



# The Meridian Knight

## February 2020



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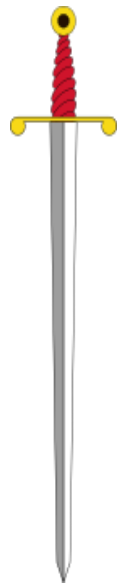
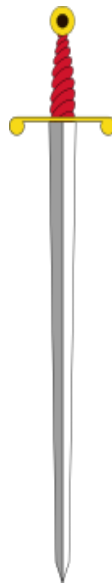
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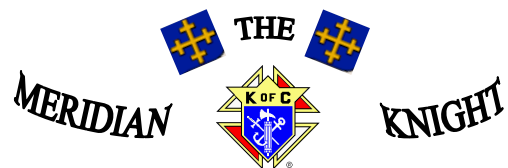
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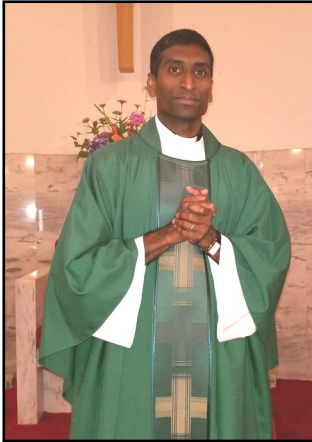


PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



We Thank You Lord for all that  
you give us freely

**Chaplain  
Fr. Augustine  
Pallimattam**



At the beginning of his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul gives an interesting description of what it means to be a Christian. He says he is writing to the Christians in Corinth who have joined the ranks of the Church, along with "all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- \* To call upon the name of Jesus Christ - this is the fundamental exercise, the essential exercise in our pursuit of holiness.
- \* We cannot become what God created us to be if we depend on our own strength alone.
- \* If we could do it ourselves, God would never have sent us a Savior.
- \* To call upon the name of Jesus Christ is to ask for help, to plug into God's grace - it means having a healthy prayer life.

Without a healthy prayer life, our souls are like gardens without water - the plants wither and shrink, no spiritual flowers blossom and no spiritual fruits ripen.

Fr. Augustine

**Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator  
David Viger**



Brothers,

**“Congratulations!”** to PGK Frank Polizzi and his wife, Donna, on their selection as our Family of the Month and to DGK Bob Connor on his selection as Knight of the Month for December 2019. Bob was also recognized as our Knight of the Quarter for the months covering Oct-Dec 2019!

**“Thank you!”** to all who helped in providing breakfast to the youth group from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux as they were returning from the National March for Life Rally held in Washington DC. **“Special Thanks to BK Roland Stewart!”** for coordinating the event. It was a true inspiration to see so many youth involved in this event! **(See pictures on Page 4).**

**“Thank you!”** to those who attended the Pro-Life Vigils in Jackson and Philadelphia and to those who led us in Praying the Rosary before weekend Masses during the month of January (Respect Life Month)!

**“Thank you!”** to BK Charles Frazier and the staff at Weidmann’s who provided an

EXCELLENT meal and GREAT service during our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party!

Looking forward...

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** is shaping up to be a busy day for many... Bishop Kopacz will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph (8:30am) and at St. Patrick (11:00am). The **KofC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard will provide honors for the Bishop during the 11am Mass** and then there will be a lunch in the St. Patrick Family Life Center.

Later that evening, our **KofC Super Bowl Party** will kick off at **5pm at the Hall!** **Everyone who attends is asked to bring a covered dish or hors d’oeuvres to share.** Adrian and I are planning to bring some venison chilly and bacon wrapped venison bites! There are still plenty of squares left on the Super Bowl Board (\$5.00 per square). Come on out and watch the game on our new 65” TV!

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm, Mass will be celebrated at the hall.** Following Mass, we will have a **“Burning of Palms”** with the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday! And...we will have a meal! Everyone is asked to bring any Palms that you have from previous Palm Sunday Mass’ and bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share! The main course (chicken spaghetti) will be provided by the Council!

