



July 2016



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**May Knight of the Month
Noelle Vicencio**



**May Family of the Month
The Mimi Smith Family**

**Knight of the Quarter
January, February, March
Caupule' (Tau) Josia**

**Council 802 Knight of the Year 2016
Howard McCarty**

**Council 802 Family of the Year 2016
Liberty and Salvador (Sal) Moreno**



**Assembly 1251
Sir Knight of the Year 2016
Salvador Moreno**





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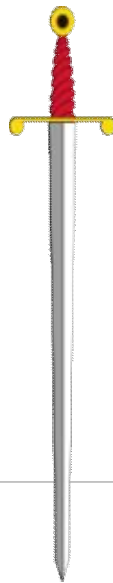
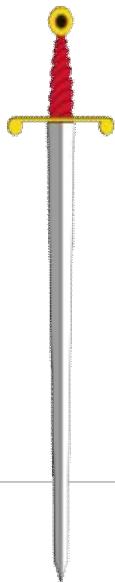
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George Walston

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 Dave Viger



Brother Knights,

With the beginning of our new fraternal year we renew our dedication to the work we do in service to others: Our families, churches, communities, state, and beyond. We are each an active and vital part of a continuity of service that began over 134 years ago, with our founding by Father Michael J. McGivney.

Over the past year we have enjoyed many successes including 19 new Brothers joining our Council. I want to thank all of our Council Officers, Trustees, Program Directors and those who have led projects and initiatives that contributed to our collective success. Your personal dedication has been essential and is recognized and appreciated. I would like to extend a special "Thank you!" to Brother George Walston as he steps down from the position of Financial Secretary. George has done a tremendous job for the past four and a half years and has served in the role of FS for 27+ years since 1985!

Throughout this new fraternal year, as we continue our good works, I look forward to the continued increase in our membership and the identification of additional opportunities to serve others. Your suggestions and recommendations will be welcome as we go forward.

Most importantly, we carry on for those members of our Council that we have lost, remembering them (and their families) for their dedication and special qualities as individuals, friends, and brother Knights. We can best honor their memory with our renewed commitment to service and to our brotherhood as Knights. Each day that God grants us is a gift; as Knights we have the privilege to use that gift in the service of others.

Thank you and May God Bless you, your families and our country!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, GK

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that I report on the death of the wife and mother of two of our members. Donna Freyaldenhoven, wife of Brother Knight Andrew Freyaldenhoven and mother of Brother Knight Andy Freyaldenhoven, died on May 29th. She will be missed by all, but now we can rejoice in the fact that her suffering is over and she is finally at peace with her Lord.

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

Amen



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Chaplain
Fr. Matthew Simmons



As I was driving north to Pennsylvania last week, I spent the night in Charlottesville, Virginia. With its main campus in Charlottesville, the University of Virginia is proud of its connection to President Thomas Jefferson. A tour-guide spoke frequently of Jefferson’s honing his political views during his time in France during the Age of Enlightenment. I am a fan of the Constitution of the United States. I also have enough respect for Jefferson’s intellect not to believe that he embraced everything attributed to him by the enlightened tour-guide.

The French philosophers were pushing back against the French monarchy of their time. The English monarchy did not, at that time, have as much power as the French monarchy. And there is a long distance between London and Virginia. While the American colonies might have protested taxation without representation, they were not in the same situation as France. Jefferson would have been more objective than Voltaire and Rousseau.

A Catholic political understanding takes one back not just to the Bible but to the same time in Greece - 2000 years before the French & American Revolutions. The Angelic Doctor St. Thomas Aquinas echoed Aristotle in saying that truth is an adequation between reality and the intellect. Despite what one might hear today, there is no such thing as “my truth.” Human beings can know the truth. But objectivity is extremely elusive, especially in the realm of politics. There was a local politician in Brookhaven nicknamed “Truthmaster.” I laughed out loud the first time I saw his poster and said I would never vote for anyone with that name. Truth is something to be respected not mastered. As we celebrate the 4th of July, we remember that, for this country to function, her citizens must have knowledge and virtue. The bishops of the US planned another “Fortnight for Freedom” leading up to the 4th. I didn’t say anything about it ahead of time because I figured that those who care are already praying for our country.

