



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *May 2018*



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*The Main Principles of  
Our Order are*

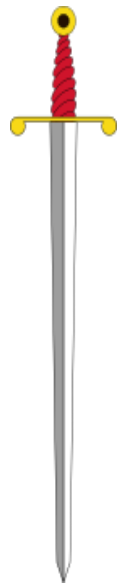
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*Unity*

*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**



Dear Brother Knights,

“Rejoice and Be Glad” (Gaudete et Exsultate) is the title of Pope Francis’ new apostolic exhortation. An apostolic exhortation does not make any new developments to the teachings of the Church. Rather it exhorts the Church to undertake a work in response to a meeting of bishops.

Francis begins by saying, “‘Rejoice and be glad’ (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created.’ Besides supporting your own families and thereby fulfilling the vocation to married life to which most of you were called, you have recently been supporting Rev. Mr. Nick Adam in his vocation to the ministerial priesthood. As his former vocation director, I am very grateful for your support. Since he will soon have completed seminary, it is time for the Catholic Community of Meridian to raise up another vocation to the priesthood.

Please pray and actively encourage young men to try out the life of a seminarian. Encouraging young women to explore religious life is equally important. This week has been the week of prayer for vocations. Next week begins the month of May, a traditionally Marian month. Every Catholic

vocation to priesthood, religious life, and family life has a special Marian character. Mary said, “Yes” to God’s call; and we imitate her in her courage. Popes traditionally end their documents with a reflection on Mary as the preeminent model of the Church. *Gaudete et Exsultate* ends with the following words: “I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other.” We ask the Blessed Mother to help us to find happiness as she did.

Fr. Matthew

**Youth Director  
John Harwell**



The Easter Bunny (aka Robert Leo) made an appearance at our KC Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Frank Polizzi for leading the kids in some fun music songs and storytelling prior to the Hunt.

The kids had a fun time looking for eggs all of which contained money. After the hunt, we enjoyed grilled hot dogs, chips, drinks along with bowls of candy that was on the picnic tables. We ended the afternoon, singing Happy Birthday to Roland Stewart’s son Ashton and enjoyed Birthday cake as well.

Special thanks my wife, Bridget, my daughters Kara and her husband Curtis and Serena and her husband Waylon, Frank Polizzi, Donna Polizzi, Tom Zettler, PJ Carter, Trey Grissett and Roland for their help in making the afternoon fun. In all, about 75 kids and grown up kids enjoyed the day.

John Harwell  
Youth Director

**Guest Writer  
Bob Connor**



My Fellow Knights. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in having Masses said for my sister, Cathy. Cathy is looking down from heaven and saying "Those Knights! They sure are a bunch of good people." I do appreciate it very much. Sincerely, Bob Connor

***In Memoriam***

Our condolences go out to Bob and his family on the death of his sister, Cathy. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

**Church  
Sal Moreno**



May is Rosary month. As usual, I would like to thank the Knights that volunteered to lead the rosary during May. Other than this, our next church activity will be our Corporate Communion which will be on June 23 during the 5:00 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick.

Sal Moreno  
Church Program Dir

**4th Degree  
Sal Moreno**



We did not have a 4<sup>th</sup>. Degree meeting in March due to bad weather. Honor guards will be participating in the Confirmation Ceremony which will be on May 2nd. All honor guards are encouraged to attend.

Memorial day is May 28 we will raise the flag at St. Patrick cemetery at 8:00 am, during which the flag will fly at half staff until noon, then will be raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset in honor of our nation's heroes. Come one, Come all.

Sal Moreno FN

**Dep Grand Knight  
Joe Hosch**



April started a new STATE fraternal year. As I have said before, refer often to the council calendar, catch some council meetings, and pick some events that are meaningful to you and participate. You likely joined the order to get involved, so do so. If there are ideas for activities and events, bring them forward.

More info will be coming, but as a heads up, the order is moving past the old "Surge with Service" program system to a new one. Also, the current 6 program categories will be consolidated into 4 for the next fraternal year (July).

Best regards,  
Joe Hosch, DGK

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**March Knight of the Month  
Richard (Rick) Norman**



**March Family of the Month  
Janice & John Kasper**



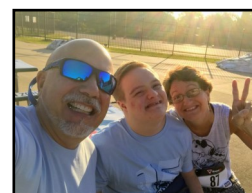
**Knight of the Quarter  
January, February, March  
Richard (Rick) Norman**



**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**



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



Brother Knights,

Well, here we are. I want to use this space thanking all of you for your incredible support of my priestly formation. The last six years have been the best of my life. My relationship with the Lord and the Church has grown in ways that I would have never thought possible.

