



The Meridian Knight

December 2019



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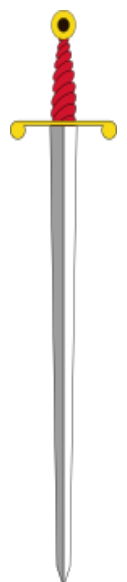
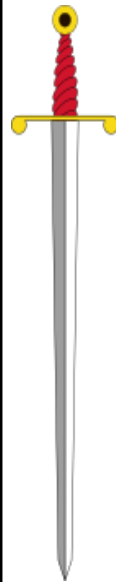
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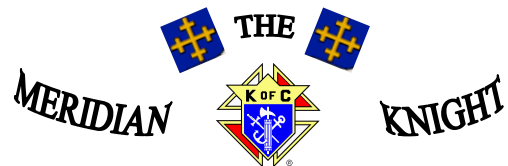
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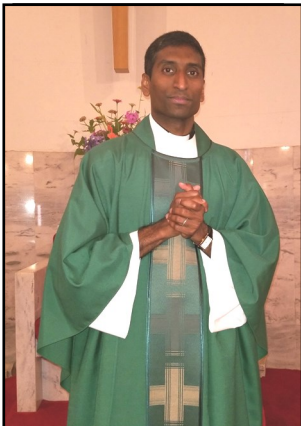


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



We Thank You Lord for all that
you give us freely

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam**



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Last weekend's Masses establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion. Masses also described the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

Fr. Augustine

**Dep Grand Knight
Bob Connor**



I want to wish every Knight of Council 802 and Assembly 1251 and their family a very Merry Christmas. As 2019 comes to a close I also want to thank all of the Knights and ladies for their participation in Council and Assembly activities. There are so many of you who do things that others are not aware of and believe me, it is greatly appreciated. As 2020 starts I urge all Knights to participate in Council and/or Assembly activities as much as they feel comfortable doing. All of us working together for the good of the Council and Assembly are such a positive thing. Jesus is looking down and saying "Good work, ladies and gentlemen. Keep it up".

Bob Connor,
Deputy Grand Knight

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

The abortion industry spent 2019 advocating for late-term abortion and infanticide. Our prayers are stronger. The 40 Days for Life numbers have been updated since my last report. During the just completed largest 40 Days for Life fall campaign some amazing results. With reports continuing to come in, we can now report 738 lives SAVED from abortion and 5 more workers QUIT their jobs after becoming pro-life.

Wishing all of you a very BLESSED and Merry Christmas.
God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Culture of Life

**See the Christmas Eve Family Sing Along of
Silent Night on page 7**

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**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program is still going strong, although, not as strong as I would like it to go. We're still making good money. I see a lot of new faces at the tables and this is a promising sign. I have been asked by a few customers if I think that the lottery will hurt our Bingo. My answer to them was that I don't think it will. Maybe, at the beginning, but once the novelty of it wears off I think we will be back to normal.

The time is approaching where we will be having to renew our license, so I will be handing out Personal Informational sheets to be filled out and notarized again. This needs to be done every three (3) years. I have no control over this. It needs to be done if we want to keep our Bingo program going. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

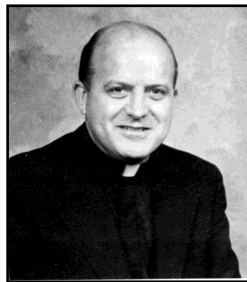
There will be no Bingo on December 25th of course. Rosalie and I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Joyous New Year.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

December Birthdays

4th Dr. Ivan Zamora **6th** Greg Crain **7th** David Stephens **15th** Steven HuczalDr. Luis Borrell
16th Dr Luis Borrell **19th** John Baranello **25th** Greg Stephens **26th** Steve Slimp
29th Patrick (PJ) Carter **30th** Jack Collins, Jr. & James Forbes

In Memoriam



Fr. Frank Corcoran
12/03/30 to 10/17/19



Marie Bailey
09/04/20 to 11/13/19

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we report the deaths of two of our Catholic Family. Fr. Frank Corcoran and Ms. Marie Bailey. Fr Frank was Pastor of St. Patrick from 1971 until sometime in 1976 and was Council 802's Chaplain during his time in Meridian. He was a strong supporter of the Cursillo Movement and was instrumental in getting several of us to attend. Marie, or Miss Marie as most of us called her, was a godsend to our council. Over the years, she supported our council, not only in a physical way, but also in a monetary one. We will miss both of these people immensely.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace. Amen

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



October Knight of the Month
John Harwell, PGK



October Family of the Month
Rory & Danny Santiago



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in September
Mark Hampson



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



Assembly 1251 Family
of the Year 2018-2019
John & Nelda Bennett



**Faithful Navigator
Family Director
David Viger, FN**



“Happy New Year!” The First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019, marks the beginning of the 2020 liturgical year. As this year begins, I want to emphasize my **“Thanks!”** to all the Knights and Ladies who dedicate their precious time to help others! We have about 35 Brother Knights and Ladies who we count on regularly and a handful, who I often think, we may sometimes rely on – “too much!” There is still much to be done, I pray for each of you and thank God we have such dedicated men in our Council!

