



# The Meridian Knight

## October 2017



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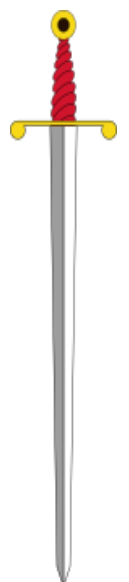
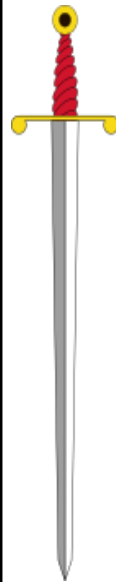
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THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain  
Fr. Matthew  
Simmons**



Winter is coming. The eagerly-anticipated cooler weather reminds us that, in the times and places from which we received many of our traditions, winter was a dangerous time. In the Book of Revelation, St. Michael fights the dragon. We usually think of dragons armed with fire, but there's also a tradition from the north that St. Michael held back the dragons of frost and storms. A Mass seeking the intercession of the Guardian Angels was popularized by the Franciscans in the 1500s. It follows quickly on Michaelmas.

October normally has more of my favorite liturgical celebrations; but this year, the Memorials for the Carmelite Doctors Teresa and Therese both fall on Sundays. Fortunately, we reach the highest numbered Sundays - the long stretch of Ordinary Time that, in the post-Vatican II calendar, priests usually like best.

As Jesus continues his parables in the Gospel according to Matthew, his popularity grows - as does the hostility of the Pharisees and Sadducees. The readings are a good reminder for us that each parable should challenge us in some way. Finally, at the end of October, we will arrive at Allhallowtide - the triduum lasting from All Hallows' Eve until All Souls' Day. Fr. Sanchez reminds us always to pray for the souls in purgatory. When the last week in October arrives, you might want to begin St. Alphonsus' Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It can be found at <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Purgatory.htm>

Fr. Matthew

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Greetings Brother Knights, Widows, Family and Friends,

Looking back on September, we had a number of activities/programs during the month. First, our Labor Day picnic was held on September 3rd at the Hall and some 80+ people enjoyed chicken, sausage, hot dogs and the fixings along with some delicious sides and desserts. Too many people to thank here in the newsletter but great fun was had by all. Second, on September 10th, the Silver Rose made a stop in Meridian and we had a nice turnout for the program and meal. Special thanks to Sal Moreno for his efforts with this celebration and the meal afterward. Third, John Bennett, PGK, put on a very good program on the Constitution on September 12th along with a meal afterward. Again, we had a nice crowd for this and special thanks to John and his wife Nelda for preparing the meal.

Upcoming in October, we have a number of activities/programs scheduled including but not limited to the following: Due to the ongoing renovations at the KC Hall, our Columbus Day Mass will be held at the regular 5:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph on October 10th. We will not have a Pot Luck; KC Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Aloysius Chapel on Thursday, October 12th -12:00PM - 8:00PM, St. Patrick School Creative Con-  
traption and Columbus Day Poster Contest Judging on October 13th (TBA), Weekend Mass Membership Drive, October 21 & 22, Leading the Rosary before each weekend Mass during the month, EMSH visit on October 26th (6P), Corporate Communion 5P Mass on October 28th. These along with our regular meetings, bingo each

Wednesday and other programs/activities that I did not mention. Please support and/or attend all of these for which you are able.

Building update: As I write this, it appears that all of the hurdles have been overcome and construction will be starting around the end of September or first of October. We ask everybody's patience and also let's give our bingo customers any TLC that we are able to do so during this time of inconvenience. As always, a project of this magnitude is going to be messy at times but we know at the end it will be well worth it.

As you are aware, our DGK resigned his post recently. The Trustees are in the process of soliciting interest from any local Brother Knight who might be willing to assume this duty. We plan to fill this vacancy with a special election during the Business Meeting on October 3rd. If you are interested, please contact either PJ Carter, PGK, Mouise Richards, PGK or David Viger, PGK for more information.

Last, a thank you to the following Knights who assisted Bill Nix at the Riley Center in breaking down the stage of the recent production "How I Became A Pirate": Otto Storr, Stephen Slimp, Frank Polizzi, Bill Webster, his wife Chris and myself. Bill contacted me Friday (9-22) to ask for volunteers to come down on Saturday (9-23) as some of the stage props were bulky. This is just one small example of many where our members help when needed.

With that, I would like to thank you Brother Knights, spouses, widows and family members that are in the trenches each and every week and make possible all the good that we are able to accomplish in our council, parishes, school and community.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight

**Bingo**

**Bob Leo, PGK**

I'm sorry for not having an item for the newsletter sooner, that's because there was no news, however, there is some now. **WANTED: Bingo Callers.** We are searching for new bingo callers, the wage isn't very attractive, the position is very interesting, must be able to take some abuse from the customers, must not be thin skinned. We do have OJT training with excellent teachers. All candidates interested please contact me or **Brother Frank Polizzi.**

In just a few short weeks the project of redoing the Men's and Ladies restrooms will begin. There should be very little interference with our bingo sessions, if any at all. There will be some noticeable changes such as we will have Porto-potties for our male customers in the picnic area behind the hall. Our front sales room will be moved into the bingo hall, since that office will be undergoing a face lift also.

