



# The Meridian Knight

## February 2019



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The Main Principles of  
Our Order are

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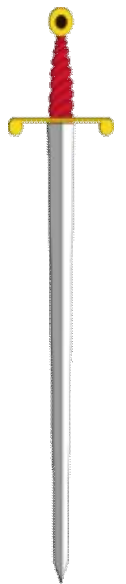
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THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



We Thank You Lord for all that  
you give us freely

**Chaplain**  
**Fr. Augustine**  
**Pallimattam**



**Baptism basically does 3 things for us:**

*It frees us from Original Sin. Original Sin means that we are born in a state of non friendship with God.*

*It restores us to that friendship. If we've committed any personal sins, God forgives those through baptism.*

*We become members of the Catholic Church and are able to receive the other sacraments.*

This means we are a new creation. We are in a new relationship with God. What kind of relationship? The gospel tells us that after Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and God the Father said to him: "You are my beloved son with you I am well pleased." Those words are addressed to all those who have been baptized. "You are my beloved son... You are my beloved daughter." God's name for us is "Beloved Son" or "Beloved Daughter." He is really present within our hearts in a new way. We have a new power to live in love. We have a new power to be the presence of Christ in the world. Baptism makes us a new creation. We are given a new life, and that changes everything. We are given a new relationship with God that gives new meaning to every moment of our lives.

**Youth Director**  
**John Harwell**



Looking back on January, we had a couple of fun youth events early in the month. On January 6th we had a nice group of kids travel to Starkville for the Kentucky-Mississippi State women's basketball game. Then on January 12th, BK's Charles Frazier, Father Augustine, Joe Price and I led a group of youth over to Carthage for day of Paintball. Although it rained, we had a great time.

On January 29th, we held our Council Free Throw competition at St. Patrick School as a part of Catholic Schools Week.

Upcoming in February, the Pinewood Derby will be held at Bonita Lakes Mall on February 16th. Our council has been one of the major sponsors for the Derby for decades. If you are available to help either on Friday evening (for set up) and/or Saturday morning, please let Frank Polizzi, PGK, or me know.

Finally, congratulations to Cassandra Klutz, daughter of BK Dave and Sandy Klutz and granddaughter of Dewayne Klutz on her selection as one of the Bishop Chanche honorees this year. She will be recognized at the ceremony on February 23rd at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson. I am very proud of Cassy as she is well deserving of this honor. It is also a great reflection on her parents and grandparents as well.

**February Birthdays**

- 1st** Frank Sharp **4th** Dolson (John) Rivers **6th** Fr. Jose' De Jesus Sanchez **7th** Ed Ivey **8th** Rick Berryhill **10th** Michael Dale
- 11th** Robert (Bob) Shields **12th** John Lamont **13th** Joe Semmes, Jr. ,PGK **17th** Derek Glicco **18th** CoryGriffin **19th** Orrin Bryant
- 20th** David Hammes & Roland Stewart **21st** Jerry Miller **22nd** George Walston & William Gorgas **23rd** Dr. Romeo Gomez
- 25th** Alfredo Luhrs & Howard McCarty **27th** Richard Moody **28th** Adam Ethridge & Fr Binh Nguyen

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**Faithful Navigator  
Family Director**



Brothers,

Congratulations to our GK John Harwell and his wife Bridget on their selection as our December Family of the Month!

Looking back on January, I'd like to thank all who helped in our fish fry fund raiser! We were able to raise \$458 to put toward new uniforms for Honor Guard members. We did get a few lessons learned, like should we have another fish fry down the road. Special thanks to: SK Frank Washington, Edna Blanks, SK Bob Leo (PFN), SK Roland Stewart, Ashton Stewart, SK John Bennett (PFN), Nelda Bennett, SK Frank Polizzi, Donna Polizzi, SK David Stephens, SK Bob Connor, SK Jake Forbes, our Brothers from the Knights of Peter Claver and Father Augustine!

The Assembly also enjoyed a wonderful evening when we joined together at Weidmann's for our annual Christmas party. A great time was had by all!

There are still squares available on the Assembly Super Bowl board. Squares cost \$20 each and the payout will be \$250 per quarter. Please let me know if you would like a square.

Looking ahead to February, we will take nominations and vote on SK of the Year and the Assembly Family of the Year at our meeting in February.

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.

