



*October 2016*



**Congratulations to the Following Honorees**

**August Knight of the Month  
Chad Lint**



**August Family of the Month  
The Inez & Otto Storr Family**

**Knight of the Quarter  
April, May & June  
Frank Sharp**

**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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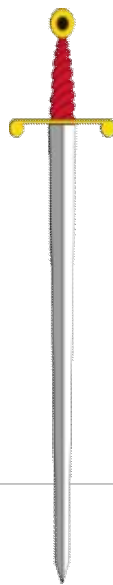
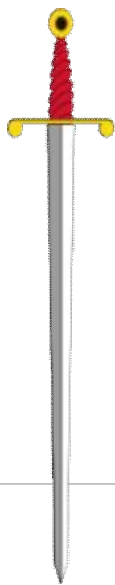
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## The Main Principles of Our Order

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



## Brother Knights,

October is here bringing us shorter days, longer nights, cooler temperatures, Knights leading the Rosary before weekend Masses, another 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dinner and much, much more!

We have a “core group” of Brothers (about 20) who are actively involved in almost every event we do. “You” are the ones helping our Council to flourish and for that, I am extremely grateful!!! Some of you may want to help more but don’t really know how to get involved or you may be intimidated by those who are scurrying around “getting er’ done!” It’s really not that hard to get involved! Check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter, pick an event (or two), come to it and ask “What can I do to help?”. The rest will be history.

Please join me in congratulating Brothers Frank Washington, Chad Lint and Trey Grissett on taking the next step on their journey to Knighthood! Each of them participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) Degree Ceremony hosted in Starkville at the end of September.

At our business meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 pm, we will hold a vote to accept the Council/Corporation Committee’s recommendation for us to remain as a home corporation based Council and hold a vote to adopt a motion that authorizes me, on behalf of the Council, to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement with Columbian Club, Inc. Additionally, I plan to reintroduce the motion and hold a vote to remodel the meeting room and bar area of the hall. Your presence at this meeting would be most welcomed and is highly encouraged.

Many of you may be wondering where we stand on the initiative to bring our restroom up to standards with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Brother Ed Shamp is making progress toward achieving that goal! He (Ed) met with a contractor at the hall last month. The next step in the process will be to have plans drawn up and approved by the city. More to follow...

In closing I would like to thank all of you for all that you do! May God Bless you, your families and our country!

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Dave Viger, GK**



Special from  
John Bennett, PGK



For the record, Labor Day has come and gone. The names have been changed to protect the innocent. Thanks to P. J. Carter for procuring the necessary supplies and being a go-fer. Thanks to Ed Shamp for cooking and the skills that go with em'. Speaking of skills, how about Sal Moreno and that really good chicken breast. Meats (the other chicken parts) prepared by Frank Polizzi, Bob Leo, and Roland Stewart (who also set up the water toy). Howard McCarty and GK Dave Viger for setting up The Games and being there as needed. Also for the other two men that I forgot. Not by design, rather by old age memories or lack thereof. Good to see our Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons.

As all can see, it takes a lot to put on any successful event. Huge crowd! Hungry, one and all. Ms. Marie Bailey had another 39th birthday. She be lookin' good. This was a pot luck. Q. Does that mean me. Yes. This is a great time for all who attend to help make a Picnic a success and be part of the process. There were some really nice plates provided by member wives. This doesn't mean guest, visitors.

It is always great to see family and to bring them out for our get together. All seemed to have a really good time. The Knights of Columbus---Truly a big Family. I just wanted to share a few thoughts with you. Remember, this is a good time to ask a non-member to become part of US.

John Bennett, PGK

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## Church Sal Moreno



The Silver Rose Program that we had on September 18th went very well. I would like to thank the Knights who helped and supported the Activity. They were Fr. Matthew Simmons, Brother Tom Zettler (PSD), Grand Knight David Viger, Brother Luis Borrell (PGK), Brother Bob Leo, PGK, Brother Frank Polizzi. PGK, Brother Richard Moody, Brother Roland Stewart, Brother Howard McCarty, Brother Frank Sharp, Brother PJ Carter, PGK and Brother Rick Norman. Also thanks to Liberty Moreno for providing music and song accompanying the ceremony.

October will be another busy month. We will lead the Rosary 30 minutes before every Weekend Mass during the month of October. The theme for this month's Rosary is "Respect For Life". I do not have enough volunteers to lead the Rosary for Sunday at the 11:00 Masses at St. Patrick. See if you can help. The signup sheet is on the KC Hall bulletin board. If you are unable to attend a meeting, and would like to lead the Rosary at 11:00 o'clock, please contact me.

October 10th is Columbus Day, we will celebrate it with a Mass to be held on **Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 PM at the KC Hall** followed by a light potluck dinner. If you can, please bring a side dish (Salad / Dessert).

