



## *November 2015*



### **Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**September Knight of the Month  
George Walston, FS**



**September Family of the Month  
Doris and Dewayne Klutz**

**Knight of the Quarter  
July, August, September  
George Walston, FS**

**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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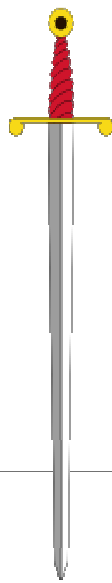
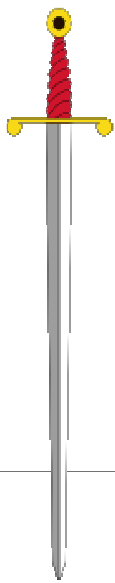
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

THE KNIGHTS  
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PROTECTING FAMILIES  
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*We Thank You Lord for all that  
you give us freely*

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## Grand Knight Dave Viger



Brothers Knights,

As most of you may already know, our Council will host a **Second Degree Exemplification** at our hall in November for the first time in many years. Details follow:

- When:** Saturday, November 14
- Where:** Meridian KofC Hall – 2217 Hwy 19 N – Meridian, MS 39301
- Degree** Reverend Francis “Frank” Cosgrove
- Honorees:** Reverend Jose' De Jesus Sanchez
- Registration:** 11:15 am
- Degree Start:** 12:15 pm
- Dress Code:** Green KofC Polo and Slacks; No jeans, shorts or tee shirts.

**\*\*Lunch will be provided after the degree ceremony\*\***

So far, Brothers from our Council who have registered to participate include: **David Blanks, Andy Freyaldenhoven, Rick Harris, Tim Holder, Archie McKinley, Ken Napierkowski, David Newell, David Rauenhorst and Father Sanchez.** Additionally, I estimate there will be 8-10 participants from other Councils in our District. Distinguished guests planning to attend the Exemplification include **State Deputy Jim McCraw, District Deputy Danny Setaro and Supreme Membership Program Consultant Joe Ramirez.** While time is drawing near, there is still plenty of time to add others to the list if you want to participate. Please contact me at (601) 480-3364 as soon as possible if you wish to participate!

This month, I want to emphasize my **“Thank you!”** to all the Knights who dedicate their precious time to help others! We have about 30 of you 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 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!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
Dave Viger, GK



## Lecturer John Bennett, PGK



On the evening of 29 September, 2015, a really good thing happened at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We had an inspiring dissertation by Deacon Jason Johnston. The vocations topic was " Why I wanted to become a priest". This was and is, one of the best talks I've heard in many years. I think that all eighty four attendees were inspired by this young man's story. God in His usual manner, works in mysterious ways.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the men and women that helped put on this event. Frank Polizzi did an extraordinary job of preparing the Boston Butts. As usual, I apologize for not naming all who helped. Old age jumpeth on me. Thanks to Sal & Liberty Moreno for their help in serving and cleaning up. Thanks also to Frank Sharp, Paul Blier, Dave Viger, GK, Carolyn Sharp, Nelda Bennett, Tom Zettler, PSD, JoAnn Zettler, and Howard McCarty. I really want to thank all the guys and gals that helped put the hall back together. Team work at a high level. Thanks.

John Bennett, PGK  
Lecturer

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## Church Sal Moreno



Hello everyone ! We are approaching the last part of Oct. Soon it will be Christmas Season. But before we get into that.. let's see what is going on between now and then.

Sat. Oct.31 ( 6:30 PM. ) - - - - - 5th Sat. Family Dinner and Halloween Party (combined) KC hall

Monday, Nov. 2 ( 12:05 PM. ) - - - - - All Souls day mass at St. Patrick cemetery

Saturday, Nov. 28 ( 5:00 PM ) - - - - - Corporate Communion 5pm Mass at St. Patrick

Sun. Nov. 29 5th. Sunday rosary - - - 8:00 AM ( St. Jo. ) - - 9:00 AM ( NAS ) - - 10:30 AM ( St. Pat.)

