



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *June 2018*



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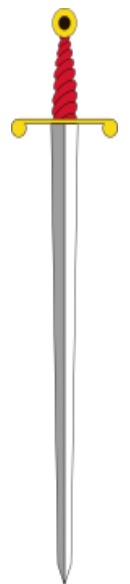
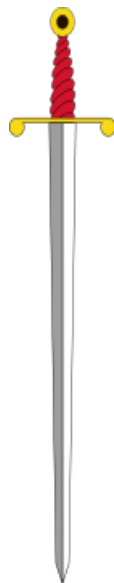
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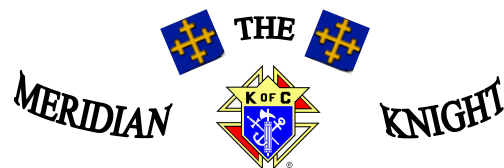
*Newsletter Editor  
George Walston*



THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Co-Chaplain  
Fr. Jose' DeJesus  
Sanchez**



Dear Brother Knights,

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says to his disciples, “*No longer do I call you servants [...] I have called you friends*” (Jn. 15:15). In my opinion, to have a friend is always a blessing from God, and He has blessed each of us with such a Good Friend in Jesus Christ. Jesus has proven his friendship and love toward us by laying down his life for us; and for the last four years, as the associate pastor, I have witnessed your friendship and love toward Christ as well. Each of you has proven your loyalty to Christ in the world by doing such a good job in reaching out to our brothers and sisters who are in distress.

Using Jesus’ words, I no longer call you servants, but friends. Now we are family, we are brothers, but overall we are Jesus’ followers. During the last four years, I have gotten to know most of you while we joked, while we shared meals, while we shared memories with one another, while we laughed, while we got frustrated with each other, but also while we prayed together and celebrated the Eucharist. I am taking with me so many good memories that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

Jesus also says, “***I have yet many things to say to you.***” It is how I feel! Four years were not enough to tell you everything, but for now the Holy Spirit will send you a new pastor to continue helping all of you in building up a strong friendship with Christ and his Church. I know the new pastor will do his best in leading you back to God and helping you to listen to the voice of Christ.

It is sad to say Goodbye, but I trust this change is for the good of the Church; and, trusting in God, I am obeying Him in going to Greenwood to minister to the people from that area. Please keep me in your prayers and do not forget where I am. Certainly, I keep you in my daily prayers, asking God to bless your ministry in the Church.

Finally, I thank all of you for your support during the last four years while I was here in Meridian. It was great to meet all of you, and I am grateful to God for all the blessings I received from Him through all of you.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Sanchez

*(Ed Note: We will miss you Fr. Sanchez, but we wish you all the best as you take on your new challenge in Greenwood.)*

## **In Memoriam**

Our condolences go out to the Richard & Aileen Semmes family on the death of Aileen’s mother, Frances Burrage. Please keep Aileen and the Semmes family in your prayers. Richard is a long time member of our council. Also, remember the Richard Gough Family on the death of Richard’s wife, Kathy, who died on Monday, May 28th. Richard has also been a member of Council 802 for many years.

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



**Frances Burrage**



**Kathy Gough**

**Church  
Sal Moreno**



My sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who volunteered to lead the Rosary at Mass during May. The next thing on the agenda, as far as the Church Program is concerned is the celebration of Fathers' Day on June 17th. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a renewal of wedding vows on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:00 o'clock Mass at St Patrick. I will have a sign in sheet available. You can call me at 601-681-6111 if you have any questions.

Sal Moreno  
Church Chairman

**4th Degree  
Sal Moreno**



This will be my last newsletter article as the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1251. I would like to thank all the Sir Knights that helped and supported me while I was serving as the Faithful Navigator. During the last year I have come to know more about the knights and the assembly. I have enjoyed every single day working with you guys. Indeed, it was an experience of a lifetime. I hope to see you all at St. Patrick Cemetery, at 0800, on June 14 (Flag Day). That too, will be my last time organizing the Flag Raising at the Cemetery. Lastly, I hope to see all the Honor guard dressed out and in attendance at Nick Adam's first Mass here in Meridian on June 2, 2018 at 4:30. Have a nice and blessed day.