**Vivat Jesus!**

Dave Viger

Faithful Navigator &

Family Program Director

**Community  
Bob Leo, PGK**



By the time you read this newsletter we will have already had our monthly visit to the Pines residents at EMSH again. We took them soft drinks, snacks, and ice cream. But most of all we took them us. I believe this is what they liked the most, and that is for us to sit and converse with them. They don't care about the subject, as long as we're talking to them.

Our visit in February will be on February 21st, instead of the 28th, and March is TBD, this is to allow the knights to attend the Adult Faith program at St. Patrick.

Another date to put on your to do list is February 3rd, as this is Super Bowl Sunday. The council has agreed to have a Super Bowl party. Kickoff is at 5:30, but we will gather around 5:00 PM. The council will provide the meat and drinks, but we ask that you bring a side dish or a favorite dessert. Please remember this date. This is open to Family, friends, guests, and significant others.

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

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



December Co-Knights of the Month  
Dewayne Klutz & Dr. Tom Welsh



December Family of the Month  
Bridget and John Harwell



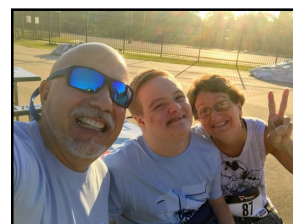
Knight of the Quarter  
Ending in December  
John Bennett, PGK



Council 802 Knight of the  
Year 2017-2018  
Ed Shamp



Council 802 Family of the Year  
2017-2018  
David, Patrick & Adrian Viger



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight  
of the Year 2017-2018  
Darrell Hover



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**Bingo  
Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program seems to be holding a steady course (As you sailors would say ) We are averaging 160-170 attendees, a session. As long as it holds this way we are doing OK. Where we're not doing OK, is in the help department. We just got a new Knight to help us out , and now he has to move soon. P.J. Carter and Howard McCarty are both recovering from knee surgery.

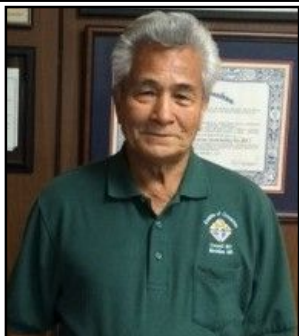
Rick Norman is recovering from being ill for 2 weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery. So you see this puts extra work on those that are left doing the selling of sheets and various other tasks that you do.

I am still looking for back-ups for the front window tellers position, for those of you that have leg or knee problems, this would be a good position for you. Anyone interested in learning this job please see Frank Polizzi or me.

We are also looking for back-up callers. If you are interested in this position, please contact anyone of the callers or Frank or me.

Bob Leo

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



February seems to be in contrast with the month of January in regards to activities. We had a handful this past month, Holy Rosary before every weekend mass in both St. Patrick and St. Joseph, our sponsored Holy Adoration and Marian Hour of Prayer Service just to name a few. Speaking of the Rosary, we needed more volunteers especially at 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph. A few of our brother knights had been double praying the rosary back to back so as to fill the gap of shortages.

We need to be united and join hands in order for any activity or program to succeed. Before I forget I would like to thank the following brother knights who helped and supported the Faith Program this past month : John Maloney,PGK, Tom Zettler,PSD, Larry Birzer, Bob Leo, PGK, Bob Connor, Roland Stewart, George Walston, Gary Koca, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Grand Knight John Harwell, David Viger, PGK, and to all those who manned our Adoration Program. No Faith

Program activity for the month of February that I am aware of, so, enjoy this short break but get ready for the coming of Holy Week. We have a few things lined up.

Sal Moreno  
Deputy Grand Knight/Acting Faith Chairman

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Greetings to all as the calendar turns from January to February. The afternoon daylight is noticeably longer while the sun is just starting to rise a bit earlier each morning.

January brought a number of programs and activities that included but were not limited to the Marion Hour of Prayer hosted by our Council on January 8th. The icon was later displayed in the St. Aloysius Chapel during Adoration and in the vestibule of St. Patrick Church during the weekend Masses on January 12th-13th. Special thanks to Sal Moreno and his wife Liberty for their work on making this a meaningful and spirit enriching experience for our Knights and families. The Knights and families were present during Adoration on January 10th. We led the Rosary before the weekend Masses at each church imploring Mary our Mother to continue being the advocate for Life at all stages from the womb to natural death. Several of our Brother Knights attended the Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil in Jackson on January 19th and the CPC fund raiser in Meridian on January 22nd to continue our long time support of Life. Several Brother Knights attended the Day of Reflection in Pearl on January 26th. Bingo resumed on January 2nd after we got a much needed Christmas break. Then, yours truly called B-2 as the 50th number during the Jackpot Coverall game on January 16th and the Hall erupted in cheers as one of our patrons yelled "Bingo" and won \$3,000.00. It made for an exciting climax to the evening and is great PR for our bingo

as well as lending integrity to our bingo program that on occasion someone does win a bigger jackpot.

