



The Meridian Knight

June 2017



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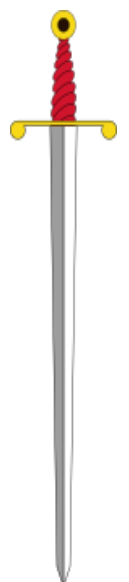
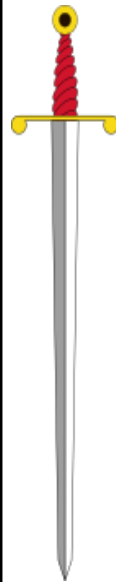
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**



Fifty days after Easter (including Easter Sunday itself), we celebrate Pentecost. In some Bible translations, Pentecost can refer to the Jewish celebration of God's giving the law to Moses fifty days after Passover. For Christians, Pentecost celebrates God's sending the Holy Spirit upon the Church. In English speaking countries, Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whit Sunday. This refers to an old tradition in England of celebrating baptisms on Pentecost. Those being baptized wore white robes. The color of the robes lent itself to the name of the Sunday.

The Mass of Pentecost still has its sequence to be sung before the Gospel acclamation. In that sequence, we find the following words: "Heal our wounds; our strength renew; on our dryness pour Thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will." As we pray to God, we recognize how we have transgressed the law given to Moses; and we ask God to heal our wounds. Pentecost has also been associated with the sacrament of Confirmation. In that sacrament, we ask for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the consoler, and gives us the gift of prayer. Prayer often seems dry, but that does not mean that the Holy Spirit is not present to us. Jesus has promised the Spirit as an intercessor. We also know that, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

One of the gifts of the Spirit is counsel. This gift is commonly thought of as right judgment. In the sequence, we ask God to "bend the stubborn heart & will." Right judgment is given in part for the sake of avoiding sin. Avoiding sin is not a popular way of living in the world in which we find ourselves. Yet, with our life experience, we know that sin brings unhappiness. So avoiding sin gives witness to our relationship with God and its importance to a full life. We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and throughout the year.

Fr. Matthew

Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

It's good to be back in Meridian! My month-long trip to Jacksonville was productive and enjoyable but there truly is...no place like home! I want to thank DGK Dave Klutz for taking on the duties as GK in my absence, I truly appreciate all you have done, Dave!!!

Lots has happened while I was away! Thanks to a lot of leg-work from Brother Ed Shamp and the renovation committee, the motion to bring our restrooms in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and to remodel the front foyer area and hallway is on the floor. While there will be a fairly significant cost to accomplish this remodeling, it is long overdue and I anticipate that the motion will pass at our first business meeting in June.

Also, our slate of officers for the coming Fraternal Year will be voted on at our first business meeting in June. Among the changes, should the slate pass and I expect it will, Brother John Harwell will be our next Grand Knight, Brother Tyler Oakes will be our next Deputy Grand Knight and Brother David Stephen will be our next Treasurer. I look forward to GREAT things happening in our Council with this change of leadership and I will keep the entire Council in my prayers!

The 2017 recipient of the Msgr. John J. Burns Award was also selected. Mrs. Kate Cherry, Executive Director of The Meridian Museum of Art was honored at our 38th Annual Msgr. John J. Burns Award Banquet on Saturday evening, May 27th. Adrian and I were off vacationing so, once again, DGK Dave Klutz stepped up to present the award. Many thanks to Brother Tau Iosia for taking care of all the arrangements for the banquet and to our very own PSD Tom Zettler for doing the honors as Master of Ceremonies!

I'm sure a lot more happened that I'm remiss in mentioning...Thanks to all who make our Council among the GREATEST in the Order!

Last but certainly not least, the Grand Knight's Recognition Banquet will be at the KC Hall on Saturday, June 17th, immediately following the 5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick. I pray all of you and your families can attend as we recognize those who have done so much to allow our Council to support the many charitable organizations and the entire Meridian Catholic Community! May God Bless each of you, your families, and our country.

**Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger, GK**

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**Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



This year's Monsignor John J Burns Award is history and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my brother knights and their families who helped me with this endeavor. They were: Karen Iosia, Tom Zettler, Bob Leo, John & Nelda Bennett, John Harwell, Inez and Otto Storr, John and Janice Kasper, Dewayne Klutz, Sal Moreno, PJ & Betty Carter along with their granddaughter, Tiffany Browning, Teresa LaBiche, Larry Birzer, and the Boy Scouts. A special shout out to Sherry Graupman and David Milling for helping with the décor which is an area of opportunity that I couldn't have achieved. In addition, congratulations to, Kate Cherry, our recipient this year. Thank you again!!!!

Sunday June 4th we will have a family picnic in place of the Memorial Day picnic. It is Pentecost Sunday. A great day to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of Jesus' promise and remembering those who served us with the ultimate sacrifice to our great country.

