



The Meridian Knight

January 2020



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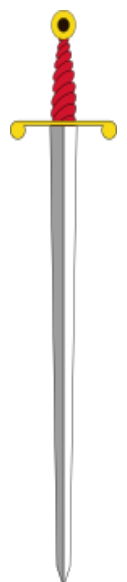
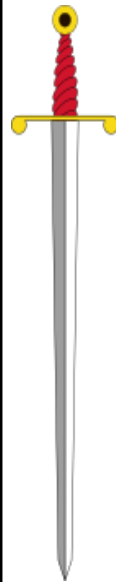
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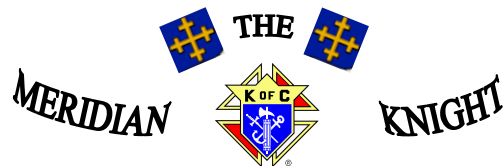
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THE KNIGHTS
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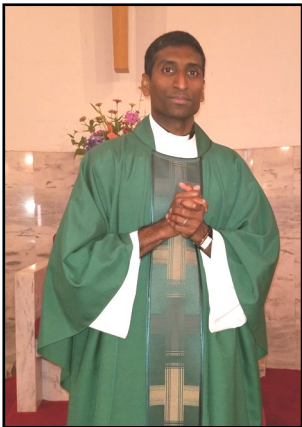


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam**



“No matter what the ruin of any life may be there is always a place to start. There is a place where you must begin. You need to apologize to someone. You need to go to somebody and straighten something out. You need to stop some practice that is wrong. You need to open yourself up to counsel. You need to seek advice. You need to get some guidance. There is always a first step. That is where you must begin. And whatever you pray, pray that God will give you the grace, the strength and the determination to take that step. Then, the process of recovery has begun.” ~ **Ray C. Stedman**

The New Year is a time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Now I’ve met a few self-made men and women and so have you, but so often these people seem proud, self-centered and driven. There is another way: beginning to trust in God’s help. One secret from the Apostle Paul: “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength,” he said. (Phil 4:13) And God’s strength saw him through pain, joy, and accomplishment.

I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I hope your plans will be fulfilled as you desired with the blessing of God and the protection of the Virgin Mary. Happy New Year

Father Augustine

**Faithful Navigator
Grand Knight
David Viger**



Brothers,

I hope each of you had a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas! December was a busy month, filled with service, for many of us and, as usual, I would like to start with congratulating and thanking some folks:

“**Congratulations!**” to PGK John Bennett and his wife, Nelda, on their selection as our Family of the Month and to BK David Stephens on his selection as Knight of the Month for November 2019.

“**Thank you!**” to PGK Bob Leo, who availed himself as Santa during numerous events throughout the month, bringing smiles to the faces of children and adults and joy to their hearts.

“**Thank you!**” to the Sir Knights of our Assembly Honor Guard who participated in the Our Lady of Guadeloupe Celebration!

Looking forward...

January is March for Life month! We will lead the Rosary before all weekend Masses during the month of January. PSD Tom Zettler has a sign-up sheet and there are still a couple of spots that

need to be filled. Please contact Tom if you can help! January 22, 2020, will mark the 47th Anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the United States for the entire nine months of pregnancy. Six prayer vigils are being held across the state, asking God's forgiveness for allowing this grave injustice, and mourning the 60+ million babies "legally" killed by abortion since the court ruling. Additional information on the vigils can be found on the web at: http://www.prolifemississippi.org/Pages/CANDLELIGHT_VIGIL_EVENT_PAGE.html

Our **Assembly Christmas Party** will be **Saturday, January 11th** at **Weidmann’s Restaurant** beginning at **6:30pm**. The deadline to RSVP for the party has passed, however; if you would like to attend and did not RSVP yet, please contact me as soon as possible.