Congratulations to Dewayne Klutz and Dr. Tom Welsh our Co-Knights of the Month for December. Congratulations to the Bridget-John Harwell Family on their selection as Family of the Month for December. Finally, our Knight of the Quarter goes to none other than Mr. Knight of Columbus himself, John Bennett PGK.

Speaking of John Bennett, special thanks to him for the hours that he devoted to overseeing our roof project from its beginning to its completion. By all accounts the new roof is already paying dividends as we have had numerous rain showers/storms with no leaks. So job well done John!!!!

February will start with a Super Bowl Party on the evening of February 3rd. The council will provide the meat and drinks and we ask that those coming bring a side dish/dessert in our traditional pot luck that we have done for decades. The festivities should crank up about 5:00 PM. In connection with the SB, the 4th Degree has a squares board. Each square costs \$20. Winners will win \$250 per quarter and the Assembly will use the proceeds towards helping members of the Honor Guard purchase their uniforms. Please be thinking about our selection of Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. We will accept nominations and vote on both during the meeting on February 19th. Other items of note: KC Adoration 12 Noon-7:00 PM on February 14th in the

St. Aloysius Chapel. We will move our EMSH Nursing Home visit for February to the 21st from the customary 4th Thursday of the month. It will still start at 6:00 PM. The date change is due to a "Presence Program for Adult Faith Formation" that will start on February 28th and will be from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center. BK Ken Woodward will lead this program which will consist of 4 sessions. The following three sessions will be March 7th, 21st and 28th. Mary Billups and Ken have collaborated to set the dates for this program to make it more available to Knights and of course our spouses. I strongly encourage all of you to make plans to attend this program to enrich ourselves on the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The St. Patrick School Countdown will be on Friday evening, February 22nd. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. Please support this fun annual event that is a very important fund raiser for the school. Last, while we have had some of our regulars out on medical leave, several Knights have helped fill the void by coming out and working Bingo as they have been able (Thank You). For you local Knights, one hour a month would be greatly appreciated. You do not have to commit to every Wednesday evening. For you younger Knights with small children, one or twice a month, if you can come out after your children are settled for the evening (8:30-10:00 PM) to help with the end of Bingo, it will be greatly appreciated. For others, just a little time to help goes a long way. The funds that we generate from Bingo go right back to our Parishes, our School, our Youth, our Community and our own Council programs. Our bingo is truly a charity bingo.

We are still in need of a Faith Chairman. Our Program Chairman, Sal Moreno has been temporarily filling this post but we need a permanent person to handle this important chairmanship. As I have mentioned previously, we have a dedicated number of BK's, spouses and widows who will help in any way but we just need a person to head this program up. Please pray about this and let me know if you are interested.

Thank you to all of our Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows and families who work very hard, often in the background and without fanfare to make our Council the best in MS. You are appreciated.

**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



**Brother Knights**

THANK YOU Tom Zettler and John Bennett for attending the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil in Jackson on January 19th. It was a cold and windy night. Thanks to John for riding with me as I really enjoyed the wisdom he shared. I am in hopes that next year we can get a larger group to travel with us to this prayerful event.

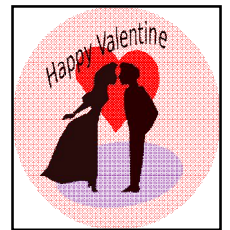
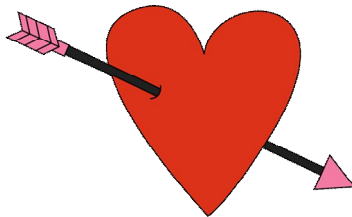
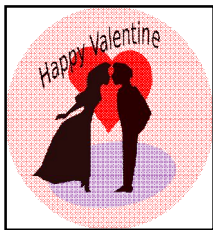
On January 22, several from our Catholic community attended the Sanctity of Life Community Gathering with guest speaker Tony Evans at the Evangel Temple. I was expecting a few hundred to be in attendance and was very surprised when I learned that nearly 3000 were in attendance. This event was organized by Mrs. Beth Sharp with the Center for Pregnancy Choices. Thank you brother knights for the donation you made to support the CPC and the work they do... saving babies.

