



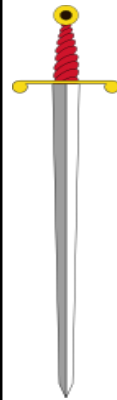
The Meridian Knight

April 2021



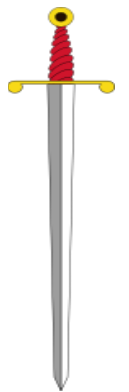
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The Main Principles of
 our Order are

Charity
 Unity
 Fraternity
 Patriotism



Newsletter Editor George Walston



We Thank You Lord for all that
 you give us freely

Scheduled Events in April

Masses: *St Patrick* - Saturdays 5pm , Sundays 11am and 3pm. The 3pm Mass is bilingual, Spanish and English. **Masks are Required.** Saturday 5:00 & Sunday 11:00 are streamed on The Catholic Community of Meridian Face Book Page.

St. Joseph - Sunday 8:30am **Must Reserve a seat for Mass. Call or Text Carol Dean at 318 780 6069. Masks are Required.** This Mass is not streamed on Face Book

Adoration returns to the regular time of 12 Noon to 6:00 PM in the Church.

Holy Week Services - Holy Thursday, April 1st - 7:00 PM
 (All of the Services will be at St. Patrick Church, with the exception of the 8:30 AM Mass Easter)
 Good Friday, April 2nd - 7:00 PM
 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, April 3rd - 7:00 PM
 Easter Sunday, April 4th at St. Patrick Church - 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM
 Easter Sunday, April 4th at St. Joseph Church, 8:30 AM (You must make reservations to attend)

Bingo - Stay tuned to this channel, things are changing. Decision pending!!!!

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



Holy Week

Holy means “set apart.” Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Find information and activities for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion - “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:9. In today’s Liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! “Hosanna!” they cried out.

“Hosanna in the Highest!” Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement.

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last

three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

Fr. Augustine, Chaplain

**Guest Columnist
Sr. Andre’
Burkhart**



NEWS FROM UP NORTH WITH LOVE!

Easter Reflection

Dear Brother Knights,

Here we are at the doorstep of Holy Week, Palm Sunday in all its glory, hosanna and bells ringing! It will be a lot simpler this year. No procession, pick your palm up after Mass. (*We still do not have the public back in our Chapel.*) I miss them. Then, the somber days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This year, Holy Thursday is more meaningful for us here at Oldenburg. We celebrate Eucharist on that day and the gift of priesthood. We received word last week that our chaplain will be leaving us on April 18. He is having his 80th birthday on March 31st and retiring on April 18th. So,

celebrating with him will be special to us. Because of Covid rules, Good Friday will be presided over by one of our Sisters, as well as Holy Saturday. You know how I will weep, inwardly, when I remember our beautiful and prayerful Easter Vigil services. Our Knights right beside us preparing meals and putting the people at ease. And, it was always a large group of people coming to a deeper faith. Can you tell, I long for the good old days in Meridian, when life was filled with love, hope, neighborly people and a Catholic Community of unity? I long for a long walk on Good Friday with all people of faith. Now, we are lucky to be able to witness the Stations on our TV station!

I know I sound like an old crabby lady but these memories have helped me to survive the pandemic days. It seems funny, the older I get the more I can't remember today but can recall things in Meridian, LOL. My invitation to you, Brother Knights, is NEVER give up HOPE. Things will get better, because we are loved and believe. Remember the song: I BELIEVE. Pull it up on the computer and let it be our prayer.

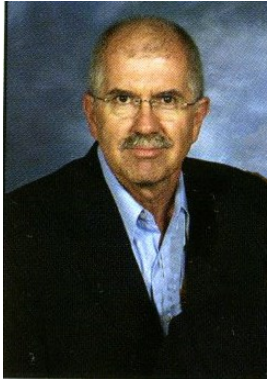
Happy and Blessed Easter season to each of you and your families. This old lady will be just fine! Remember: Some "BUNNY "loves you!

Sr.Andre’

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**Grand Knight
Bill Nix**



As spring gets into full swing, we enter the last quarter of our Fraternal Year. I hope that you all are getting vaccines as soon as you are able. The more vaccinated the less spread. We have all been WAY shack happy for more than a year now. The older folks are hoping to see family and go to church, and the young just want to go out. Stay safe, wear a mask, (the new fashion accessory), and try to maintain a little distance when outside of your bubble.

Last week we held a recruiting drive outside of church. Thank you Father Augustine for inviting us to speak at the end of Mass. The drive so far has given a net gain of three. One readmission, one online who has not yet declared for 802 and one Form 100 in hand. Brothers there is plenty of time before the meeting on April Sixth to get a few more.

At the end of April, two of us will attend the virtual State Convention as delegates. Keep in mind that we are hosting the state convention two years from now in 2023. There will be much to be done between now and then. It has been a long time since we hosted the convention. (The last time it was here it was at Howard Johnson's.) As this year progresses we will find out what has changed since the

HO-JO days and start to lock in the facilities that are at this point tentatively on hold.