The **Central Mid-Winter Meeting** will be hosted by **Holy Savior, Council 7854 in Clinton, Sunday, January 12, 2019**. Mass will be at 10:30am, lunch at noon and **the meeting itself from 12:30-4:30 pm**. All Council Officers and Program Directors are invited and encouraged to attend. Among other topics, changes to our ceremonials will be presented at the meeting. Our State Deputy’s article in the Magnolia Knight indicates that the First, Second and Third Degree are being combined into one ~thirty minute ceremony that will be open to family members. More to follow...

Our **Council business meetings** will be held **January 7th & 21st** and our **Assembly business meeting** will be **January 28th**. Finally, be on the lookout for our new Pro Life Billboard sign which should be up on the billboard at the hall soon! In closing, Adrian, Patrick and I wish you and your family a New Year filled with Happiness and Blessings!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger,
Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator

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**Faithful Navigator
Grand Knight
David Viger**



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Happy "Knighthood Anniversary" to following Knights!

Joseph P Caskey – 58 years Jan 30th, Thomas E Welsh – 37 years Jan 1st
Terrence E Cranmore – 37 years Jan 14th, David C Newell – 36 years Jan 31st
Andrew L Polizzi – 20 years Jan 11th, Taupule Iosia – 11 years Jan 18th
Fr. Nicholas Adam – 10 years Jan 24th, Thomas Brewster – 10 years Jan 24th
Christopher W Foster – 10 years Jan 24th, David R Jeter – 9 years Jan 11th
James A Romano – 9 years Jan 11th

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

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Grand Knight

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Pro-Life Mississippi Candlelight Prayer Vigil: The annual Candlelight Prayer Vigil sponsored by Pastors for Life Mississippi and PLM will be held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol located at 400 High St. on Saturday, January 18th, at 6 pm. The vigil 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.

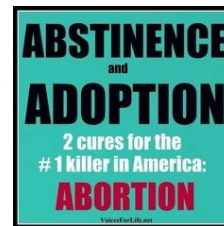
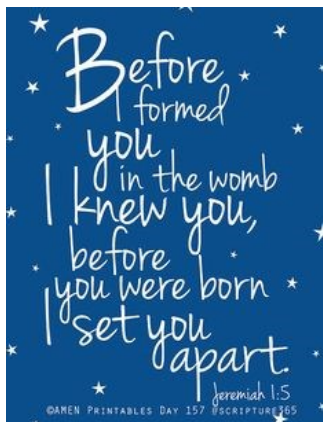
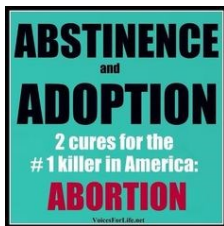
The Pregnancy & Family Resource Center is sponsoring its annual prayer vigil in Philadelphia, MS, at 7 pm on Saturday, January 18th, at the Pregnancy & Family Resource Center, 913 Valley View Drive. The local contact person is Jay Murphy at 662-773-4108 or jmurphy@taylorbigred.com.

January 22, 2020, will mark the 47th Anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court

decision which legalized abortion in the United States for the entire nine months of pregnancy. The Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade has been designated as National Sanctity of Life Sunday by every Republican President since Ronald Reagan issued the first presidential proclamation on January 13, 1984. This year Sanctity of Life Sunday will be celebrated January 19, 2020. Pray for an end to abortion.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



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

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



I hope you all enjoyed your two (2) week vacation, I know I and my family did, but unfortunately like all good things, it has come to an end. (Someone has to pay the bills). One very important thing I must ask you to do is this; I gave each one of you a personal history form to fill out and have notarized. Please get these forms back to me as soon as you can, if you haven't done so already. The State Gaming agent needs these as soon as possible, so he can complete his back ground checks. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. Remember bingo starts back up on Wednesday, January, 8th 2020, bags are put out on each Tuesday night at 6:30 and your help is needed to put bags out.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

**Community
Bob Leo , PGK**



On December 19th we had our monthly visit to the Pines Rest Home (EMSH.) We took them the usual snacks, such as soft drinks, jellyrolls, and ice cream sandwiches. On this visit we had a special guest join us. You guessed it, Santa Claus. Santa visited with the residents for the upcoming Christmas holiday.

