



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *March 2018*



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*The Main Principles of  
Our Order are*

*Charity*

*Unity*

*Fraternity*

*Patriotism*

*Newsletter Editor*

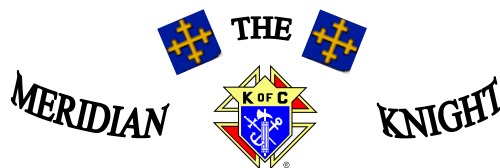
*George Walston*



THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain  
Fr. Matthew  
Simmons**



Brother Knights,

With Easter falling on April 1, we have one full month of Lent ahead of us in March. Lent reminds us that Jesus went into the desert for forty days. The Spirit drove him there. Time alone with the Heavenly Father was important for him. Mark and the other Evangelists remind us that Jesus often went away to be alone with the Father in prayer. In Mark 4:10, we also read, "When Jesus was alone, those present, along with the Twelve, questioned him about the parables." Luke and Matthew only mention the Twelve in their relating the same scene. Mark's mentioning of others - "those present" - can encourage us to seek time alone with Jesus as well. Such time can give us a better understanding of Jesus, especially when we have taken time to read Scripture as well. A better understanding of Jesus will lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ - deepening our faith.

Lent is also a time of almsgiving. While the Knights are always generous, this Lent could be a good time to do some additional almsgiving in some small way. During the last week of the month, we will have the Good Friday collection for Christians in Israel and Palestine. You can also find more information about Christians in the Middle East at <http://www.cnewa.org> the website of the

Catholic Near-East Welfare Association. Almsgiving is another way to deepen our faith in Christ. We give of ourselves trusting that God will take care of us. May God bless you.

Fr. Matthew

**Youth Director  
John Harwell**



We held our Council Free Throw Championship on January 30th in the FLC. Thirty-seven youngsters participated this year. Thank you to the following Knights who helped facilitate the event: Tom Zettler, PSD, Rick Norman, FS, Dewayne Klutz, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Bob Leo, PGK, Mouise Richards, PGK and Frank Washington. Special thanks to Mrs. Frias (St. Patrick School Principle) and Coach Jones for their help as well as the teachers and staff at the school.

Congratulations to our winners: Audrey Rush (9 year old girls), Bayleigh Rowell (10 year old girls), Mandy Farmer (11 year old girls), Mariah Shepherd (12 year old girls), Chase Clay (9 year old boys), Deontae Hopper (10 year old boys), Daniel Baah (11 year old boys), Jean Karol Mayo (13 year old boys) and James Wassell (14 year old boys).

Two of our winners traveled up to Starkvegas on February 17th, and participated in Regional/District FT Championship at the Sanderson Center on the campus of Mississippi State University. Congratulations to Jean Karol Mayo and Daniel Baah, who each finished second in the 13 year old boy's and 11 year old boy's divisions respectively. Special thanks to my daughter, Serena and her husband, Waylon, who traveled with me along with Encarnacion and Lourdes Mayo (Jean Karol's parents). It was a fun and enjoyable trip. We stopped in Brooksville at the Ole Country Bakery going up and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Perry Cafeteria on campus after the FT was completed. Thanks to our DD David Viger, PGK and the Starkville Council for a job well done.

Upcoming in the youth related area, we are going to attempt to conduct our Easter Egg Hunt again on Easter Sunday (April 1st). As we get into March, I will discuss this in more detail to see if it will be feasible to do so.

John Harwell  
Youth Director

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**Church  
Sal Moreno**

Easter is just around the corner. This means that the Council 802 Church Program will have a few things that will need to be done.

First - Council 802 along with the Knights of Peter Claver will lead the Stations of the Cross, sometimes referred to as "The Way of the Cross" on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Joseph, at 6:00 PM. I will need a few readers, so let me know if you can help. I ask all brother knights to wear their green shirt or any other K of C shirt that you may have.

Second ; Council 802 will sponsor a breakfast for the RCIA members and their sponsors on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Oh yes, I will also need help on that morning.

