



November 2016



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**August Knight of the Month
Rick Norman**



**August Family of the Month
The Sue and Paul Blier Family**

**Knight of the Quarter
July, August, September
Rick Norman**

**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 (Sal) Moreno**





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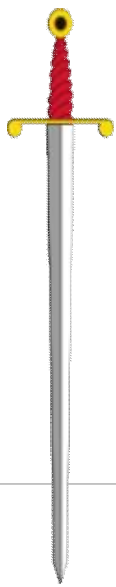
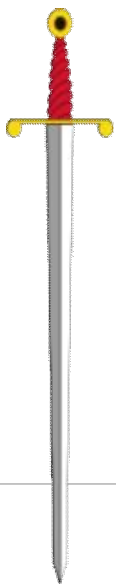
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The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

THE KNIGHTS
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PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

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Grand Knight David Viger



Brothers Knights,

First and foremost, **“Welcome!”** to the newest members of Council 802 – **Brothers Bob Hammond and Joe Birzer!** Their exemplification was held October 22nd, with our **Most Holy Father, Pope Francis**, as the Honoree for the Degree! Thank you for making the decision to join us, we look forward to working with you as you continue your journey through Knighthood!

Once again, I want to emphasize my **“Thank you!”** to all the Knights who dedicate their precious time to help others! We have about 35 Brother Knights who we count on regularly and a handful, who I often think, we may sometimes rely on – “too much!” There is still much to be done, I pray for each of you and thank God we have such dedicated men in our Council! In particular, for their efforts during the month of October, please join me in saying “Thank you!” to Brothers Sal Moreno (Church Director) and Darrell Hover (Culture of Life Chairman) for their work and continued dedication throughout the month of October. Sal ensured our commitment to leading the rosary before masses during the month of October was fulfilled and Darrell faithfully posted Daily Devotionals on our Facebook page during the 40 Days of Life Campaign. Both of these programs are aimed at helping us to maintain focus on the Lord, stay in tune with His guidance and provide an opportunity for deliberate prayer to end abortion!

I pray all of you have a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!



*Brother Dan Hammond (PGK)
Brandon Council welcomes his father,
Brother Bob Hammond into Council 802.*



*Brother Larry Birzer welcomes
his son Joe into Council 802*



Church Sal Moreno



First, I would like to thank all the brother Knights who led the Rosary at the weekend Masses during the month of October, a respect for life month. November will not be as busy as October. However, there are two notable dates that we need to be working on, and those are:

November 2nd, Wednesday, will be All Souls Day. We will celebrate a Mass at the Catholic cemetery at 12:05 pm. We will need to transport about 50 chairs and a table from the KC hall beginning at 11:00 am.

November 26th, Saturday, we will have our Corporate Communion at the 5:00 pm Mass. You are encourage to wear your green shirt or if not... then any KC shirt will certainly do. Volunteer to be a part of the ministry.

I hope and wish that you all have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Sal Moreno



Chaplain
Fr. Matthew Simmons



November is, of course, the last month of the liturgical year. The Church year's ending a month earlier than the secular year gives a good reminder to us to accomplish the things we had intended to accomplish by the end of the year. The liturgical cycle's ultimate Sunday is that of Christ the King. The solemnity reminds us that the kingdom of God will be brought to its fullness one day, at the end of time as we know it. As does every solemnity of the Lord, Christ the King Sunday helps us to focus on and understand the identity of Christ and his place in our lives.

As we think about end times, November also focuses our attention on the deceased. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints. All Souls' Day then reminds us to pray for all the faithful departed who are not officially recognized as saints. Here in the parish, we will celebrate the customary Mass of the faithful departed in the parish cemetery.

The gospel reading for the Feast of All Saints includes the Beatitudes as St. Matthew recorded them. That same gospel is an optional gospel reading for All Souls' Day. To prepare ourselves to think about the end times and our desire for a happy death, we turn our mind to what happiness really means. Jesus reminds us that those who mourn will be comforted. Comfort has more to do with strengthening than with pleasure. When we pray for others, especially in the context of the Mass, we will receive the strength we need to prepare for the end times, whenever our own end might come.

Fr. Matthew

Notes from the October 18th meeting. We had 19 members present

Grand Knight Report: Bob Leo is stepping down as our Family Chairman. Please think about taking this spot.

Chaplain Report: Don't forget that November 2nd and December 8th are Holy Days of Obligation. You must attend mass.

Membership: We will have a first degree October 22. We approved 2 more for a possible of 5 candidates on Saturday.