Sal Moreno  
FN assembly 1251

**Dep Grand Knight  
Joe Hosch**



My brother Knights,

I must say good-bye as your DGK. I have accepted a job in the Mobile area and will be transitioning to there, eventually. It has truly been an honor to serve the council. This is my 5th council in my almost 30 yrs of membership, and this is one of the best. This is a great council, with caring and involved members, doing many things for the church and community, and carrying on a proud history. I appreciate the way I have been welcomed in my 2 years here and will miss being with you all. Please continue to watch the calendar and emails for upcoming council activities, and join in when possible to keep the council going strong.

I wish you all the best, and will remember my time here fondly.

Joe Hosch  
DGK

**Lecturer  
John Bennett, PGK**



For the record. May 19th was a pretty hot day. At 0700 Knights started arriving to clean up the grounds. All were middle aged and or older. Amazing? Probably. All seemed focused and willing to expend huge amount of sweat. Frank Sharp had commitments and had come out on Friday to weed eat for several hours. Thanks, Frank. I am guilty of name dropping, so here goes. Thanks to Stephen Slimp, Sal Moreno, FN, Bob Connor, Frank Polizzi, PGK, John Harwell, GK, Joe Hosch, DGK, Roland Stewart, w/man child Ashton Taylor, Howard McCarty, Larry Birzer, Ed Shamp, P.J. Carter, PGK, Nelda Bennett, John Bennett, PGK. Thanks to Nelda for serving lunch. Ashton was a really good water boy. Sal & Howard provided 'Big Boy Toys'. Most all the Men brought tools to use, and did. Thanks again to all who gave up their Saturday to cut brush, spread gravel, and make our Home a better place to enjoy.

Lecturer, AKA Building Director (sorta)  
John L. Bennett PGK

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# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**April Knight of the Month**  
**Larry Birzer**



**April Family of the Month**  
**Tau & Karen Iosia**



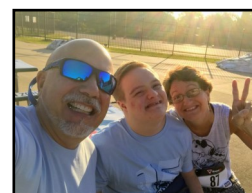
**Knight of the Quarter**  
**January, February, March**  
**Richard (Rick) Norman**



**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**



THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION  
&  
THE SOLEMN MASS OF  
ORDINATION

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TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PRESBYTERATE:  
**REVEREND MR. NICHOLAS WARREN ADAM**  
**REVEREND MR. AARON MICHAEL WILLIAMS**



**Prayer for Priestly Vocations**

Almighty and eternal God, who has, through many years, sustained our diocese with priests to minister to the faithful; graciously bestow your blessings in abundance on our bishop, N., and on all the priests of our diocese: make them true shepherds after your own heart, and give them zeal for serving you in faithfulness. Be also with the seminarians of our diocese: draw them closer to you and to one another, that they may become true sons of the Church and be given consolation in their discernment. And, in your merciful care, continue to call more young men from our diocese to your service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Fr. Nicholas Warren Adam*  
*Fr. Aaron Michael Williams*  
*Ordained Priests of Jesus Christ*  
*31 May 2018*

*The Feast of the Visitation*

Cover: The Visitation; Church of the Visitation in Ein Karem, Jerusalem

**Special Entry for Fr. Nick Adam**



**Fr. Nick is greeted by Fr. Francis Cosgrove, one of his mentors and a strong influence on Fr. Nick's decision to become a priest.**

**Bishop Kopacz extends his hands in blessing over then Deacon Nick Adam**

**(Ed. These two pictures were copied from the Meridian Star on Saturday morning 06/02/18 and should be credited to photographer Tereza Ma of Mississippi Catholic)**