This country was built by people with a faith rooted in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Freedom is not an abundance of choices. Freedom is the ability to choose the best. Why would anyone need other choices if he can choose the best? Pray that we continue to have the good of serving Jesus Christ available for all to choose.

Fr Matthew
Chaplain



Church
Sal Moreno



(No Report This Month)



Community
Roland Stewart



Our next EMSH visit is set for July 28th at 6:10 pm. Please come if you can. Thanks to all those who help each month.

Roland Stewart, Chairman

Please continue to pray for vocations.
We need more priests



Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DSK



Last month the Youth Group completed the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip. For those of you who haven't heard of CHWC, let me explain what happens. We traveled to Memphis early Sunday morning. After checking into our rooms for the week we went to Mass and attended our first night of praise of worship.

First, let me explain about our rooms. We shared a classroom with the youth group from Kansas. You heard me right, we spent the week sleeping on the floors in the classrooms of St. Benedict High School. Every day we awoke a 6:00, ate breakfast, went to daily mass, and then went off to our work sites. There were 30 different groups that worked all over Memphis. Each group is created from different youth groups, so you worked with people you have never met before. Our youth worked on everything from a soup kitchen, to a food distribution center, to a girls/boys club, a Birth Right office, and a few of us worked at homes of people that needed repairs or painting of their homes.

We worked all day until we returned at 4:00 P.M. Then it was dinner and showers. After cleaning up and eating we attended a nightly spiritual retreat. Each night was different: we had an outdoor adoration, a night for Reconciliation and prayers, a concert, and each night we prayed the Rosary and got together with our own group. After that we had an hour to relax until bed at 10:30. Then we started the next day all over again. We did this for the entire week. It was such a wonderful experience and I thank the Knights for helping to sponsor this very important event. We also looked fantastic in our matching shirts. Thanks again for providing those. I will wear mine often to help me remember this incredible spiritual trip. I am so looking forward to going back next year!

Our next event is July 8-11th when we will travel to Atlanta to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. This is a weekend event sponsored by Franciscan University of Steubenville. It is a Franciscan led, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi. Their leadership philosophy is based on the foundation that youth leadership flows from a personal relationship with Christ. Therefore, they first give teens the tools to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus and then give them the essentials for servant leadership and evangelization. So please remember to pray for us this weekend.

David Klutz
Acting Youth Chairman

Editor's note: This picture was sent to me from a source, which, as a newspaper man I am not at liberty to reveal. I include it as a part of the above article, not to embarrass the writer, but to show how dedicated he must be to the youth of our parish to allow it to be taken in the first place. Kudos to you Dave



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Family
Bob Leo



(Ed Note: Due to our Family Director being on Vacation, there is no entry this month)



Bingo
Bob Leo



(Ed Note: Due to our Bingo Director being on Vacation, there is no entry this month)



Deputy Grand Knight
Dave Klutz



Hopefully everyone noticed that that Grand Knight sent out the 2016-2017 budget. If you didn't, check your email delete box because you probably deleted it. The reason I mention it is because it gives every knight a chance to look over the entire year's schedule and find that one event you would like to join us in completing. We have a core of knights that are at almost every event and they are getting tired of carrying the load. They don't complain (well much) about carrying the load, but it really isn't fair to them. This year we actually cancelled a few events because we could not get enough people to participate and that is really sad considering we have over 100 knights listed on our rolls.

I know we are all busy, but stop for a minute and really ask yourself how busy are you really? Could I give up watching the ball game to attend the visit to East Mississippi State Hospital? Could I give up an hour to ask for donations at Walmart to help mentally challenged kids? What about joining us at a family dinner night? In the year of mercy, ask yourself what are you doing to spread the works of mercy.

What I am asking is for you to simply read the budget and pick one item and join us. Call the program coordinator and ask what you can do to help. It got so bad this year that we talked about giving up the Knights of Columbus adoration because we could not get enough knights to give an hour to pray with Jesus? I don't want to preach but hopefully I can either get some of that Catholic guilt going or better yet help you prioritize God higher on your list. I know that I can do more and I made a promise to God to do more this year. I also know the Knights that are always there would love to see some new guys.