The picnic will start at 6pm. Beverages, baked chicken, hot dogs, and sausage will be served. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad or a dessert. Please come out to enjoy.

Tau



Pictured Above are Kate Cherry, Director of the Meridian Museum of Art, 2017's John J Burns Awardee and her husband, Terry

Deputy Grand Knight David Klutz presents Kate Cherry with this year's John J Burns Award. Tom Zettler, PSD, Master of Ceremonies, is pictured in rear.

**Church
Sal Moreno**

Hard to believe we are halfway through the year already. I hope all of you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and did not forget to thank and pray for all those that gave their life for this country and for the freedom we are now enjoying. So what is happening with our church program? For the month of June we have a couple of things going on.

First, is the Fathers day celebration (June 18). The event will be celebrated with the KofC sponsoring a Father's Day's Affirmation of Wedding Vows to be held at St. Patrick church on June 17 (Saturday) immediately following the 5 pm Mass. This time, each couple participating will receive "A Covenant Renewal Certificate". Because of this, I ask that you sign in and let me know that you and your spouse will be participating.

Second, we will have our regularly scheduled Corporate Communion at St. Patrick on June 24 at the 5 pm Mass. Please wear your K of C shirts. See you then. Have a nice and blessed day.

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**Special on Youth from
John Harwell**



On May 7th, at the 11:00AM Mass at St. Patrick, our two parishes (St. Joseph and St. Patrick) honored seven of our graduating High School Seniors. The graduates received a gift and then introduced themselves to the congregation and shared where they were graduating from and their college/future plans. After the Mass, the graduates and their families enjoyed a lunch in the FLC that was provided in part by KC Council 802.

A big thank you to Brother Tau Iosia for handling the food preparation and Frank and Donna Polizzi for their help. Finally, special thanks to Teresa LaBiche who helped me set up tables and decorate on Friday, the 5th. She was also there working before, during, and after the luncheon on Sunday. The special supplement (\$188.05) helped us to upgrade the lunch and I am very appreciative to my Brother Knights that allowed us to do this.

Thank you.
John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

**Dep Grand Knight
Dave Klutz**



Wow, my last newsletter article as the Deputy Grand Knight. Two years went by quickly, but sometimes it felt like it would never end. It was quick because of all the support I got from a great set of guys that run the different groups. We have some fantastic men running our projects. I would like to give them a special thanks. Sometimes your hard work is not noticed by us, but rest assured God noticed!!! You are the unsung heroes of the Knights. Without you planning all of our events they simply don't happen. I might not have said it enough, but Thank You!

Then there were times when it seemed like my time would never end as I struggled to reach my top goal as the Deputy Grand Knight, but failed. My number one goal as the Deputy Grand Knight was that I really wanted to get more people involved in our events. In this, I believe I have failed. It really seems like at each event I see the same people. In fact, over the last year we have cancelled many events due to no one stepping up. We failed to have a kids Christmas party, no Easter egg hunt, and no Tootsie Roll Drive this year. It gets really discouraging sometimes and I wanted to just quit. Then my wife shows me a quote we keep from Saint Teresa of Calcutta. "The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway". This gave me encouragement to quit my whining and continue doing the best I could. With that said I would like to make one more request to all the Knights that belong and don't get involved.....please rejoin us. We need your

energy, your ideas, and your help! We need you to recharge our batteries, give us encouragement, and challenge us to do better. I hope you will give the next Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight all of your support.

Again, thank you for trusting me to be your Deputy Grand Knight. I did my best....I just wish I could have done more.

Dave

(editor's note: you did a fantastic job as Deputy Grand Knight, as well as Youth Chairman, Dave. You can be justly proud of the job you have done for Council 802.)

**Lecturer
John Bennett,
PGK**



Summer always comes to the South. Thanks are a little bit late it seems. Still, better late than never. Maybe. Just a few forgotten thanks to members that are always here or there as needed. The bar ladies, short in height, are appreciative to Tom Beeman for providing a Medical Step to the K C Bar Cafe'. This simple item gets em' up to the coffee maker safely. Speaking of coffee, thanks to Rick Norman for bringing a donated Bunn Coffee item to us from his aunt. Spreading the wealth from a couple of the members. There are always guys that do things that are not documented. For the record, two for the road. More stuff later.

Thanks,
John Bennett, PGK
Lecturer

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



April Knight of the Month
Fr. Matthew Simmons



April Family of the Month
Pam and George Walston



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



**Pro Life
Darrell Hover**



Special thanks to Knights of Columbus Council 802 for their contribution made to the Mississippi Walk 4 Life campaign. There is only one abortion clinic left in Mississippi. Please be in prayer that we can close this house of horrors forever. THANK YOU!