**Den Nick and Den Aaron lay prostrate to show their humility**

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

**[Go to page 6 in this Newsletter for more pictures of Fr. Nick's & Fr. Aaron's Ordination. I will add more Pictures to our Web Site as Time permits](#)**

**Scholarship Committee Tom Zettler, PSD Chairman**



**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Council Scholarship Committee met recently to review applications for Council scholarships and made the following recommendations which were approved by the Grand Knight:

*Meridian Community College:* Kaitlin R. Fowler and Lauren E. Fowler; *University of Mississippi:* Mary C. Miles; *Mississippi State University:* John R. Graupman, Chelsea M. Grissett, Kristen K. Zettler; *University of Alabama-Birmingham:* Jenna L. Graupman; *Louisiana Tech University:* Kaylee J. Zettler; *Georgia Southern University:* Sara J. Dietrich, Emily M. Dietrich; *East Mississippi Community College:* Elizabeth M. Zettler; *Volunteer State Community College:* Robert M. Walston; *University of Alabama:* Hayden R. Downing; *University of Georgia:* Ajaylae S. Banks.

Congratulations to all of these young students and we wish you well as you continue your education.

Tom Zettler, PSD  
Committee Chairman

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



Beginning of the Ordination of Dcn Nick Adam and Dcn Aaron Williams at The Cathedral of St. Peter



Dcn Nick Kneels in front of Bishop Kopacz



Dcn Nick and Dcn Aaron Prostrate Themselves at the foot of the Altar to show their Humility



Two Priests from the Diocese lay hands on Dcn Aaron & Dcn Nick



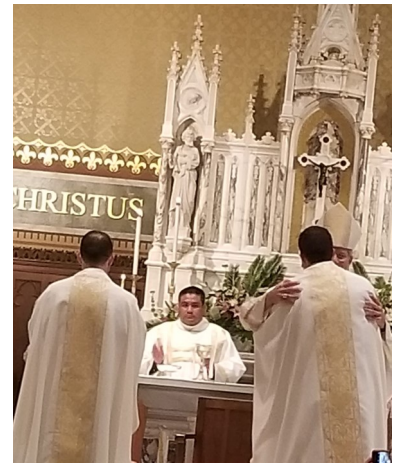
Fr. Aaron and Fr. Nick receive their priestly vestments from Fr Jeffrey Waldrep and Fr. Francis Cosgrove



Fr. Cosgrove gives Fr. Nick a great big hug as he helps him get into his Vestments



After receiving their vestments Fr. Nick and Fr. Aaron hear more From Bishop Kopacz



Bishop Kopacz congratulates Fr. Nick on his being fully received into the priesthood



Fr. Nick assists the Bishop during the consecration of the Eucharist at Mass



Fr. Nick gives his blessing to Bishop Kopacz, while Fr. Aaron awaits his turn to do the same



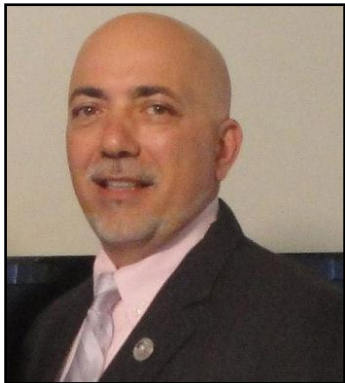
Fr. Nick gives a blessing to one of his parishioners from St. Richard Parish



Fr. Aaron gives me his Priestly Blessing

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

**District Deputy  
District Four (4)  
David Viger, PGK**



**Meridian's Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 Hosts  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplifications**

*(DD4 David Viger (PGK))*

On Saturday, May 5th, Meridian's Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree Exemplifications at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Meridian. The Honorees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree were Father Matthew Simmons and Father Jose' De Jesus Sanchez, Pastor and Associate Pastor, of the Meridian Catholic Community. The Honoree for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree was Deacon Nick Adam (soon to be Father Nick!).