Sorry if I preached to you and hopefully I didn't get you upset, but I do hope you pray about joining us on at least one more event than you did last year. Thank you for allowing me this time on my soap box. Know that you are always in my prayers.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Klutz, DGK



July Birthdays



5th Charles Lavene **9th** Ed Shamp **12th** John Ascherl & James Duncan **15th** 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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Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



Mid-Summer greetings to everyone!

Looking back we had two flag raising ceremonies and they are detailed below.

Thank you to all who came out to St. Patrick Cemetery on Monday, May 30th for our Knights of Columbus Assembly #1251's annual Memorial Day Flag ceremony. It was a beautiful time to remember and reflect on those who gave their all to give us the freedom's that we enjoy today. Special thanks to Tiffany Danielle Browning for her rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner".

Also special thanks to Teresa A. LaBiche for her efforts at recognizing our veterans who are buried at the cemetery with flags posted on each of their graves. Two of those veterans happen to be my Dad, Herbert T. Harwell Sr. (April 22, 1918 - December 2, 1985) and my Uncle John Crowe PGK (January 9, 1915 - April 2, 1992).

The following were present: Theresa Cutright, Donna White, Sal Moreno, Noelle Vicencio, Rick Norman, (Noelle and Rick posted the colors), Tom Zettler PSD, Dewayne Klutz, Dave Klutz, Sandy Klutz, Cassy Klutz, Howard McCarty, PJ Carter PGK and Betty Carter, Robert Leo PGK, Otto Storr, Inez Storr, John Bennett PGK, Nelda Bennett, Roland Stewart and yours truly in addition to the aforementioned above.

The flag was posted to full staff and then lowered to half staff. At Noon it was raised again to full staff and then retired at 5P.

We also wished Noelle "Godspeed" as he started his service with the US Marine Corps on June 13th.

On June 14 (Flag Day), we again met at 8AM to raise the flag at St. Patrick Cemetery. Thank you to the following people who made time in their day to join us: Robert Leo, Rick Norman, Theresa Cutright, Donna White and yours truly. The flag was retired at 5P.

On Independence Day (July 4th) we will have another flag raising at St. Patrick Cemetery celebrating our Country's 240th Birthday. Please join us at 8AM to get your Holiday started off in a great way again by remembering those that have gone before us. Many of whom sacrificed greatly to allow us to have the freedoms that we have enjoyed in the past and continue to enjoy in the present day. As always, family and friends are welcomed.

As it stands now, the 4th Degree Installation of Officers will piggyback on the 3rd Degree Installation on Tuesday, July 12th. Please mark your calendars for this event.

I hope everyone has a great month.

Faithful Navigator
John Harwell
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Membership
David Stephens

Brother Knights:

Happy Independence Day! On this day, July 4, 1776, “the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.” Be Safe as you and your family are celebrating our independence.

Congratulations and Welcome to our three newest members as of June 14th: Pictured left to right Marty McCann, Lindsay Gabriel, & Tyler Harrell. Also, welcome to Elward Clay who transferred into our council from Corpus Christi, TX. Thanks to the brothers of the Degree Team, and the other brothers who were there to support the Exemplification.

“Membership is truly a team effort!” Keep up the good work!

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of July:

- Admissions (1st Degree) – Tuesday, July 19th , 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Meridian, MS
- No other Degrees scheduled for the month of July.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director



Seminarians Corner
Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

It has been a wonderful month working with the Pastoral Care staff at St. Dominic’s in Jackson. As a part of my time in seminary I am encouraged to take part in focused hospital ministry, and the staff at St. D’s has been good enough to train me and allow me to work as a part of their team for the month of June and July this summer. I have learned a great deal over the first month. The biggest lesson I have learned is that my prayer life cannot be lessened even when things are very busy at the hospital. I have realized that it is impossible to minister to others if I have not first allowed the Lord to minister to me in prayer.