Forty six (46) years ago, seven men who call themselves "supreme" silenced the voice of the American people, initiating the greatest human rights atrocity in U. S. history. The Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision dehumanized the unborn and led to 60 million children being killed by abortion since 1973. Despite 46 years of legalization, abortion is ending at the grassroots level. Not because of robed, ivory tower Supreme Court justices--but because families are living their pro-life convictions in communities across the country.

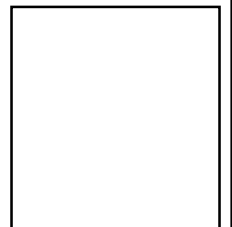
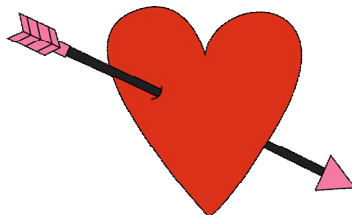
Our Spring 40 Days for Life begins on March 6<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 14<sup>th</sup>. I will be asking you to join me in prayer during the business meetings as well as the daily devotionals that will be posted on our Facebook page.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



*Don't forget to wish your Valentine a Happy Valentine's Day. And maybe give her a box of chocolates and/or flowers*



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

**Membership**  
**David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Happy Valentine's Day! Please consider this as your friendly reminder to recognize that beautiful sweetheart in your life on Valentine's Day. Also, Happy Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday")! Our local Brother Organization in Christ, the Knights of Peter Claver, is hosting a Mardi Gras Party for the Catholic Community on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00-10:00 p.m., at St. Joseph, Kehr Hall. Please consider this your personal invitation to come celebrate with your Catholic Brothers and Sisters. There will be plenty of food, beverages (including spirits), music, and competitive costumes – Note: No one under the age of 21 is permitted. The first Mardi Gras Party at St. Joseph was suggested by Sr. Andre Burkhardt. She actually put together the first Goody Basket for the Knights to raffle off (to help offset some of the cost of the free Mardi Gras Party). All KPC Brothers have raffle tickets to sell for a chance

to win the beautiful Goody Basket (\$1 each). Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our next Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree is Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 6:30, KC Hall. Although I am not aware of any applicants, as of this writing, we still have time to recruit prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Exemplifications in February:

- 4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth) Degree – Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Natchez
- 1<sup>st</sup> (Admissions) Degree – Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Meridian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) Degree – Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Biloxi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree – Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Ocean Springs

All you 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights, please contact GK John Harwell and let him know if you wish to be a candidate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree Exemplification listed above. Also, any of you 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree Knights, please contact FN Dave Viger and let him know if you wish to be a candidate for the 4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth) Degree Exemplification listed above.

As we look forward toward March – we will be planning our semiannual membership drive. If you have ideas or suggestions to help make it a successful one, please get with me!

As always, we are *"in search of"* membership applicants – No Applicants = No Growth!

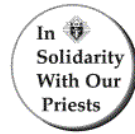
Thank you in advance for your continued support!



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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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| <p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b></p>  | <p>Please continue to say the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> | <p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 2 of this newsletter</u></p>  |   |  | 1  | 2  |
| <p>3</p>  <p>Super Bowl Party</p>          | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8  | 9  |
|  |   | <p>Business Meeting</p>   | <p>Forty (40) Days for Life Begins</p>  | <p>Adoration<br/>12 Noon to 7PM</p>  |  | <p>4th Degree Natchez<br/>11:30-5:30</p>   |
| 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15   | 16   |
|  |   | <p>No Meeting</p>   |  <p>6:00pm</p>                         |  <p>Happy Valentines Day<br/>Adoration</p> |  | <p>Pinewood Derby<br/>Bonita Lakes Mall<br/>Volunteers needed<br/>at 8:00 AM</p>                           |
| 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22   | 23   |
|  |   | <p>1st Degree 6:30 at KofC Hall if candidate(s)<br/>Meeting follows at 7:30 PM</p>  |  <p>6:00 pm</p>                        | <p>2nd Degree Biloxi 7PM<br/>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm<br/>Adoration</p>   | <p>St. Patrick School Drawdown<br/>Doors will open</p> | <p>Bishop Chanche Award - Going to St Patrick's own<br/>Cassandra Klutz<br/>Congratulations<br/>Cassie</p> |
| 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   |  |  |
| <p>3rd Degree Ocean Springs</p>  |   | <p>4th Degree meeting 7:30</p>  |                                        | <p>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM<br/>Adoration 12 Noon to 6:00PM</p>  |  |  |