



*June 2016*



**Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**April Knight of the Month  
George Walston**

**April Family of the Month  
The Tom & JoAnn Zettler 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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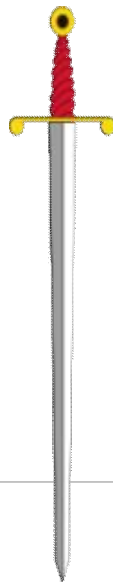
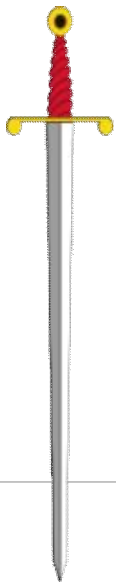
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

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



(Ed Note: Due to circumstances beyond his control, the Grand Knight has other pressing matters taking up the space in his head. Namely, his wedding on Saturday. Therefore, we must wait another month to receive his inspiring message.)



## Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons



Father's Day approaches. In the responsorial psalm for that Sunday, we read, "Of, God, you are my God, for You I long. My body pines for You like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see Your strength and Your glory." (Ps. 63 Grail) The psalm-prayer that accompanies Psalm 63 in the Liturgy of the hours begins, "Father, Creator of un-failing light, give that same light to those who call to You." In addition to recognizing God's goodness, He wants us to ask for His grace – to articulate our need for help. Most of you are fathers who pray for and are concerned for your children. Even those without children have a fatherly role to play in the Church. The spiritual mentoring provided by fathers takes strength, and we look for that strength in God. God's strength comes to us in the most tangible way in the Mass when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a way of gazing on the Lord in order to see His strength and glory. Such gazing builds our trust and calms our anxieties. As the pastor who is usually called "father", I appreciate the special responsibility taken on by Knights with regard to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hopefully more and more people will come to find their strength in the Lord through your witness.

Fr. Matthew



## Church Sal Moreno



The month of May was the year's highlight as the busiest month for our church programs. We had the whole month of weekend rosaries; we did our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Family Dinner; we hosted the reception for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion; and the reception for Confirmation . None of this would have been possible without so many brother knights who helped set up, serve and clean up. Thank you for your help and support. Here is our church activity line up for the month of June:

- (1) - June 18 ( Sat. at 5:00 pm ) will be our Corporate Communion Mass
- (2) - June 18 Father's Day Renewal of Wedding Vows ( program)
- (3) - We are preparing thank you gifts to our Altar Servers

Hope you all have a nice Memorial Day celebration.

Sal Moreno

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



## Family Bob Leo



On Saturday April 30th we held our 5th Saturday family dinner at the family Life Center. We hosted approximately 70 to 80 families that came to join us for a spaghetti & meat ball dinner. It was a great turnout. Our thanks to chefs Sal, Ken, & Tau and to all of those who helped to make this a successful event.

Our next family get together will be Friday, June 24th, at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in the picnic area. All knights, their families, and guests and any potential members are invited to attend. As always the Knights will provide the meat and liquid refreshments. You may feel free to bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. Please come out and enjoy the day with us.

On another note, I noticed that we were getting a lot of hesitations when asking for a "Family of the Month" nomination. This shouldn't be a difficult decision, if you're not sure of the qualifications, here are the criteria you can follow:

- > Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community, and/or council during the past month?
- > Does the family enjoy one another?
- > Does the family share experiences?
- > Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- > Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- > Does the family spend it's time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?

These are some of the reasons for selecting a Family of the Month, but are not limited to these. So please keep this in mind the next time you are asked for a "Family of the Month " to be selected.

Bob Leo  
Family Activity Director



## Bingo Bob Leo



For the past week Frank and I have been working with the Mississippi Gaming Commission on revisions to our monthly report. This is an 18 page report that is filled out at the end of each month on our bingo proceeds that go to our charity. The results of these revisions are that we must have our bank statement on hand before the report can be completed. Since the bank statement doesn't come in until after our first meeting of the month, the net proceed check will have to be presented to the council at the second monthly meeting. Having said that, if the bank statement does come in before the first meeting, then it will be presented to the council at that meeting.

Our bingo is still going strong, but not as strong as the last couple of months. This was due to the tax returns, so I think we are back to our regular schedule.

One new change that we are making is that when a customer buys an admission pack at the front door, they will be issued a ticket with the date stamped on it , to show that they have bought an admission pack, This change is because, customers and some members have been complaining that there are people coming in late when the front window is closed and buying packs from the office window, without having an admission pack. These tickets should be displayed in front of the customer, on the table. When a customer gets a "BINGO" you must look for this ticket. This should help with splitting of packs and having no admission packs. I will appreciate all of your help in this matter. Thank you for all that you do.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager



## Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DGK



The biggest news for June is our youth trip for Catholic Heart Work Camp. This year I will be taking a group of our youth to Memphis for a week of hard work and fellowship. If you don't know what CHWC is, it is a week long trip that we take every year. During the week we will work at food kitchens, senior centers, day care centers, help repair a local catholic school, and much more. During the evenings we have religious talks, adoration, pray the rosary, and share with catholic youth groups from around the world.

