



The Meridian Knight

April 2019



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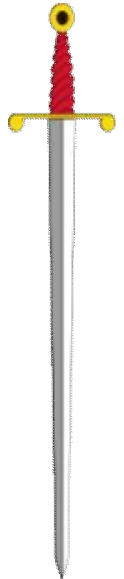
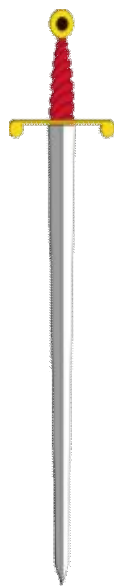
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam**



Where is the Lord Leading? (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18) This is what God does with Abram in this reading. Abram and his wife Sarai are childless. But they long for a son to carry on the family name. God takes Abram outside and says something strange. "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be." That's an amazing promise. Have you ever tried to count the stars in the night sky? They're countless. But God promises Abram that his descendants will be that numerous.

I'd like to propose one simple take-away. Each day, ask God: "Where are you leading me today?" Lent is a perfect time to do this, since it's a time to turn to the Lord in a deeper way. Every time we ask that question, we're making an act of faith in God. We don't know exactly where he's leading us. We don't know exactly what will happen today. In fact St. Philip Neri used to say "Lord, help me to get through today, and I won't worry about tomorrow." But when we ask God where he's leading us, we're handing our lives over to him.

There's a time of silence after we receive the Eucharist. We believe that we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. That's an invitation to speak with Christ. It's an invitation to tell Him what's on our hearts, and to ask Him: Lord, where are you leading me?" And like Abraham, we can begin to walk by faith, knowing that God is leading us home towards heaven.

Fr. Augustine

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



The bingo program is still going strong, even more so in these last couple of months, it's tax time, and this is the time of the year that our attendance grows considerably, this is one reason for extra help, especially the late night shift, everyone wants to hit the Jackpot.

Well we are finally getting some help. Welcome to Brother Knight Steve Slimp, who has been working the floor, and to Steve's lovely wife Cindy, who helps out in the kitchen and at the bar. Also, many thanks to Howard Turberville, who will also help out on the floor. Brother Tau Iosia has volunteered to be a back up caller when needed, and Gary Koca will start training at the front cashiers window at the end of this month. Many thanks to all of these new members for help in keeping the bingo program the success that it has become.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

And now, I will put on My Honor Guard hat for this month's article:

Sir Knights,

This month the Honor Guard have two important engagements, that they have been requested for, the first one is at Holy Cross church in Philadelphia for a First Communion Mass on April 7th. The Mass is at 10:30 AM. We will have a bus leaving the KC hall at 9:00 AM.

The second engagement is on Holy Thursday, April 18th at Saint Patrick. (Gethsemane Watch). We will meet at the Church at 6:30 PM, Mass is at 7:00. We will stand the watch at 15 minute intervals, until 10:00 PM. (Watch from 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM). Dress code is Old Regalia.

Bob Leo, Honor Guard Commander

Editor's Note: Please make note of the return to regular hours for our Thursday Adoration. We will now have Adoration from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 pm each Thursday. We are constantly needing volunteers to be back ups to our regularly scheduled people, so if you can spare at least one hour a month, please call Pam or George Walston

Thanks

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**Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



Brothers,

I pray your Lenten journey is going well and that each of us continue to strive toward achieving the goals and/or resolutions we have made. We have to remember Lent is not about giving up things, like chocolate or TV or movies or whatever. It is taking the time to prepare ourselves, to grow spiritually, to understand the great love God has for us, to understand the lengths He will go to show us His love, like the horrible death of His only Son. He wants us to become closer to Him. He wants each of us to understand how much He wants to be part of our lives. Easter is April 21st, so we all have about three weeks left to go in this process; now is the time to really make every effort to have a great Lent.

Good Friday Family Promotion

[Please join in our Council Corporate Communion at St. Patrick on Good Friday, April 19th at 7pm.](#) Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at Good Friday services remains low. One of our goals in this program will be for ALL Knights, together with our families, to set

the example for the Catholic Community of Meridian by attending Good Friday services in a Corporate Communion style setting.

April Color Corps Activities

We have a couple of planned events this month...

- **Sunday, April 7th**, we will provide an Honor Guard to Holy Cross in Philadelphia for Confirmation service. [Honor Guard members are asked to be at the hall no later than 9am.](#) SK Frank Washington has volunteered to drive the church bus which will depart from the hall at 9am.

- **April 18th** is Holy Thursday and we will provide an Honor Guard to St Patrick Church for the service and the Gethsemane Watch beginning at 7pm. [Honor Guard members are asked to be at the Parish Center no later than 6:30pm.](#)

New Color Corps Uniform

Our Color Corps was able to join together on the steps of St. Patrick last month to get a photograph commemorating our beloved regalia (see photographs below).

