



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *September 2017*



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*The Main Principles of  
Our Order are*

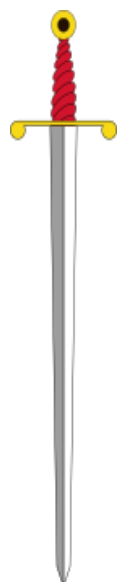
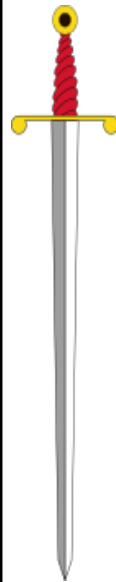
*Charity*

*Unity*

*Fraternity*

*Patriotism*

*Newsletter Editor  
George Walston*



THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

Dear Brother Knights,

**Chaplain  
Fr. Matthew  
Simmons**



September contains many days on the Liturgical calendar that are of interest to us as a Council. On September 9, we remember St. Peter Claver. On September 18, we can remember St. Joseph of Cupertino, who is the patron of aviators and air travelers. He is of special importance to those involved with NAS Meridian.

While Ember Days are no longer obligatory or commemorated on the Novus Ordo calendar since the reform of the Liturgy following Vatican II, these days can still be observed as days of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Originally tied to times of harvest, the original three ember-tides occur in June, September, and December. Later a set was added for March. This ember-tide includes Wednesday, September 20, Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23. Traditionally these days are a time of thanksgiving for the gifts of God at harvest and a reminder to use those gifts in moderation.

The gifts of God are intended for charity to those in need. Traditionally, Ember days were set aside for ordinations of clergy. Would that we had more ordinations. They will be good days to practice penance & pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Soon after the fall equinox and the lengthening of darkness, we celebrate the feast of St. Michael and the other archangels. We ask for their protection. In a time when spiritual darkness seems to be ever-increasing, we would do well to ask their intercession at all times.

Fr. Matthew

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Happy Autumn greetings as we finally move out of the summer season. Football kicks off and we finally see some cooler weather.

Looking back at August, a couple of items of note: First, we conducted a First Degree on August 15th and welcomed two new members to our Council. Charles Frazier and Hank Holcomb joined our order as 1st Degree Knights. Thank you to our First Degree team for their outstanding work during the exemplification. Second, we passed our annual budget that will carry us to June 30th, 2018.

Upcoming in September, we have a number of activities/programs scheduled:

1. Labor Day Picnic-03SEP-5PM at the KC Hall. We will have the usual hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage etc. and ask members/families to bring side dishes/desserts to supplement the meal. We will have an Corn Hole tournament with prizes to be awarded to the top 3. Look forward to seeing everyone for a fun time of fellowship.
2. Silver Rose Program-10SEP-5PM at the KC Hall. Please note the venue is different this year.
3. Constitution Program-12SEP-630PM at the KC Hall. We will have a short presentation/discussion/Q&A about the document that is the blueprint of our nation, followed by a light supper and fellowship.
4. EMSH Nursing Home visit-28SEP-6PM.
5. Parish Family Fun Night-30SEP-6PM in the St. Patrick FLC (more on this below).

The Parish Family Fun Night scheduled for the 30th promises to be just that for those young and those young at heart. The Knights will be providing the meal, Frank Polizzi will have his DJ set up for music, karaoke etc. We will have some prizes to give away, board games for people to enjoy and such. I solicit anybody's input for ideas to make this a special night for all.

Miscellaneous: Effective August 24th, Robert Curry has resumed cleaning the Hall. For now, I believe he will be working each Thursday. If you happen to see him, please welcome him back and tell him how glad we are that he is working again for us. The Hall bathroom/hall/entrance renovation start date is inching closer. It is my hope that by the time I write my newsletter column for October, it will have commenced. Thank you to Ed Shamp for his continuing work on this project. Thank you also to John Bennett for his work on the refrigerator and freezer. He has, at least for now, saved us a considerable amount of \$\$\$ by repairing what we already have and keeping both in working order. Finally, a big thank you to the 35 or so (yes I went back and did a rough count) men and women who work our Bingo, Bar and Kitchen each and every week. Your willingness to volunteer your time gives us the proceeds to operate our council programs and make a charitable difference in our church, school, youth and community.

With that, I wish all a Happy September and Autumnal Equinox.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Council**

**Taupule' (Tau) Iosia**



Don't forget to set your calendar for our Labor Day Picnic which will be held on Sunday, September 3rd, at 5pm in the Pavilion. Please bring a side dish of veggies, salad, or dessert. The Council will provide the meat, which usually consists of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Sausages, and maybe even some Chicken. See you there.

Tau Iosia  
Council Chairman

**Church  
Sal Moreno**



From one Silver Rose to now six ( 6 ), the traditional annual Rose Run from across Canada, the United States and into Mexico is now approaching its 60th Anniversary. We are privileged and honored to have one of the 6 Silver Roses on September 10th. In celebration of this special program honoring our Lady Of Guadalupe we will have a prayer service here at the KC Hall on at 5:00 PM followed by a light dinner, assorted sandwiches. Please pass the word and ask the ladies to help and bring either a salad or dessert or both.

Also, do not forget our 5th Saturday Family night Fellowship dinner which will be on, Saturday, September 30th, at the St. Patrick Family Life Center immediately following the 5:00 PM mass.