Thank you for your support. Hoping you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Sal Moreno,  
Chairman



**4th Degree  
Sal Moreno**

Greetings and "Happy Easter" to all. There are only a couple of things that I would like to mention. The first one involves the Honor Guard who will be needed at the Holy Thursday services on March 29. It is a good time to inspect and have that regalia uniform ready to go. Be proud and enjoy wearing that gorgeous uniform before the new uniform goes into effect in June of 2019.

The second thing that I would like to talk about is the upcoming 4th. Degree Exemplification which will be held on Saturday March 17, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. in ( Lizana ) Gulfport. If you know of any 3rd. degree member that wishes to advance to the 4th. degree of the order, let them know about this coming 4th. degree exemplification.

I will see all of Sir Knights at our next meeting on March 27.

Sal Moreno FN



**Council  
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**

A great time was had at our two events last month, namely, The Super Bowl Party and Sweet Heart Night. I have quite a few people to thank.

As for the Super Bowl Party, I would like to send a big shout out to David Viger, PGK, Larry Birzer, Joseph Birzer, Frank Sharp, Frank Pollizi, PGK and Grand Knight, John Harwell. We had a great attendance of about 40 people and some good fellowship. This event did raise \$255 for priests education; which is more than last year.

Our second event was Sweet Heart Night. What a great time and turnout with the rough weather that night. We had 22 of our sweethearts who joined us. Bingo was unique. We had so many ties and my fellow knights did a great job of serving our ladies. My thanks go out to Sal Moreno, FN, John Bennett, PGK, Howard McCarty, Bob Leo, PGK, Frank Sharp, PJ Carter, PGK, Bob Connor, Rick Norman, David Stephens, Greg Stephens, Larry Birzer, Tom Zettler, PSD, Joe Hosch, PGK, and John Casper, PGK.



We had our knight auction, sold extra bingo cards and had our knights buyout; which raised money for priest education. We raised over \$500 for our Priest Education Fund. Way to GO council 802!!!! If I left anyone out; I'm sorry, but can't do it without your help and thanks to all.

I would like to end with two special shout outs. First, I would like to thank brother Bob Leo, PGK, for taking care of the bowling team activities. I'm sure we did well. And, finally, to my wife Karen, for helping me with these events and has to put up with me during these events. She is my rock and I'm sure everyone knows that. Thanks to my love.

Tau Iosia  
Council Chairman

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

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**January Knight of the Month**  
**Ed Shamp**



**January Family of the Month**  
**John and Nelda Bennett**



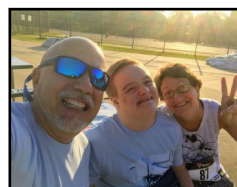
**Knight of the Quarter**  
**Ending in December**  
**Bob Leo**



**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 2016-2017**  
**Frank Polizzi**



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**Seminarians Corner**  
**Deacon Nick Adam**



Brother Knights,

As I near the midway point of my final semester in the seminary, I am filled with gratitude for all the support that Council 802 has given to me not just during my formation, but prior to it as a parishioner and as a member of the Council. I have said it before, but you men played a big role in my discernment, and so I thank you for your faithful example.

This semester we are delving into very practical realities that the Church is facing today. One excellent class is on the vocation of the laity. In our country the term “laymen” can have misleading connotations. We ask people to put difficult terminology into “laymen’s” terms, leading us to think that to be a lay person must be something less than an expert. This is incorrect! Laymen and women in the Church are called to be experts at living the Christian life in the world. They are called to consecrate the world back to God. The Catholic

professional can, and should, take what he receives on Sunday and let that grace work through him on Monday. He should receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgive others that wrong him in daily life. He should share the good news by word and example.

I think that many do not see the role of the laity this way, and perhaps think that only the activities we do within the walls of the Church “count” toward living a holy life. This is not the case. Of course, the Knights of Columbus are a great example of the great work that can be done with the help of the sacraments and strong faith in Christ. I encourage each of you to continue living out your faith in the world, even in the smallest ways, this is how we can truly sanctify the world and bring more and more people into God’s fold.