October 29th is the 5th Saturday. As scheduled, we will have a Family Night Dinner at the St. Patrick Family Life Center immediately after the 5:00 PM Mass. The Theme Will be Halloween – wear your favorite costumes. I need help with the set up, decorating ??? , serving and clean up.

October 30th is also a special 5th Sunday Rosary. Hopefully someone will step forward and lead this activity.

Thank you and God Bless.  
Sal Moreno



## Chaplain Fr. Matthew Simmons



I am writing this reflection while it is the Feast of St. Linus, who was the first Pope after St. Peter. As was St. Peter and most of Peter's early successors, Linus was a martyr for the Christian faith. St. Paul mentions him at the end of Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. In the first reading for Mass today, St. Peter wrote in his first letter, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for the sake of base gain, but voluntarily." While that command is incumbent on me as pastor of the parish, it also extends to parishioners and especially fathers.

In Judaism, fathers have the responsibility to teach the law to their children. That responsibility continued to be understood in early Christianity. Somewhere along the line, though, the feeling of responsibility seems to have diminished. Now religious instruction of children is not a priority for most. Among those who do make it a priority, there is often the expectation that the parish school of religion is the primary place of religious instruction. While PSR is important, the family is still the "domestic Church." Fathers have the privilege of giving instruction to their children and growing in relationship to both their children and their Father. As Knights, it is important that you encourage your sons and sons-in-law in this role. Your example is important as well. There are many good apps for phones that facilitate reading the Scriptures each day. I use the iBreviary app to read the Scriptures for daily Mass ahead of time. While that is the most popular app for priests, I think the Laudate app is the most popular Catholic app for the laity.

The final days of October include the feast of the English & Welsh martyrs of Douai. These martyrs were priests who, after the English reformation, were formed and ordained in France to return to England to lead those Catholics who remained faithful to the Church following the Reformation. The Douay-Rheims Bible was also prepared at the English College in Douai. That many considered the Roman Catholic Church and her Scriptures important enough to suffer martyrdom can inspire us to study and teach the Scriptures.

Fr. Matthew

*Please continue to pray for vocations.*

*We need more priests*



## Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Inez and Otto Storr family for being selected as the "Family of the Month" for the month of August. Otto and Inez do a tremendous amount of work helping those who are infirmed or in need of any type of help or aid. Otto and his lovely wife Inez can always be counted on to be there to help.

During this writing we will be getting ready for our Family Night out picnic at the KC Hall picnic area, more on that in my next newsletter. On October 29th we will have our Family Night dinner at the Family Life Center at St Patrick. This will be combined with the 5th Saturday dinner that will be a Halloween theme night, so wear your scariest Halloween costume. More on this in the Church director's newsletter article.

Again I must ask you to consider a family for our "Family of the Month" program. I can see by the families that are submitted that not a lot of effort is put into seeking nominations for this prestigious award. If you are having difficulty finding a family, ask Father Matthew, or Father Jose'. I'm sure that they may have some families in mind. Or you can go to some of the ladies organizations in the church and ask them who they would recommend as a Family of the Month. I'm sure they could give you some ideas.

Bob Leo  
Family Director



## Bingo Bob Leo



BINGO!! That is the sound of our customers having fun at our bingo sessions. We have an average of 18 to 20 workers per week who keep these customers happy. How? By the little things we do for them, that other bingo halls do not, such as getting them soft drinks from the bar, cleaning up their spills, delivering food to their tables, going to the window to buy packs for them when they cannot. I bet we're the only hall that furnishes them with tape to tape their sheets down. This is why we have a successful bingo program.

I would like to thank all those dedicated workers who make our bingo so successful. Thanks to our early workers, John and Janice Kasper, Howard McCarty, DeWayne Klutz, Sal and Liberty Moreno. Late workers, Tom Zettler, Bob Connor, David Stephens, David Sloan, George Walston, Chad Lint, Mouise Richards, Linden Ratliff, Tau and Karen Iosia.

Front window: Richard Norman, P.J. Carter, Tiffany Browning, Office window: Liberty Moreno, Roland Stewart. Callers: David Viger, John Harwell, and Frank Polizzi. Our Pack men: Tommy Beeman Paul Blier, and new to the pack team Chris Foster.

The kitchen and the bar. John Bennett, Frank and Carolyn Sharp, Ed Shamp, Sue Blier, Debbie Hover, and Teresa La Biche. If I have missed anyone I'm truly sorry. Thanks to one and all for an outstanding job that you do to make our bingo program one of the best if not the best bingo in Mississippi. Our new Gaming agent's name is Jason Wiggins.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager



## Community Roland Stewart



I would like to thank all of you who participate in our monthly visits to East Mississippi State Hospital. The patients love to see us each month. Our next visit is scheduled for October 27th at 6:10pm. Let's have a good turn out when we visit the patients this time. The treats we take are just an added bonus to the patients, the visit is the important thing. It helps them to know that somebody cares about them.

