



September 2015



Congratulations to the Following Honorees

**July Knight of the Month
Bob Leo, PGK**



**July Family of the Month
Richard & Virginia Moody**

**Knight of the Quarter
April, May & June
PJ Carter, PGK**

**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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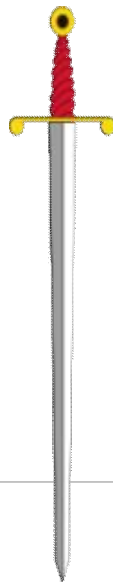
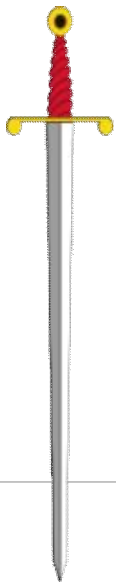
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The Main Principles of Our Order

Charity

Unity

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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,

First and foremost, “**Welcome!**” to the newest members of Council 802 – **Brothers Sam Coleman** (Dave Kltuz), **Pat Quito** (Sal Moreno) and **Archie McKinley** (Bill Nix). Their exemplification was held August 18th, with our **Most Holy Father, Pope Francis**, as the Honoree for the Degree! Thank you for making the decision to join us, we look forward to working with you as you continue your journey through Knighthood!

Congratulations to **Bob Leo (PGK)** for his selection as our July Knight of the Month as well as **Richard and Virginia Moody** for their selection as Family of the month! Thank you for all that you do for the Knights and moreover, the Catholic Community!

Congratulations also to **Rick Norman** and **Pat Quito!** Both were advanced to 2nd Degree Knights during an Exemplification sponsored by District 8 and hosted by Council 1908 in Hattiesburg on August 25th, where 20 Brothers were advanced in Knighthood! **Bob Leo (PGK), John Bennett (PGK), Sal Moreno** and I attended to observe the exemplification.

August was a very productive month for us! I am very pleased with how our agenda for the fraternal year is shaping up and I look forward to working with you as we move forward in implementing our **5th Knight-day Program**. New activities we will be introducing on **Knight-day** include:

5th Tuesday – Lecturer Program (KofC Hall)

Sep 29th, Dec 29th, Mar 29th, May 31st

Focus: Share information and learn more about our faith and our Order

5th Saturday – Catholic Community Dinner (St Pat's Family Life Center)

Aug 29th, Oct 31st, Jan 30th, April 30th

Focus: Strengthening Catholic Families

5th Sunday – Rosary Program (All weekend masses)

Aug 30th, Nov 29th, Jan 31st, May 29th

Focus: Promote Spiritual Activity and Devotion to Mary

Thank you to all who participated during our **Catholic Family Night at Phil Hardin Park!** It was a fabulous evening in every way...we cooked and served nearly 100 hamburgers and 200 hotdogs while enjoying fellowship with friends and family and watching the youngsters play ball! In the end, our KofC sponsored ball team was able to squeak out an 8-7 win by stealing home base in the bottom of the final inning. Ultimately, our team finished their season by taking home the "whole enchilada" with the final game of the season, edging out Glass, Inc. by a score of 5-4 despite some superb pitching by Glass, Inc.'s – **Tylan Linton**, grandson of **John and Pat Maloney!**

Last, but not at all least, I was asked recently about the possibility of forming a **Knights Bible Study Group**. If you are interested in participating in such a group, please let me know and I will check into options that may be available.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger, GK



**Chaplain
Fr. Frank Cosgrove**



Dear Brother Knights,

At a meeting of new State Deputies, Archbishop Lori challenged his hearers to help the Church to accomplish the mission God gave her: “Go teach all nations. Make disciples of them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” One hundred thirty-five years ago, Fr. McGivney reminded each Knight to not simply be baptized but to be “an avidly practicing Catholic who takes your faith to heart and lives it daily as a member of the Order.” Several times Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to be missionary disciples of Christ.

How can we do this in Council 802?

1. Try to reach Knights who have become inactive in the Church and invite them to come home. If they need a refresher, recommend RCIA.
2. I ask each parishioner, including Brother Knights, to invite one person to give RCIA a try. The Catholic Community welcomes “seekers” who wish to deepen their faith life or pursue answers to questions about their faith.

RCIA meets on Sunday mornings, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and is led by Sister Marilyn Winkel and her team.