He brought many gifts, which included hats for the men, and socks for the ladies and men. He also gave out 2020 Calendars, hand carved prayer crosses, (thanks to Gary Koca) and many, other gifts.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights who came out to help Santa with his visit to the residents at the Pines Home.

Our next visit to the Home will be on January, 23rd. We'll meet at the Pines Home at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome to come out and join us.

Bob Leo
Community Director

January Birthdays

1st John Killen, III & Dr. Ramon Luina **2nd** Derek Zuchowski **3rd** Fr. Cerino Bargola **5th** Tau Iosia

7th Kent Bowen, Jr. **11th** Eric Ross **12th** Justin Bates **14th** Richard Harris **15th** David Jeter & Frank Polizzi, PGK

16th John McCaskill & Randolph (Manny) Routt **20th** John Harwell, Mike Lee, & Tyler Oakes

22nd Robert Butkus **24th** Ed Thomas **25th** Rufus McCarra **26th** Tripp Ward, III **31st** Gary Dove & Pete Nause, Jr.



From the Editor:
*Pam and I wish for
all of you a Blessed,
Happy and Prosperous
2020*



Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**November Knight of the Month
David Stephens**



**November Family of the Month
John & Nelda Bennett**



**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**



**Parish Youth
Director
John Harwell**



Looking back at December, our Catholic Youth were involved in a number of Service/Outreach Programs during the month. Some of those included: St. Patrick School Candy Cane 5K/One Mile Fun Run on December 7th where some 200+ runners participated this year and this event has become Meridian's premier Christmas themed run and I am proud of the strong support Council 802 has given to it both financially and in manpower.

On December 14th, the following youth baked cookies, wrote cards and then delivered those items with poinsettias to our Catholic Parishioners and friends at 8 different Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Centers around Meridian: bk Edwar Hernandez, Alec McIwain, Anthony Deviney, Brianna Riordan, Jackson Munn, Bella Waguespack and Ashton Taylor.

On December 21st, the following youth sang Christmas Carols at the Oakes and Bedford Nursing Homes: Alexandria Greer, Mai'Dallion Leggett, Chris Rangel, Mauricio Espiño, Bella Waguespack, Tyler Williams and we were led by our song leader Mrs. Sarah Pogue who played the guitar.

On December 23rd, the following youth served lunch and worked in the pantry at Love's Kitchen: BK Edwar Hernandez, Kirstie Graves, Alec McIwain and Anthony Deviney (grandson of BK Dennis Deviney). As I was out of town attending a funeral, I would like to thank Edna Blanks and BK Frank

Washington for serving as chaperones during this outreach. Also thank you to Edna's son Omoro Hampton for helping as well.

Closing out our Christmas Youth programs on December 24th, Santa made his annual trek to Anderson Hospital where he and his elves delivered stuffed animals to one child who was in-patient and numerous children that we met in the hallways and waiting areas. We also made a stop by BK Ed Thomas's room and sang three Christmas Carols to him. Special thanks to my wife Bridget Harwell who prepared a delicious crockpot of chili that we enjoyed at the KC Hall before going to the hospital. Thank you to the following Knights who gave some of their time for this most worthy program:

Bob (Santa Claus) Leo PGK, Frank Polizzi PGK, Roland Stewart, David Sloan, Mark Hampson and our Youth, BK Edwar Hernandez, Megan Heggie, Alec McIwain and Ashton Taylor. A final thank you to Anderson Marketing Director Ann Weddington and her daughter Bailey who met us and accompanied us around the hospital during our visit.

Later that same afternoon the annual Children's/Youth Christmas Mass was held at St. Patrick Church and again the Youth of our Catholic Community were excellent across the board in all of their liturgical duties/responsibilities. Special thanks to Sister Marilyn, Adrian Viger (wife of GK David Viger), Trish Frazier (wife of BK Charles Frazier), Wayne McInnis, Sarah Pogue, Cindy Waguespack, BK Manny Routt, Kirstie Graves and an extra special thank you to Cassandra Klutz (daughter of BK Dave & Sandy Klutz) who is our Youth Choir leader and selected all of the music for the Mass and worked very hard very preparing the choir.