We already have a few dedicated volunteers that are going to Jackson on Saturday, June 10th to participate. Thank you for volunteering to walk and raise money for Pro-Life Mississippi. A copy of the pledge sheet can be found on the next page. Print as many copies as needed in landscape format. If we get enough interest, we can ask if the bus will be available. Please drop me an email if you would like to participate: JesusLovesMe@comcast.net

Registration 7:30 a.m. / Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Every walker who turns in \$25 in pledges will

receive a t-shirt. After the walk, BRUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED at St. Richard's Foley Hall for all walkers and workers by the Knights of Columbus. All volunteers should meet at 7:30 a.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church parking lot, 1242 Lynwood Dr. Jackson, MS. We will pray for an end to abortion at the Jackson Women's Health Organization abortion clinic at 2903 N. State Street. For more information on how you can take part in this event, please contact our office at (601) 956-8636.

June 18th 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 informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad". HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Well, it's that time of year, "Summertime", and what does that mean to our bingo program? It means a shortage of brother Knights to help with the bingo sessions. Vacations, graduations, or personal needs come into play. We are beginning to see signs of our worker shortage. Last week we had only two workers helping to pick up the trash bags at the end of the late night bingo session. I was under the impression that the people who clean up the hall are responsible for this task, but I found out that I was wrong. We (the Knights) are responsible for cleanup.

So, what I'm asking is that if it is at all possible, please try to spend an extra hour or so to help out the late night crew it seems that when 8:00 PM rolls around there's a mass exit. Please, before you leave see if there's enough help on the floor before you go, or just hang around until more help shows up. This will be greatly appreciated. I want to thank those that do come in early and stay late, they are Brothers Howard McCarty, P.J.Carter, Sal Moreno (He had better or Liberty would have no way to get home). These brother Knights are constantly staying late

For you new brother Knights out there and I know there are a lot of you, we sure could use your help,

especially now in the summer time. I don't think that at least one or two hours a week will disrupt your whole week in fact you may get to like it. So, come on out and help your Brother Knights.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager.

**4th Degree
John Harwell**



Happy Summer Solstice greetings to all!!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the long days of the season and the warm and so far pleasant weather it has brought to us.

Our annual 4th Degree Flag Ceremony was held on May 29th at St Patrick Cemetery. Some 25 people attended the 8AM program. They were SK Bob Leo PFN, SK Tom Zettler PSD, SK Dewayne & Doris Klutz, SK Howard McCarty, SK Sal & Liberty Moreno, Donna White, Teresa Cuthright, SK David & Sandy Klutz, Cassandra Klutz, SK Larry Birzer, BK Joe Birzer, SK David Stephens, SK PJ Carter PGK, Teresa LaBiche, SK Otto & Inez Storr, SK Bob Connor, SK Kenneth Woodward, SK John Bennett PFN, and his wife Nelda, my wonderful wife Bridget and me.

After the flag was raised and then brought to half staff, a number of different personal stories were shared about family members, friends and people themselves who sacrificed their all for this country or who were wounded and scarred physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually while in action during war time. For all of us it was an emotional time but I think very important that we hear and listen and remember specific individual stories that ground us into the reality that freedom is not free. As difficult as that was for some who came today, we all benefit from knowing the devastating impact that wars can have on soldiers and their families and friends.

At twelve noon, the flag was raised to full staff. The following came back for this: Tom Zettler, Sal

& Liberty Moreno, David Stephens, John & Bridget Harwell. At 5P, we retired the flag and the same group from Noon was there with the exception of Bridget. Mrs. Beverly Clark, whose parents and grandparents are interred in the cemetery joined us as well. We closed out the day by listening to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and pondering the beautiful lyrics of that great song. Thanks to all who were able to attend, especially that morning. I believe it was meaningful to all of us.

Upcoming in June, will have our Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8:00AM (0800) and we will retire the flag at 4:00PM (1600) since this is a Wednesday and Bingo is that evening. Flag Day dates back to June 14th, 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the flag on that date. In 1949, Congress formally established June 14th as Flag Day. Then 1954, President Eisenhower by proclamation added the words "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance after a campaign by our own Knights of Columbus that started in 1951 and ended in the adoption of these two most important words to our pledge. So I hope all of you can join us for this ceremony.

I would like to thank the Assembly for allowing Bridget and me to attend the recent State Convention in Tupelo. As always it makes for a good weekend to renew friendships with our fellow Brother and Sir Knights from around the state along with learning new initiatives that are upcoming from the Supreme Office.

Finally, we held elections on May 23rd and I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to our new Faithful Navigator Sal Moreno and the other new officers who will assume their duties on July 1st.

I hope everyone has a good month.

