



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *January 2019*

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*The Main Principles of  
Our Order are*

*Charity*

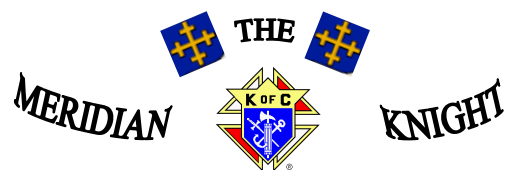
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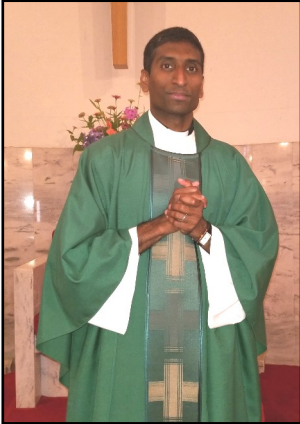
*George Walston*



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



**Chaplain  
Fr. Augustine  
Pallimattam**



2018 is almost over. 2019 is here. As we stand here in the beginning of a New Year, it is a good time to reflect on the year that is ending and look forward into the year that is soon to begin. It is also a good time for God's people to take inventory of their walk with the Lord. We should take a very close look at where we are in our relationship with Him. We need to examine ourselves and see where we have been, where we are and where the Lord wants us to be. It is also important for us as Christians to, not carry with us all the burdens of hurt feelings, offenses, grudges, etc.... We enter into this New Year with new decisions to amend our life to become a better person. We are supposed to let go of the past and start off new. We are supposed to forgive all those who have hurt you and be open to new relationships, with open arms. That is why it is called the 'New' Year. May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations into your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with joy and happiness.

Father Augustine Palimattam

**Dep Grand Knight  
Sal Moreno**



Here is wishing you all a "Happy and Prosperous New Year". Thank you to all who continuously helped and supported our Faith in Action programs and activities. Please continue and make this one of your New Year's Resolutions. There are a few reports that we are required and or recommended to submit between now and the end of the Fraternal Year ( June 2019 ). So, as a friendly reminder – please have your activity report to me as soon as possible, if you haven't done it already.

We just had our Corporate Communion a few days before Christmas, thanks for participating and a big Thank You to Tom "Z", PSD for setting up the banner in church. Our next and upcoming activities are:

1. Marian Hour of Prayer service which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday January 6th, at 6:00PM at the KC hall (pending GK's approval ). The icon will be in our council from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Rosary before every weekend mass at both St. Patrick and St. Joseph churches during the month of January. Please volunteer to lead the Rosary at one or more of these masses.

Have a Blessed New Year.

Sal Moreno DGK / Program Director  
Acting Faith program director

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**Faith  
(Vacant)**

*Imagine your  
picture here in next  
month's Newsletter*

*We need a volunteer for this position. Please pray about it and talk to  
John Harwell or Sal Moreno*

**Bingo  
Bob Leo, PGK**



I trust that everyone had a Merry and Joyous Christmas Holiday, I know I did.

Well, our bingo program is still going strong. I wish I could say that for our helpers. P.J Carter is in the hospital with knee surgery, as well as Howard Mc Carty, and our prayers go out to these Brother Knights for a speedy recovery.

So as you can see we will be working shorthanded for awhile, and even if we do get some volunteers, they need to go through a background check before they can work the floor. But, I think I can get around that with the help of our gaming commission agent, Jason. He said he will work with us on that, as long as the paper work is filled out. If you know of a brother Knight that would like to help out bring him with you to the next bingo session.

One problem that rears its ugly head from time to time, is when there is a dispute between the bingo caller and the customer, regarding a winning sheet/sheets, the worker inserts his comments between the callers and the customers disagreement, all this does is add confusion to the problem at

hand, so, let the bingo caller and the customer work it out themselves, if they cannot then I will be the deciding factor, but please, don't interfere with the caller and customer trying to solve the problem.

I want to wish everyone of our Bingo workers, callers, cashiers, snack bar help, kitchen help and popcorn chef a Very Happy and Joyous New Year!!.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager

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



## Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**November Knight of the Month**  
**Frank Sharp**



**November Family of the Month**  
**Rory & Danny Santiago**



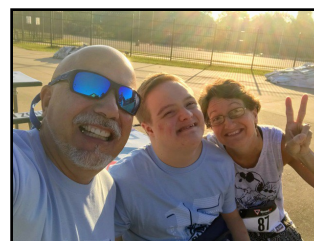
**Knight of the Quarter**  
**July, August, September**  
**Frank Washington**



**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**



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



Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very joyous and Christ filled Christmas!

Congratulations to the Santiago family for being selected as our November Family of the Month! Danny and Rory are very active in our Catholic Community, serving as a model for Catholic Family values. We appreciate all they do!

Assembly 1251 Honor Guard participated in a celebration Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadeloupe at St. Joseph's on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who participated in the Honor Guard: CCC/PFN Bob Leo; PSD Tom Zettler; PFN Frank Polizzi; PFN Sal Moreno; SK Bob Connor; SK Roland Stewart; SK David Stephens; SK Richard Moody; SK Frank Washington and SK Larry Birzer.