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**Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator  
David Viger**



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Our **Council business meetings** will be held **February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** and our **Assembly business meeting** will be **February 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Happy "Knighly Anniversary" to following Knights!**

- Fr. Joseph D. Reardon – 41 years Feb 1st , Joseph D. Hollern – 26 years Feb 8th
- Fr. Joseph S. Macek – 26 years Feb 8th, James A. Romano – 15 years Feb 26th
- Daniel B. Pittman – 14 years Feb 21st, Stephen R. Slimp – 14 years Feb 21st
- John E. Ivey – 13 years Feb 24th, Encarnacion Mayo Osorio – 13 years Feb 24th
- Michael G. Cummings – 12 years Feb 28th, Russell N. Huntley – 12 years Feb 28th
- David D. Klutz – 12 years Feb 28th, Carl D. Schultz – 12 years Feb 28th
- Andrew Freyaldenhoven – 9 years Feb 8th

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

**Vivat Jesus!**

Dave Viger  
Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator

**In Memoriam**



Mittie Woods  
07/25/29 - 01/26/20



Dot Yochim Gleason  
01/02/25 - 01/03/20

Mittie was the widow of BK Lewis Woods. Lewis died several years ago. She was an avid fan of our Wednesday night Bingo. Dot was a widow to, not one, but two of our deceased members; A. R. Yochim and David Gleason. Before her health deteriorated, she was somewhat active in our council, especially when her second husband, David Gleason, was an active member of Council 802.

*May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in Peace*

*Amen*

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**Youth Group from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux hosted by Council 802 for breakfast  
on their return from the National March for Life Rally**



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

**Faith**  
**Tom Zettler, PSD**



Let me first thank all of the Brother Knights who led the rosary before the weekend Masses in January. It is appreciated. We will have a Corporate Communion on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick. All Knights and their family members are invited to sit together in the left forward part of the church.

In addition, mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a "palm burning" ceremony at the KC home with a Mass and pot-luck dinner afterwards. More information will be forthcoming.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tom Zettler  
Faith Chairman

**Community**  
**Bob Leo, PGK**



We held our monthly visit to the Pines Rest Home on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, bringing the residents such goodies as snack cakes, soft drinks, ice cream, and most important of all good cheer. Each month when we visit the residents housed there, as soon as we walk in the front door we are greeted with a very warm welcome. Then we start preparing all the snacks to give to the residents. At one time we weren't allowed to hand out the snacks to the individuals, a nurse or attendant had to do it due to the different requirements of the individuals needs, but they sort of relaxed the rules somewhat, and we only need a nurse's supervision as we hand out the snacks.

Our member numbers who come and visit the residents with me seem to be climbing. I wish to thank Brother Knights Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Polizzi, PGK, David Stephens, and Eric Ross. Our next visit will be on Thursday, February, 27<sup>th</sup>. Please, if you can spare one hour with your Brother Knights to visit, please join us. We meet each 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6:00 P.M. at the front door of the Pines Rest Home.

Bob Leo

**Bingo**  
**Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program is still bringing in new customers. We see new faces each Wednesday although the new crowds seem to be a little noisier than our regular customers. In time if they continue to come to our bingo sessions, they will quiet down when they get use to playing.

I would like to thank the ladies that work the snack bar for expanding their services to selling the popcorn and candy out on the floor. Great job ladies. A big Thank you to Brother Mark Hampson for taking over the position as a bingo caller. Mark, congratulations on your new position, and GOOD LUCK!!