As I make my final preparations for priestly ordination, I want to ask for your prayers. Specifically, I ask you to pray that I can empty myself of my own wants, and give the People of God what *He* wants me to give them through my priesthood. I am going to be called to teach, to lead, and to sanctify, but *how* that will play out is a mystery, as it should be.

I also ask you to pray for me and for Deacon Aaron as we embark on our first year of ministry, as with many transitions in life, the first year of priesthood can be challenging in

many different ways. Please keep us in prayer that we can put into practice the excellent formation that we have received at Notre Dame Seminary.

Finally, please pray for the seminarians that are in formation now. These men are working very hard and need to be lifted up in prayer. The holy card that Dcn. Aaron and I are passing out at the ordination has a “fraternal prayer” that Dcn. Aaron composed this past year. This prayer is a very important part of our brotherhood as priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Jackson, and we invite you to pray it with us in solidarity.

Thank you, brothers. I cannot come up with words to thank you properly. I look forward to seeing many of you on my ordination weekend. Remember that I will celebrate all the masses in Meridian on the weekend of June 2-3 if you cannot make it to Jackson for the ordination or my mass of thanksgiving.

- Dcn. Nick

Thursday, May 31 - 6:30 PM  
Ordination Mass of Rev. Nicholas Adam and Rev. Aaron Williams  
Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at Old Capitol Inn

Friday, June 1 - 12:05 PM  
Fr. Williams' Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving  
Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at Cathedral

Friday, June 1 - 6 PM  
Fr. Adam's Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving  
St. Richard Catholic Church - Jackson, Mississippi  
Reception to follow at St. Richard

*I will also be celebrating all weekend masses at St. Patrick and St. Joseph on the weekend of June 2-3. I am looking forward to celebrating with all of you men (and ladies in the auxiliary!) who have made such an impact in my discernment and have supported me through thick and thin. I can't believe we are here!*

Deacon Nick

*(Editor's Note: The next time you see an article by this individual it will be signed "Fr. Nicholas Adam" or something to that effect)*

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

**Bingo**

**Bob Leo, PGK**



I'm back. First let me thank Brother Frank Polizzi for that very kind and eloquent entry that he posted in last month's newsletter, Yes, I do put in a lot of time tending to the bingo program, but I'm not the only one who makes the program the success that it has become. Every worker on the floor, every worker in the windows and the office, all the callers, and let's not forget the kitchen and snack bar workers, all their dedication and efforts contribute to the ongoing success, of OUR bingo program. Thank you one and all. Because of you, you make my job a lot easier.

On another matter, because of circumstances surrounding a matter which I'm not at liberty to discuss at this time, I would like the floor workers to, on occasion while not selling sheets, to walk up and down their appointed aisles, and observe the players that are playing bingo, I want our presence known and that we are watching out that our bingo rules are being observed, and that bingo is being played according to those rules.

At this time, I would like to thank Brother P.J. Carter for all of the time and effort that he has contributed to the bingo program. I don't know how many of you know that PJ is the one that puts your intermission packs together, saving us countless hours of time, and not only that, PJ is the one who sets up the bingo console to begin the bingo session, and then he helps out at the front window before going out onto the floor to make change so the workers won't have to run to the window to get change. Thank You Brother P.J. for all that you do.

Summertime is upon us, and you know what that means, a shortage of help. We will be looking at workers going on vacations, having visitors, or just resting, and that means we need help. I'm asking that if you know that you will not be attending bingo please let me know so that I can make arrangements to cover for you. Better still, put your name on the calendar in the office on the date you will be out.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager

## **May Birthdays**

**1st** Daniel Pittman **2nd** Richard (Rick) Norman **3rd** Steve Duncan & Phillip Jenkins **7th** David Rauenhorst

**13th** Otto Storr **17th** Robert (Bob) Degitz **24th** Lindsey (Gabe) Gabriel **25th** Dr. James Purdy

**27th** Phillip Worland **29th** Chad Lint **31st** Joseph (Joe) Birzer

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Greetings to all!! April was a busy month and I thank all of you who supported our activities during the month. The month kicked off with a return of our Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st (Easter Sunday). We had a great turnout for it. The following weekend, Knights led the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before all the weekend Masses. April 12th found us in Adoration from Noon to Seven PM in the St. Aloysius Chapel. April 17th, we welcomed a new Brother Knight (Gary Dove) to our ranks in a First Degree Exemplification. On April 21st, we presented the Msgr. John J. Burns Award for the 40th time. This year's award was presented to Mr. Tom C. Maynor. Along with the award, we made a \$1,500 contribution to the Boy Scouts of America-Choctaw Area Council in his honor. That along with our regular meetings and Bingo made for a busy month.

