



*May 2015*



**Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**March Knight of the Month  
Salvador Moreno**



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

**Knight of the Quarter  
October, November, & December  
Salvador Moreno**

**Council 802 Knight of the Year 2015  
John Kasper, PGK**

**Council 802 Family of the Year 2015  
Bob & Rosalie Leo**



**Assembly 1251 and State  
Sir Knight of the Year 2015  
David Viger**





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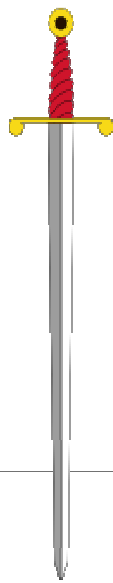
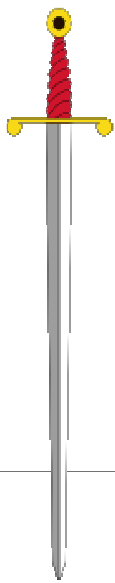
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism



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

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## Grand Knight Patrick J Carter



We just got back from the Knights of Columbus Convention in Biloxi. The awards were tough to win this year as there was plenty of competition. We did win the Youth Award, Family of the Month 100% Submission and Bronze Award for Family Project. We also received the Superior Service Council Award. This is the first time this award has been given. I would also like to congratulate Dave Viger for being chosen as the State Sir Knight of the Year.

I want to congratulate Tau and Karen Iosia on being chosen as our Family of the Month for March and to Sal Moreno on being chosen as our Knight of the Month for March. Sal was also chosen as our Knight of the Quarter for January, February and March.

We have a lots going on in May, so please feel free to jump in and enjoy.

Patrick J Carter  
Grand Knight



## Chaplain Fr. Francis Cosgrove



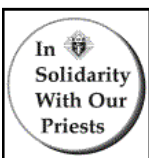
Dear Brother Knights,

I write this after returning from our annual Priest Retreat April 13 – 17. The retreat was held, again, at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa (approximately 20 miles south of McComb). It is one of the headquarters and a large retirement center for about sixty School Sisters of Notre Dame. Their pastor, Father Suresh, calls them his grannies! The grounds are beautiful and spacious but this year our outdoor activities were limited by rain.

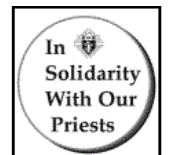
The retreat leader was Bishop Donald Trautmann, retired bishop of Erie, Pennsylvania. He led us in three conferences each day. We had time for quiet prayer, Masses, and a chance for 36 priest and 3 bishops to be together. The other two bishops were Bishop Kopacz and Bishop Latino (retired). Bishop Houck was unable to participate because of ill health.

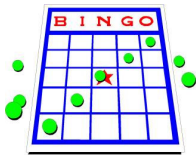
The annual retreat is an important event for the priests of our diocese. Like all Christians, we need time to get away for prayer, contemplation and fraternal support. I come back spiritually recharged. Hopefully, you will all benefit from our retreat experience as we try to pass on its graces to you.

Fr. Frank



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## Bingo Bob Leo



Our Bingo program has really progressed. We have gone from approximately 130-160 players to 170-180. I don't know what prompted this increase in the number of players, but I'm glad that it has happened. I'm thinking that it has something to do with all the improvements that we have made in the bingo hall. It's finally paying off, it could also be the wonderful service that we provide in the food department, and on the floor.

Our members that sell the bingo sheets go above and beyond in doing their jobs, such as going to the bar and ordering food, and bringing it to the customer's table, getting popcorn for them, getting change for them, and so on. These are services that the workers do on their own. No one directs them to do it, so my hats off to those members, namely Howard McCarty, John Kasper and his lovely wife Janice, Sal Moreno, Dewayne Klutz, David Stephens, Tom Zettler, Bob Connor, Tau Iosia, George Walston, Tommy Minniece, and to all of the other members that come occasionally. Thank you one and all. See you when I get back from the State Convention.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager



## Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Karen and Tau Iosia family on being chosen as our Family of the Month for March. Whenever you mention food, or a banquet, there are two names that almost always come to mind and they are Tau and Karen Iosia. Whenever a banquet, or a dinner is called for you can bet your boot's that Tau and Karen will be involved in it, if not heading it up. If you haven't tasted the food prepared by these two Gourmet chefs, you don't know what you are missing. Tau is the meat and potatoes chef and Karen is the salad expert. Again congratulations to Tau and Karen Iosia, our Family of the Month for March.

