



The Meridian Knight

November 2017



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Our Order are*

Charity

Unity

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Patriotism

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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Matthew
Simmons**



As I began to think about November, I had just returned from the monastery's cemetery of St. Bernard in Cullman, Alabama. I know many of you have been to St. Bernard because I have been there with some of you. But not all who have visited the monastery have been to the cemetery. The St. Bernard Cemetery is circular, containing primarily the deceased monks of the monastery. That setting was a good one in which to begin reflecting on St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. We read from this letter at the end of the cyclical liturgical year; and, when November arrives, we will enter the 31st week of ordinary time. As a homilist, when we enter ordinary time after Pentecost, it seems like we will never come to these last weeks and their readings about the end times. Time flies, however. The end of the Church year approaches quickly because each day of our lives pass quickly. Death draws ever nearer.

As I drove north on Interstate 65, I was expecting some brightly colored leaves on the trees in north Alabama, but not many had yet changed. Last week, I noticed that the ginkgo trees downtown were just starting to turn. By the time I pass them again, their leaves might all be yellowed and on the sidewalk. Nature reminds us that each day is like a breath.

St. Paul seems to have believed that Christ would return before many of his disciples died. So, Paul advised the Thessalonians, "Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." Winter days seem to be especially designed for sleep; however, winter - with its cold weather, its

holidays, and its end of the tax year - reminds us of the importance of charity. And, of course, acts of charity are a means to be alert and ready for the end times.

As November arrives, we remember that death does not signify annihilation for the Christian. The circular year of grace each year gives us this time to reflect on certain mysteries of our salvation to prepare for eternity. Scripture reminds us that God is patient because he wants all to be saved. Everyone will not be automatically saved, however, so we want to be sober and alert to seize upon every opportunity for grace.

Fr. Matthew

**Dep Grand Knight
Joe Hosch**



I am honored to have been selected to serve you as Deputy Grand Knight for the remainder of the Fraternal year. I am relatively new to the area (moved here Halloween weekend 2016 from Warner Robins, GA), but have been a Knight for 30 years as of Oct 5. I have previously held many offices such as Grand Knight (council 2737 Daphne, AL) for 2 terms, as well as DGK, program director, treasurer (8 years), and other offices. I am a 4th degree member.

Please be patient as I learn our council procedures, and learn your names (it is nice to have a large council, but makes a lot of names to learn). Thanks in advance for your help, and I look forward to working together to serve our Lord, church, our council, and our community.

Joe Hosch, DGK

**Council
Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



No Report this Month

**Lecturer
John Bennett, PGK**



On September 12th, we conducted a program on the Constitution (The Document was submitted for approval on September 17th, 1787 making it 230 years old). The Lecturer, John Bennett, and the Grand Knight, John Harwell presented a program on the history of the Constitution. It was very well received by the 29 people in attendance. A Q and A session followed the presentation. The attendees then enjoyed a delicious meal of ham, potato salad, coleslaw, desserts, etc, that was prepared by John Bennett and his lovely wife, Nelda, along with some contributions by the Knights and family members who attended. Additional thanks go out to Sal Moreno, Frank Sharp, Tom Zettler, PSD, and Teresa LaBiche for their assistance. A good evening was had by all.

John Bennett
Lecturer

**Church
Sal Moreno**



Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving in advance. I hope you and your family will have a blessed and joyful thanksgiving celebration. Here is our church activity lineup for November:

November 1 (All Saints Day) A holyday of obligation - check St. Patrick bulletin for Mass schedule

November 2 (All Souls Day) Mass will be at the Catholic cemetery at 12:00 Noon. Need help in transporting table and chairs. We will met at the KC hall between 11:00AM and 11:15 AM.

November 14 (Tuesday) - Deceased Members Mass at the KC Hall at 6:30. We will also need help in setting up the hall for Mass.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the following for giving their time and effort in leading the Rosary before each Mass during the month of October: Bob Leo,PGK John Maloney Sr., PGK Tom Zettler, PDS, PJ Carter, PGK, Roland Stewart, Frank Polizzi, PGK and David Viger, PGK.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman

In Memoriam



Emily Harwell Snowden

October 16, 1951—October 6, 2017

Our Council has lost another faithful friend, both our council and our Catholic Community. Emily was the sister of our Grand Knight, John Harwell. In recent months she had been quite ill, but before that time she was an active part of our council and community. She will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to her family.