You will probably be asked a bunch of questions, so just explain to them that the renovations are being done to bring the KC Hall compliance with the ADA American Disability Act.

I would like to thank **Brother Knight Chad Lint** for volunteering to call the late night session of bingo, Chad has done an excellent job since taking over that position. Also, many thanks to **Brother Knights Frank Polizzi,** and **Roland Stewart** for covering for me while I was in the woods on vacation.

Also, thanks to **Brother Knight P.J. Carter** for covering for **Rick Norman,** while he was attending a seminar. Thanks to all for all of your hard work to make our bingo program an ongoing success.

**Bob Leo**  
**Bingo Manager**

**Church**  
**Sal Moreno**

We celebrated our annual Silver Rose prayer program on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was switched from St. Joseph to the K C hall. It was a good move. We had a beautiful service and a very good turnout. Of course, we don't want to forget and not mention the good food and fellowship that followed. Next, on the October agenda is our quarterly Corporate Communion Mass which will be on October the 28th at 5:00 pm at St. Patrick. October is recognized as the month of the rosary, so in honor of our Lady's prayer and for respect for life we will lead a regularly scheduled weekend rosary at every mass, both at St. Joseph and St. Patrick for the whole month. Come at least 25 minutes before mass and join us in praying the rosary.

Sal Moreno  
Church Chairman



**In Memoriam**



**Michael (Mike) Miller**

**10/21/1959 - 09/25/2017**

We have lost another Brother Knight. Mike was a very active member of our council from the time of his entry until his health began to fail and he was no longer physically able to participate in our activities.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Dee. Please keep her in your prayers

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

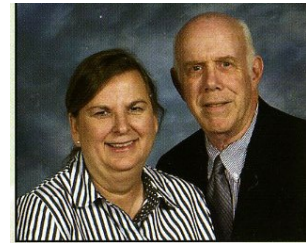
# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**August Knight of the Month**  
**Chad Lint**



**August Family of the Month**  
**Bob & Rosie Connor**



**Knight of the Quarter**  
**April, May, June**  
**Ed Shamp**



**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**



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



Brother Knights,

As I come to the end of my diaconate internship, I am very grateful to the people of St. Richard parish, and Father John Bohn and the staff for taking such good care of me. I have learned a TON during my time at STR. I will return to Notre Dame Seminary October 22<sup>nd</sup>, as I prepare for priestly ordination May 31<sup>st</sup>.

One of the biggest things that I come away with is the importance of the building blocks of our faith. I have preached about a variety of topics this summer and into the fall. There have been so many important current events going on, and the more I speak about these issues the more I realize that we have to know the basics of our faith before we can practice it effectively.

There have been many divisive issues in the news lately. These issues, including immigra-

tion policy, racial equality, and public protests are certainly news worthy, but as Catholics, we have to be first of all rooted in our faith. We are called not to be driven by the loudest opinion makers or the voices of the biggest celebrities or sports stars, but by the truth. This truth comes from the scriptures and our tradition, and it is all rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

One of the big challenges for me is addressing these issues while being faithful to what the Gospel of the day says. When we do this, we can avoid being swayed by popular opinion and feel comfortable with our identity as Catholics. We are all called to be saints; this is what we are about. We become saints through living a life of virtue in accordance with the Church. Even in times as divisive as these, we can be witnesses to this call of Jesus Christ in our parishes and in the wider community.

- Deacon Nick

**Family Director**  
**David Viger, PGK**



Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating Bob and Rosy Connor on their selection as our August Family of the Month! Some of the factors we consider when selecting a Family of the Month include contributions the family has made to the Church, community and/or council...Bob and Rosy contribute greatly to all three!

We will have a Halloween Family Night Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6:00pm. Festivities will include: Trunk or Treat Contest (Knights decorate your own trunk and the Council will provide candy to hand out to the children), adult and child Costume Contest, adult and child pumpkin carving contest (bring your pumpkin already carved). We will have hot dogs, chips and drinks available as well!

Dave Viger

Family Director

**Community**  
**Roland Stewart**



Please join us on the fourth Thursday of October, October 26, 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.

Roland Stewart

Community Chairman

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



## Culture of Life Darrell Hover

Brother Knights

This should not need to be mentioned, however an incident I witnessed this month brought it to my attention. I was on Hwy 19 North with a school bus and a few cars ahead of me. The school bus stopped to let students off and one of the cars never slowed down passing the school bus on the left side. When the school bus lights start blinking, that usually means the bus is slowing down to STOP. When the STOP signs swing out from the side of the bus it means the same as any other stop sign anywhere else in the United States. Our Kids and Grandkids are riding these buses. Please stop for school buses; it is the law.

Take a stand for life! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers. 40 Days for Life began on September 27<sup>th</sup> and continues through November 5<sup>th</sup>.



I will be posting the daily devotionals on the Knights of Columbus Council 802 Facebook page. The devotional only takes about five or so minutes to read. In addition, I will be asking you to join me in prayer during our October and November business meetings.