“Welcome and Congratulations!” to the newest member of our Council, **Brother Knight Edwar Hernandez!** We welcomed Brother Edwar during an Admission Degree last month! As usual, the Degree Team, led by PSD Tom Zettler, did a wonderful job! Special thanks to DGK Bob Connor for taking the degree part of DGK on very short notice...he did an exceptional job!

“Congratulations!” to Brother Knight Danny Santiago and his wife, Rory, on their selection as our Family of the Month and to PGK John Harwell on his selection as Knight of the Month for October .

“Thank you!” to all who helped make our annual Deceased Members Mass and Flag

Retirement Ceremony a success. Please continue to keep our departed Brother Knights and those they left behind in your prayers.

“Thank you!” to PSD Tom Zettler for taking on the duties of our Faith Program Chairman!

Another **GREAT BIG “Thank you!”** to all the Brother Knights and Ladies who volunteer their time every week to help in making our **Bingo** program successful. **YOU** help us to raise **thousands of dollars every month** which we in-turn, donate to various worthy charitable causes!

Looking forward...

The Assembly Honor Guard will participate in the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**, Sunday, December 8th at 2:30pm at St Patrick Church.

Our **Council business meetings** will be held **December 3rd and 17th** There will **NOT** be an **Assembly business meeting** in December.

The **Assembly Christmas Party** will be, Saturday, January 11th at 6:30pm at Weidmann’s. Please RSVP with FN Dave Viger no later than December 27th.

Happy “Knighly Anniversary” to the following Knights!

- Richard W Brettnacher–28 years Dec 15th, Edward C Offenberger–28 years Dec 15th
- Daniel E Smith – 28 years Dec 15th William H Webster – 28 years Dec 15th
- Thomas R Carl – 26 years Dec 7th Fr. Jerry M Daniels – 26 years Dec 7th
- Wayne Griffin – 26 years Dec 7th, Jack R Huntley – 26 years Dec 7th Roland M Stewart – 26 years Dec 7th,
- Jon A Yarger – 26 years Dec 7th Salvador B Moreno – 6 years Dec 14th, Frank R Sharp – 6 years Dec 14th
- David D Sloan – 6 years Dec 14th, Shane M Brewer – 4 years Dec 15th

On behalf of Council 802, **“Thank You!”** for your service to the Order and to the Catholic Community!

Finally, I’m hopeful that we will have our new Pro Life Billboard sign (**pictured below**) in time for it to be displayed for the month of January. Special thanks to the **St. James Pro Life Billboard Initiative**, led by **Ms. Karen Rhodes** and to **Ms. Gina Mowdy** for making us aware of the initiative!



Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Chairman

**Parish Youth
Director
John Harwell**



Looking back on November we had a Dodgeball Challenge with the Youth from Holy Cross in PHL on November 17th in the FLC. Special thanks to BK Frank Polizzi PGK for providing the music/special effects for the event. All of the youth and the "young at heart" had a great time.

Council 802 helped sponsor three of our Youth who attended the Search Retreat in Gallman, MS the weekend of November 22-24. They were BK Edwar Hernandez, Kirstie Graves and Anthony Deviney (grandson of BK Dennis Deviney). The Council pays \$40 each (\$120 total) of the registration fee for each Searcher as a means to show support of our Catholic Youth. It is a life changing weekend so please take a moment, if you see one of the Youth above, to allow them share some of their experience with you.

Finally, we had our Soccer Challenge Awards Presentation at the St. Patrick School Assembly on Friday, November 22nd. The Summary is below:

The 2019 Soccer Challenge was held at St. Patrick School on October 24, 2019 and we had 28 participants this year (11 girls and 17 boys). Each participant attempted 15 penalty kicks with varying points awarded depending on their accuracy.

Special thanks to Coach Adrian Viger (wife of GK David Viger) who is indispensable to this event. Thank you to the following Brother Knights who volunteered their time to help: DGK Bob

Connor, Frank Sharp, Bob Leo PGK, Frank Washington, Roland Stewart and Frank Polizzi PGK.