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

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

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



September Knight of the Month

Larry Birzer



September Family of the Month

John & Bridget Harwell



Knight of the Quarter

July, August, September

Tom Zettler, PSD



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2016-2017

David Viger, GK



Council 802 Family of the Year
2016-2017

Debbie and Darrell Hover



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2016-2017

Frank Polizzi



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Seminarians Corner Deacon Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

I think I have written about the seminary's history professor before. His name is Father Mark Raphael. He is a large man who reads out of a large binder that he obviously has spent a very large amount of time researching. He does not care for flashy visual aids in the classrooms, but the information he gives us is incredible. This semester I am taking his American Catholic History course.

In the first two hours of class this week, Father Raphael gave us an entire outline of the practice of slavery from the very beginnings of civilization to the antebellum south. He referenced multiple papal decrees throughout the history of the Church that denounced the practice of slavery outright, and he mentioned that *twice* the practice of slavery was completely eradicated in Catholic-ruled Western Europe during large portions of the medieval period.

It is true that Catholic countries like Spain and Portugal began the Atlantic slave trade that brought the practice onto these shores. It is also true that the Port of New Orleans was a major trading-post for men, women, and children who were sold to the highest bidder. Father Raphael's explanation of the Church's "involvement" in these atrocities was simple. The Church has always held that slavery is a grave moral evil, and while those that carried out the practice may have been baptized Catholics, they were also bad Catholics who ignored papal teaching to do what they thought would benefit them.

This teaches us a valuable lesson as we seek to uphold our faith in our time. We are called not just to be Catholic in name, but in practice. The Pope is the supreme teacher and defender of the faith, but individual Catholics have to take their faith seriously enough to actually *listen* to the voice of the Church and speak out for the truth in their own country, their own city, their own neighborhood. Those who are ignorant of the past are doomed to repeat it, may we always strive to faithfully live out Church teaching, and be a source of light for a world that needs it desperately.

- Deacon Nick

Family Director David Viger, PGK



Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating our Worthy Grand Knight, John Harwell, his wife Bridget and their family for being selected as the "Family of the Month" for the month of September.

There are many families, actively involved in many aspects of our parishes, who are very deserving of being nominated for the "Family of the Month." As many of you are aware, a family does not have to be associated with a member of the Knights of Columbus in order to be nominated for Family of the Month.

Our next scheduled Family event is our Deceased Member's Mass which will be held at the hall on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm. Brother Sal Moreno and his wife Liberty have volunteered (again) to take care of the main meal....Hot-Diggity-Dogs and Lasagna. We ask families attending to please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Immediately following the Deceased Member's Mass, the Troop/Pack 7 will have their Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Family Director

Community Larry Birzer



Due to Thanksgiving, please join us on the *third* Thursday in November, November 16th , at 6:00 pm for our next visit to our friends at The Pines of East Mississippi. The residents there really appreciate our visits. You will get more out of this visit than will the residents. Thank you to all who help in this most worthy endeavor.

Larry Birzer

Community Chairman



Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests



Grand Knight John Harwell



Greetings Brother Knights, Widows, Family and Friends,

Looking back at October, we had our Columbus Day Mass at St. Joseph on October 10th and approximately 30 people were in attendance. Due to construction at the Hall we did not have a social this year. The KC's and family members spent an hour or more with Jesus in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Aloysius Chapel on Thursday, October 12th from 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm. Thank you to SK George Walston and his wife Pam for their continuing leadership for the weekly Adoration for the parish. The St. Patrick School Creative Contraption and Columbus Day Poster Contest Judging was held on October 13th at 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center (more on this in Youth submission). We had a Weekend Mass Membership Drive on October 21-22. Our Brother Knights lead the Rosary before each weekend Mass during the month, we visited the patients at the EMSH Nursing Home on October 26th, we had a Corporate Communion at the 5:00 pm Mass on October 28th. Additionally, please continue to pray for the 40 Days for Life Devotional that Brother Darrell Hover has been posting daily on our Facebook Page. Thank you to our members who participated in the above activities/programs and helped make them successful. Also a continuing thank you to all of you who help with Bingo each and every Wednesday.