In the months of April, May, and June, we will not have a family get together due to other events that will be taking place in those months. Our next family get together will be on July 31st. It will be a picnic outside in the picnic area. We will be cooking chicken, sausages, hot dogs on the grill and maybe even a burger or two. Keep that date in mind, and bring your appetite. You may also want to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, as the Council will provide the meat and drinks. Hoping to see you there.

Bob Leo  
Family Chairman

## May Birthdays



**1st** Daniel Pittman **2nd** Richard Norman **3rd** Steve Duncan & Phillip Jenkins **6th** Chris Aria

**7th** Scott Albaugh & David Rauenhorst **13th** Otto Storr **14th** John Maloney, III **16th** Albert Wood

**17th** Robert Degitz **21st** Randy Routt **25th** Dr. Jim Purdy **27th** Phillip Worland **29th** Tim Holder





## Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



Bridget and I had a wonderful weekend in Biloxi at the State Convention. The highlight of the weekend for our entire delegation was the selection of Sir Knight David Viger as the State Sir Knight of the Year. Our 2 tables erupted in euphoria when his name was announced. Well earned and deserved. Congratulations David!!!!!!

Upcoming in May, the 4th Degree Honor Guard will participate in the Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick. If you are in the Honor Guard and wish to be a part of this, please get in touch with SK Frank Polizzi.

On Memorial Day, May 25th, at St. Patrick Cemetery, we will raise the colors at 8AM (0800) to full staff and then will bring the flag back to half staff. At Noon (1200) the flag will be brought to full staff and then at 5PM (1700) the flag will be retired. Please come out and join us.

June 1st will be Father Cosgrove's Golden Jubilee. The Honor Guard will participate in the Mass. Please contact SK Bob Leo or Frank Polizzi for details.

Our Honor Guard did again participate in the Holy Thursday Mass on April 2nd. After the Mass, they did stand watch from 8P-10P before the Altar of Repose. A big thank you to all who stood watch on this Most Holy Night.

I hope everyone has a great month.

John Harwell  
Faithful Navigator  
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Special from  
Tom Zettler, PSD



**SPECIAL THANKS:** I want to take this opportunity to thank the following Knights for their participation in the funeral services for Russell Tucker.

Joining me at the wake in the rosary were John Maloney, Sr., George Walston, John Harwell, and Frank Polizzi. Serving as pallbearers at the funeral Mass were George Walston, Dave Viger, Dewayne Klutz, Dennis Deviney, Frank Polizzi, Richard Moody, Sal Moreno, and Frank Sharp.

I am very pleased that we are able to offer this service to our fellow parishioners and I thank those who are always willing to volunteer for this wonderful ministry.

Tom Zettler, PSD



Special from  
David Viger



Brother Knights,

Being a part of the Meridian Catholic Community/Family has had a very profound impact on my life. I thank God for leading me to you!

Those who serve in the Knights of Columbus, in particularly those of Council 802 and Assembly 1251, are all very special and very dedicated to our church. Being a part of this distinguished group of Catholic Gentlemen has allowed me to join each of you in being proactive in our church, our community and our faith.

Recognition as State Sir Knight of the Year is surreal and most humbling. I pray God will continue to Bless me and allow me to be worthy of that recognition. Thank you for the opportunity and may God Bless you!

Dave Viger  
Council 802

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**Special Entry - Memorial Day**  
**David Klutz**



On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Memorial Day. Originally, I thought about writing an article about the history of Memorial Day and its importance. Instead, I thought I would tell you about what I do for Memorial Day.

I actually start my Memorial Day weekend the weekend before the holiday. At our last meeting we passed a motion to donate money to the group that rides for the RUN FOR THE WALL. I am not sure how many of you know, but they spend the weekend before Memorial Day (May 15-18) in Jackson, MS. The Harley-Davidson dealership in Jackson sponsors an event known as the TRAIL OF HONOR. The TRAIL OF HONOR features historically accurate demonstrations of military life on a walking trail through history. You can visit re-enactors from the French and Indian War, to current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The trail gives a great insight into what it was like to fight during the Revolution, Mexican War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam etc....The trail contains displays and demonstrations of equipment from all the American wars. I really enjoy the civil war cannons going off every 30 minutes. My dad's biggest thrill was the Huey helicopter flying overhead. In conjunction with the TRAIL OF HONOR, visitors are able to visit the VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL. The Traveling wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. In addition, the TRAIL offers a chance to meet real life American Heroes. Ex-POWs, Medal of Honor Recipients, Gold Star Families, Tuskegee Airmen, Pearl Harbor Survivors and many more. For more information about the TRAIL OF HONOR visit the website [www.trailofhonor.org](http://www.trailofhonor.org)