Brothers Lindsay "Gabe" Gabriel, Gary Dove and Marty McCann (Council 802) and Jon Graham, Noah Graham and Austin Espino (Council 7854) received honors in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Brother Charles Frazier (Council 802) also received honors in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

The Council 802 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team, led by Brother Tom Zettler, PSD, did a tremendous job during the Exemplification and earned their formal certification as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team for District #4 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team members included: Brothers Tom Zettler (Team Leader and PSD), DD 4 Dave Viger, PGK, DGK Joe Hosch, PGK, Frank Polizzi,

PGK, John Maloney Sr., PGK, Howard McCarty, Rick Norman, Bob Leo, PGK, PJ Carter, PGK, Larry Birzer, Dewayne Klutz and Frank Sharp.

Brother Peter Sukanek, (PSD and State Ceremonial Chairman) was the Conferring Officer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification assisted by Worthy District Master Jerry Schmuck, PSD, DD4 Dave Viger, PGK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, and Howard McCarty.

Brothers Ed Shamp and John Bennett, PGK, prepared a delicious meal that was shared by all during a break between the two Exemplifications.

State Dignitaries present observing the Exemplifications included: WSS Philip Jabour (SD-elect), WST Mike "Where Was The Toothbrush Invented" Kassouf (SS-elect), WI-PSD Jim McCraw and DD #5 Craig Harrell.



Meridian 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team and newest 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights

Front (L-R): Frank Polizzi, PGK, Howard McCarty, DD4 Dave Viger, PGK, Bob Leo, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Joe Hosch, PGK. Back (L-R) John Maloney Sr., PGK, WFN Sal Moreno, Gary Dove, Austin Espino, Noah Graham, Jon Graham, Charles Frazier, Marty McCann, Lindsay "Gabe" Gabriel, Larry Birzer, Dewayne Klutz and Frank Sharp

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**Bingo**

**Bob Leo, PGK**



Fellow and Lady Bingo workers, I trust that you are enjoying the summer season. Well, it seems that the summer season is taking its toll on our Bingo sessions, as we have dropped from 160 -170 patrons to 124 - 130 attendees at our sessions. I attribute this to the summer programs that are going on around town, that our customers are attending while their children are out of school. We will also experience a drop in the number of workers at the bingo sessions, due to vacations and visitors from out of town and such. I am asking you to be aware of this and if you can help by staying a little longer to help out, it will be greatly appreciated, and very helpful.

I would like to thank brother knight Frank Washington, for volunteering to walk the floor during the bingo session and observe the players to see that they are observing the bingo rules. Thank you, Frank.

We only had four (4) sessions this month even though it is a five (5) week month, this was due to the commitments that we made to the church to help out at Confirmation. Hopefully, we will have a full month of bingo sessions in the month of June. Thank you for all that you do!!

Bob Leo,  
Bingo Manager

**Community Larry Birzer**



Please join us at the KC Hall on Thursday, June 28th, 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.

Larry Birzer  
Community

**June Birthdays**

**3rd** John Kasper **7th** Andy Freyaldenhoven, Robert Hammond, Jr. & Russell Keen **14th** Ron Duckworth

**15th** Brandon Allen, Luis Alonso & Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy **16th** Ryan Sidlovsky

**19th** Dennis Deviney & William Thomas **22nd** Lee Foley, BobLeo, & Josh McPherson **23rd** Sal Moreno

**25th** David Fries **26th** Mel Brumfield & Billy Mitts **28th** Daniel Zettler

**District Deputy  
District Four (4)**



**Assembly 1251 Sir Knights in Liturgy of Confirmation with Bishop Kopacz**

An honor guard composed of ten Sir Knights from Meridian’s Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251 participated in a Confirmation Ceremony at St. Patrick Church in Meridian on Wednesday evening, May 2nd. Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz presided with Deacon Denzil Lobo as Master of Ceremonies. Fathers Matthew Simmons, Jose’ De Jesus Sanchez and Roberto Mena also assisted in the celebration while thirty confirmands from the Meridian Catholic Community (St. Patrick and St. Joseph) and Forrest, MS (St. Michael) received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechists for the confirmands included Sister Marilyn Winkel, Brother Knight Tim Mowdy and Rebecca Lee (Meridian Catholic Community) and Sister Maria Eugenia Moreno, Liz Edmondson, and John Pham (Forrest).