Roland Stewart  
Community Chairman



Special on Youth from  
Dave Klutz, DSK



Creative Contraption Contest and the Columbus Poster Contest will be October 7th at St. Patrick School. I need volunteers to judge the contest. Please come in your KC shirts so they will know that we are from the Knights of Columbus. Contest judging will be at 1:00 on October 7th.

Speaking of help, I need someone to take charge of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest. I have all the information you need to run this program. If I don't get a volunteer we will not do this event this year.

We have all the information we need for the Soccer challenge and Trey Grissett is working on setting up this program this year. More information to follow when we get a date and site. We will need volunteers to act as judges.

By the time you read this St. Patrick School will have successfully completed the Blue Mass to honor our local police, fire, and first responders. Please follow their example and remember to pray for all those who serve us on a daily basis.

Thank you,  
Dave Klutz  
"Acting" Youth Chairman



Seminarians  
Corner



Brother Knights,

As I get further along in the program, my classes become much less theoretical and much more practical. I am taking Theology of Marriage this semester, which looks at the sacramental reality that couples enter into when they are married in the Church. This is such an important reality to be aware of especially during this time of upheaval with regard to the true meaning of marriage.

If marriage is just a civil contract, then the Church does not have a leg to stand on in demanding that marriage be allowed only between one man and one woman, but of course we know that marriage is not *just* a civil contract, but it is a sacred covenant entered into with full consent by a man who "leaves his father and mother" and is joined to his wife, "and the two become one flesh."

This is not just a sappy way of saying that marriage brings two people together. These words from the Book of Genesis are divine revelation, and are God's way of telling his Church that marriage is a sacred bond and that it should be taken seriously. Our culture believes that any limitation of "rights" is a limitation of their freedom, but I would argue that our freedom is taken away when we do not allow God's will to be done in our society. If we continually decide that institutions need to be redefined anytime a group feels disenfranchised, then those institutions will eventually be left with no meaning at all.

Marriage has an inherent dignity that is taken away when it is improperly applied, but our society struggles to understand this because the dignity of a sacrament is *unseen*, and we like to say that *seeing is believing*. The sacraments teach us something else, however, we know that a sacrament is a visible sign of an *invisible reality*, so let us pray that the sacrament of marriage will continue to be defended in the Church, and let us be witnesses to the power of the sacrament through our prayer, and through the example of holy, married couples in Council 802.

- Nick

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## Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



September has been a busy month for our Honor Guard. They participated in 3 separate services during the month. The first was being a part of the Memorial Service for our local fireman Eric Gustafson who died while responding to a call on September 9th. The service was held at St. Patrick Church on September 12th. The following Sir Knights participated: Bob Connor, Howard McCarty, Richard Moody, Frank Polizzi, PFN, Roland Stewart, Tom Zettler, PSD, Sal Moreno, Frank Sharp, David Stephens and Commander Bob Leo, PFN.

Following that on the 18th, the Honor Guard was a part of the Silver Rose program at St. Joseph Church. The following Sir Knights participated: Larry Birzer, PJ Carter, PFN, Bob Connor, Howard McCarty, Richard Moody, Frank Polizzi, PFN, Roland Stewart, Tom Zettler, PSD, Sal Moreno, Dewayne Klutz, Frank Sharp, David Stephens and Commander Bob Leo, PFN.

Finally, on September 29th, the Honor Guard participated in the Blue Mass at St. Patrick Church during the School Mass that started at 8:10 am. Being that date was after press time for this submission we will have a recap and a list of participants in next month's newsletter. A big thank you to all our Sir Knights who are in the Honor Guard and particularly those that were able to be in the above services.

As a follow up on our motion for a \$200 donation to send to Baton Rouge area KC Councils, the council passed a motion for \$500 and the two checks were then sent on to the LA State Knights of Columbus to distribute as needed for the flood relief in the area. Our continued prayers go out to our neighbors in South Louisiana and Mississippi who are still suffering greatly at this time.

On November 11th, we will have our annual flag retirement ceremony. It will again piggy back the Deceased Members Mass. More details will be forthcoming on this event. Please mark your calendars.

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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## October Birthdays



**3rd** Howard Turberville, Jr **4th** Carson Brown **6th** Joshua Maeda **7th** Fr. Frank Cosgrove **8th** David & Daniel Smith

**9th** Jordan Zettler **10th** Robert (Trey) Grissett, III **12th** Marty McCann **14th** William (Bill) Webster

**15th** Richard Semmes **20th** Fr Joseph Sestito **21st** Mike Miller **22nd** Fr. Jerry Daniels & Fr. Matthew Simmons

**23rd** Louis Bailey, Jr. **24th** David Blanks, Freddie McCoy, & Don Souligny **25th** Br. Rafael Anguiano

**28th** Johnnie Walters, Jr. **30th** James Dawson **31st** Joseph Hollern

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**Pro Life  
Darrell Hoover**



Brother Knights,

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20*

The 40 Days for Life campaign in ALL 50 American states began on September 28th and will run through November 6th.