Upcoming in May, Confirmation will be on May 2nd. Our 4th Degree will be there along with a number of Knights who are sponsors this year. In fact, so many of our Bingo workers are involved in this Sacrament, that Bingo has been cancelled that night. Next on May 5th, is a biggie. We are hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree at the Hall starting at 10:00 AM. For those of you 1st and/or 2nd Degree members, this serves as a great opportunity to receive those degrees right here at home. Please contact me or

District Deputy, David Viger, to register or for more information. Please check the calendar for other events/activities throughout the month as well.

Congratulations to Rick Norman, our March Knight of the Month and Knight of the Quarter (Jan-Mar) as well. Additionally, congratulations to the John and Janice Kasper Family, our Family of the Month for March.

The slate of officers has been posted and we will elect officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year at the business meeting on May 15th.

Please mark June 9th on your calendars. That will be our annual Recognition Banquet. More details will be forthcoming. With that I hope you all have a great month.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Community Larry  
Birzer**



Our next visit to the Pines at East Mississippi State Hospital is scheduled for 6:00 pm on the 24th of May. Come and join us as we share with the residents at the nursing home. You'll get more out of this visit than will the residents.

Larry Birzer,  
Community

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**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

Thank you to Brother Knights Larry Birzer, Frank Sharp, Bob Leo and his wife Rosalie for attending the Mississippi Pro-Life Banquet on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Jackson. The message from our keynote speaker Lt. Colonel Allen B. West was outstanding, encouraging and left us energized to do our part in building a culture of life. There were approximately 500 in attendance. I have posted the message from Lt. Colonel Allen West on our Knights of Columbus 802 Facebook page.

Updated results from 40 Days for Life campaign that just ended on March 26th we are aware of 645 babies spared from abortion! Christ heard His faithful people.

Here are the blessings we have witnessed since 40 Days for Life began in 2007:

- 5,605 total campaigns
  - 769 cities
  - 50 countries
  - 750,000 individual participants
  - 19,000 churches
  - 14,643 lives saved from abortion
  - 177 abortion workers quit their jobs
- 96 abortion facilities closed

Thank you for helping save so many lives!

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*

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**Membership  
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to say Congratulations and Welcome to Brother Gary L. Dove who was exemplified on April 17th. We have at least one applicant scheduled for the next Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. “Membership is truly a team effort!”

Mother’s Day is just around the corner, brother Knights. Be sure to acknowledge and honor the mothers in your family, and mothers in general. Mother’s Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

A Brief History: In 1868 Ann Jarvis created a committee to establish ‘Mother’s Friendship Day.’ In 1870 Julia Howe wrote the first Mother’s Day proclamation asking women everywhere to join for world peace. In 1914, Mother’s Day became nationally recognized when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation to that effect. Mother’s Day was first celebrated in 1908 when Anna Jarvis

held a memorial for her mother Ann Jarvis.

Exemplifications in May:

- ◇ Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees – Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; KC Hall, Hwy 19 N, Meridian,
- ◇ Fourth Degree – Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; St. Alphonsus, Ocean Springs
- ◇ Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian

There is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Fraternally,  
David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director

**Council  
Taupule’ (Tau) Iosia**



The Memorial Day picnic will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Please come out and join your fellow knights and families for a nice time and good food. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share with the others. Main grilled entrees and beverages will be provided by the council.

Furthermore, I would like to thank my fellow knights, spouses, and friends that helped with the Burns Award Night. Thank you again.

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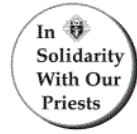
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	2 Confirmation at St. Patrick 6:00 PM 	3  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	4	5 <i>Formation (2nd) &amp; Knighthood (3rd) Degrees at our Council Hall 10:00 AM</i>
6	7	8  <i>No Meeting tonight</i>	9  6:00 PM	10  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM KC Responsibility</i>	11	12  <i>4th Degree 11:00 AM in Ocean Springs</i>
13	14	15  <i>1st Degree if candidate(s)  Meeting follows Election of Officers</i>	16  6:00pm	17  <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	18	19
20	21	22  <i>4th Degree meeting 7:30</i>	23  6:00 pm	24  <i>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm  Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</i>	25	26
27 <i>Memorial Day Picnic KC Hall 5:00 PM  June Newsletter Deadline</i>	28  <i>Memorial Day  Flag Raising 08:00 to be Lowered at Sunset</i>	29	30  6:00 pm	31  <i>Ordination of Dcn Nick Adam &amp; Dcn Aaron Williams St Peter Jackson  No Adoration today</i>		