On December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, we joined together in Consecration to the Holy Family during Mass, praying the prayer Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, composed to help

families live out the joy of Christ. We consecrated ourselves under the protection of the Holy Family in this prayer, asking for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. For those who missed the consecration, I invite you to take time in prayer to consciously choose to be a beacon of God's love through his Church with this prayer:

**O Lord Jesus, You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.**

*We entrust our family to you.*

**O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.**

*We entrust our family to you.*

**O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.**

*We entrust our family to you.*

**Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.**

**Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.**

**Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.  
May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Faithful Navigator & Family Program Director

*Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests*



**Faithful  
Navigator**



**Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Andrew Culpepper, United States Marine Corps!**

2<sup>nd</sup> LT Andrew Culpepper, grandson of PFN John Kasper and wife, Janice, was commissioned in the United States Marine Corp during a ceremony held at the KC Hall on December 8, 2018. The photos below are of the “first salute” given by PFN John Kasper (Retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer) and of 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Culpepper presenting him with a traditional “silver dollar” for rendering the salute.



Pictured above is the 1st Salute given by John Kasper, MCPO (rtd) to his grandson 2nd Lt Culpepper



Pictured above is the presentation of the Traditional “Silver Dollar” in return for the rendering of the salute by his grandfather

**Youth Director**



Back on November 29th, we held our Council Soccer Challenge. Some 30 youth from St. Patrick School participated (15 girls/15 boys). Special thanks to Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Washington, Adrian Viger and Celeste Saucier for their help and support during the actual event.

On December 19th, we had an awards ceremony during the School Assembly. Additional thanks to Tom Zettler, PSD, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Frank Sharp and Frank Washington for being a part of the ceremony. Congratulations to the following winners:

9 Year Old Girls - Shaniya Nave; Boys Collin Angerman

10 Year Old Girls - Star Dillard/Macarena Frias

10 Year Old Boys Emanuel Donkor/Fredy Ramirez/Alden Slutz

11 Year Old Girls - Raven Smith –Boys Daren Locke

12 Year Old Girls - Kahlen Henderson; Boys - Robert McNeil III

On December 24th, Santa and his elves made their way to Anderson Hospital to visit the children who were in the hospital. Fortunately, there was only one child actually in the hospital when we arrived. Santa did give a stuffed animal to him. We then visited the ICU/Emergency Room waiting areas and gave out stuffed animals to children who were in those areas along with several who we met in the hallways. First a big thank you to my wife Bridget, who prepared the chili and baked a delicious homemade from scratch chocolate cake that we enjoyed at the KC Hall before going to the Hospital. The following joined Santa Bob Leo, PGK as his elves: David Sloan, Father Augustine, Hannah Grace Hannington, Emily Hannington, Edwar Hernandez, Serena Sanders, Waylon Sanders, Lorelai Mesecher, Damon Mesecher and John Harwell. As it has been for over 40 years, it was a meaningful and fun experience for those who went.

John Harwell  
Youth Director



**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



Happy New Year Greetings to all,

I hope that you all had a Blessed Christmas and that your hearts were once again renewed with the Holy Spirit and the celebration of the Birth of Christ created a new excitement in your faith life that will carry forward in 2019.

Looking back at December (which is always busy), a number of Knights, spouses, widows and families volunteered and/or participated in the St. Patrick School Candy Cane 5K Dash on December 1st. We had our Soccer Challenge awards presentation on December 19th at St. Patrick School (full report will be in the Youth column). We had a nice group (Santa Bob Leo, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Dewayne Klutz, Dr. Tom Welsh (who brought his guitar and led us in the music), Frank Polizzi, PGK, Jennifer Mesecher and her children, Bryant, Lorelai, Ali and Ellie) that brought some Christmas Cheer to the EMSH nursing home (the Pines on N Lakeland) on December 20th. On December 22nd, a number of Knights and their families celebrated Corporate Communion at St. Patrick Church. On December 24th, our annual Christmas Eve visit to the children at Anderson Hospital occurred. Again, we had a nice group of elves who accompanied Santa to the hospital. (See full report in the Youth Column). We got a much needed break from Bingo on the 26th (yaay). On the 29th and 30th, the Knights sponsored the

Consecration of our own families to the Holy Family after each of the weekend Masses. For those of you who were in town around the 22nd-25th, we were able to welcome back Father Matt, who was in town for a few days and assisted Father Augustine with several of the Liturgies. It was great to see him while he was here. Finally, we assisted a number of individuals/families with gifts of either scrip or money to help them during the Christmas season in their time of need.

Congratulations to Frank Sharp, our Knight of the Month for November and the Danny and Rory Santiago Family (who were also selected by the Supreme Council) our Family of the Month for November.

Looking to January, we will not have a meeting on January 1st. Our first meeting of the New Year will be January 15th at 7:30 PM. The Rosary will be led before each of the weekend Masses. We will host a Marion Hour of Prayer (date to be determined), the Pro-Life Vigil will be in Jackson on the 19th, Day of Reflection on January 26th in Pearl, our Council Free Throw Competition will be in late January (date to be determined). This along with Bingo getting cranked back up will keep us busy. Please check the calendar for any other activities/events/programs that I have not mentioned above.