- Deacon Nick

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

**Ed. Note:** The information in the flyer at the right is for your perusal and possible action. I have included it at Darrell’s request. If you think you might be interested in taking part in this event, please note the Website address below or at the bottom of the flyer or call the telephone number below for additional questions. This event is related to Organ Donations, but don’t worry, no one will ask you for a donation at this time, other than money, which I assume is related to the entry fee.

**Headquarters**

4400 Lakeland Drive  
Flowood, MS 39232  
Phone: 1-800-690-8878  
<http://www.msora.org/get-involved>

5K run | 2 mile run/walk | Kids fun run  
Arts & crafts | Live music | Bounce houses  
Food | Mechanical bull | Photo booth  
Petting zoo | Face painting  
5K run | Kids fun run  
Arts & crafts | Bounce houses  
Food | Mechanical bull | Photo booth  
Petting zoo | Face painting

March 24, 2018 | 9 AM -until  
City Hall Lawn | Meridian, MS

All proceeds will benefit Visit [www.RACEENTRY.com](http://www.RACEENTRY.com) to register for the run/walk and learn more!

**Bingo  
Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program is still going strong, the last couple of weeks have been a little short of our expectations, but we are looking for that to increase.

Some of the comments that I've heard about our alterations to the rest rooms are really good, the customers are glad that we made the change.

I would like to thank all of our workers for the hard work and dedication to our bingo program, I know that it is difficult at times to attend the bingo sessions for a couple of hours when there are other pressing tasks that need to be done, and I thank you for that.

To ease our burden of shortage of workers at bingo, if you know of some of our new Brother knights, that have not attended any of our bingo sessions please talk to them, and tell them about the program and what bingo is all about, how we use the proceeds to support our church, the school, the needy, and any other organizations that ask for our help. Thank you for all that you do.

Bob Leo,  
Bingo Manager

**State Council  
Chairman  
Bob Leo, PGK**



Brother Knights;

Just a few words about our recent bowling tournament that the council bowling team participated in at Natchez.

As your State Council Director I was very disappointed at the turnout we had. Only two (2) teams participated in the tournament, one from Meridian and one from the Natchez host council #1034. Our team consisted of Brothers, Bob Leo, PGK, Mouise Richards, PGK, Larry Birzer, and John Kasper, PGK Our cheer leaders were Rosalie Leo and Janice Kasper. Although there were only two (2) teams, we all had a wonderful time. I would like to thank the council for making our attendance at the tournament possible.

The results on the tournament were as follows: Doubles winners were Mouise Richards and Larry Birzer. Singles was Darrell Cowart from Natchez. In team competition, 1st Place -Meridian Gold, 2nd Place-Natchez 1034. Thank you one and all.

Bob Leo  
State Council Director

## **March Birthdays**

**1st** Thomas Carl & Encarnation Osorio **3rd** Kenneth Napierkowski **6th** Terry Lanterman & John Maloney, Sr.

**7th** Marvin Nance **9th** Gerald (Gary) Koca & Robert Kochanski **10th** Charles Frazier **15th** Minh Duong

**19th** Phillip (Will)Vollor **21st** Russell Huntley **28th** Robert (Bob) Connor & Frank Washington

**29th** Patrick Quito **31st** David Henson

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**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Early Spring greetings to everyone!

First, I would like to congratulate our Knight of the Year, Ed Shamp, who was well deserving of this honor. As you all know, Ed spent countless hours, made hundreds of trips to the Hall over the last 18 months as he oversaw our renovation. The renovation included new bathrooms that are ADA compliant and a new entrance/hallway as well. He saw to it that the contractor completed the work as specified and ensured that we were under budget as well. We are all grateful to Ed for his tireless efforts during this difficult project. It could not have been done without him.