Building update: Construction has started and is progressing along well. Thank you to Ed Shamp who has done a tremendous amount of work overseeing this project from the beginning.

It is my pleasure to welcome to our leadership team, SK Joseph D (Joe) Hosch, PGK, who was elected as our new Deputy Grand Knight at the October 17th meeting. Joe has been a Brother Knight for thirty years, he is a part of our 1st Degree team, is a Past Grand Knight and will lend an experienced hand to our Council as we move forward in this fraternal year.

On Sunday, October 15th, a group met at the Hall and cleaned out the front office and placed 57 bags of mulch on the playground area...Thank you to Ed Shamp, Chad Lint, David Stephens, Tom Zettler, Howard McCarty, Frank Polizzi, Frank Sharp, PJ Carter, John Bennett, Bob Leo, Roland Stewart, John and Janice Kasper.

Upcoming in November: Cemetery Mass at St. Patrick Cemetery - 12:00 Noon on November 2nd (All Souls Day): KC Youth Soccer Challenge at the Jaycee Soccer Complex on Old 8th Street Road - 10:00 am on November 11th: Deceased Members Mass/Flag Retirement Ceremony at the KC Hall - 6:30 pm on November 14th: EMSH visit - 6:00 pm on November 19th at the Nursing Home: Bingo on Wednesday, November 1st, 8th 15th and 29th with no Bingo scheduled for the 22nd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Tom Zettler, PSD, George Walston, Frank Polizzi, PGK, David Viger, PGK and John Maloney, PGK for leading the Rosary at my sister Emily Harwell's visitation on October 8th. Emily loved the Rosary and she prayed it faithfully her entire life. I have no doubt that the Blessed Virgin was there at the gates of Heaven to welcome her in along with St. Peter and Jesus Christ. In addition, thank you to Howard McCarty, Bob Leo, Larry Birzer and Roland Stewart who along with my brother-in-law, Shane Baty and nephew Blake Harwell served as Pall Bearers at Emily's funeral. Finally, thank you to my fellow Brother Knights, Father Matthew Simmons, Father Jose de Jesus Sanchez and Deacon Aaron Williams who presided over her Funeral Mass. It was all beautifully done.

With that I would like to wish all of our Brother Knights and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. If any of you are traveling or are having family traveling, we pray for them to have a safe journey.

John Harwell
Grand Knight

Culture of Life Darrell Hover

Brother Knights



40 Days for Life update: As of October 23, 2017 the 40 Days for Life campaign leaders tell us that so far during this campaign 289 babies have been spared from abortion that we know of. We can only wonder how many mothers have turned away from abortion that only God knows about. Since He's a good and merciful God... we have to believe there are many more! 40 Days for Life continues through November 5th.

There will be a closing program thanking God for lives saved during 40 Days for Life in front of the Women's Clinic, 2903 N State St, Jackson, MS at 2 p.m. on November 5th. Thank you all that continue to pray the daily devotionals.

National March for Life: Have you always wanted to attend the National March for Life in Washington D. C.? Prolife Mississippi (PLM) wants to make that dream a reality by sponsoring a

5-day 4-night bus trip to the 2018 National March for Life. We will stay at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel.

The dates to save are Wednesday, January 17th through Sunday the 21st, 2018. The estimated cost is \$300 per person (metro pass, meals and Rose Banquet not included) A limited number of partial Student Scholarships are available. If you would like to sponsor a student please contact us.