The youth would like to thank the Knights for supporting them by raising funds to pay for the trip. We also ask that you pray for a safe trip and wonderfully religious experience. Thanks again for all your support.

The next event for our youth is the trip to Atlanta in July to attend the Steubenville Conference. To help pay for this we are having a spaghetti dinner June 18th after the 5:00 Mass at St. Patrick. Plates are \$7. We appreciate all your help and prayers.

David Klutz  
Acting Youth Chairman



## Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz



Just a quick note this month. I feel like a broken record on this subject but we really need someone to step up and take over as our youth chairman. If you don't want that job, but would like to help out with the youth, you could pick just one youth event and do just that one. I have a long list of things we do.....something has to fit your skills.

We need help with basketball free throw, creative contraption contest, soccer kick, Easter egg hunt, essay contest, Columbus day poster contest, and Keep Christ in Christmas contest. Please let me know if you can help out with any of these projects.

Also, program chairmen please remember to use the new program reports to submit your programs. Thanks again, and thanks for all the hard work you are doing.

Finally, program chairmen don't forget to reward all those knights that help you out completing those programs by nominating them for the Knight of the Month.

David Klutz, DGK





## Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



Summer Greetings to all; long days and warm evenings are upon us for the next few months.

Looking back on May, our Honor Guard had another busy month, participating in three different Mass Celebrations. First, on May 12th, at our Confirmation Mass, the following Sir Knights were a part of that special evening; Commander Bob Leo, PFN, Roland Stewart, Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Sharp, David Viger, Richard Moody, Dewayne Klutz and Bob Connor.

Then on May 14th, at the ordination of Jason Johnston at St. Peter's in Jackson; Commander Bob Leo, PFN, Howard McCarty, Sal Moreno, and Richard Moody. And finally, on May 28th, as a part of our Worthy Grand Knight David Viger and Adrian Perry's Wedding celebration; Commander Bob Leo, PFN, Roland Stewart, Sal Moreno, Dewayne Klutz, Larry Birzer, David Stephens, Frank Polizzi, Tom Zettler, PSD, and Howard McCarty. Thank you to all our Sir Knights for your involvement in our Honor Guard.

During our meeting on May 24th, we had our election of officers for the fraternal year 2016-17. I would like to thank our Assembly for having the confidence to elect me again as our Faithful Navigator for the upcoming year. I look for us to have another successful year. Thank you to our officers and Sir Knights for your support and participation in the various activities and events that occur throughout the year.

On June 14th, we will have our flag ceremony at St. Patrick's Cemetery at 8:00 AM (0800) in recognition of Flag Day. The flag will be retired at 5:00 PM (1700). Please join us if you are able. Family and friends are always welcomed.

I hope you all have a great month!

Faithful Navigator  
John Harwell  
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## Red Cross volunteer honored by Meridian Knights of Columbus

### Special to The Star

Red Cross volunteer Donna Harrison has been awarded the 2105 John J. Burns Award for Outstanding Community Service by the Knights of Columbus in Meridian.

Harrison, who is recognized as a valued and well-trained Red Cross volunteer, has dedicated her time to serve residents in multiple counties including Lauderdale, Newton, Neshoba, Kemper and Clarke.

"We rely on the valuable work volunteers like Donna carry out," said John McFarland, executive

director of the American Red Cross Southeast Chapter. "She is a tremendous asset to the organization and without her commitment and dedication; we would not be able to deliver vital services to the communities."

Although an unpaid volunteer, Harrison has several roles, including overseeing the Red Cross Meridian office and serving as a Disaster Action Team volunteer. Disaster volunteers are regularly called out to respond to home fires and other disaster like tornadoes and floods. The volunteers provide much needed

humanitarian services and resources to affected residents such as lodging, cleanup kits and comfort kits and other assistance to those home fire victims.

And like many Red Cross volunteers, Harrison actively participates in the Home Fire Safety Campaign. The Red Cross partners with area fire departments to canvass neighborhoods to install free smoke alarms and educate residents on fire safety education.

In addition to the award, Harrison was presented a \$1,000 honorarium from the Knights of Columbus to

go to a charity of her choice in her name.