Second, congratulations to our Family of the Year, the David and Adrian Viger family. This recently blended family has been active in numerous Knight/Parish activities during the course of the year all the while taking care of a special needs son. They are always willing to help during any activity/program and unless they are out of town, when asked, they will say "yes" when it comes to volunteering their services. Again, they are well deserving of this honor.

Now, looking back on February. Thanks to Tau Iosia for his efforts at putting on the Super Bowl Party and the Sweethearts Night back on February 4th and 10th respectively. As per usual, he had a lot of help and we had great turnouts for both events. Thank you to both Sal Moreno, FN and John Bennett, PGK (Nelda) for providing us

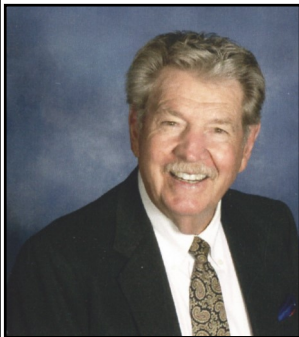
sandwiches at Bingo on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to our Bingo/Bar/Kitchen workers for being there every Wednesday. You are not unnoticed.

Upcoming in March, we will lead the Stations of the Cross with the Knights of Peter Claver at St. Joseph on March 2nd at 6:00pm. Afterwards, the Knights of Peter Claver will sell fish plates. Please make plans to attend and also to eat afterwards. We will have a Membership Blitz at all Weekend Masses on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11th. David Stephens and I will be soliciting your help with this endeavor. Our week for Adoration will be on March 8th 12N-7P in the St. Aloysius Chapel.

With Holy Week coming up at the end of the month, please open your Hearts to the invitation that Christ extends to us each and every day and that is to do his will. Happy Easter to everyone.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Community  
Larry Birzer**



Brother Knights,

Nominations are due for **The Burns Award** NLT the March 20th meeting. Please provide a write up for your candidate by submitting a description of why you think your nominee is deserving of this award. It should also contain the What, When, Where and Why. Voting will also be held at this meeting.

Award reception to take place in April on a date and time to be determined. Submit your nomination to GK John Harwell or to me before or during the March 20th meeting. The sooner the better.

EMSH visit will be on March 22nd. Come help us bring a smile to their faces and yours as well.

Larry,  
Community Chairman

**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



**Brother Knights**

Please keep the victims and families of the tragic Florida school shooting in your healing prayers. When was the last time we physically went to our schools for the sole purpose of praying provision and protection over our kids and the buildings where they reside? Let us choose right now to claim the message of truth: Jesus is our refuge and protector. He is our help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). Our hope (1 Timothy 1:1). Our rock and our salvation (Deuteronomy 32:4). He is our sustainer (Colossians 1:17).

Our Spring 40 Days for Life is well underway and runs through March 25th. Thank all of you who are praying the daily devotionals that are posted on our Facebook page. The Monday, February 14th report said they were now aware of 14,000 babies saved from abortion since 40 Days for Life began in 2007! These 14,000 babies are just the ones we know about and can confirm. Your prayers do make a difference! Praise God!

The Mississippi Pro-Life Banquet is coming up on April 5th. Come be inspired by keynote speaker Lt. Col. Allen B. West. Col. West is a • Former Congressman for Florida's 22nd District • a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U. S. Army • a Fox News Contributor • a columnist for Townhall.com • and an author of: Guardian of the Republic: An American Ronin's Journey to Family, Faith and Freedom. He is Pro-Life, Pro God, Pro Liberty, Pro Country and Pro Family.

The banquet will be held on **Thursday, April 5th at First Baptist Jackson, 431 North State Street, Jackson, MS.** The silent auction will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. The VIP Meet-n-Greet will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m.

This year we have sponsored only one table due to lack of participation over the past couple of years. We need 8 volunteers to attend this year's event to fill our table. Please get your name to me as soon as possible so we can make the necessary travel arrangements. 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*

**Family Director  
David Viger, PGK**



Brothers,

Congratulations to John and Nelda Bennett for being selected as our Family of the Month for January.