It was a glorious and memorable evening that highlighted the special Confirmation Service. Sir Knights participating included Color Corps Commander Bob Leo, PFN, Tom Zettler, PSD, Faithful Navigator Sal Moreno, Larry Birzer, Dewayne Klutz, Richard Moody, Frank Sharp, Roland Stewart, Frank Washington and Bob Connor.

Immediately following the beautiful service, everyone was invited to a reception at the St. Patrick Family Life Center.



*Patrick Perry (Meridian) receives his Confirmation oils from Bishop Kopacz*



*Pictured Front to Rear l to r: SK Frank Sharp, SK Sal Moreno, FN SK Roland Stewart, SK Larry Birzer & SK Frank Washington*

*Photos courtesy of LeAnn Morris-Lee,  
MORRIS-LEE FILMS.*



*Pictured l to r: SK Tom Zettler, PSD, SK Frank Sharp, & SK Bob Leo, Color Guard Commander*

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



**Summer greetings to all of you members, wives, widows, families and friends!!!!**

Looking back at May, we continued our busy ways with a number of activities/programs that occurred during the month. They included our 4th Degree Honor Guard participating in the Confirmation Mass on May 2nd. On May 5th, we hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification here in Meridian and were graced by the presence of four PSD's - Jerry Schmuck, Peter Sukanek, Jim McCraw and our very own Tom Zettler. Welcome to our new 2nd Degree Member (Charles Frazier) and to our new 2nd/3rd Degree members Gary Dove, Lindsey Gabriel, and Marty McCann. Our honorees for the 2nd Degree were Father Matt and Father Sanchez and for the 3rd Degree Deacon Nick Adam. A big thank you to all of our Degree team members and Brother Knights who made it a successful day. Also, our Second Degree team was certified that day as well. Congratulations!! Moving on, we led the Rosary before all the weekend Masses during the month of May in honor of our Blessed Mother. Thank you to our Church Chairman Sal Moreno for his work soliciting volunteers and getting them scheduled for each of the Masses. Bingo, of course, had a one week (May 2nd, due to Confirmation) respite but is now going full blast until the next break on July 4th. Again, thank you to Bob Leo, PGK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, PJ Carter, PGK, Roland Stewart and the dozens of men and women who work tirelessly each week to make our Bingo/Bar/Kitchen successful. On May 10th, Knights, Spouses and Families were