Finance: A few of the checks written over the last month: \$50 for masses for fallen family members. \$300 for our seminarians, \$100 Arch Dioceses of Military Chaplains, \$1000 to St. Patrick School, \$50 for Columbus Day Mass, \$200 MS ride for a cure, \$500 to Meridian Free Clinic, \$100 MHS Ross Collins Auto Shop. We have been informed that the 2% tax increase for food in Meridian that goes into effect November 1st applies to our bar food on BINGO night. We might have to increase food price to cover taxes.

Church: November 2nd All Souls Mass will be at the Catholic Cemetery at 12:05. November 26th Corporate Communion Mass will be at 5:00 Mass. Please remember to wear your green shirt.

Council: Deceased Members mass will be November 11th at 6:30. We will have our flag retirement ceremony following the mass.

Pro Life: During our 40 days of life 260 moms have chosen not to have an abortion. We continue to pray at every meeting during our 40 days of life.

Family: We will need a new Family Director.

Youth: Creative Contraption and Chris Columbus Poster Contest was a success.

BINGO: Remember we always need help on Wednesday night. We gave out \$16,730 in prizes this month. We made a profit of \$10,000 this month.

4th Degree: Flag retirement ceremony, November 11th.

Deputy Grand Knight: Don't forget to give me an Activity Report for any event that Knights participate in. The form can be found on our web page or just ask me for one. This is what we use to track our volunteer hours and we use them for our end of the year write ups.

Good of the Order: Approved motion to make Council 802 a Home Corporation passed. Also passed motion to allow GK to be the signatory for the council. Approved \$175 for new software for our newsletter. Report on Coats for Kids program. We will be presenting all coats to the Boys and Girls Club on December 8th. Approved \$250 to purchase a prison ministry gift bag. Motion for \$16,000 to remodel meeting room and bar was tabled to Trustee's for review.

Courtesy of David Klutz, PGK

Please continue to pray for vocations.

We need more priests



Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Paul and Sue Blier family for being selected as our " Family of the Month " for the month of September.

Just to let you know that this will be my last newsletter as the council Family Activities Director due to other commitments and to my up and coming operation for a Valve replacement. I will not be able to devote the time that is needed for the family activities that the council puts on. I will certainly help with the activities, whenever possible. I wish to thank all of those brother Knights who have assisted me with the family activity projects during my tenure as Family Chairman.

Bob Leo, Family



Bingo Bob Leo



Well, summer is almost over, vacations are almost done, and our customer numbers are picking up. Last week we saw 176 customers attend our bingo session, we haven't seen this number of customers in awhile, so possibly things will be picking up.

I would like to thank two brother Knights, for volunteering to do the special and intermission packs, due to Brother Paul Blier being in the hospital. They are brother Knights Tommy Beeman and Chris Foster. Both of these brother Knights stepped right up and volunteered to do the packs, when I mentioned that we would have to go back to the old fashioned way of a pack party. Y'all know what a pain that was, especially you card players. Anyone else who would care to volunteer to do the packs, at your leisure, please let me or Frank Polizzi know. Thank you.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager



Community Roland Stewart



Our next East Mississippi State Hospital visit is scheduled for November 24th. Please consider accompanying us on this most rewarding visit. I promise that you will get more than you give during this visit.

Roland
Community Chairman

November Birthdays

1st Joe Pat Caskey **4th** Bill Semmes **6th** Richard Brettnacher & Mark Tramontana **7th** Larry Birzer

8th Chris Foster & Msgr. Elvin Sunds **10th** James Romano IV **11th** Martin Wodi **12th** Mike Lundstrom

& Scottie Rowland **14th** Greg Bordelon **16th** Tim Mowdy **19th** Fr. Joseph Macek **20th** Rick Heimann

21st Edwin Laws **23rd** Trevor Gibson & John Schultz **25th** Paul Blier, Edgar Hernandez, & Sean Offenberger

28th Richard Rowland **30th** Roger Boles & Darrell Hover

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**Special on Youth from
Dave Klutz, DSK**



First, the good news. We just completed our annual Creative Contraption Contest and Christopher Columbus Poster Contest with St. Patrick's School. It was a huge success. We had lots and lots of posters and a record setting participants in the Contraption Contest. Special thanks to Dewayne Klutz, PJ Carter, Bob Leo, and Howard McCarty who bailed me out and acted as my judges when I couldn't make it.