Sal Moreno

**Dep Grand Knight  
Tyler Oakes**



**No Report this Month**

**Community  
Roland Stewart**



Please join us on Thursday, September the 28th, 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

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**July Knight of the Month**  
**John Maloney, Sr**



**July Family of the Month**  
**Gloria & Howard McCarty**



**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**



**Family Director  
David Viger, PGK**



**No Report this Month**

**District Deputy  
District Four (4)  
David Viger, PGK**



**No Report this Month**



## **September Birthdays**



**1st** Ken Woodward **3rd** Sam McGee **4th** Wayne Griffin & Mouise Richards **8th** Robert Alexander  
**11th** Deacon Nick Adam & Ron Haaf **13th** Shane Brewer **15th** Dr. Danny Santiago  
**19th** Jim Baughman & David Klutz **20th** Clay Elward & Pat Wright **22nd** Johnny Stone  
**25th** Mike Cummings **26th** Ed Offenberger & Noel Vincencio **27th** David Sloan  
**28th** Dave Viger **29th** Miguel Mata & Joseph Ratcliff **30th** John Griffith

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



Brother Knights,

My time at St. Richard continues to be life-giving and challenging! I am knee deep in marriage prep, weddings, baptisms, funeral prep, funerals, and more. I am learning fast the vital importance of prayer.

Of course, prayer is stressed at the seminary, and we were warned about a thousand times: "Don't let your prayer slip when you get into the parish! Don't stop praying!" But I now know there are two reasons that this was stressed so much: 1. It is VERY easy to stop praying if you allow yourself to and 2. It is VERY difficult at first to make sure you are spending time in quiet prayer when you have a thousand things coming at you, and once bad habits are formed, we know they are hard to break.

So, the good news, I have not stopped praying. I went on a short retreat in late August.

Deacon James Keating led the retreat, and stressed the importance of not just praying *for* things, but offering our pains, sufferings, and joys to Jesus and allowing the Lord to work on us as ministers. He stressed that ministers of the Gospel must give to their people from their "surplus," not from their "reserve tank." If ministers cannot receive love from God then there is no way they can offer it to others. I may be able to scrape by on my own specific gifts and talents for a while, but that will not last.

So, I offer this advice for all of you as well. In prayer, don't just ask *for* things, but ask the Lord to transform you. Offer to him your deepest desires, your greatest joy and your greatest pain, and He will show you His love for you, and then you can give that to others. If you would like to read a good book by Deacon Keating, search his name on Amazon, he has a bunch of good stuff out on a variety of topics!

Deacon Nick

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

**Culture of Life**  
**Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 50 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites and memorial sites around the country. Pastor Ryan Sullivan of Grace Community Church will be the main speaker.

The National Day of Remembrance is organized by three national pro-life groups, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. Locally this event is organized by Pro-Life Mississippi. The location for the event is the same location that once housed a glass building containing 50,000,000 pennies in honor of all the babies who have lost their lives to abortion. Today, there is a plaque in its place that reads "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten. Time: 12:30 p. m. Location: Memorial to the Missing, at the corner of Mississippi St. and N President St, Jackson.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life  
Culture of Life

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



## 4th Degree Sal Moreno

I am sure that all of you have heard of some of the changes coming for the 4th Degree uniform effective September 1st. However, it is not a mandatory change at this time. As of now we are anticipating a transition period of at least 12 to 18 months. I have posted in our KC bulletin board an article outlining this change which mainly affects Honor Guards and Color Guards.

Word is also out that there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on October 14th hosted by Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 at St. Richard Catholic Church , 1242 Lynnwood Drive, Jackson. I anticipate that the candidates will not be required to wear tuxedo at this time. Our next meeting will be on September 26th.

Sal Moreno  
Faithful Navigator



## Membership David Stephens

Brother Knights:

Happy Labor Day! Monday, September 4, 2017, is Labor Day – A day of rest; A day of barbecues; A day of fun; A day of football; and the last chance for many people to go on trips before the summer ends. With God’s Blessings, Enjoy and be Safe!

Once again, I was appointed as your Membership Director. Certainly, it is a pleasure to serve in this capacity and I thank you for the opportunity. As you know, this is one of those positions where the help and support of all the members is essential to retention and growth of our membership. As Past Grand Knight, Dave Viger, DD, once stated, “Membership is truly a team effort!”

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of September:

Admissions (1st Degree) – Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian

Formation/Knighthood Degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees) – Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 & 12:00, respectively; 704 Lindale Drive, Clinton

Formation/Knighthood Degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees) – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 & 12:00, respectively; 416 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Oxford

“Knights Change Lives and Save Lives”

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director





# September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><u>Please wish a Happy Birthday to all on Page 5</u></p>	 <p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b></p>	<p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 			1	2
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Labor Day Picnic 5:00 PM KC Hall Pavilion		Meeting 7:30	Bingo 6pm	Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM		Day of Remembrance for aborted children Jackson 12:30
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<u>Silver Rose</u> 5:00 PM at the KC Hall		Special Presentation on The Constitution tonight 6:30	Bingo 6pm	Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility		
17	18	19	 20	21	22	23
		1st Degree if Candidate(s) Available 6:30 Meeting follows at 7:30	Bingo 6pm	Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM		2nd/3rd Degree Canton 10 AM October Newsletter Deadline
24	25	26	 27	28	29	30
		4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	Bingo 6pm	EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM		2nd/3rd Degree Oxford 10 AM  Parish Supper Family Life Center 6:00pm