These are just two suggestions to fulfill our calling by Jesus Christ to be evangelizers, a call repeated by Fr. McGivney and Pope Francis.

Fr. Frank



**Special from
John Maloney, PGK**



I plan on writing articles for our Monthly News Letter about members (past & present), who have made our council what it is today.

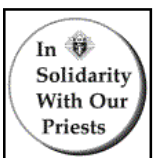
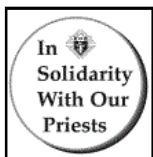
Our present K of C Hall was built around 1960. The members did all the construction except for the steel work. Many thousands of hours of labor was done by members, such as Brothers Leo Carr, Maurice LaBiche, Sr, David Newell, Sr., Leo Donnelly, Andy Stockton, Andy Thomas, David Gleason, Lewis (Joe) Bailey, Sr. Richard Banta, Sr., Buck Buchanan, Harry Routt, Walter McHugh, Dr John Berney, Johnny Watts, Reggie DuFour, Jim Hagan, Nelson Walker, Norman Kiehm, and others whom I cannot remember or didn't know of.

The inside area consisted of the kitchen, the bar, the two bathrooms, the coat room by the front door, and the main hall which encompassed the whole length of the building. The only ceilings were over the bar and kitchen, the two bathrooms, the main entrance and coat room.

Our current outside picnic pavilion was built, I think in 1961, and had two large barbeque pits as part of the pavilion. These pits were used to barbeque chicken as fund raisers. In the 1990's we removed the BBQ pit for more room in the pavilion.

More Memories next month.

John Maloney, PGK





Deputy Grand Knight Dave Klutz

HELP!!!! We need help! We need someone to step up and fill the vacant Youth Chairman position. Don't worry no experience needed. All you need is to want to help out our youth. Trust me when I say it is a very fulfilling position. I will be glad to help you throughout the year to get you started. I ask that everyone just stop for a minute and ask if God is calling you to fill this position. Don't think you can handle it? Remember he never calls the qualified, he qualifies the called. So please let me know if you are interested.

Did you read the August Knightline? If you did, you might have noticed that we were awarded the Columbian Award for 2014-2015. Congrats to all! This is truly a group award. A lot of hard work goes into getting this award. Remember we need 6 more members to join this year to meet one of the minimum requirements for Star Council. So keep your eyes open for new members.

All program chairman don't forget to fill out an activity sheet for all functions that we perform as Knights. Also all program chairman make sure you get with our treasurer to make sure any groups that are listed in our monthly budget that fall under your program are getting their budgeted item.

My final request is that you take a look at our council's website. (kofc802.org) Make sure your contact information is correct and if you don't have a photo please get with George or me. We have a lot of new members and this is a great way for them to learn who is who. You can even send George a picture that you have taken. We will be glad to get it into the website.

Dave Klutz
Deputy Grand Knight



Special from Dave Klutz, DOK



We need your help! Please think about volunteering to become our Youth Chairman. Please let me know if you are interested. I will be glad to help you get started.

St. Patrick's School

TEAM = Teaching Everyone About Mercy

This year the Superintendent's Office is using the Year of Mercy as the diocesan theme for Catholic Identity. The week before school started, the St. Patrick Staff spent time praying and reflecting on this theme. We were reminded to respect the dignity of every human being as we are all made in God's image and likeness; let us be slow to anger and quick to forgive. Furthermore, we were asked to choose a slogan to remind us of the theme and to unite the Diocesan schools. Ours is Team Shamrock!

Youth Group

The youth group just finished the Ocoee River Rafting Trip. If you want to see the photos go to carolinao-coee.photreflect.com and pick the 9 combo August 22nd. They had a great time.

Creative Contraption Contest

Please bring 45 items (must be all the same) to the next meeting. We will be collecting the items for the contest. The contest will be October 9th. We will have the Creative Contraption Contest and the Columbus Day Poster Contest the same day so I will need volunteers to be our judges. Please let me know if you can act as a judge that morning

Dave Klutz,
Acting Youth Chairman

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Bingo Bob Leo



Well, what I said would happen, happened, our attendance did drop off some, but not as much as I thought. I keep seeing a lot of new customers attending our bingo sessions, I'm sure that you have noticed it too.