We will have a family picnic on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30 am. Boiled crawfish, potatoes, sausage, corn and beverages will be provided. We will have some hamburgers and hotdogs for those who don't like mud-bugs! We will also plan on having a Corn Hole Tournament starting at 1pm for those who are interested. Please come out and help make it a GREAT day!

Last but certainly not least, Adrian, Patrick and I are very honored and humbled to be recognized as The Family of the Year! We are very aware that there are several families who do many things for our Catholic Community who would be equally, if not more deserving of this recognition. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger  
Family Director

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**Membership  
David Stephens**

Brother Knights,

I trust you all took my advice and recognized your Special Sweetheart on Valentine’s Day. Our next Membership Drive is planned for the weekend of March 10-11<sup>th</sup> after each Mass. As stated the last time we had a drive, we will need “A Few Good Men” to assist with recruitment during that weekend. Let me know if you are willing to help after one or more of the Masses (601-938-5757). “Membership is truly a team effort!”

Exemplifications in March:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Gulfport, MS.
- 1st Degree – Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.



All of you Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree Knights, please contact GK John Harwell or FN Sal Moreno and let them know if you wish to be a candidate for the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree Exemplification listed above.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify GK John Harwell or Sal Moreno of your intentions.

As always, we are “*in search of*” new members. Let’s Go Team! Thank you, Brother Knights, for your continued help with membership.

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director

**Dep Grand Knight  
Joe Hosch**



***No Report This Month***

***In Memoriam***

Our condolences go out to one of our most faithful members, Roland Stewart, on the untimely death of his son, John. It is never good to lose a member of ones family, but it is especially hard on a parent to lose a child. I don’t have a picture of John, but please keep him and the Stewart Family in your hearts and prayers.

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

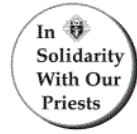
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b></p> 	<p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 	<p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 6 of this newsletter</u></p> 		<p>1</p> <p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>Stations &amp; Fish Fry St. Joseph 6PM</u> <u>Council 802 &amp; The Knights of Peter Claver</u></p>	<p>3</p>
4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p><b>bingo</b> 6:00 PM</p>	8	9	10
		<p><u>Business Meeting 7:30pm</u></p>		<p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u> <u>KC Responsibility</u></p>	<p><u>Stations &amp; Fish Fry St. Patrick 6PM</u></p>	<p><u>Membership Drive</u> <u>5:00 Mass</u> <u>St. Patrick</u></p>
11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p><b>bingo</b> 6:00pm</p>	15	16	17
<p><u>Membership Drive</u> <u>8:30 Mass at St. Joseph &amp; 11:00 Mass St. Patrick</u></p>		<p><u>No Meeting tonight</u></p>		<p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u></p>	<p><u>Stations &amp; Fish Fry St. Joseph 6PM</u></p>	<p><u>St Patrick's Day</u> <u>4th Degree Exemplification in Gulfport</u></p>
18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p><b>bingo</b> 6:00 pm</p>	22	23	24
		<p>1st Degree if candidate(s) <u>Meeting follows at 7:30 PM</u></p>		<p><u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</u> <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u></p>	<p><u>Stations &amp; Fish Fry St. Patrick 6PM</u></p>	<p><u>RCIA Breakfast 9:00 am</u> <u>Family Picnic 11:30 am KC Hall</u></p>
25	26	27	<p>28</p> <p><b>bingo</b> 6:00pm</p>	29	30	31
<p><u>Palm Sunday</u></p> 	<p><u>April Newsletter Deadline</u></p>	<p>4th Degree meeting 7:30</p>		<p><u>Holy Thursday</u> <u>Services at 7:00pm</u> <u>Adoration afterwards</u></p> 	<p><u>Live Stations 5PM at St Patrick Hispanic Community</u> <u>Good Friday Services at 7:00pm</u></p> 	<p><u>Holy Saturday</u> <u>Sabado Santo</u> <u>Services at 7:30pm</u></p> 