We are still looking at different options to help Color Corps members off-set the cost for the new uniform and hope to be able to do so for current members soon! As it stands, the intent for any new members that join will be to have them purchase their own uniform and, after a period of time where the member actively participates in Color Corps activities, we will consider options to reimburse a portion of the uniform costs for them as well.

The 4th Degree uniform website is live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at www.kofcuniform.com. Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail support@kofcuniform.com. Please try to have your uniform ordered and available for July 1st!!!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Father Augustine will be at our Assembly meeting on April 23rd which is the Tuesday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Father will lead us in discussions about Divine Mercy Sunday and its importance in our Church. As such, I'll be opening this meeting up to ALL Knights to allow for maximum participation. I ask all Knights who are able to attend to do so!

4th Degree Membership

If you are a 3rd Degree Knight, please consider joining the Patriotic Degree of our Order! Doing so gives you an opportunity to take your service to the Order one step further. Most significant to me, is the opportunity to be a member of our Honor Guard and honoring Knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss. If you would like to be a Sir Knight, please let me know and we will get an application submitted.

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

**Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



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Planning for May...

We will have a Family Crawfish Boil and cook out on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. We will begin the day at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8 am for morning Colors and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. The picnic will begin at the hall at 10am (food served at ~11am). If you have a crawfish cooking set-up and can help with the boil, please let me know!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Faithful Navigator & Family Program Director



ASSEMBLY COLOR CORPS

Front Row L-R: SK Richard Moody; SK Roland Stewart; SK Frank Polizzi, PFN; SK Reverend Augustine Palimattam; **Color Corp Commander** SK Bob Leo, PFN; SK Tom Zettler, PSD; SK Dave Viger, FN **Back Row L-R:** SK Frank Washington; SK Bob Connor; SK David Klutz; SK Larry Birzer; SK Frank Sharp; SK David Stevens; SK Dewayne Klutz. **Not Pictured:** SK Sal Moreno, PFN; SK Howard McCarty



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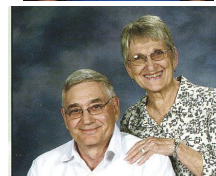
Congratulations to the Following Honorees



February Knight of the Month
Mouise Richards, PGK



February Family of the Month
John & Janice Kasper



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in December
John Bennett, PGK



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2018-2019
Frank Washington



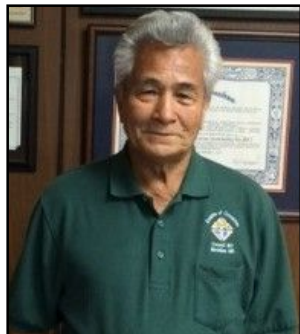
Council 802 Family of the Year
2018-2019
Frank & Carolyn Sharp



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2018-2019
Robert (Bob) Connor



**Dep Grand Knight
Sal Moreno/Acting
Faith Chairman**



I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter. This is what I know that will be taking place during the month of April

- Apr. 13 - - K of C sponsored breakfast for RCIA (Sat. at 09:00 AM). Help is needed.
- Apr. 13 - - Palm Sunday vigil mass St. Pat. 5:00 PM.
- Apr. 14 - - Palm Sunday Mass 08:00AM. St. Jo., 11:00 AM. St. Pat., 3:00 PM. St. Jo.
- Apr. 16 - - Chrism Mass 6:00 PM. St. Peter's Cathedral, Jackson, Ms.
- Apr. 18 - - Holy Thurs. Liturgy 7:00 PM. St. Pat.
- Apr. 19 - - Good Fri. Liturgy (no mass) 7:00 PM. St Pat.
- Apr. 20 - - Holy Sat. Easter Vigil 7:00 PM. St. Pat.
- Apr. 21 - - Easter Sunday 08:30 AM. St. Jo., 11:00 AM. St Pat., 3:00 PM. St. Jo.
- Apr. 28 - - K of C sponsored reception for first Communion (FLC) 11:00 AM. St. Pat. Help needed.

Thank you to those that help / participate during the Station of the Cross and in our Corporate Communion Mass.

Sal Moreno, DGK,
Program Director and acting Faith Program Director.

**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



On March 14th, we had our monthly visit to the Pines Rest Home, visiting the residents that are housed there. Each month we bring them snacks such as Twinkies, soft drinks and ice cream sandwiches. They are very glad to see us. Some of the residents don't get to see any one, at any time, except the organizations like us that visit them. This is why I keep asking for more Brother Knights to visit. Come and visit with us, it's an experience that you won't soon forget. Many thanks to Brothers Tom Zettler PSD, John Harwell GK, Larry Birzer, Frank Polizzi PGK, David Stephens, Eric Ross, and Dewayne Klutz. Hope to see y'all next Month.