present in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Aloysius Chapel. Thank you to George and Pam Walston for their worthy efforts in this weekly activity. At our business meeting on May 15th, we elected Officers for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year. All of the existing officers remained in place with the exception of Deputy Grand Knight Joe Hosch, PGK. Sal Moreno is now going to fill that post. A big thank you to Joe for stepping in and doing a tremendous job as our DGK over the last 8-9 months. Joe has also been a member of both Degree teams and his presence will be missed. He and his wife, Debbie, are moving to Mobile this summer and we wish them nothing but the best. We are sad to see them leave us. Continuing, on May 19th, a group of about a baker's dozen gathered at the KC Hall for a work day. The fence perimeter was cut, pruned and cleaned up, the north side gravel drive was planed out, graded and the gravel redistributed to make it a smoother drive. A big thank you to John Bennett, PGK, for organizing this venture. It was well done. On May 24th, our monthly visit to the East MS Nursing Home was done. Thank you to Tom Zettler, PSD, for heading that up this month. On Sunday, May 27th, we held our annual Memorial Day Picnic. Some 80-90 young and young-at-heart people enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you to Tau Iosia (Chairman) and his wife Karen for their diligent work planning everything. Thank you to Sal Moreno who along with Tau manned the grills, the set-up crew, Roland Stewart, Howard McCarty, Bob Connor, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Ed Shamp and PJ Carter, PGK. Numerous people helped with clean-up (too many to name here). You know who you are and I appreciate all of your efforts. We had a record 32 participants (16 teams) in the Cornhole tournament. The team of Kaylee Zettler and Kristen Zettler defeated their Grandfather Tom Zettler, PSD, and his partner, Howard McCarty, for the championship. In a hotly contested match for third place, Robby Fowler and John Harwell, GK edged Donna and Frank Polizzi, PGK. Cash prizes were awarded as follows: the winners each received \$15, 2nd Place \$10 each and 3rd Place \$5 each. Finally, congratulations to Larry Birzer our Knight of the Month for April and the Tau and Karen Iosia Family, our Family of the Month for April.

Upcoming in June, we will have our annual Recognition Banquet on Saturday, June 9th, at the KC Hall starting at 6:30 PM. If you and/or a guest will be attending, please RSVP to me by email at [kofc802.jdh@gmail.com](mailto:kofc802.jdh@gmail.com) or by text at (601) 513 5456. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 6th. I am asking for help for set up at 8:00 AM on that Saturday morning. We are looking to have an evening of fun and fellowship and so I hope you are able to be there. Dress is business casual.

Other regular June programs include Adoration from 12 Noon to 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 14th, in the St. Aloysius Chapel, Flag Raising/Retirement (Flag Day) on that same day at 8:00 AM/5:00 PM at St. Patrick Cemetery, EMSH Nursing Home visit on Thursday, June 28th at 6:00 PM as well as Bingo on June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

With that, I hope you have a spirit filled month.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



**Brother Knights**

Special thanks to Knights of Columbus Council 802 for their contribution made to the Mississippi Walk 4 Life campaign. Unfortunately, we did not have any walkers able to attend this year due to the Mississippi State KC Convention being held the same weekend as the walk. There is only one abortion clinic left in Mississippi. Please be in prayer that we can close this house of horrors forever. THANK YOU!

June 17th is Father's Day. A Father is more than the biological paternal source of our being. It is the person who cares and provides for us. It is the man who helps to set the standards and family values. Add to this group step-fathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted, or informal, if he is a father figure to you, give him

some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad". HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

At the just past PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI Spring banquet a Grandmother shared her testimony. Read on to learn how your impact of supporting PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI has changed lives, and I quote:

“Good Evening. First and foremost, I would like to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon my life. I am April Lindsey, the mother of three and a grandparent of one, and I would like to share a little of my story about the support Pro-Life Mississippi has been to my family.

A year ago, I was unemployed and was faced with foreclosure and lost my home. In the midst of my foreclosure, my 15 year old daughter, Tariona announces she is pregnant. At that time, I felt that I wasn't in a stable living condition to raise another child, so I considered abortion as an option. Tariona wanted to keep her baby. I myself am against abortion, but I felt that I had no other choice. I began to pray to God about the situation because I felt myself becoming depressed. We arrived to the abortion clinic and met a few protesters at the entrance. We were approached by Miss Rebekah Tate, so I shared with her our situation. She referred us to the Center for Pregnancy Choices where my daughter received free treatment. Miss Rebekah also offered her services as far as helping us raise the baby.

As the months passed by, we kept in touch with Rebekah as she took the time to reach out to other individuals about our situation. We were introduced to Ms. Ashley Newsome who volunteered to throw a baby shower for my granddaughter. At the baby shower, we met others from Pro-Life MS and Grace Community Church who took it upon their hearts to be a tremendous blessing to my family.