Upcoming in January, our Council Free Throw Competition will be held in the FLC on January 28th as a part of the Catholic Schools Week festivities. It will be after lunch with a tentative start time of 1:00 PM. As soon as that is firmed up, I will let you know at our meeting on January 7th.

As we close out 2019, I offer my heartfelt thanks to my Brother Knights for the strong support that Council 802 gives to our Catholic Youth and St. Patrick School. It is appreciated.

John Harwell PGK
Parish Youth Director
1 COR 12:4-7

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<http://www.kofc802.org>

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year! Also, be reminded that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated Monday, January 20th this year. It is a Federal Holiday America honors the birth, life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Over recent years MLK Day is increasingly seen to be a 'Day of Service' where Americans are encouraged to volunteer to help others less fortunate than themselves. May 2020 be filled with happy blessings for you and your family.

I remain excitedly optimistic that we will have new applicants during the month of January. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

Exemplifications in January:

1st (Admissions) Degree – Tuesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm, KC Hall, Meridian
4th Degree – Saturday, January 25th, 10:00 am Queen of Peace, Olive Branch

All 1st and 3rd Degree Knights, please contact GK/FN David Viger and let him know if you wish to be a candidate for the 1st or 4th Degree Exemplifications listed above.

Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify 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!
David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

**Dep Grand Knight
Bob Connor**



I wish all Knights, their wives and families the best for 2020. Don't forget - 4th Degree Dinner at Weidmann's on Saturday, January 11th. Some of you may remember Father Anthony Quyet. He is currently the rector at the Cathedral in Jackson. He is retiring on Sunday, January 12th, and will be living at St. Therese in south Jackson and helping out wherever and whenever needed.

Thanks to those Knights and their wives who helped with the Christmas Dinner at St. Patrick. It was a great success and the food was delicious. I have to admit that it has been nice having two weeks off from Bingo, but back to work on January 8. I cannot say it enough, but thanks to all of you who contribute your time to making the Council and the Assembly a success. May it continue in the new year.

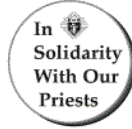
Bob Connor,
Deputy Grand Knight



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<p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 3</u></p> 	<p>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime</p> 	<p>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</p> 	<p>1 Happy  New Year! No Bingo Tonight</p>	<p>2 <u>No Adoration Today</u></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p> 7 <u>Business Meeting 7:30 PM</u></p>	<p> 8  Bingo 6pm</p>	<p> 9 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM Council 802 Responsibility</u></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 4th Degree Assembly 1251 Party 6:30PM at Weidmann's</p>
<p>12 <u>Mid-Winter Meeting Holy Savior Clinton</u></p>	<p>13</p>	<p> 14 <u>No Meeting Tonight</u></p>	<p>15  Bingo 6pm</p>	<p> 16 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <u>ProLife Prayer Vigil Capitol Rotunda 6:00pm/ Philadelphia Vigil 7:00pm</u></p>
<p>19 <u>Sanctity of Life Sunday</u></p>	<p>20 <u>Martin Luther King Day</u></p>	<p> 21 <u>6:30 pm KC Hall 1st Degree if Candidate(s) Meeting Follows at 7:30</u></p>	<p>22  Bingo 6pm</p>	<p> 23 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 pm Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <u>4th Degree Exemplification Olive Branch 10:00 AM</u></p>
<p>26 <u>February Newsletter Deadline</u></p>	<p>27</p>	<p> 28 Free Throw Competition FLC 1:00pm 4th Degree Meeting KC Hall</p>	<p>29  Bingo 6pm</p>	<p> 30 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 8PM</u></p>	<p>31</p>	<p> Abortion Kills the Innocent</p>