One thing that I'm seeing more of, customers that sign those winning sheets. I see sheets coming in with just initials on them, or some who think they are doctors writing a prescription, or no signature at all, You members that are working on the floor, please be aware of this, those winning tickets are recorded and saved for the State Gaming Commission, in case there is a complaint or a discrepancy with the game. That is why the signature must be clear and legible. So, when you pick up a winning sheet please look on the back at the signature, if you can't read it neither can I. Please have them print their name next to the signature, this will help me out a great deal.

As you probably have noticed we are beginning to have problems with our bingo equipment, the memory board in the console is not retaining the programs that are put into it. We are working on this, so until it is repaired the console will remain turned on, a new board is on order but has not yet arrived. If this new board doesn't work then we will be looking at purchasing a new unit, and this can be expensive, so pray that the new board will work.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager



Family Bob Leo



Congratulations to the Richard and Virginia Moody family for being chosen as the "Family of the Month" for the month of July. Richard and his lovely wife are very active in our church and the community, they attend most of our council events and help out wherever they are needed. Richard is a member of our Honor guard, and is always available when asked. So again congratulations to Richard and Virginia Moody.

On August 28th, a Family picnic was scheduled, but due to other activities going on in that month, such as the Family and Community outing to Phil Hardin Ball park to see the Knights of Columbus sponsored little league ball game, (which the K.of C. won) it was cancelled. We served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks to all the attendee's at the ball park, free of charge.

Another change coming up in September will take place on Tuesday, September 29th. This is a 5th Tuesday of the month and as previously mentioned we will have a council function in each month that has 5 Tuesday's. In September we will be combining the Family activity with the Council activity since they are so close together. More on that in another article by Brother John Bennett.

As you have already guessed that some changes to our activities, have been made, this is to prevent the chance that two different activities are not scheduled too close to one another. Also in September we will have our Labor Day picnic. More on that in another article.

One Family activity that will not change will be on Saturday October 31, that will be our traditional Halloween costume Party, details on that will be in the next newsletter. Hope to see you at the next event.

Bob Leo
Family Director



Seminarians Corner Nick Adam



Brother Knights,

We are off and running in the new school year at Notre Dame. I was a part of the orientation team which welcomed 40 new seminarians in for a week's worth of activities. This was a very important part of my time in the seminary so I felt very strongly that we should pull out all the stops for the new men to make sure they felt welcomed and a part of the community.

We did everything from cruising the Mississippi River on a steamboat to bowling, and of course the guys had to go through orientation meetings and workshops as well. I got to plan the fun stuff though! It was great to have Deacon Jason around for a couple of days during orientation as well.

We have two new Jackson seminarians studying at Notre Dame. Andrew Nguyen spent his first two years of seminary at St. Ben's in Covington, and he is starting his Theology studies now. Binh Nguyen (not Father Binh Nguyen!) comes to us from another diocese and he is starting Theology as well.

I had a wonderful summer and the start to this school year has been great. I feel energized and excited about what is to come as my studies continue. I hope you are all doing well, and it was great to be with many of you for a little while at the end of my summer break.

- Nick Adam



Church Sal Moreno



Our Church programs are picking up speed. I am finding it to be interesting and very challenging. One of our projects of putting Rosaries in the Church is now a reality.

Here are some of the things yet to come.

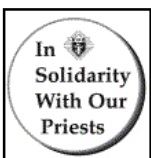
On the 5th weekend of each month we will say the Rosary at all Masses. Our next 5th weekends will be on October 31st and November 1st. We could use some volunteers.

September 11th is World Day of Prayer.

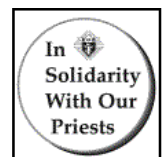
On September the 13th we will receive the Silver Rose. St. Joseph will host the ceremony after the Spanish Mass (4:00pm) which will include prayers, Scripture Readings, and the Rosary. We need your support for this event.

Finally, on September 19th we will have our Corporate Communion at St Patrick at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please wear one of your KC shirts and join us up front on the left side of the church.

Sal Moreno
Church Chairman



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





Fourth Degree John Harwell, JN



Greetings to all. As I type this, the temperature outside is 58 degrees. Refreshing and that tells us summer is coming to a close and autumn is upon us. Leaves changing, football starting, and our coffee smells and tastes just a tad better in the morning as well.

August was a quiet month for the Assembly. Upcoming in September, just a couple of items to bring to your attention. First, the Silver Rose Ceremony will be at St. Joseph on Sunday, September 13th. The Honor Guard will be a part of this program. If you are a member of the Corp and wish to participate, please contact Commander SK Bob Leo PFN.