I am tentatively scheduling our Corporate Communion Mass on the 4th Saturday, because, unfortunately, the 3rd. Saturday which we previously have been having coincides with the Youth Mass. The youth mass coordinator wants mostly youth to take part and at the same token, I would like to have mostly Brother Knights taking part in our Corporate Communion. Again, please volunteer to lead the praying of the rosary and continue to support and lend me a helping hand.

God Bless,  
Sal Moreno



## Chaplain Fr. Francis Cosgrove



Dear Brother Knights,

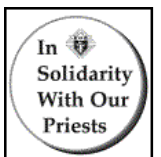
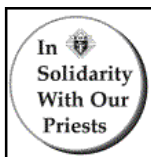
November is the month of All Souls – the Faithful departed. We will celebrate All Souls Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> with a noon Mass at our Catholic Cemetery. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for organizing this Mass. You may also write the names of your loved ones in our Book of the Dead at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Churches.

In some parishes especially in Latin America, people clean the cemeteries, wash tombstones of their loved ones and leave food and flowers at their graves. A walk through our cemetery will remind us of our ancestors in the faith who built up the church in Meridian and passed on the faith to us.

As we pray for our deceased loved ones, we are comforted by the promise of our own Resurrection. Through our loved ones, the church nourishes our desire to join them in eternal happiness. They remind us to follow our Savior faithfully. At each Mass we come a step closer to the eternal banquet by our Good Shepherd. "I am the Bread of Life ..... the one who eats this bread will live forever." (John Chapter 6)

Fr. Frank

*Please continue to pray for vocations.  
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**Deputy Grand Knight  
Dave Klutz**



Thanks to all the program directors for getting the activity reports turned in. We had a saying in Naval Aviation that a job isn't done until the paperwork is done. It is the same for us. We need those activity reports to document our programs. If you do anything as a Knight then make sure a report is done. Thanks again.

Program directors if you could give me a short note of your presentations that you give at the meetings it would allow me to make the minutes of our meeting email better. That way it will be easier for me and better for those who read my minute notes. I wasn't sure if sending out a copy of our meetings would be worthwhile, but I have received a lot of responses so I will keep it up. Glad everyone that can't come to the meetings are enjoying these, but we need EVERYONE to come to the meetings. As you can see we get a lot done at the meetings and we need your input.

What we also need is more help. It seems like I see the same faces at every event helping out. While that is great, it would also be great to see new faces. So my request this month is for you to pick just one event during the next few months and join in. It doesn't have to be something big and we have lots to choose from. If you join in....I am willing to bet you might enjoy it. If you are not sure what to do just give me a call and I can help get you to the event that best suits your talents.

Finally, I am sure it is mentioned several places in this newsletter, but one more plug for our Second Degree being held November 14th. If you are a 1st degree please think about coming. I promise it will not hurt!

Dave Klutz, DGK



**Special from  
John Maloney, PGK**



When the KC Hall was built it didn't have air conditioning. There were and still are, two exhaust fans at the far end of the hall behind the facade. In 1962 or 1963 a used, large, air conditioning unit was purchased from a theater in Tupelo. Andy Stockton, Harry Routt and Nelson Walker went to Tupelo and got the unit. With much trouble it was installed at the outside back wall of the building. A metal structure was built around it for protection. When the current air conditioning units were purchased, the old one was dismantled and the metal structure is now used for storage.

Another addition to the building was a storage room off the kitchen. A member named Ralph Walters (a contractor) built the storage room. Later the roof leaked and the walls started to rot near the floor, so it was completely torn down and rebuilt as it is today with the offices/bingo room.

Over the years other improvements were made such as; new air conditioners, new wiring, new security coverage, bingo equipment, new tables and chairs, new lights and most recently a new sound system.

More Memories next month.

John, Maloney, PGK





## Bingo Bob Leo



Well, it seems that our new bingo machine and flash board have all of the "glitches" worked out of them (I hope). We have gone through two sessions of bingo without a problem with the memory or the console itself. Many thanks to Brothers Frank Polizzi, PGK, and PJ Carter, PGK for the many hours that were spent with me out at the hall trying to iron out the problems. I have heard only good things said about the new equipment. One lady approached me and said that she doesn't have to squint to see the flash board anymore. So I think we're good to go.