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 worked very hard, often in the background and without fanfare to make our Council the best in MS. You are appreciated.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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## January Birthdays

**1st** John Killen, III & Dr. Ramon Luina **2nd** Derek Zuchowski **5th** Taupule (Tau) Iosia  
**7th** Kent Bowen, Jr. **11th** Eric Ross **12th** Justin Bates **14th** Richard (Rick) Harris  
**15th** David Jeter & Frank Polizzi **16th** John McCaskill & Manny Routt **20th** John Harwell,  
Mike Lee, & Tyler Oakes **22nd** Robert Butkus **24th** Ed Thomas **25th** Rufus McCarra  
**26th** Edward (Tripp) Ward III **31st** Gary Dove & Carroll (Pete) Nause



**Culture of Life**  
**Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights,

**Church on the Sidewalk** at the LAST Abortion facility located at North State St. & Fondren Pl. Sunday, January 13th - 3 P. M. Monday - Friday January 14th – 18th - 7:00 - 7:30 A. M. each day.

**Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil:** On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil will be held at the State Capitol Building First Floor Rotunda, 400 High St, Jackson, MS. The vigil will start at 6 pm and will last about one hour. This event takes about 5-6 hours of your time including the ride to Jackson and back, plus we normally grab a bite to eat afterwards. Please make an effort to join us for this reverent event.

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

**ORIGINS:** On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U. S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

“How far you go in life depends on being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong, because someday in life you will have been all of these.” George Washington Carver

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year. God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Culture of Life

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



Here's wishing everyone had a very joyous and blessed Christmas holiday.

On December 20th we visited the resident at the Pines, we had with us a very special guest to come and help make our visit even more enjoyable' it was that jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. when Santa arrived, the residents were overjoyed to see him, Santa greeted each and everyone that he came in contact with.

Each resident was given a gift, from Santa, it being a baseball cap, a pair of socks, a Rosary, a religious medal or a calendar, each gift was greatly appreciated, and enjoyed. Santa then went to each individual room and handed out gifts to the residents that were bed ridden. through out all of this, Brothers Frank Polizzi, and Tom Walsh led our group of troubadours, through a medley of Christmas carols with Tom Walsh on the guitar, and Frank Polizzi leading the Carolers. During all of the merriment other Brother Knights and guests were preparing the snacks, soft drinks and ice cream sandwiches. All in all everyone had an enjoyable visit.

Oh, I almost forgot, we had another very special guest, none other than our Pastor Fr. Augustine, a special thank you to Fr. Augustine for coming out and joining us on the visitation. Also, many thanks to Brother Knights, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Tom Zetler, PSD, Dewayne Klutz, Tom Welsh, David Stephens, and our Grand Knight John Harwell, and his guests. I didn't get their names, but many thanks to them also.

Our next visit to the EMSH Pines Rest home will be on January, 24th, we will meet at the Pines at 6:00 P.M. all are invited to come and share in the enjoyment that we, who go receive. May you have a Very Happy and Joyous New Year for you and your families from me and mine.

Bob Leo



**Membership  
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

First of all, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year – May 2019 be filled with nothing but happy blessings for you and your family. As some of you know, we had a brother knight, Samuel Scott, to transfer his membership to our council at the December meeting. Brother Scott has been in the area for about a year living in the Clarke County area. Welcome to Msgr. John J. Burns, Council 802! I remain excitedly optimistic that we will have new applicants during the month of January 2019. “Membership is truly a team effort!”

**Exemplifications in January:**

- Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree – Saturday, January 5th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; Laurel, MS
- Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree – Saturday, January 5th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; Laurel, MS
- Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. ; KC Hall, Meridian, MS
- Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree – Saturday, January 26th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 6:00 Mass – Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Olive Branch, MS.

All you 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, please contact GK John Harwell and/or Faithful Navigator, David Viger (for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree) and let them know if you wish to be a candidate for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications listed above.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify John Harwell and/or David Viger of your intentions.

As always, we are *“in search of”* new members. Seek out those who you believe might be interested and qualified, then plant a seed...

Thank you in advance for your support!

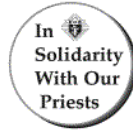
Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
David T. Stephens,  
Membership Director





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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><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7</u></p> 	 <p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent-</b></p>	<p>1</p>  <p><b>Happy New Year</b></p> <p>No Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Formation/ Knighthood degree in Laurel 11:00am</p> <p>Rosary Before 5pm Mass</p>
<p>6</p> <p>?? Marian Hour of Prayer KC Hall 6pm ??</p> <p>Rosary Before 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph &amp; 11:00 Mass at St Patrick</p>	<p>7</p>	 <p>8</p> <p>No Meeting Tonight</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Bingo 6pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><u>Adoration</u> <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u> KC Responsibility</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rosary Before 5pm Mass</p> <p>4th Degree Party Weidmann's</p>
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