Nearly 1,600 volunteers serve the Mississippi Red Cross, responding to disasters, volunteering at veterans hospitals, teaching people lifesaving skills such as First Aid and CPR, responding to home fires in the middle of the night and so much more.

The Red Cross encourages the public to be a part of the lifesaving work it does and to sign up to volunteer. People can go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to submit a volunteer application.



Submitted photo

John J Burns Award Winner Donna Harrison  
Pictured Left to Right Tom Zettler, PSD, Ms Harrison, and Grand Knight Dave Viger



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## Membership David Stephens

Brother Knights:

I can't believe it, it has almost been a year since I assumed the role of Membership Director. Thank you all for your support with recruitment during the last eleven (11) months and thank you for your continued support as we move into the next fiscal year. Wait a minute! This sounds like I'm trying to rush the year along, we still have time to recruit a few good members before June 30<sup>th</sup> (smile). Our next Admission (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) Exemplification is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, so we still have time to search out more applicants to include in this Exemplification.

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

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of June:

- Fourth Degree – Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Gautier, MS
- Admissions (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Meridian, MS
- Knighting (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) – Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Clinton, MS
- Fourth Degree – Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-4:00 p.m.; Starkville, MS

Thank 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 very busy and very inspiring month. For a seminarian, May and June are full of traveling to, serving at, and watching ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood. I was filled with joy on May 14<sup>th</sup> as Father Jason Johnston and Father Joseph Le were ordained for our diocese. It was incredible to witness the real change that occurred in these men that I know so well and have grown so close to over the years.

I grew especially close to Father Jason during the time we shared at Notre Dame and also as he completed his diaconate internship in Meridian last summer. He is a great man and will be a great priest in our diocese. I believe that he models the sort of selfless leadership that the Lord demands of his ministers, and I hope that I can take what I have learned from him and use it in my own life in the Church.

My summer will be spent at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson as I participate in a chaplaincy internship. This is the typical assignment for a seminarian between his second and third year of theology. I will be working with Mrs. Pat Walden, who is the director of the chaplain's office at St. Dominic, and she has been extremely helpful as I prepare for this assignment. I hope to see you all in the near future, thank you for your continued care and support.

- Nick



Pro Life  
Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

I need a few volunteers to attend the Walk 4 Life event this year. Please see the information below and on the next page.

Pro-Life Mississippi's Annual Walk 4 Life  
June 4th - 7:30 a. m. registration - walk 8:00 a. m.  
St. Richard's Catholic Church  
1242 Lynnwood Dr Jackson, MS 39206

Prizes will be awarded to the top three fundraisers.  
1st Place - \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card  
2nd Place - \$50 Kroger Gift Card  
3rd Place - \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card  
Every walker who turns in \$25 in pledges will receive a FREE T-shirt.

BRUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED at St. Richard's Foley Hall for all walkers and workers compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

Please see the flyer/pledge sheet.

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

Darrell, Pro-Life



Community  
Roland Stewart



Our next EMSH visit is set for June 23rd at 6:10 pm. Please come if you can. Thanks to all those who help each month.

Roland Stewart, Chairman



## June Birthdays



**3rd** John Kasper **7th** Andy Freyaldenhoven & Russell Keene **9th** Augustin Caballero **14th** Ron Duckworth

**15th** Brandon Allen, Luis Alonso, & Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy **16th** Sam Coleman

**19th** Dennis Deviney & William Thomas **22nd** Lee Foley, Bob Leo, PGK, & Joshua McPherson

**23rd** Sal Moreno **24th** Juan Carlos Cervantes **25th** David Fries **26th** Mel Brumfield & Billy Mitts **28th** Danny Zettler



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







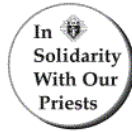


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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<p><i>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8</i></p>		 <b>1</b>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	 <b>2</b>  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>Walk 4 Life St Richard Jackson 7:30 am</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	 <b>7</b>  <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 <b>8</b>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	 <b>9</b>  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>4th Degree Exemplification Gautier 12:30</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b>  <i>Flag Day</i>  <i>1st Degree Exemplification 6:30pm</i>	 <b>15</b>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	 <b>16</b>  <i>3rd Degree Exemplification Clinton</i>  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <i>Corporate Communion and Wedding Vows Renewal 5:00 St. Patrick Youth Spaghetti Supper</i>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b>  <i>Business Meeting Follows at 7:30</i>	 <b>22</b>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	 <b>23</b>  <i>EMSH Visitation 6:10 pm</i>  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>Family Dinner KC Hall 6:30 pm</i>  	<b>25</b>  <i>4th Degree Exemplification Starkville 12:30pm</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	 <b>28</b>  <i>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 <b>29</b>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	 <b>30</b>  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	  <i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i>	  <i>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime</i>