But it's not only the new equipment that makes bingo the success that it has become. It takes a lot of effort on the members that do the work on the floor, and the extra attention that is given to our customers. Such as, bringing them their orders from the bar to their tables so that they don't have to leave their place and miss some numbers being called or miss a whole game, or going to the window to buy their special packs, for them etc, etc. These members deserve our appreciation, and they are Brothers Howard McCarty, John Kasper, DeWayne Klutz, Sal Moreno, David Stephens, David Sloan, Bob Gruenhoffer, Bob Connor, Tom Zettler, and George Walston. These are some of the members who make our bingo program work.

So to you new Brother Knights out there, if you have never been to our bingo session, come on out and join your Brother Knights, and just see what we're all about. You may get to like it.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager



## Family Bob Leo



My congratulations to the Dewayne and Doris Klutz Family for being selected as the "Family of the Month" for the month of September, Dewayne has been a very staunch worker at our bingo sessions. Dewayne and Doris attend almost all of our council functions. Although Doris is wheelchair bound, that does not stop her from attending Mass and council functions. Wherever you see Doris you will see DeWayne.

Following our Halloween party on Saturday October 31st, this will be our last Family Theme night outing, until, next year, due to all of the holidays between October and January. So Friday January, 29 2016 will be our next " Family Theme Night " the theme TBD.

Remember that there are families out there that are very deserving of being nominated for the "Family of the Month". As I have mentioned before and at meetings, the family that you select **does not** have to be associated with a member of the Knights of Columbus. They do have to be associated with a Knight when their names are sent to the Supreme Council if their names are to be placed in the drawing for the plaque of the Holy Family.

Sources, for recipients, of this award can be through the parish priest, or a ladies organization at church. These are just some of the suggestions, where you can get nominee's for this award. I'm sure that you can come up with much more than I can.

Bob Leo  
Family Director



## Council Tau Iosia



I would like to thank all the Knights and their families who helped with Deacon Jason's farewell party. Sal & Liberty Moreno, PJ & Betty Carter, Bob Leo, John & Nelda Bennett. The cake was made by Rosalie Leo and it was awesome. Teresa LaBiche and Debbie Hover helped with setup. If I forgot someone; I'm sorry. It was a great success.

Also, congratulations to Brother Knight George Walston for being chosen as our Knight of the Month and also our Knight of the Quarter.

Thank you again.

Tau

## Community Roland Stewart



Thanks to all of those who accompany me to East Mississippi every month. Our next visit will be on November 19th, which is the third Thursday this month instead of the fourth, because of Thanksgiving.

Roland Stewart  
Chairman



## Seminarians Corner Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

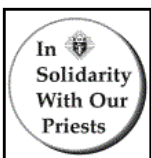
It has been a busy month at the seminary and beyond. Early in October all of the seminarians for our diocese traveled to Greenville to attend Joseph Le's ordination to the Deaconate. Deacon Joseph will be ordained a priest along with Deacon Jason this May. It was wonderful to be with the parishioners of St. Joe Greenville for the weekend, we even got to attend the St. Joe football game the night before.

Speaking of football, it was great for me to get to be in Meridian and to take part in WTOK's Football Friday Overtime show. I got to speak during a segment that was sponsored by St. Patrick School, and I appreciated the invitation to be on the show. It did make me wonder, however, how I stayed up so late for all those years, I was tired out by the end!

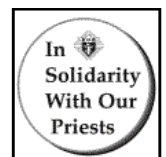
It meant a lot to me to be at the parish to hear Father Frank's announcement. I will always appreciate his friendship and his example of priesthood, and I look forward to hearing about all of the opportunities he will have for ministry in the future. The priests of our diocese are so diverse, and yet they all share the same goal, they want to spread the joy of the Gospel across the state. What a gift we have been given to be Catholics in Mississippi, this is such fertile ground for evangelization and it is also a place where people who share the faith cling to it with great passion. I remain proud to live and one day (soon) minister in Mississippi, please keep me and the rest of our seminarians in your prayers.