Contact PLM to reserve your spot by: November 30, 2017
Phone: 601-956-8636 email: plm@prolifemississippi.org

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (Micah's Law): Sent to me from SK David Klutz from the October 7th newsletter by Congressman Gregg Harper: This week, the House passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H. R. 36). This bill protects the lives of unborn children by prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, the point at which it has been shown that unborn children can feel pain. Also known as Micah's Law, it is named in honor of Micah Pickering, who was born at 20 weeks and is now a thriving kindergartner. This bill will allow us to stand up for the life of the unborn and protect the next generation from experiencing the unbearable pain of abortion.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

Special on Youth from John Harwell



Our St. Patrick School Creative Contraptions and Columbus Day Poster Contest was held on October 13th, 2017. A big thank you to Frank Polizzi PGK and Tom Zettler PSD for their help in judging the entries. Also big props to Mary Yarger and our new Principal Montse Frias who were a big assistance during the judging. We had great participation this year and below are the winners from each group. Also all of the Contraptions and the Posters were well done and a number of them were very imaginative as well.

Poster Contest: PK3 - Kindergarten - 1st - Emma Learmonth 2nd - Aiden Palmer
3rd - Sage Thompson HM - Isaac Rigdon

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - 1st - Elizabeth Crudup 2nd - Helena Rutledge 3rd - Ellie Rush
HM - Ann Larkin Vollor

Creative Contraptions: 4th-5th Grades - 1st - Jordan Grace 2nd - Kahlan Henderson
3rd - Christina Cochran HM - Star Dillard

6th-8th Grades - 1st - Lucas Oglesby 2nd - Jean Karol Mayo 3rd - James Wassell
HM - Isaiah Mosley

Upcoming in November, we will hold our first ever Youth Soccer Challenge on November 11th starting at 10:00 AM at the Jaycee Soccer Complex on Old 8th Street Road. I am excited about this event and look forward to any help/support that I can have from my Brother Knights. I will have more information on this at the Business meeting on November 7th.

John Harwell
Youth Director

4th Degree Sal Moreno



The Blue Mass held on September 28th went very well. Thanks to our honor guard who came to support the celebration. They were: Bob Leo, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Howard McCarty, Roland Stewart, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Larry Birzer, Bob Connors and me.

Next on our agenda is the long anticipated Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be on November 14. Once again I am calling for the Honor Guard to help with the ceremony. During this time we will have a Deceased Members Mass before the ceremony and will end the night with good food and fellowship. Come and join us.

Sal Moreno
Faithful Navigator

Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

Happy Veterans Day! Veterans Day is November 11th – it is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. Also, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. Let's be sure to give GOD thanks for the many Blessings he has showed 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 21-22. Although we did not receive any applications, we had several to accept one of our brochures about the Knights. Thanks to all who helped with the recruitment, especially: P. J. Carter, Howard McCarty, Sal Moreno, Bill Nix, Roland Stewart, David Viger, Tom Zettler and anyone else who helped. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

Exemplifications in November:

1st (Admissions) Degree – Tuesday, November 21st, 6:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.

As always, we are *"in search of"* new members – New Members = New Growth!

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,



November Birthdays



1st Joe Pat Caskey **4th** Bill Semmes **6th** Richard Brettnacher & Mark Tramontana
7th Larry Birzer **8th** Chris Foster & Monsignor Elvin Sunds **10th** James Romano, IV
11th Martin Wodi **12th** Scottie Rowland **14th** Greg Bordelon **16th** Tim Mowdy
17th Tom Welsh **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



November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 8</p> 	<p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 	<p>All Saints Day Vigil Mass 5:30pm at St. Joseph October 31st</p>	<p> 1</p> <p>All Saints Day Masses at 8:10am & 6:30pm at St Patrick</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>All Souls Day</u> <u>Mass at St Patrick</u> <u>Cemetery</u> <u>12:05 pm</u></p> <p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>40 Days for Life ends today Program 2:00pm in front of the Women's Clinic in Jackson</p>	6	7	<p> 8</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>  <p>Youth Soccer Challenge</p>
12	13	14	<p> 15</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	16	17	18
		<p>Deceased Members' Mass, Flag Retirement & Potluck Dinner 6:30pm</p>		<p><u>EMSH</u> <u>Visitation 6:00 pm</u></p> <p>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<p>1st Degree if Candidate(s) Available 6:30 Meeting follows</p>	<p>No Bingo due to Thanksgiving Tomorrow</p>	 <p><u>Happy</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u></p>  <p><u>No Adoration</u></p>		<p><u>December</u> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u></p>
26	27	28	<p> 29</p> <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	30		
		<p>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</p>		<p>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</p>		