Speaking of people stepping up and helping out that brings me to my second point. I have been saying for months....well over 2 years that someone needs to step up and take the Youth Chairman position over. I am the "acting" youth chairman and someone was supposed to take over? Then I asked for someone to just take charge of individual events, I got one person. If we don't get someone to step up, the following events will not happen. Keep Christ in Christmas, Substance Abuse Contest, and Journey to the Inn. I will ensure the Essay Contest still happens, but again I need help getting the word out. In the past 2 years we have had only 4 people enter.

Third (and final) the school has asked about the Knights playing against the school in a basketball game. In case you missed it last year, we had a blast. We also won, so we have to defend our title. When I get a date and time I will let you know. We will need some young guys to help us out and we need lots of fans to cheer us on. We had music, fans, and hotdogs last year. So when I send out the date please come and join us again this year as we continue to dominate the St. Patrick's Basketball Challenger League.

Dave Klutz,
"Acting" Youth Chairman



**Seminarians
Corner**



Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that another semester is nearing completion. I have received the exciting news that I will be traveling once again to Nicaragua for our Notre Dame Seminary Acompaño mission trip. This is an annual trip that selected seminarians get to go on. I have been once before and I look forward to spending part of my Christmas vacation in Central America.

For now, classes are continuing at full force. I believe my greatest learning experience so far this semester has been outside the classroom. We have been partnering with a local parish to get more intensive experience in parish life. St. Rita Parish also has a school connected to it, and so we have been spending time getting to know the parishioners, teachers, parents, and children this fall. It has been a wonderful experience and it takes me back to the "good old days" in Meridian.

I am looking forward with great joy to my diaconate ordination at St. Patrick's in the spring. I actually have just been spending some time making out an invitation! It will be incredible to share this moment with all of you and I am so thankful to have the opportunity. I have been keeping up with several of y'all and I always appreciate the encouragement and friendship. You continue to be in my prayers, especially as I know that there have been sicknesses and deaths in recent weeks. Thank you for your continued support and prayers, and I look forward to seeing you over the holidays!

- Nick

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Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



We are well into Autumn and the weather is finally starting to feel like it, at least temperature wise. We had no rainfall for October, zilch, zero, nada. I am not sure if that is a record, but hopefully we will see some rain drops falling from the sky soon.

We have two events in November and they are both on the same day. November 11th which, of course, is Veterans Day. First we will have a flag ceremony at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8:00 am to start the day. The flag will be retired at 5:00 pm. Later that evening we will have our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. This will be after the Deceased Members Mass which will start at 6:30 pm. We anticipate starting about 7:15 to 7:30 pm with the flag ceremony. We will have members of our Honor Guard along with the members of Boy Scout Troop 7 participating. Given the discourse we have seen in the recent months over the National Anthem and by extension the Flag of our country, it is even more important that we show respect and have a dignified way of retiring our flags properly. After all, that flag represents what makes it possible to have the first amendment freedoms, rights and privileges that our country offers. As always, knights, families and friends are always welcomed.

We hope to see you there.

Thank you to all our Sir Knights and families that support our programs/ceremonies/activities and I hope you each have a good month.

Faithful Navigator
John Harwell
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Pro Life
Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.” Mother Teresa, National Prayer Breakfast.

The 40 Days for Life campaign in ALL 50 American states will run through November 6th. Thank you for praying with me the daily devotionals that are posted on the Knights of Columbus Council 802 Facebook page. Lives are being saved. Just in are the latest reports from local 40 Days for Life campaigns and more mothers have chosen LIFE. Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign began nine years ago, our leaders have told us at least 12,206 lives have been saved.

40 Days for Life podcast (approximately 36 minutes): Join Shawn Carney and Matt Britton as they talk about the November elections with Fr. Frank Pavone, the national director of Priests for Life. They will examine voting pro-life, voting your conscience ... and how to balance your personal preferences with the crucial issues when deciding who to vote for. <https://40daysforlife.com/2016/10/18/podcast-42/> *(Ed Note: If you would like to listen to this Podcast, enter this address into the address line in your Internet Browser)*

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

Darrell, Pro-Life

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





Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

First, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very bountiful and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Let's be sure to give GOD thanks for the many Blessings he has showered us with, especially over the last year. Now, on to the business at hand. As many of you know, we held our Council Membership Drive the weekend of October 15-16. I am very happy to say, as of this writing, we've netted five (5) approved applications for the month (and we have seven more days to recruit before month-end). Two of the applicants <Bob Hammond and Joseph Birzer> were exemplified this past Saturday, October 22. Thanks to all who helped with the recruitment, especially: Bob Conner, P. J. Carter, Roland Stewart, Bob Leo, John Kasper, Frank Polizzi, Sal Moreno, Dewayne Klutz and anyone else who helped. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

November 8th is Election Day – be sure to utilize your right to vote. VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Exemplifications in November:

- 4th (Fourth) Degree – Saturday, November 5th, 11:30 am – 5:30pm; D'Iberville, MS
- 1st (Admissions) Degree – Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 p.m.; Meridian, MS.