Faithful Navigator
John Harwell
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June Birthdays



3rd John Kasper **7th** Andrew (Andy) Freyaldenhoven, Bob Hammond, Jr., & Russell Keene

9th Augustin Caballero **14th** Ron Duckworth **15th** Luis Alonso,& Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy

16th Sam Coleman & Ryan Sidlovsky **19th** Dennis Deviney & William M Thomas **22nd** Lee Foley, Bob Leo, &

Joshua McPherson **23rd** Sal Moreno **25th** David Fries **26th** Mel Brumfield & Billy Mitts **28th** Danny Zettler

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

Brother Knights,

Membership David Stephens

Happy Father's Day, Brothers! Brief History: The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. Mrs. John Dodd is credited with the idea of celebrating Father's Day. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that it be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June.

Brothers, we have at least one applicant scheduled for the next Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, June 20th. However, there is still plenty of time to recruit other potential Knights to join us!

Exemplifications in June:

- Fourth (4th) Degree in Vicksburg—310 Fisher Ferry Road – Saturday, June 3rd, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. – Registration and light lunch; 2:30 – Exemplification; 5:30 – Mass; 6:30 – Reception for Members, Candidates, Spouses and Guests; 7:00 – Banquet
- Admissions (1st) Degree – Tuesday, June 20th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian

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



Fraternally,
David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

Seminarians Corner Deacon Nick Adam

Brother Knights,

Some of you know that I was able to spend two weeks in Ireland with Father Frank in mid-May for some vacation time. The trip was wonderful and I wanted to share some experiences I had of the Church in Ireland.



First of all, I was blown away by many of the conversations I had with people of faith and with people who were struggling with faith. The Church in Europe, and especially in Ireland, has been under fire for several years. One particular conversation stands out to me. It was on my third day in Dublin, Father Frank and I were in a taxi headed downtown, and we told our driver that he was a priest and I was a deacon. The driver asked me point blank: what do you think about celibacy? He obviously was not very impressed with the Church's requirement for priests and unmarried deacons to make this promise.

I told him that I am “all in” on celibacy, and that when it is lived well it is truly a sign to the world of the destiny of us all. We are all made for God, and when religious men and women can

show that through their way of life, they become vehicles of inspiration for others living out their own vocations. I also admitted to the driver that when celibacy is lived poorly, and when priests and religious live life as “bachelors,” all kinds of problems can occur, many of which have occurred in Ireland in the past several decades. This was a good conversation, and I think the driver appreciated the fact that we listened to what he had to say and had good reasons for our own positions.

The trip was filled with wonderful interactions with the Irish people. Father Frank's nephew Eddie was ordained a Jesuit priest while I was there and I was honored to serve the mass with the Archbishop of Dublin, as well as assist Fr. Eddie at his first mass at his home parish. The trip was restful and energizing, and I am so thankful to Fr. Frank and the whole Cosgrove family for welcoming me and helping me make it happen. I have also been excited to hear from Deacon Aaron about his first few days with all of you in Meridian, and I know he will have a great assignment as a deacon!

- Deacon Nick

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In Memory Of



Donald (Don) Souigny

10/24/1931 - 05/12/2017

Don, has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for almost 58 years. He joined on October 11, 1959. He came to us from Watseka, IL. He attended Purdue University for several semesters before enlisting in the Navy at the end of the Korean War. He finished his business degree at Indiana University. After moving around the country during his career, he finally settled in Meridian, which turned out to be a blessing for our Parish. He was an active member of St. Patrick. Until his health began to fail, he was very active as a leader in our RCIA program. He faithfully attended daily Mass on a regular basis. Please keep his family in your prayers. Don donated his body to the University of Mississippi Medical Center for research. A Memorial Mass will be held at a date to be announced later. Memorials may be made to the St. Patrick Catholic School scholarship fund.

May his 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, June 22nd, at 6:10pm 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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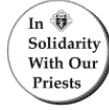
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	2	3 <u>4th Degree in Vicksburg</u> <u>Registration begins at 12 Noon</u>
4  <u>Family Picnic 6 PM</u>	5	6 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 7 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	8 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</i>	9	10 <u>Walk 4 Life Registration at St. Richard at 7:30 AM</u> <u>Start 8:00 AM</u>
11	12	13 <i>No Meeting Tonight</i>	 14 <i>Flag Day Ceremony 8:00 AM</i>  <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	15 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	16	17 <u>Grand Knight's Awards Banquet KC Hall 6pm</u> <u>Marriage Vows Renewal after 5pm Mass</u>
18	19	20 <i>1st Degree 6:30pm Food & Meeting Follows at 7:30</i>	 21 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	22 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM <u>EMSH Visitation 6:10pm</u></i>	23	24 <u>Corporate Communion 5:00 Mass St. Patrick</u>
25	26 <u>July Newsletter Deadline</u>	27 <i>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 28 <i>Bingo 6pm</i>	29 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	30	