At the April meeting we will have much to do. We must vote on the following: Family of the Month, Knight of the Month, Knight of the Quarter, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Please notify me if you have a nomination for any of these. Knowing we have nominations will help move the meeting along.

We also will need a nominations committee to prepare a slate of Officers for 2021-2022. How time flies.

Finally, there is still plenty of time to get your St. Patrick's School countdown tickets. (The Council has three.) If your budget does not allow a whole ticket find three friends and buy one as a group. St. Patrick's School 601 482-6004. Someone has to win and it could be you.

Have a Blessed Easter.

William J. Nix, Grand Knight

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



My fellow Bingo workers, I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy. I have received word from the State Gaming Commission that there has been a change in the guidelines that they have set down for the charitable Bingo Halls. Originally we were only allowed to have 50% of our building's capacity, open to our customers, with two (2) Bingo players at each table, this was a figure that we could not work with. That has changed. We are now allowed to have 75% of the building's capacity open to our customers. This is a figure that we may be able to work with to possibly start up our bingo program again.

The reason I say possibly, is because of the availability of our members and workers. I will be calling a meeting with key members of the council, which will be, GK Bill Nix (council), Ed Shamp and John Bennett (Kitchen), Frank Polizzi, and Roland Stewart. We will discuss at the meeting about the

availability of floor workers and kitchen and bar workers. Hopefully, we will get enough workers to be able to start bingo up again.

Thank you and be safe.

Bob Leo,
Bingo Chairman

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Our Spring 40 Days for Life ended on March 28th. Thank all of you who joined me in reading and praying the daily devotionals. As of the deadline for this newsletter, I have not received the final numbers of babies saved. I will try to get these numbers in the May newsletter.

The Pro-Life Mississippi Spring Banquet will be held Thursday, April 8th. Due to not having income, Grand Knight Bill Nix asked for donations to sponsor a table or two. We received enough donations for two tables that will seat six Knights. Thank you for your generous donations to this worthy cause. Please contact me if would like to attend this event.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His fa-

ther David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end". — Luke 1:30-33

Wishing all of you a very BLESSED month and a **HAPPY EASTER!** LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Dep Grand Knight
Bob Connor**



Thanks to all who worked the blood drive on March 26. WTOK-TV said it was a real success. Thanks, also, to Bill Nix, Bob Connor, Frank Polizzi and Larry Birzer who cleared a lot of brush and prickly vines on Saturday, March 20, at the KC Hall. It is amazing to see what nature can do all by itself if left alone for a few years. Happy Easter to all Knights and their families and friends.

Vivat Jesus!
Bob Connor,
Deputy Grand Knight



Happy Easter, He is Risen



Editor's Note: For the first time in many years and due to the Current prevailing winds, Council 802 will be unable to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Parish.



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Reaching for the Sky

Psalm 36:5 "Your loving kindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies."

Pro-Life Mississippi Spring Banquet & Silent Auction Thursday, April 8, 2021

at the New Trade Mart Building, High St., Jackson, MS

Underwriter levels ranging from
\$500 to \$10,000

Table Sponsor: \$200
(seats 6 to allow for social distancing)

Individual Tickets: \$35

Auction 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Banquet 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Seating is limited. Contact our
office to make your reservation
601-956-8636 ext. 1



Speaker: Sydna Massé

CEO & Founder, Ramah International, Inc. and internationally known for her initial work with Dr. James C. Dobson as Focus on the Family's Manager of Crisis Pregnancy Ministries (1991-1998)

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

**Faithful Navigator
David Stephens**



Greetings Brothers,

A BROTHERHOOD OF FAITH: “It is often said that the Knights have what men need. I believe it’s also true that the Knights are what men want. We are a community of purpose – a brotherhood of faith – and a force for good for the things that matter most. The Order was made for the moment we are in, as a Church, as a country, as families and as men.” *Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight.*

During the March Meeting, we selected our Sir Knight of the Year and Family of the year. Congratulations to SK Frank Washington who was selected as our Sir Knight of the Year and to SK John and Bridgett Harwell as our Assembly Family of the Year! Please congratulate them when the opportunity is presented.

Fourth Degree Exemplification in April:

I am not aware of any scheduled Exemplification scheduled as of this writing

During the month of April we have the following functions that I am aware of at this time:

Tuesday, April 27th, 7:30 p.m. – Virtual Business Meeting

Let’s continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251 the BEST it can be and, at the same time, stay safe from COVID -19! Please wear your mask, wash/sanitize your hands regularly, and practice safe distancing.

Personal Note: Made it through COVID Pneumonia and now recovering from a Retinal Detachment surgery. The first quarter of 2021 has been challenging, but thanks to God I am still moving about in faith. Thank you all so very much for the prayers, texts, calls, etc., during this bout with my eye. It is greatly appreciated!!

Vivat Jesus!

David Stephens
Faithful Navigator

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Happy Resurrection! The resurrection represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death, and the physical body. Hallelujah and Thank you, Lord!