Then on Memorial Day weekend I start the weekend with watching the movie TAKING CHANCE. For those of you who have never seen it, make this year the year you do. I find it in the \$5 box at Walmart all the time. It is based on real-life events of Lt. Col. Michael Strobl (played by Kevin Bacon). Lt. Col. Strobl volunteers to become a military escort for the body of 19 year old Marine Chance Phelps. It is a wonderful movie showing what happens behind the scenes as the military prepares and transports the bodies of our fallen heroes. It is a wonderful example of why and how we should honor the heroes that gave their all for our freedom.

Finally on Memorial Day I meet with my fellow Knights at the Catholic Cemetery for the raising of the American Flag. I cannot speak for all those in attendance but it always brings a tear to my eye watching the flag fly over the final resting spot of many of our veterans.

Well that is my plan for Memorial Day. You don't have to do exactly this, but I do ask everyone to do something special to remember why we have this holiday. A rosary prayed, a special prayer said, a moment paused, just do something to honor those who sacrificed their lives for you.

David Klutz



**Church**  
**Larry Birzer**



**CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR MAY**

**Rosary:** Led by KC Members before all masses and following KC meetings during month of May (volunteers needed)

2 MAY : First Communion at 10 am (Few Helpers Needed) Cake and Punch – 45 Communicants

12 MAY : Confirmation – 21 Confirmees (Few Helpers Needed) Cake and Punch – 6 PM

14 MAY : Adoration KC St. Aloysius Chapel (See Bro. Walston to volunteer) (Noon to Eight)

Bro. Larry Church Activities Director

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## Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

The 2015 Walk 4 Life is Saturday, May 9th and is sponsored by St. Richard Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. We will meet at St. Richard located at 1242 Lynnwood Drive in Jackson at 7:00 a.m. for registration and the walk will begin at 7:30 a.m.

I plan on leaving Meridian around 5 a.m. Saturday morning. I have room for two in my van if you would like to ride with me. If we have more than two, we will need to drive your car to Jackson. In addition to PRAYER, this is a fundraiser to support Pro-Life Mississippi. A Pledge Sheet can be downloaded here:

<http://home.comcast.net/~w5mav/pledgesheet.pdf>

Please ask for sponsors to help support the efforts of Pro-Life Mississippi and record your donations on the pledge sheet.

Walking west on Lynwood Drive, turning left onto Manhattan Road, then left onto Meadowbrook Road, right onto Old Canton Road, right onto Duling Street, and left onto N. State Street.

We will pray at the abortion clinic at 2903 N. State Street and then walk back the same route to St. Richard. There will be a water station at the abortion clinic. We will have a short prayer and release balloons in honor of all the babies who have died there from abortion. The walk is two miles each way for a total of four miles.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three fundraisers. 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.

Last year, Council 802 had two walkers and one roller. If you would like to participate, please get in touch with me by phone or email. My phone number and email address are included below. God bless each of you. Have a great month!

Darrell

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## Seminarians' Corner Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

Wow! What a month! I have been busy wrapping up the semester academically and preparing for another great year at Notre Dame Seminary in the fall. A few weeks ago I was elected student body president, and I pray (and ask for your prayers) that this task helps me to grow in humility and love for my brother seminarians and for God.

That being said, the last few weeks have been full of planning and meetings for the coming year, but it has been wonderful and I have been able to work closely with Jason Johnston, who is very involved here at the seminary and will be ordained a deacon May 16<sup>th</sup> and then sent to Meridian for his internship! I am very excited that Jason has been assigned to our Catholic Community because I know how great his experience will be!

One more note. We have just finished making a vocation promotion video for the seminary. If you would like to watch it and share it with young men you believe could have a vocation, you can go to [www.nds.edu](http://www.nds.edu) to watch it and share it! (note: the video was not posted as of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but it will be public very soon after)

God Bless,  
Nick

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## Membership David Viger



Brother Knights,

April was truly a **WONDERFUL** month! Along with the joy of the Easter Celebration, we welcomed a Brother into the Order, had three Brothers advance in Knighthood and another transfer into our Council/Assembly.