PS: We celebrated Fr. Matthew's birthday when he visited the seminarians earlier this month, the cake read "Happy Birthday Father Matthew," (sic). We told him that Winn Dixie was charging by the letter!

- Nick



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## Fourth Degree John Harwell, FN



Greetings to all. October was a quiet month for the Assembly.

Upcoming in November we will have our annual Flag Retirement ceremony on November 10th. We will again be piggy-backing on the Deceased Members mass that night.

With the current state wide fire ban in place, we may have to look at some alternatives if we do not get any appreciable rain in the next two weeks. We will discuss this in more detail at the business meeting on November 3rd.

Second, we will raise the flag at St. Patrick Cemetery on Veterans Day (November 11th) at 8AM (0800). The flag will then be retired at 4PM (1600). That is an hour earlier than normal since that is a Wednesday and is Bingo Night.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and I hope you all have a great month!

John Harwell  
Faithful Navigator  
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## Special on Youth from Dave Klutz, DOK



Special thanks to P.J. Carter, Dewayne Klutz, Cassandra Klutz, and Tom Zettler for judging the Creative Contraption Contest and Columbus Poster Contest. The contest was a great success. Mrs. David put a great note thanking the Knights for doing this event. Check it out on <http://www.stpatrickcatholicschool.org/>. I am very proud to say that both events cost us no money (thanks to all your donations) so the entire budgeted \$300 went to prizes which we purchased from the school. Double win.

At the last meeting we agreed to give the school \$300 to pay for the Veteran's Day breakfast sponsored by St. Patrick's School on November 12th.

We are pleased to announce that a grant applied for in August through The Catholic Foundation has been funded in the amount of \$1,500. This grant was written to help acquire equipment for our new STEM lab.

The Youth Essay Contest deadline has been set. All essays must be turned in by December 11th. The topic is "Why President Kennedy's words are still important today".

We are working with the school to set a date for the Free Throw Contest. I will let everyone know when we schedule the day. We will need volunteers to count shots.

David Klutz  
Acting Chairman





## Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

As most of you know we participated in the “Council Recruiting Challenge” the weekend of October 24-25<sup>th</sup>. We did not receive any completed applications, but we issued at least four or five applications – two (2) of the applications were to Knights we are trying to entice to transfer their membership. Of course, we passed out several brochures. Thanks to all who helped with the recruitment, especially: Howard McCarty, Tau Iosia, Frank Sharp (Sat – 5:00); Dave Viger, David Stephens (Sun – 8:30); Dave Klutz, Dewayne Klutz, David Roanhorst (Sun – 9:30); Roland Stewart, Bob Leo, George Walston, Tyler Oates (Sun – 11:00); Fr. Cosgrove, David Stephens (Sun – 3:00). Although we may not have received any applications during the month of October, I am still excitedly optimistic that we will have new applicants during the month of November. “Membership is truly a team effort!”

We are hosting our first 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: 11:15 a.m. – Registration; 12:15 p.m. – Degree Start Time; Lunch provided immediately following the degree ceremony; 2:15 p.m. – Exemplification completed.

Exemplifications in November:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Biloxi, MS.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Time – TBA; Starkville, MS.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.; Meridian, MS.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.; Meridian, MS. **(If there are any candidates)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. – Mass; Natchez, MS.

All you 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, please contact GK David Viger or Faithful Navigator, John Harwell (for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree) and let them know you wish to be a candidate for one of the exemplifications listed above. Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify David Viger and/or John Harwell of your intentions.