Second, a 4th Degree is scheduled for Hattiesburg on Saturday, September 26th at 12 noon. If you are a Third Degree member in good standing and are interested in this degree, please contact me by phone (601) 513 5456 or email jdharwell4@comcast.net. At this writing, I do not have any further details, location, fees, deadlines etc. As they become available, I will share them at upcoming council business meetings.

Otherwise, I hope you all have a great month!

John Harwell
Faithful Navigator
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Council Tau Iosia



We will have our annual Labor Day Picnic on Sunday, September 6th, at 6:30 pm in the pavilion out back of the KC Hall. We will set up the water slide, so bring the kids and let them get wet and have fun. The council will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish, either a dessert, salad or vegetable plate. This year we will have hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken breasts, and sausage. I hope everyone will come and join us. I also hope you all had a great summer.

Tau Iosia
Council Director



Community Roland Stewart



Since this article was due for the newsletter before the visit to East Mississippi on August 27th, I don't know who came out to help. However, I would like to thank those who did. We always have a great time at these visits, so come out and join us at our next visit on September the 24th at 6pm. We are looking for the song books that the ladies have used for quite a number of years. As soon as we get them we will start using them for our visits. We could also use some musicians for our sing-a-long. The patients seem to really enjoy the singing.

Now, on to another subject. Habitat for Humanity is about to kick off the "Companies Who Care" and "Brush For Kindness" projects. Any and all volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Most of the work is done on Saturday. If you can give some time for these most worthy projects, please contact me at 601-917-1781. Thank you.

Roland Stewart
Community Chairman



Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

Welcome aboard to our newest Knights – Archie McKinley, Patrick Quito and Samuel Coleman – who became official on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Congratulations Brother Knights! Also, congratulations to two of our brother Knights (Richard Norman and Patrick Quito) who were elevated to 2nd Degree Knights Tuesday evening, August 25, 2015, in Hattiesburg, MS. We invite our new knights to take an active role in the activities of the council as we serve our church and community. One good activity to start with is our Bingo Program which is every Wednesday evening at the KC Hall. Again, congratulations to you all. “Membership is truly a team effort!”

There is a 3rd Degree Exemplification scheduled for Saturday, September 12th, 12:00-4:00 p.m., in D’Iberville, MS. All you 2nd Degree Knights, please contact Grand Knight, David Viger, and let him know you wish to participate in this exemplification.

Also, there is a 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, 12:00-4:00 p.m., in Hattiesburg, MS. All you 3rd Degree Knights, please contact Faithful Navigator, John Harwell, and let him know you wish to participate in this exemplification.

As always, we are **“in search of”** membership applications – No Applications = No Degree. Seek out those who you believe might be qualified and interested and plant a seed...

Exemplifications in September:

3rd Degree – Saturday, September 12th, 12:00pm-4:00pm, D’Iberville, MS.

4th Degree – Saturday, September 26th, 12:00pm-4:00pm, Hattiesburg, MS.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe either one of the exemplifications should also notify David Viger or John Harwell (4th Degree) of your intentions.

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens
Membership Chairman



Lecturer
John Bennett, PGK



On 29 Sept 2015, a really good thing is coming. At 1830 (6:30pm) hours there will be a really good feed. It will be Pot Luck. Council 802 will provide some really good meat, and as a special treat Fr. Sanchez and Deacon Jason Johnston will give a talk on "Why I chose to be a Priest". This is an RSVP affair, which means that you will need to call me in advance if you and yours plan on attending. I need to know how many bears to trap. Know that you have a full month to decide if you can attend. This is the 5th Tuesday in September. This is also an open invitation to the Catholic Community and all families that are members of the Knights of Columbus. I would also like to invite any of the altar servers of St. Joseph and St. Patrick to attend. Any questions? Please let me know ASAP. You can reach me at 601-483-6878 (leave message if no human answers, thanks)

John Bennett, PGK
Lecturer



Pro Life Darrell Hober



Brother Knights

Kill a Lion, lose your business, become a fugitive, be a headline news item for weeks... Kill 70,000 unborn babies a year "crush" their heads, sell their organs to the highest bidder, and receive 1.5 Billion dollars in (our) tax money. Our elected officials fail to shut off the funds to the abortion industry.