**Please join me in reciting the following prayer every day from now through November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Almighty God, our Father, who has given us life, grant us your blessings. Enlighten our minds to awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in your image and likeness.

- Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite.

- Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects.

- Give us the grace... When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.

- Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and to demand that society itself give its protection. We ask this in your name, through the redemptive act of your Son Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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



## Halloween Party Family Night



**Come One, Come All, to the Fun and Games on Tuesday, October 31st, 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Bring your Pre-carved pumpkins and enter the Pumpkin Carving Contest.**

**Also, there will be an adult and child costume contest. And don't forget the Trunk or Treat Contest. Hot Dogs, chips and Drink will be available for all to enjoy.**



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

**4th Degree  
Sal Moreno**



Just as this newsletter is being put together... St. Patrick School sponsored a Blue Mass on September 28th during the Children's Mass. They requested an Honor Guard to help celebrate this special Mass honoring our Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders, Firefighters and of course our Military Personnel. I will let you know how it turned out in my next newsletter. If I remember it right November is when we will have our Flag Retirement event. Spread the word to our community that we are urging everyone to not just throw away an old or torn up flag, give us the chance to retire them with Honor and Respect.

Sal Moreno

**Membership  
David Stephens**



Brother Knights:

As of this writing, we have no approved application for membership. Of course, I am excitedly optimistic that we will have applicants during the month of October. We have planned a Church Drive for the weekend of October 21-22nd after each Mass. We will need "A Few Good Men" of Council 802 to assist with recruitment during that weekend – Naturally, we are seeking new members on a daily basis. Let me know if you are willing to help after one or more of the Masses (601-938-5757). "Membership is truly a team effort!"

**Exemplifications scheduled during the month of October:**

- > Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees – Saturday, October 7, 10:00am – 2:30pm; 416 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, Oxford, MS 38655
- > Fourth Degree – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 8:30pm; 1242 Lynwood Drive, Jackson

- > Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – Tuesday, October 17th, 6:30 – 7:30pm; KC Hall, Meridian
- > Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree – Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00pm; 717 Water St, Biloxi
- > Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00am – 2:30pm; 421 Washington Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
- > Fourth Degree – Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 6:00pm; 10446 Lemoyne Blvd, D'Iberville, MS 39540

Be sure to set aside Saturday, October 7th, for the St. Joseph Octoberfest. I have tickets for a Slab of Ribs \$20, Rib Plate \$9, Fried Fish Plate \$9 and Raffle Tickets 1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$75, 3rd Prize \$50 Raffle tickets sell for \$1.00 each.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director



**October Birthdays**



- 1st** Joseph Hosch **3rd** Howard Turberville **4th** Carson Brown **6th** Joshua Maeda  
**7th** Fr. Frank Cosgrove **8th** Daniel & David Smith **9th** Jordan Zettler **10th** Trey Grissett, III  
**12th** Marty Mccann **14th** Bill Webster **15th** Richard Semmes  
**22nd** Fr. Matthew Simmons & Fr. Jerry Daniels **23rd** Louis Bailey, Jr.  
**24th** David Blanks & Freddie McCoy **25th** Br. Rafael Anguiano **26th** James Snowden  
**28th** Johnnie Walters, Jr. **30th** James Dawson **31st** Joseph Hollern

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Rosary before 8:30 and 11:00 Mass St Pat &amp; St Joseph</u>	2	3 Meeting 7:30 Special election for Deputy Grand Knight	 4 Bingo 6pm	5 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u>	6	7 2nd & 3rd Degree Oxford 10am Rosary before 5:00 Mass <u>St. Joseph October Fest</u>
8 <u>Rosary before 8:30 and 11:00 Mass St Pat &amp; St Joseph</u>	9	10 Columbus Day Mass Tonight 5:30 at St. Joseph Church	 11 Bingo 6pm	12 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</u>	13 Columbus Day Poster Contest Judging	14 4th Degree St Richard Jackson 12:30 Rosary before 5:00 Mass
15 <u>Rosary before 8:30 and 11:00 Mass St Pat &amp; St Joseph</u>	16	17 1st Degree if Candidate(s) Available 6:30 Meeting follows	 18 Bingo 6pm	19 2nd Degree Biloxi 6:30pm <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u>	20	21 Membership Drive 5PM Mass St. Patrick Rosary before 5:00 Mass
22 <u>Rosary before 8:30 and 11:00 Mass St Pat &amp; St Joseph</u> <u>Membership Drive After both Masses</u>	23 ←←←←← <u>2nd/3rd Degree Sunday 10/22 10:00 AM Ocean Springs</u> ←←←←←	24 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 25 <u>November Newsletter Deadline</u> Bingo 6pm	26 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u>	27	28 4th Degree D'Iberville Rosary before 5:00 Mass <u>Corporate Communion 5pm St. Patrick</u>
29 <u>Rosary before 8:30 and 11:00 Mass St Pat &amp; St Joseph</u>	30	31  Family Night Halloween Party 6:00 See Dave's Family Article for Details	Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time 		 <u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7</u>	