Director



Seminarians Corner

Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

My first month at the Institute for Priestly Formation on the campus of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska has been challenging and rewarding. We started the program with an 8-day silent retreat, focusing on our relationship with the Lord and on our own discernment of our vocation to the priesthood. It was wild to be on silent retreat with 175 other seminarians on a college campus, I'm not sure what the students were thinking as they watched all of us!!!

After the retreat we began our course schedule. All of the classes we are taking focus on the unique challenges and graces that come with being diocesan priests. They are designed to help us build up good habits and prayer and learn to develop our relationship with God through prayer and our everyday ministry.

The best thing about this program for me has been the practical ways we have learned to keep our prayer life going. I have come to realize that my relationship with God must be the thing that informs every decision I make, and if I have that relationship in order, then I can live my priesthood in a way that is life-giving for a parish and the diocese.

I have only been encouraged and invigorated by this summer, and I am so thankful to all of you KC's for being such good examples for me of men who love God, love their Church, and love their families.

- Nick



Community

Roland Stewart



First, I would like to thank all those who helped me with the East Mississippi State Hospital visitation on Thursday, June 25th. Thanks to Tommy Beeman for keeping the watermelons cold at his house. Also, thanks go out to Sal Moreno, Dewayne Klutz and Dennis Deviney for helping me cut them up on Thursday afternoon at the KC Hall. And finally, thanks to those who went with me to the Hospital that evening. Accompanying me to the hospital were Doris, Dewayne and David Klutz, James Snowden, and Vincent Kidd. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the visit, us included.

Our next visit will be on Thursday, July 23rd. You can't imagine the enjoyment and self fulfillment you will get out of visiting these men and women unless you come out once to witness it for yourself. See you then.

Roland Stewart
Community Chairman



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

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Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

Let's Go For a Bike Ride. Join "Biking for Babies" by becoming a rider or donating to the cause. Biking for Babies is committed to renewing the culture of life in America. Why not join them?

"Biking for Babies" takes place on July 11-19, 2015 and are in search of young adults devoted to celebrating life and can ride a bike 140+ miles a day for 8 days. Teams will depart from 2 locations, Dallas and New Orleans, and converge in Chicago to raise awareness and support for pregnancy resource centers around the country.

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/>

Reminder: For those who shop on Amazon, you can now go to www.smile.amazon.com and select almost any charity (including [Pro-Life Mississippi](#)) and then every time you make a purchase from Amazon using the smile.amazon.com site Amazon will donate a small percentage of the price to that charity, no additional charge. It's automatic, and it adds up!

God bless you and the work you are doing.

Darrell, Pro-Life



Fourth Degree John Harwell, F.N.



The month of June was another good one for our Assembly. On Monday, June 1st, our Honor Guard participated in the Golden Jubilee Mass for Father Frank Cosgrove at St. Patrick Church. As always, they lent a beautiful touch to a wonderful celebration. We were also honored to have our State Master Bill O'Connor join in as well. Bill makes a point to get over to Meridian several times a year and we are always glad to see him. The Knights of Columbus had a big hand in making the afternoon/evening very special for Father Cosgrove. In particular I would like to mention two Knights who were instrumental in the behind the scenes work that made the evening possible. They are Dr. Tom Welsh (who put together the liturgy and coordinated much of the order of the Mass) and Dennis Hall. Both of these men are KC members in councils located elsewhere. When you see either of these two men at Mass or otherwise, please convey your appreciation for a job well done and encourage them to transfer their membership to Council 802. I know each has been asked before but it will not hurt to ask again.

On June 14th, at St. Patrick Cemetery, we raised the colors at 0800 and then retired the flag at 1700. Flag Day dates back to June 14th, 1777. The flag is one the great symbols of our country. Its presence in our midst is a great reminder of the freedoms we enjoy under its banner.

July 4th is Independence Day. We will again raise the colors at 8:00AM (0800) and retire the flag at 4:00PM (1600) since that is a Saturday and Mass will be starting at 5:00P (1700). Please join us if you are able out at St. Patrick Cemetery.

I hope everyone has a great month.

John Harwell
Faithful Navigator
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Membership David Viger



Brother Knights,

Tis still I, Dave Viger, but I promise, next month, God willing and the Creek don't rise, David Stephens will pick up the torch as Membership Director!

Please note - **There will be no 1st Degree Exemplification in July!**

As most of you are aware, the Council installation of Officers is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st, which was also when our next regular 1st Degree was scheduled. Our next 1st Degree will be Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. An email will be sent out before the degree as a reminder. So far, we have one application read and approved with at least two more pending.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Membership Chairman...Departing (again)!



Council Greg Stephens



Our Memorial Day picnic held on May 31st, went well, with about 80 Knights and family members attending. The meal of hamburgers, sausage, hot dogs, and a supplement of deer sausage provided by Mike Miller was prepared on the grill by Brothers John Bennett and Ed Shamp. The burgers were pre-made by my wife, Janet, my granddaughter Victoria, and myself the day prior to the picnic. The weather was touch and go for a few minutes with the only damage being napkins and plastic ware being blown off the tables. A ton of thank you's go out to the folks who brought in the salads and desserts for all to enjoy. Hoping that all of you have a great summer.

I would also like to congratulate Richard Norman on being selected as our council's Knight of the Month for May.

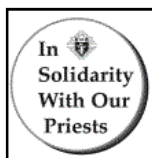
Greg Stephens
Chairman

Special Event Installation of Officers

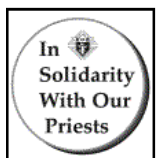
On Tuesday, July 21st, at 6:30pm we will have our Officer Installation instead of our regular business meeting. Officers of Council 802 and 4th Degree Assembly 1251 for the coming year, 2015-2016 will be installed by our District Deputy, Danny Setaro, and our 4th Degree State Master, Bill O'Connor.

Following the installation, we will have a pot luck meal with the meat and drinks furnished by the council. Please bring a side dish or a salad, or dessert of your choosing. Bob Leo has graciously agreed to take care of the details of this event.

George Walston, Editor



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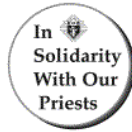


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on page 5 of this Newsletter</p>	 <p>Abortion Kills the Innocent</p>	 <p>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime</p>	 1 Bingo 6pm	 2 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM	3	 4 Flag Raising 0800 Lowering at 1600  4th of July
5	6	 7 Business Meeting 7:30pm	 8 Bingo 6pm	 9 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility	10	11
12	13	 14 No Meeting Tonight	 15 Bingo 6pm	 16 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM	17	18
19	20	 21  <p><u>Installation of Council and 4th Degree Officers 2015-2016 Potluck Supper 6:30</u></p>	 22 Bingo 6pm	 23 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM EMSH Visitation 6:10 pm	24	25
26	27	 28 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 29 Bingo 6pm	 30 Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM	31 Family Night Potluck Supper 6:30pm In the Pavillion outside the hall	