To end abortion the first thing you must do is pray. Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. During each campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation, and around the world, to fall on their knees before the Lord asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land. Pray outside an abortion facility. Pray at church. Pray at work. Pray in the car. Pray at home with your family.

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. Thank you for praying with me the daily devotionals that are posted on the K of C Facebook page.

On February 5, 2010, at the National Prayer Breakfast, Mother Teresa said... 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.

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

Darrell, Pro-Life



**Special from  
Tom Beeman**



First, I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful Memoriam to my wife, Theresia, in the September newsletter. Theresia would have been amazed and honored if she could have seen it. Awesome.

During my wife's extended illness the Knights of council 802 extended their prayers, cards, and visits to the Beeman family. Theresia said many times how these actions brightened her day. I was not surprised, as this is the Knights in Action.

Special thanks to Otto & Inez Storr for the time they spent taking care of business, shopping, relieving me at her bedside, and bringing me food. Also, Virginia & Richard Moody would not let me be alone either. Many visits, shopping, providing me with food, giving TLC and keeping the nurses aware of problems she was having that they missed.

Thanks also to Roland Stewart, as he made sure that we had communion every Sunday, plus taking care of our house during the past 18 months. Thanks to Debbie Hoover for using their handicap van to take us to Church and dinner on many Saturdays. Theresia was like a child when she knew Debbie was coming.

Many Knights, as I mentioned above assisted the Beeman Family in coping with illness and death. I wish to thank you all.

May God bless you.  
Tommy Beeman



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







## Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

As of this writing, we have one approved application for membership and one pending. Of course, I am excitedly optimistic that we will have more applicants during the month of October. I say this because we have planned a membership drive for the weekend of October 15-16th after each Mass. We will need "A Few Good Men" of Council 802 to assist with recruitment during that weekend – Naturally, as usual, 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:

- Admissions (1st Degree) – Saturday, October 22nd 10:00 AM at the KC Hall, Meridian
- No Formation, Knighthood or Fourth Degree Exemplifications noted on the State Council Website for the month of October as of September 25<sup>th</sup>.

State Membership Goal for 2016 is "365".

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,  
David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director

## Upcoming Events and things to do at St. Patrick Church

### Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4, Father will bless animals on Saturday, October 1, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph. This will coincide with the October Festival. You can get your animals blessed and stay for the festivities!!

### Wednesday Night Dinners

Come join us on Wednesday Nights for Dinner. Adults \$5.00, Children over 3 are \$3.00 and children under 3 are free. Total per family max is \$20.00. The menu can be found each week in the Church Bulletin for the week.

### October Festival

St. Joseph Annual Fall Festival is Saturday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There will be a Health Fair, Sweet Walk, Games for Children, White Elephant Store, Country Store, Barbeque Rib Plates for \$8; Fried Fish Plates for \$8; Slab of Ribs for \$20. Great Food and Good Times!!!

### Knit, Crochet, Pray

Calling all knitters! Merciful Mufflers are back! We meet each Monday, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join us as we gather for prayer and fellowship while working together to make scarves for the homeless. No experience or supplies required.

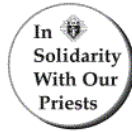


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7	 <b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b>	Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to Abortion in our lifetime 			<b>1</b> Blessing of Animals & Octoberfest St Joseph Church 11:00—2:00
2	3	 4 Business Meeting 7:30pm	 5 Bingo 6pm	 6 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	7 Creative Contraction & Columbus Poster Contests. Need judges at 1:00 PM	8
9	 <u>Columbus Day Celebrated</u> 	 11 <u>Columbus Day Mass &amp; Potluck Supper KC Hall 6pm</u>	 12 Bingo 6pm	 13 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM Knights of Columbus Responsibility	14	15 <u>Membership Drive after 5pm Mass St. Patrick Need help</u>
16 <u>Membership Drive after 8:30 Mass St. Joseph and 11:00 St Patrick Need help</u>	17	 18 No 1st Degree Exemplification Tonight Business Meeting 7:30pm	 19 Bingo 6pm	 20 Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	21	22 1st Degree Exemplification KC Hall 10:00 am
23	<u>November Newsletter Deadline</u>	 25 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	 26 Bingo 6pm	 27 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:10pm</u> Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM	28	29 <u>5th Saturday Family Dinner St Patrick Family Life Center after 5pm Mass Need Help</u>
30 <u>5th Sunday Rosary before Mass at St. Joseph &amp; St. Patrick</u>	31					