Apart from my work in the hospital I have also been working on some things for the upcoming seminary year. Later this summer the seminarians studying for our diocese will gather for a short convocation in order to prepare for the new semester. One of the goals of this meeting is to lay a solid groundwork for what is expected of a Jackson seminarian. There are many challenges and special opportunities that come from being a part of this diocese, and I hope that this time together will help us build fraternity and also take stock of the different gifts that we all bring to the table.

God bless all of you for the wonderful work you continue to do in the Church in Meridian and the diocese as a whole, I hope to see you all soon!

- Nick



Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

There has been too much sad news this past month in the Pro-Life community. I would like to begin this newsletter by asking you to keep all families of our Military, victims of the floods in West Virginia, wildfires in the West, the Orlando shootings, and the two-year old killed by an alligator at Disney in your prayers. Ask God to bring comfort and peace to these families.

We need to be in prayer for our military as they continue to give us the freedom to celebrate another Independence Day. God bless these men and women.

"Biking for Babies" takes place on July 12-17, 2016. Teams will depart from 2 locations, Chicago and New Orleans, and converge in Memphis to raise awareness and support for pregnancy resource centers around the country. They will ride between 120 and 175 miles per day at 15-20 mph. Let's go for a bike ride.

Riders are asked to share their personal testimony of why they are pro-life, why they chose to participate in the ride, and the needs of their represented pregnancy center on one evening of the ride. The riders are committed to renewing the culture of life in America.

Come meet these young riders at a Meet-n-Greet dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus at St. Richard Catholic Church in Jackson on Thursday July 14th 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 PRECIOUS.

Darrell, Pro-Life

"IN GOD WE TRUST"



Notes from the June 21, 2016 meeting. We had 17 members present



This was a very quick meeting because we had a lot of people out due to summer vacations, but here is what was discussed.

Grand Knight Report: The 2016-2017 budget has been sent out to everyone. We will be voting on it during the first meeting of July. The annual awards dinner will be held July 2nd at 6:30 P.M. The installing of next year's officers has been approved. The Installation of Officers will be July 12th. We had 3 new Knights join us June 14th. The state representative was very impressed at how many Knights attended the service. The renewing of vows during Father's Day weekend was a success. It was conducted at the Saturday night mass at St. Patrick's and the Sunday mass at St. Joseph Cupertino. Congrats to all that had their vows renewed.

Membership: No report **Chaplain:** No report **Finance:** No report **Communications:** No report **Church:** No report

Community: No report **Council:** No Report **Pro Life:** No report **Family:** No Report **Field Agent:** No report.

Youth: The youth spaghetti dinner earned \$750 this will cover the cost for the youth to register for the Steubenville Youth Conference next month. We have 15 people registered to go for the weekend. CHWC was a huge success. Thanks to the Knights for helping fund the trip.

BINGO: Remember we always need help on Wednesday night.

4th Degree: 4th Degree dressed for the Grand Knight's wedding on May 28th. We also had the Flag Day flag ceremony at the Catholic Cemetery.

Lecturer: We had a 5th Tuesday lecture and discussed the Constitution and its amendments.

Deputy Grand Knight: Please use the new program sheets.

Good of the Order: We passed a motion for \$1400 for inserts to the church bulletin. These inserts will appear throughout the year and are geared towards building better families. This is an initiative ask for by the Supreme Knight.

Submitted by: Dave Klutz, DGK

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



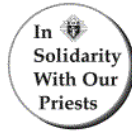


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 6</i>				1	2 Grand Knight Awards Banquet 6:30 pm KC Hall
3	4 Flag Raising 8AM St Patrick Cemetery	5 Business Meeting 7:30pm	6 Bingo 6pm	7 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	8 Youth Conference in Atlanta Begins	9 Youth Conference in Atlanta Continues
10 Youth Conference in Atlanta Continues	11 ↓ Youth Conference in Atlanta Ends	12 Biking for Babies Begins Installation of Officers	13 Bingo 6pm	14 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility	15	16
17 Biking for Babies Ends	18	19 1st Degree 6:30 if Candidates Await Business Meeting Follows	20 Bingo 6pm	21 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	22	23
24	25	26 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	27 Bingo 6pm	28 EMSH Visitation 6:10 pm Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	29	30
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