As always, we are *“in search of”* membership applicants – No Applications = No Degree. Seek out those who you believe might be interested and qualified, then plant a seed... Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish all a Very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving! Thanking you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens, Membership 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** Jim Romano, IV **11th** Martin Wodi **12th** Mike Lundstrom &

Scottie Rowland **14th** Greg Bordelon **16th** Tim Mowdy **20th** Rick Heimann & William Zirger **21st** Edwin Laws

**23rd** Trevor Gibson **25th** Paul Blier, Edgar Hernandez, & Sean Offenberger **28th** Richard Rowland

**30th** Roger Boles & Darrell Hover

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# Pro Life Darrell Hober



## Brother Knights

The 40 Days for Life campaign held from September 23rd through November 1st has received many blessings. As I write this article, the Monday update report came in. Local leaders are now reporting 412 babies were saved from abortion (that we know of). There are surely many more mothers that chose LIFE as a direct result of our prayers. You offer up your prayers to the Lord ... and He responds with love and mercy. Thank all of you that read and prayed our daily devotionals.

A Virginia community gathered this past week to celebrate. For some people, it might have been easy to think that an abortion facility that had been open for 27 years would never go out of business. Thank God, the local 40 Days for Life leaders in Manassas, Virginia did not ascribe to that mentality. Instead, they directed campaign after campaign in front of a place that many thought was there to stay. They believed in the power of prayer, and they saw those prayers answered when the abortion facility where they had prayed – a business that had taken thousands of lives over those 27 years – closed its doors. It happened there ... and in 63 other locations where 40 Days for Life vigils have been held. PRAISE GOD!

Our prayer vigils do more than send a message of love for the unborn and hope for the mothers. Through the grace of Christ, we testify that everyone – the children in the womb, the mothers who carry them, the boyfriends who come to the clinic, the Planned Parenthood workers, and the drivers who honk and wave – are all created in God's image, and their lives have meaning and purpose.

While we often highlight "abortion" when we think of pro-life, it has a much deeper meaning. Last month Father Frank wrote in our newsletter the following article (in part). This bears the opportunity to be read again. Our vision for Pro-Life...

October is Respect Life Month in the U. S. Thanks for your untiring efforts to support the dignity of the life of every human being from conception to natural death. It's good to remind ourselves that being pro-life is much more than being against abortion. Being pro-life means that we respect the dignity of the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly, the dying, victims of sex-trafficking, the prisoner (even those on death row), refugees, migrants, and anyone whose life or dignity is under threat.

But the unborn are among the most vulnerable. But let us not forget the guilt and shame which those involved in abortion carry within themselves. That includes men as well as women. As Knights and good Catholics please continue to reach out to them and encourage them to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Darrell, Pro-Life



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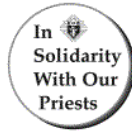


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 All Saints Day</p> <p>40 Days of Life Ends</p>	<p>2 All Souls Day</p> <p>Mass at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick Cemetery 39th Avenue &amp; 10th Street</p>	 <p>3</p> <p><i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i></p>	 <p>4</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>5</p> <p>3rd Degree in Biloxi Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</p>	6	7
8	9	 <p>10</p> <p>Deceased Members Mass, Flag Retirement, and Potluck supper 6:30pm</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>  <p>Flag Raising 0800</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>12</p> <p>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</p>	13	 <p>14</p> <p>Second Degree at Council 802 Registration at 11:15 am</p> <p>Fashion Show St. Patrick Family Life Center 7PM</p>
15	16	 <p>17</p> <p>* 1st Degree Exemplification and Business Meeting 6:30pm</p>	 <p>18</p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>19</p> <p>East Mississippi Visitation 6pm</p> <p>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</p>	20	21
22	23	 <p>24</p> <p>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</p>	 <p>25</p> <p><u>December Newsletter Deadline</u></p> <p><i>Bingo 6pm</i></p>	 <p>26</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>No Adoration</p>	27	28
<p>29 Sunday Rosary</p> <p>St Joseph 8:00 for 8:30 Mass St. Patrick 10:30 For 11:00 Mass</p>	30	 <p>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 9</p>	 <p>Abortion Kills the Innocent</p>	 <p>Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime</p>	<p>* If there are No Candidates The Meeting will begin at 7:30pm Check your Email after the November 4th Meeting</p>	