Our next visit will be on April 25th. We will meet at 6:00 P.M. at the front doors to the residence. If you can make it bring another Brother Knight with you or bring a friend, he doesn't have to be a knight. So come on out and join us , and see what we do.

Bob Leo
Community Director

In Memoriam

In this month's Newsletter it is with great sadness our dearest friends, Janice (Jan) Kasper. Jan fought him for an eternity. Our condolences go out to Jan's and the rest of the Kasper family. Jan, you will be missed.



in our hearts that we report the loss of one of the good fight, but God wanted her to be with husband and our Brother Knight John Kasper

Janice Kasper
1/26/39—3/8/19

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

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

40 Days for Life Campaign continues through April 14th. We have reach the halfway point of this campaign. As I write this we know of 167 babies saved from abortion through your prayers! Please continue to read and pray the daily devotionals.

The Pro-Life Mississippi Banquet is on Thursday, April 11th at First Baptist Jackson. The keynote speaker is Abraham Hamilton III. He serves as General Counsel and Public Policy Analyst for the American Family Association. He also hosts “The Hamilton Corner” on American Family Radio’s “Urban Family Talk” program Monday through Friday at 5 pm CST. The VIP Meet-n-Greet will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY EASTER BLESSINGS to you and your family. The spirit of the risen Christ is celebrated in every blooming flower, in every beam of bright sunlight, in every humble patch of green beneath our feet.

The Apostle Paul understood the big picture when he said in Romans 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” This is our Hope and our victory. Let us rejoice in the opportunity to give that Hope to others in our path.

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

As an addendum to my report, I would like for you to have this very important additional news :

Governor Phil Bryant Signs Mississippi’s “Heartbeat Bill”

On Thursday, March 21, surrounded by many of the state senators and representatives who championed the legislation, Governor Phil Bryant signed into law Mississippi’s “Heartbeat” bill. Similar to a law passed earlier this month in Kentucky, the statute bans abortion once a baby’s heartbeat can be detected, about six weeks into the pregnancy.

President of Pro-Life Mississippi Laura Duran, who was present at the bill-signing, is hopeful that this law, certain to be challenged by pro-abortion advocates, will make its way to the Supreme Court. “The hope of pro-Life Mississippi is that the Supreme Court would be forced to review - and overturn - the unscientific and deadly 1973 Roe v Wade decision. To that end, we solicit the prayers of all our pro-life supporters.”

Currently, Mississippi law bans abortions after 20 weeks, when scientists acknowledge that the baby can feel pain. In the state’s only freestanding abortion facility, which does not meet the standards for an outpatient surgical center, abortions are prohibited after 16 week to safeguard the health of the mother.



**Youth
John Harwell**



Looking back at March, a couple of items of note included the Abbey Youth Fest in Covington, LA on March 23rd where ten of our Youth enjoyed a wonderful day of music, faith building, and fellowship with about 3,000 other Catholic teenagers. On March 24th, the St. Patrick School Irish Fest was held and was a great success with a big crowd of young kids and young at heart kids. I am proud to say that at least 18+ Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows and family members worked in various capacities to make the Fest a wonderful experience for all those that attended. On March 29th, the Youth led the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick Church.

Speaking of Stations, this year the attendance has been excellent at all of them and we have had even non-Catholics attending as well which is wonderful.

Upcoming in April, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Hall on Sunday, April 21st, starting at 1:00 PM. It is for kids 10 and under. All families in the Parish are invited. We will have hot dogs, chips and drinks and of course plenty of candy and goodies for the kids. As always, volunteers are needed and welcomed.

As Parish Youth Director, I thank the Council for your continued and unending support for our Catholic Youth. You are much appreciated.

John Harwell
Youth Director

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Looking back at March, I was glad to see a number of Knights and spouses and widows attend one of the Ash Wednesday Masses, attend the weekly downtown Lenten Services, attending the Thursday evening Bible Study on the Presence, taking a few minutes each day to pray the 40 Days for Life (the daily prayer is being posted on our Facebook page by Darrell Hover). It started on March 6th and will continue until the start of Holy Week. On March 9th, 8 Knights showed up and we had a work day at the Hall to place new ceiling tiles in the kitchen and the back storage room along with replacing some security light bulbs. For the second month in a row we adjusted our visit to the Pines on North Lakeland. It was on March 14th, and we had a good turnout of Knights. The KofC and the KPC led the Stations of the Cross on March 22nd at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph Church. Thank you to Sal Moreno and David Stephens for heading that up.