With Fr. Augustine’s approval, we were able to host our Church Membership Drive during the month of March (weekend of March 20-21, after each Mass). We consider the drive to be successful, because we had one to apply for re-instatement, one applied for online membership, and one applied as a new member. In the meantime, should an opportunity present itself, tell a potential applicant about the Knights of Columbus and its Good Works of Charity/Love, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. A big thank you to the following brothers who helped with the Drive: Larry Birzer, Bob Connor, Charles Frazier, Mark Hampson, John Harwell, Gary Koca, Bill Nix, Joe Price and Frank Washington.

“BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE!*”

Now, through June 30th, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online

membership. *Online Membership only. Annual dues of \$30 will apply on your Membership Anniversary. Local council dues vary. To join – go to kofc.org.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, please refer them to “kofc.org – Become an Online Member for Free!”

Exemplifications in April:

I am not aware of any Exemplifications as of writing this report.

“Membership is truly a team effort!” As always, we are **“in search of”** new members. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens, Membership Director

**Youth
John Harwell**



On February 5th, as a part of Catholic Schools Week, the Knights of Columbus, Council 802, held our annual Free Throw Championship. The following students participated. Participants are listed first and champions are listed below in **bold**.

9 year old girls: Amariah Dunnigan, Helena Rutledge **Champion: Halle Smith**

10 year old girls: Danielle Bridges, Scarlett Cayer, Alana Frias, Audrey Lee, Myla Locke
Co-Champions: Gabrielle Powe, Shaniya Nave & Sara-Anne Chambliss

11 year old girls: Kennedy Frost, Laney Palmer, Harlee Sellers **Champion: Chelsea Allen**

12 year old girls: Elizabeth Crudup **Champion: Charli Robin**

9 year old boys: Mason Bonner, Ayden Everington, Jeremiah Mari, Aiden Palmer, Ayden Rush, Bryce Rush, Bryson Walk, Zy'Terrion Washington **Champion: Myles Spears**

10 year old boys: Brandon Prather, Ashton Stewart, Miles Whitman **Champion: Joseph Donkor**

11 year old boys: Bryson Jackson, Matthew Wilson **Champion: Gregory Henderson**

12 year old boys: Ellis Farmer **Champion: Emmanuel Donkor**

Special thanks to our Principal Mrs. Montse Frias who allowed the Free Throw championship to be held. Thank you to Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Palmer, and Cassandra Klutz (daughter of SK Dave Klutz) for their assistance in helping with registration and with other aspects of the event. There were multiple champions in several age groups because the challenge was conducted grade by grade and some of the same age kids are actually in different grades and there was no way to have playoff between those who had tied for first.

Thank you to Brother Knights Tom Zettler (Past State Deputy of Mississippi), Bill Nix (current Grand Knight of Council 802), Frank Washington, Frank Polizzi, PGK, who provided the music and special effects for the Free Throw Championship and John Harwell, PGK, who facilitated the actual event.

On March 12th, the students were presented with certificates and the champions also received a patch as well. A total of 35 students participated this year (18 boys and 17 girls). We look forward to next year's championship.

Upcoming on Friday, April 30th, we will conduct our annual Soccer Challenge at St. Patrick School from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM on the school playground. We are limited on how many Knights can actually help with the Challenge so if you are interested in helping, please email me or call me (601) 513-5456.

Regarding the Creative Contraptions Contest, after quite a bit of discussion, Mrs. Frias and I decided not to conduct it this year. It is a disappointment but the school calendar is very crowded between now and the end of May, and neither of us wanted to burden the students with anything additional. We will look to resume the contest in September after the next school year starts.

We will not have an Easter Egg Hunt this year. That is another event that we will hope to resume next spring.

John Harwell PGK
1 COR 12:4-7

April Birthdays

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

15th Jack Leguin, Jr. **19th** Mike Holcomb, Jr. **21st** Jack Huntley & Matheus Nieuwenhuizen **23rd** Jeff Mitchell

25th Joe Price **26th** Travis Huntley & Bob Stephenson **27th** Rev. Joseph Reardon **30th** Mike Lee

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



February Knight of the Month
Robert (Bob) Leo, PGK



February Family of the Month
Brent & Christi Gregory with
McKinley & Mary Lee



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in December
John Harwell



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2019-2020
Bob Connor



Council 802 Family of
the Year 2019-2020
Dr. Danny & Rory Santiago



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2020-2021
SK Frank Washington



Assembly 1251 Family
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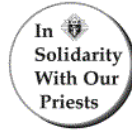




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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Abortion Kills the Innocent</p> 				<p>Holy 1 Thursday</p>  <p>Adoration for One Hour following end of Services</p>	<p>Good 2 Friday</p> 	<p>3</p> <p><i>Holy Saturday</i></p>  <p><i>Sabado Santo</i></p>
<p>Easter 4 Sunday</p> 	5	6	7	 8 <p>ProLife Banquet in Jackson</p> <p>Adoration 12:00 to 6:00 KofC</p>	9	10
11	12	13	14	 15 <p>Adoration 12:00 to 6:00</p>	16	17
18	19	20	21	 22 <p>Adoration 12:00 to 6:00</p>	23	24
25	26	27	28	 29 <p>Adoration 12:00 to 6:00</p>	30	<p>Virtual 4Th Degree Meeting 7:30</p>