As America marks the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision this year, abortion has become the leading cause of death in our nation and worldwide, ending the lives of more than 42 million children each year. Stop and think about that figure. What has this world become?

In the midst of this global crisis, there is hope. Beginning with one hour of prayer in Texas in 2004, the groundbreaking 40 Days for Life movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach has spared over 10, 000 babies from abortion.

Join more than half a million volunteers around the world and prepare for the next 40-day journey. You will discover how God can use you to change hearts and save lives.

The next internationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign is being held from September 23rd through November 1st. I will be asking my fellow Knights to join me in prayer during our monthly meetings during this campaign. In addition I plan on posting a daily prayer on the Knights of Columbus Face Book page. Join us in saving the next life.

God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS PRECIOUS. ***Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime***

Darrell, Pro-Life



Special from Tom Zettler, PSD



I wanted to thank those Brother Knights who joined me to serve as pallbearers at the funeral of Charles Balchunas. Charles was a true patriot having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam during his 30 year Navy career. Thanks to Brothers Bob Connor, John Johnson, Sal Mareno, Howard McCarty and Frank Sharp. When I called, there was no hesitancy about serving. Thanks, Brothers.

I also want to salute the First Degree Team that performed so admirably on August 17th. If you heard the comments of our Field Agent, Ken North, you should have been justifiably proud. Thanks to all. I also want to say that the more members we have in attendance at our degrees, the more impressive they will be to our new members. So keep up the good work in attending!

Finally, I want to echo the words of our Grand Knight in regard to the Father McGivney Guild. It is so easy to join, it costs you nothing and the rewards may well "be out of this world". I also suggest that you read or reread paged 8 - 11 of the August issue of Columbia magazine. It is a well written, informative article on our Founder and will perhaps motivate those who are not members of the Guild to join.

Vivat Jesus
Tom Zettler. PSD



September Birthdays



1st Ken Woodward **3rd** Sam McGee **4th** Wayne Griffin & Mouise Richards **7th** Fr. Patrick Smith

8th Robert Alexander **11th** Nick Adam & Ron Haaf **15th** Dr. Danny Santiago **19th** Jim Baughman & David Klutz

20th Patrick Wright **22nd** John Stone **25th** Mike Cummings **26th** Tommy Minniece & Ed Offenberger

27th David Sloan **28th** Dave Viger **29th** Miguel Mata & Joseph Ratliff **30th** John Griffith

Welcome to these new Members



**Left to Right: Archie McKinley, Patrick Quito,
Sam Coleman**

When you see one of these new Knights, please welcome them to our council. They received their 1st Degree on Tuesday, August 18th, at the KC Hall. Patrick has since received his 2nd Degree on Tuesday, August 25th, in Hattiesburg. Congratulations to all three of these new members. Patrick is already one step ahead of you, Archie and Sam. Best of luck to all of you on your journey to full Knighthood.

George Walston, FS
Newsletter Editor

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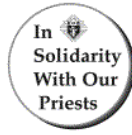


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Please wish a Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 11	 Abortion Kills the Innocent	1 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 2 Bingo 6pm	 3 <i>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	4	5
6  <i>Labor Day Picnic 6:30pm</i>	7  LABOR DAY	 8 <i>No Meeting Tonight</i>	 9 Bingo 6pm	 10 <i>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM KC Responsibility</i>	11  <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	12 <i>3rd Degree Exemplification D'Iberville</i>
13 <i>Silver Rose Celebration at St. Joseph 4:00pm</i>	14	 15 <i>* 1st Degree Exemplification and Business Meeting 6:30pm</i>	 16 Bingo 6pm	 17 <i>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM</i>	18	19  <i>Corporate Communion St Patrick 5pm</i>
20	21	 22 <i>4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm</i>	 23 Bingo 6pm	 24 <i>Adoration St Aloysius Chapel 12 Noon to 8PM East Mississippi Visitation 6pm</i>	25	26 <i>4th Degree Exemplification Hattiesburg</i>
27	28	 29 <i>Special Potluck Supper/ Program 6:30pm</i>	 30 Bingo 6pm	<i>* 1st Degree Exemplification if there are any candidates, otherwise meeting will begin at 7:30pm</i>	 <i>Please continue to pray the Rosary to end Abortion in our lifetime</i>	