A couple of items of note upcoming in April include the downtown Lenten Services at St. Patrick on April 4th and First Christian Church on April 11th (both will start at 12 Noon), the RCIA Breakfast on

April 13th, we plan to have a First Degree on April 16th at about 6:45 PM (before the Regular Meeting that same evening), the Family Program/Corporate Communion at the Good Friday Service on April 19th and the Easter Egg Hunt at the KC Hall on April 21st. Also the State Convention will be in Jackson April 26th-28th and we look to have a good delegation from Council 802 there this year. That along with weekly Bingo where we always need help will keep us busy.

With that, I encourage all of you and your families to attend the special Masses/Services during Holy Week. As we continue our Lenten Journey, I hope you all will invite Christ into your hearts and allow the Joy of the Gospel to radiate in everything you do. May the Lord Bless You and always keep you in the Palm of His Hand. Happy Easter to all!!!

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

We had our Membership Drive Sunday, March 24th in conjunction with St. Patrick School's Irish Festival (very good festival). We were available to talk with potential applicants and give out applications, brochures, etc. Hopefully, the exposure will bear positive fruits in the near future. A Big Thank You to all who helped with the Membership Drive, especially, Tom Zettler (who manned the table from 12:00 till approximately 3:00), Dewayne Klutz, Dave Viger, Frank Sharp and me (David Stephens, who was there, but on standby)!

We have one applicant, Steve Huczel, scheduled for the next Exemplification on Tuesday, April 16th. Please plan to be there to help us welcome him officially to Council 802.

As always, we are *"in search of"* new members. "Membership is truly a team effort!" Let's Go Team!!!

Exemplifications in April:

Fourth (4th) Degree – Saturday, April 13th, 11:00am–7:00pm, St Alphonso, Ocean Springs

Formation (1st) Degree – Tuesday, April 16th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS

Brother Knights, Happy Resurrection!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

**Guest Writer
John Bennett, PFN**



On March the 9th @ 0800 a nice thing happened. Grand Knight John Harwell brought donuts to the K C Hall, made coffee, meant to feed hungry Knights that showed up to work. They came, just for the food. The purpose of this work day and or half day was to replace ceiling tiles damaged by rain prior to getting tiles replaced by another major project. Little job turned out to be Big Job. Several outdoor security lights were defective. Ladder work. Need workers under 60 years of age. Got em'.

Lest I forget, the KC Kitchen donated a surplus Bunn coffee maker to St. Joseph Church. I wish to thank the following for their time and efforts on this work project. They are; John Harwell GK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Bob Leo, PGK, Ed Shamp, Frank Washington, Frank Sharp, and Tau Iosia. These men spent a lot of energy replacing ceiling tiles in the kitchen and storage room. Nasty work. Even after the work the volunteers hung around to discuss more projects and future needs.

Thanks again guys. 28 to 30 man hours well spent.

John Bennett PGK
Building Committee Chairman

April Birthdays

2nd Terry Cranmore **10th** John Gomez **12th** David Newell, Jr. **14th** James Cranmore

15th Jack LeGuin, Jr. **19th** Mike Holcomb **21st** Jack Huntley **23rd** Jeff Mitchell

25th Joe Price **26th** Travis Huntley & Bob Stephenson **27th** Fr Joseph Reardon **30th** James (Mike) Lee

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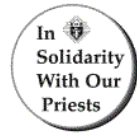
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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<p>Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 	1	2 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	3  6:00PM	4 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	 5 Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry at St. Joseph's 6:00 pm	6
7	8	9 <i>No Meeting Tonight</i>	10  6:00PM	11 <i>Pro Life Banquet in Jackson</i> <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM KofC 802 Responsibility</i>	 12 Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry at St. Patrick 6:00 pm	13 <i>RCIA Breakfast 9:00 AM</i> <i>4th Degree in Ocean Springs 11:00 til 7:00pm</i>
 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	15	16 <i>1st Degree 6:30 at KofC Hall if candidate(s) Meeting follows 7:30 PM</i>	17  6:00PM	18  <i>Services 7:00 PM Community Adoration 8:00 until 12 Midnight no regular Adoration</i>	 19 <i>Good Friday Services 7:00pm Corp Communion Family</i>	20  <i>Mass at 7:30pm Bring Something to Ring at the Alleluia</i>
 21 <i>Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 o'clock KC Hall</i>	22	23 <i>4th Degree meeting 7:30 All Degrees Fr. Augustine will be there to discuss Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	24  6:00PM	25 EMSH (The Pines) 6:00 pm <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	26 <i>State Convention Jackson Newsletter Deadline</i>	27 <i>State Convention Jackson</i>
 28 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday State Convention Jackson First Communion Reception 11:00</i>	29	30 <i>No Meeting Tonight</i>	<i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i> 	<i>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 9 of this newsletter</i> 		