Bob Leo

**Editor's Note: During the Months of February and March, Adoration will close at 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM in order to allow attendance at Brother Knight Ken Woodward's Presentation of "Mary: Unveiling Scripture & Tradition", which starts at 6:15 in the Parish Center. I'm sure Ken would appreciate as much support as you can give him in this endeavor.**

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



# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



December Knight of the Month

**Bob Connor**



December Family of the Month

**Frank & Donna Polizzi**



Knight of the Quarter

Ending in December

**Bob Connor**



Council 802 Knight of the

Year 2018 - 2019

**Frank Washington**



Council 802 Family of the Year

2018 - 2019

**Carolyn & Frank Sharp**



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight

of the Year 2018 - 2019

**Bob Connor**



Assembly 1251 Family

of the Year 2018-2019

**John & Nelda Bennett**



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**Youth  
John Harwell**



Looking back on January, school cranked up for all our students at St. Patrick. We had our Youth Devotional at Hardee's on January 10th where the youth were treated to a biscuit, shared some fellowship and had a short prayer to start their School day off right.

Our Youth Mass at St. Patrick was on the 18th with the music being led by Cassandra Klutz and the youth choir. All of our youth were outstanding in their liturgical duties.

By the time you read this newsletter, our Council Free Throw Championship will have occurred on January 28th. We will have a report in the March issue.

Upcoming in February, we will have a Youth Fun Night on February 9th in the FLC. The DCYC will be in Vicksburg February 14-16. We have 8 youth attending this year. Please pray for them to have a faith filled weekend.

On February 22nd, BK Edwar Hernandez will be honored as one the Bishop Chanche Youth

Recipients this year at St. Peter's in Jackson. Congratulations Edwar!!!

Finally, the Confirmation Retreat will be at Lake Forest Ranch, February 29-March 1. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they move towards receiving the Sacrament. As always, I thank the Council for your strong support of our Catholic Youth and School.

John Harwell PGK  
Parish Youth Director

**Dep Grand Knight  
Bob Connor**



February will be a busy month. In addition to Bingo and Adoration, we have a lot of other events taking place. On Sunday, February 2, Bishop Kopaz will say the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. After the 11:00 Mass, there will be a luncheon in the St. Patrick Family Life Center. Fourth Degree Honor Guard will be participating. Then the Super Bowl on Sunday afternoon. On Friday evening, February 21, St. Patrick School will have their annual drawdown in the Family Life Center. Be sure and buy tickets either at the school or from someone who is selling tickets (my wife Rosemary is selling). There will also be a silent auction of many items. Tom Zettler always makes it a fun event. Do come and have fun and support the school. Ash Wednesday is February 26 and we all know what comes just before that. As always, thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Bob Connor  
Deputy Grand Knight

## 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 **16th** Mark Hampson **17th** Derek Glicco  
**18th** Cory Griffin **20th** David Hammes & Roland Stewart **21st** Jerry Miller  
**22nd** George Walston & William Gorgas **23rd** Dr. Romeo Gomez  
**25th** Alfredo Luhers & Howard McCarty **27th** Richard Moody **28th** Adam Ethridge & Fr Binh Nguyen

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**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



**Brother Knights**

THANK YOU to Rose Schultz, Frank Sharp, and John Bennett, PGK, for riding with me and attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil in Jackson on January 18th. **(See Picture Below)** It was a lot of rain on the way over, but it did let up when it was time to go outside and light the candles. God is good. I am in hopes that next year we can get a larger group to travel with us to this prayerful event.

THANK YOU Tom Zettler for attending the Pregnancy & Family Resource Center Prayer Vigil in Philadelphia this year. This gave Knights of Columbus Council 802 a presence in two locations this year.

Thank you David Viger and John Bennett for making arrangements for our new pro-life

billboard to be on display during the month of January. Highway 19 has a lot of traffic and this new billboard brings much needed awareness to our goal to “CHOOSE LIFE”.

Pro-Life Mississippi reported the good accomplished just this past year from volunteers that ministered to many people in front of the abortion facility. As a result, 53 women have verified that their babies were saved from abortion.