All you 3rd Degree Knights, please contact GK David Viger or Faithful Navigator, John Harwell and let them know you wish to be a candidate for the Fourth Degree exemplification listed above. Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe the Degree Exemplification should notify David Viger and/or John Harwell of your intentions.

As always, we are *"in search of"* membership applicants – No Applicants = No Growth!

State Membership Goal for 2016 is "365".

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director



Deputy Grand Knight
Dave Klutz



It seems like every month I am begging everyone to get more involved and it looks like this month will be more of the same. We all know that Bob Leo does so much for our council. We also know that he is Family Chairman for the entire state and recently had a few medical issues. I said all that because at our last meeting Bob requested someone to take over in our council as our Family Chairman. So think about it, pray about it, and think about it some more. We really need someone to take over this program. We also need a Youth Chairman. We haven't had an official Youth Chairman in over two years. I have been filling in as the "acting" chairman during that time, but it is about time for someone to step up. Ask yourself why you joined the Knights. Was it to get more involved? To do more for your church? To gain more faith by volunteering? To do more work in your community? It was probably one of these reasons. If so, where are you? Come join us. Tell us how we can make our Council what you want it to be. We are open to suggestions. If you have ideas for improvement, let me or the Grand Knight know.

David Klutz, DGK

Election Prayer for Life

*O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord,
Not only of individuals, but of nations and
governments.*

*We thank you for the privilege
Of being able to organize ourselves politically
And of knowing that political loyalty
Does not have to mean disloyalty to you.*

*We thank you for your law,
Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged
And recognized as higher than any human law.
We thank you for the opportunity that this election
year puts before us,*

*To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,
But to influence countless others to vote,
And to vote correctly.*

*Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened.
Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation,
Their response to you requires that they be
politically active.*

*Awaken your people to know that they are not
called to be a sect fleeing the world
But rather a community of faith renewing the world.
Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you
in prayer*

*Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;
That the same eyes that read your Word
Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot,
And that they do not cease to be Christians
When they enter the voting booth.*

*Awaken your people to a commitment to justice
To the sanctity of marriage and the family,
To the dignity of each individual human life,
And to the truth that human rights begin when
human lives begin,*

And not one moment later.

*Lord, we rejoice today
That we are citizens of your kingdom.
May that make us all the more committed
To being faithful citizens on earth.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

by Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life



Activating the Church to End Abortion

See more on what you can do for the elections:
www.PoliticalResponsibility.com

Please pray this Election Prayer every day until the Elections on November 8th.

St Patrick Church Our Lady's Corner

Our Lady's Corner sells books, devotionals and other materials to help you grow in prayer. We have gifts for First Communion and more. We also carry Rosaries, Medals, Prayer Books, Etc.

Hours: Wednesday: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday: after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. until after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Located in the Family Life Center at St. Patrick Church

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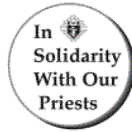


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Abortion Kills the Innocent	 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 5 of this newsletter	 1 <u>All Saints Day</u> Business Meeting 7:30pm	 2 <u>All Souls Day</u> <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> <u>Cemetery Mass</u> <u>12:05</u>	 3 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	4 The 40 Days for Life Program Ends today	5 <u>4th Degree Exemplification</u> <u>D'Iberville</u> <u>11:30 AM</u>
6	7	 8 VOTE Today	 9 Bingo 6pm	 10 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM Knights of Columbus	11 Veterans Day  Deceased Members Mass & Flag Retirement Ceremony 6:30 pm at the KC Hall	12
13	14	 15 1st Degree Exemplification Tonight 6:30 If Candidates available Business Meeting Follows at 7:30pm	 16 Bingo 6pm	 17 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	18	19
20	21	 22 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 23 Bingo 6pm	 24 <u>EMSH Visitation</u> <u>6:10pm</u> Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	25	<u>Corporate Communion</u> <u>5:00 pm Mass</u> <u>St Patrick</u>
27	28	29	 30 Bingo 6pm	Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime 		