In August of 2017, when my granddaughter was born, she was blessed with everything she needed. I soon saw my life getting back on track...but suddenly in the end of February, another tragedy occurred in my life, and I found myself homeless again due to a house fire, where we lost everything. I felt confused, helpless and I began to ask myself, ‘why do things like this happen in my life?’ I reached out to Mrs. Laura Knight and Pro-Life MS and they became of immediate assistance again. We received clothes, gift cards, and contacts for other organizations for support.

From the beginning, Pro-Life MS has helped my family. Now my family has a new home and has gained more than we lost. We thank God every day for teaching us and guiding us in this path of life.”

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

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

**Membership  
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

**Happy Father's Day, Brothers!! May your Special day be filled with Family, Love and Happiness!**

As most, if not all, of you know, our new Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree Team did an outstanding job with their first Formation Exemplification on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, right here in Meridian. Great job Brother Knights!! We have at least one applicant tentatively scheduled for the next Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Exemplification Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. There is still plenty of time to recruit other potential Knights to join us!

Exemplifications in June:

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree – Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 8:00 p.m.; Vicksburg

Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian

Formation & Knighthood Exemplifications – Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m.; Cleveland

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

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director

**Council  
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the Memorial Day Picnic. It would not have been as successful without your help.

Thanks to the following: Sal Moreno, FN, for his great grilling skills, PJ Carter, PGK, Grand Knight John Harwell, Bob Connor, Frank Polizzi, PGK, with his music setup, Roland Stewart, with the water slide, Greg Stephens and Gary Koca with help at the end along with their families. Howard McCarty, who helped a lot. Also, those who were there at the end to put the table and chairs back, like Tom Zettler, PSD, Bob Leo, PGK, Otto Storr, and others. Debbie Hover, and my wife, Karen, helped with the balloons. There are others and if I missed you I'm sorry. Thanks to all!!!

The Cornhole tourney was impressive. The highlight was Tom Zettler (Howard was Tom's partner) getting beat by his granddaughters who won the tournament. Congrats to them. Grand Knight John Harwell organized the tournament which was a great success.

As this will be my last report as the Council Chairman, I wanted to thank all who have helped me over the past four years. I believe we have increased turnout for the super bowl event and sweetheart night. I am sure the next chairman will do a fine job.

Thank you again,  
Tau



# June 2018



Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests

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| <br><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b>          | <br>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time | <br><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8 of this newsletter</u> |  |  | 1   | 2<br><i>Fr. Nick Adam will celebrate 5 o'clock Mass at St Patrick. Supper in Family Life Center will follow</i> |
| 3<br><u>Fr. Nick Adam will celebrate 8:30 Mass at St Joseph followed by a reception. He will also celebrate 11:00 at St.Pat</u> | 4   | 5<br><br>Business Meeting 7:30pm   | 6<br>6:00 pm<br>  | 7<br>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM  | 8   | 9<br><u>4th Degree 1:30pm Vicksburg Grand Knight's Recognition Banquet 6:30pm KC Hall</u>                       |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br><br>No Meeting tonight   | 13<br>6:00 pm<br> | 14<br><u>Flag Day</u><br><br><u>0800 St. Patrick Cemetery Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u> | 15  | 16  |
| 17<br><i>Father's Day</i><br><br><i>Renewal of Marriage Vows 5:00 Mass St Patrick</i>   | 18  | 19<br><br><br>1st Degree if candidate(s)<br>Meeting follows                                  | 20<br>6:00 pm<br> | 21<br>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM   | 22  | 23<br><u>Formation(2nd) &amp; Knightood (3rd) Degrees 10 AM in Cleveland MS</u>                                 |
| 24  | 25  | 26<br><br>4th Degree meeting 7:30  | 27<br>6:00 pm<br> | 28<br><u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM. Meet at the KofC hall</u><br><br>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM  | 29  | 30  |