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree** – Welcome **Brother Richard ‘Rick’ Norman!** Brother Rick is a resident of Collinsville and has been a member of St. Patrick’s Parish and the Meridian Catholic Community for several years. Once again, we had a tremendous turn-out for the Exemplification including: **Brothers George Walston, Sal Moreno, Frank Sharp, Dewayne Klutz, Ed Shamp, John Bennett, Mouise Richards, Darrell Hoover, Otto Storr, David Klutz, David Rauenhorst, Mike Miller, Roland Stewart, Dennis Deviney, Richard Moody, Richard Semmes, Tau Iosia, Gary Koca, as well as our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team Members, Brother Tom Zettler, John Maloney Sr., Bob Leo, John Kasper, PJ Carter, Joshua Maeda, Frank Polizzi, and myself.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** – Congratulations to **Brother Damon Mesecher!** Damon and nine (9) other Brother Knights from various Councils were advanced to Full Knighthood in our Order in Laurel, MS on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Attending and observing the Exemplification from Council 802 were **Brothers Tom Zettler (PSD), George Walston (FS) and Kenny Woodward.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree** – Congratulations to our newest **Sir Knights: David Stephens and Mike Miller!** 27 Knights participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification joining the Patriotic Degree of our Order! Attending and observing the Exemplification from Assembly 1251 were **Sir Knights Bob Leo (PFN), Roland Stewart and myself.**

Last but certainly not least, we welcome **Fr. Joseph ‘Dan’ Reardon** who applied for transfer into our Council and Assembly. **Fr. Dan** is the Pastor of Naval Air Station Meridian’s **St. Joseph of Cupertino Chapel.** He is also a Naval Officer, with a vital leadership role at Naval Air Station Meridian, and is responsible for offering everything from faith leadership to personal advice to much needed solace to the Sailors, Marines and families assigned to the air station.

Congratulations to all and welcome to both Rick and Fr. Dan! To those who were able to attend and observe the different Exemplifications – “Thank you!” Your time and dedication to the Brothers of our Council is greatly appreciated by many!

Thanks again for all your support!

Vivat Jesus!  
Dave Viger  
Membership Chairman



## Editor’s Corner George Walston



It is time once again to elect our leaders for the coming year. The following members have been nominated for that purpose.

Grand Knight: David Viger, Deputy Grand Knight: David Klutz, Chancellor: Bob Leo, PGK, Treasurer: John Harwell, Advocate: Roland Stewart, Recorder: Frank Polizzi, PGK, Warden: Howard McCarty, Inside Guard: Frank Sharp, Outside Guard: Dewayne Klutz, Three Year Trustee: P. J. Carter, PGK, Two Year Trustee: Mouise Richards, PGK, One Year Trustee: John J. Maloney, Sr., PGK

If you have any aspirations for any of these positions, please contact the Trustees or Grand Knight P. J. Carter. We will be voting on the new slate on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at our regular monthly meeting. We will accept nominations from the floor for anyone who is interested in a leadership position. Candidates for any Trustee position must be a Past Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus,  
George Walston  
Editor-in-Chief



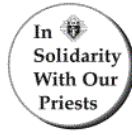


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime		 <b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b>		 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on page 4 of this New	1	2 <b>First Communion St. Patrick 10:00am</b> <b>Cake and Punch</b> <b>Help needed Call Larry Birzer</b>
3	4	 5 <b>Business Meeting 7:30pm</b>	 6 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	 7 <b>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</b> <b>KC Responsibility</b>	8	9 <b>Walk 4 Life at St. Richard Church Jackson 7:00 am</b>
10	11	 12 <b>Confirmation St Patrick 6:00 pm Cake and Punch</b> <b>Help needed contact Larry Birzer</b> <b>No Meeting Tonight</b>	 13 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	 14 <b>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</b>	15	16
17	18	 19 <b>First Degree Before Meeting at 6:30pm</b> <b>Meeting begins at 7:30</b>	 20 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	 21 <b>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</b>	22	23
24	 25 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Flag Raising at St. Patrick Cemetery 8:00 am</b>	 26 <b>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</b>	 27 <b>Bingo 6pm</b>	 28 <b>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</b> <b>EMSH Visitation 6:10pm</b>	29	30
 31 <b>Memorial Day Picnic 4:00 pm KC Hall</b>						