Thank you Roland Stewart for organizing breakfast for the 47th annual March for Life group from South Louisiana. Four buses arrived at the Family Life Center on Saturday morning January 25<sup>th</sup>. Following Mass a delicious breakfast was served to approximately 200 March for Lifers that were returning from the Washington D.C. Thank you to the HOST of VOLUNTEERS that prepared the Family Life Center, prepared breakfast and then cleaned up following the event. You made our guest feel welcomed and none of this would be possible without your love for our Catholic Community. Bless you! **(See pictures on page 4 of this Newsletter)**

Speaking of March for Life, President Donald Trump made the first in-person presidential appearance at the annual event in its 47-year history. At the 47th annual March for Life he spoke for just over 13 minutes to an enthusiastic crowd gathered on the National Mall.

The President began by calling it a “profound honor” to attend, saying, “We’re here for a very simple reason: to defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential. For 47 years, Americans of all backgrounds have traveled from across the country to stand for life, and today, as President of the United States, I am truly proud to stand with you”. He further stated “Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God”. “Together we must protect, cherish and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life”.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



Left to Right: Rose Schultz, Darrell Hover,  
Frank Sharp, John Bennett, PGK

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**Membership  
David Stephens**

Brother Knights,

Happy Valentine's Day! Be advised that this special day is coming up February 14<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget 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, are hosting a Mardi Gras Party for the Catholic Community on Saturday, February 22 from 6:00-10:00 p.m., at St. Joseph, Kehrer 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 – No one under the age of 21 is permitted. Note: 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 hosting 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 will be greatly appreciated.



**NOTICE: It is my understanding that due to recent changes at the National Level; we will not be conducting any more 1<sup>st</sup> (Admissions) Degree or 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) Degree Exemplifications.**

Exemplifications in February:

4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth) Degree – Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Holy Savior Catholic Church, Clinton  
No more 1<sup>st</sup> (Admissions) Degree or 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) Degree Exemplifications Hosted by Council 802, Meridian

All of you who are 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) members that are interested in participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification listed above, please contact FN Dave Viger and let him know of your interest.

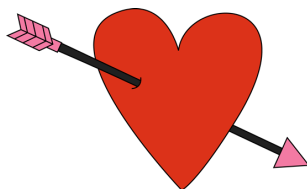
As we look forward toward March – we will be planning our semiannual membership drive. If you have ideas or suggestions to help make it a successful one, please let me know.

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

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
David Stephens,  
Membership Director



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



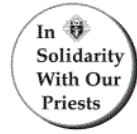
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b></p> 	<p>Please continue to pray 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 5 of this newsletter</u></p> 		<p><u>Your attention is directed to the time change for Adoration during February. Closing will be 6:00 PM Not 7:00 PM</u></p> <p><u>This change will go thru March</u></p>		1
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<p>Lunch at the FLC after 11:00 Mass</p> <p>Super Bowl Party 5:00pm at the KC Hall w/Potluck</p>		 <p>Business Meeting 7:30pm</p>	 <p>6:00 PM</p>	<p>Adoration 12 Noon to 6PM</p>		<p>4th Degree Clinton 11:00 AM til 6:30 PM</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Youth Fun Night</p> <p>Family Life Center</p>		<p>No Meeting tonight</p>	 <p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Adoration 12 Noon to 6PM</p> <p>KC Responsibility</p>	 <p>Happy Valentines Day</p>	<p>Corporate Communion 5:00 Mass at St. Patrick</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		 <p>Business Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	 <p>6:00 pm</p>	<p>Adoration 12 Noon to 6PM</p>	<p>St. Patrick School Drawdown</p> <p>Doors will open at 6:30pm</p> <p>Adults only</p>	<p>Mardi Gras Party St. Joseph</p> <p>6:00 PM Kehrer Hall</p> <p>No Children Please</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p><u>Mass and Potluck at the KC Hall with the burning of palms.</u></p> <p><u>6:00 pm</u></p>	<p>4th Degree meeting 7:30</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p>   <p>6:00pm</p>	<p>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm</p> <p>Adoration 12 Noon to 6PM</p>		<p>Confirmation Retreat Lake Forest Ranch Begins Today</p> <p>Ends Tomorrow</p>