The following students participated (Champions are listed in **BOLD**):

9-Year-Old (Girls): Chelsea Allen, Alana Frias, Kennedy Frost, **Audrey Lee**, Myla Locke, Shaniya Nave, Denise Quedado

10-Year-Old (Girls): Serenity Brown, **Elizabeth (Lizzy) Crudup**, Laney Palmer, **Harlee Sellers**

9-Year-Old (Boys): Collin Angerman, **Joseph Donkor**, Tytan Duong, Noah McCaffrey, Brandon Prather, Jackson Spitzkeith, Ashton Taylor, Bryson Walk, **Matthew Wilson**

10-Year-Old (Boys): **Emmanuel Donkor**, Christian Grace, Anthony Hopson, Bryson Jackson

11-Year-Old (Boys): **Ellis Farmer**, Braydon Harris

12-Year-Old (Boys): **Deontae Hopper**

Our overall high scorers for the challenge were Joseph Donkor and Matthew Wilson who each totaled 115 points.

Lastly, as always, a special thank you to our Principal Mrs. Frias who approves and gives her blessing for the Knights of Columbus to conduct the Soccer Challenge.

Congratulations to all of our participants this year. We thank you for participating.

Upcoming in December, we have a number of Youth related Activities/Programs including:

First Friday Devotional at 7:00 AM on December 6th at Hardees

St. Patrick School Candy Cane Dash December 7th at 8:00 AM

Parish Outreach on December 14th - 8:00 AM - FLC - we will bake cookies and deliver poinsettias out to our Parishioners.

KC EMSH visit on December 19th - 6:00 PM - The Pines on N Lakeland.

Christmas Caroling/Youth Mass on December 21st starting at 1:00 PM

Loves Kitchen Outreach on December 23rd - 10:45 AM -12:00 Noon

KC Santa/Elves visit to Anderson Hospital on December 24th - Meet at the KC Hall at 11:00 AM.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

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Membership
David Stephens

Brother Knights,

I trust you all had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Celebration. Also, I hope you had an opportunity to participate in some of the Veterans Day recognition activities.

Coming up this month is the most important, most celebrated, and most Blessed Birthday of the year, December 25th! This is recognized as the Birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. Brother Knights, let us lead the charge in honoring and recognizing this most Holy Day.

Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Knight, Brother Edwar Hernandez, who was made official Tuesday, November 19. He was pinned by his proposer, SK John Harwell, PGK, PFN. We have one month left in 2019 to see if we can locate more catholic men to join the KC's – it would be great to end the year with a positive recruitment month. "Membership is truly a team effort!"



Exemplifications in December:

1st (Admissions) Degree – Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m., KC Hall, Meridian

Thank you in advance for your continued support! Have a Very Merry Christmas and be Safe!!!

Fraternally,
David Stephens

Membership Director

Community
Bob Leo , PGK



On Thursday November 21st, we had our monthly visit to the pines rest home. We brought the residents soft drinks with snacks such as Twinkies, Jelly Rolls, and Ice Cream Sandwiches, which they seem to enjoy as much as we enjoy visiting with them. I would like to thank Brother Knights Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Eric Ross, and Larry Birzer. Thank you for your help, and I'm sure the residents appreciate you also. Our next visit will be on December 19th . At this visit, we will have a special guest with us (Santa). He will be bringing various gifts to give to the residents, and also we will be singing Christmas carols with the residents there. If you can make time please come on out and visit with us, we will meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Pines.

I and my Family wish you and your Family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bob Leo
Community Director

FAMILY SING ALONG ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Silent Night, Holy Night



*Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ our Savior is born,
Christ our Savior is born*

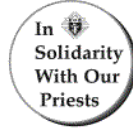
*Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  <i>Advent</i> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	2	 3 <u>Business Meeting</u> <u>7:30 PM</u>	 4  <u>Bingo 6pm</u>	5 <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 8PM</u>	6	7 Candy Cane Dash 8:00am
8 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration 2:30pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9  	 10 <u>No Meeting tonight</u>	 11  <u>Bingo 6pm</u>	12 The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 8PM</u> <u>Council 802 Responsibility</u>	13	14
15	16	 17 <u>6:30 pm KC Hall</u> <u>1st Degree if Candidate(s)</u> <u>Meeting Follows at 7:30</u>	18  <u>Bingo 6pm</u>	19 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</u> <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 8PM</u>	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve <i>Visit Children in Hospital 11:00 am</i> 	25  Merry Christmas	26 <u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 8PM</u>	27 <u>January Newsletter Deadline</u>	28
29	30	31 	January 1st 2020 	<u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 3</u> 	Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime 	 Abortion Kills the Innocent