



The Meridian Knight

July 2019



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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

Charity

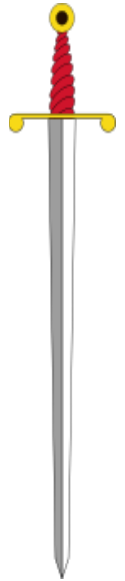
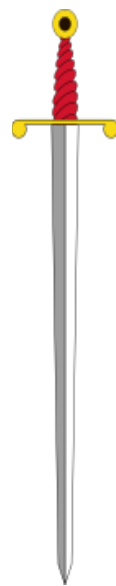
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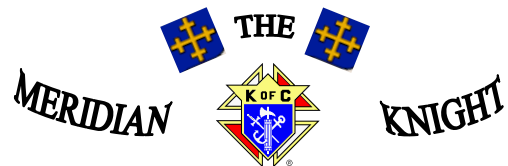
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THE KNIGHTS
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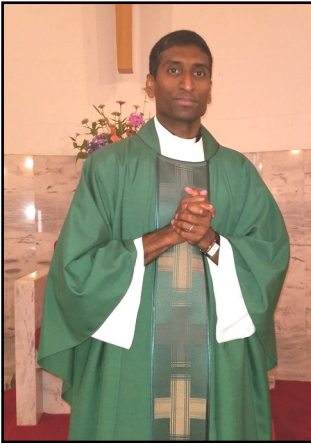


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine**



When Bad Things Happen to Unsuspecting People — Luke 13: 1-9

The passage refers to two events that were probably familiar to ancient audiences. The details, however, have been lost to time, for Luke is our only source of information about these tragedies. The grisly mention of Pilate's mingling the blood of Galileans with their sacrifices appears to refer to a massacre of a group of Galilean pilgrims in Jerusalem. The narrative does not reveal why Pilate slaughtered these people, but the deed nevertheless corresponds with what other historical writings tell about Pilate's penchant for brutality. Perhaps Jesus refers to a tower in the wall around Jerusalem when he speaks of "the tower of Siloam." Apparently a structure collapsed without warning and crushed eighteen hapless Jerusalemites.

Jesus wants to talk about repentance. The need for repentance is a universal condition, shared by random victims and finger-crossing survivors. When Jesus says, twice, "unless you repent you will all perish" like the others did, he does not promise that the godless will be struck by an asteroid. He refers to death in an eschatological sense, a destruction of one's soul (read Luke 9:24; Luke 17:33). He emphasizes the suddenness with which this death comes. Just as Pilate's and the tower's victims

did not enjoy the luxury of choosing the time of their demise, likewise the unrepentant will suddenly find they have delayed too long and lost themselves.

Fr. Augustine

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Well, last week we had a wonderful surprise. Liberty and Sal Moreno returned to help out at bingo. Liberty stated that she was bored staying at home and wanted some freedom!! Well, what better way to gain some freedom than to come to bingo and enjoy the company of your Brother Knights. Thank you Sal and Liberty for helping out at bingo.

Last week the money tellers in the bingo office had a very warm welcome, when they came to bingo on Wednesday night, our air conditioner decided, it was time to retire, (I think that unit was older than I am). I know it was here when I joined the Knights and, who knows how long before that time. Needless to say I was on the phone to A-Lectric and Brother Knight Joe Semmes. Joe came out to the hall immediately, quickly appraised the malfunction. He decided to take the unit to his shop. The next day I received a call from Joe that the unit was " toast ", so we had a new unit the next day. Thank you Joe for your very fast action in a hot situation.

Our bingo program is still holding its own, but last week we had one of the lowest attendance in quite some time. I chalk that up to "summer and vacation time". A lot of our regulars weren't there, as well as new patrons, but this is the price we pay in summertime. One note was that we almost had more members out there working than we had customers, and that was a joy to see, and I thank everyone for that, I hope that in the coming weeks we have the same kind of help. Remember the more members we have selling sheets the more we make for our charities.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Director**

David Viger



Brothers,

I consider it a true honor and privilege to serve once again as Grand Knight of Council 802 and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1251! I follow in the footsteps of many men who proudly led our Council/Assembly in the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. With your help, I will strive to continue to follow their legacy of good will.

I would like to extend a sincere and well-deserved “Thank you!” to our Immediate Past Grand Knight, John Harwell and his wife Bridget for all they have done for our council during the past two years while he served as our Grand Knight. John, with love and support from Bridget, provides an excellent example of a man whose life is grounded on our founding principles!

As we begin this year, I ask each of you to take a moment and reflect on the time when you made your First Degree. For some, it has only been a matter of months. For others, it’s been over 50 years. But for each of us, there was something that attracted us to the Knights and made us want to be a Knight. Perhaps it was to grow closer to the Church. Maybe it was to give back to the community in the form of Charity and Good Works. Maybe it was the fellowship enjoyed by associating with a group of “like-minded” men and their families. Whatever it is that made you want to join the Knights, we are definitely glad you are a part of our family. As we begin the new fraternal year, I challenge each of you, along with myself, to revisit those reasons for joining and rededicate ourselves as Knights. If there are

activities you want to get involved in, contact the person heading up that activity. If there is something you’d like to see the Knights do, bring it to my attention and we’ll do our best to make your plans happen. We have one of the most active councils in the State of Mississippi and we should strive even higher.

On behalf of the Officers for this Fraternal Year, I hope you will continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802 and Assembly 1251 the BEST in the State and I look forward to a busy, but fun year working with each of you.

Aside from our normal monthly activities, here are some of the events happening in July:

July 4th – Morning and evening colors at St. Patrick Cemetery (8am and 5 pm)

July 14th – Central Area School of Columbianism at St Richards in Jackson. I ask all Officers to attend if possible.

July 16th – Installation of Officers at 6:30pm at the hall. Please bring a side dish or a dessert!

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Frias Family for being selected as our Council Family of the Month for May 2019! The Frias family is not a part of our KC family "yet" but...Jorge, Montse and their two daughters, Macarena and Alana, exemplify all the traits desired of a deserving Family of the Month! Please take the time to tell them “Thank you and Congratulations!” the next time you see them!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator,
& Family Chairman

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

Deputy Grand Knight Bob Connor



Brother Knights: Sal Moreno has stepped down as Deputy Grand Knight because of Liberty's illness and he does not know what his schedule will be for the foreseeable future. We are praying that their visit to Houston goes well and that Liberty has a full recovery. Grand Knight David Viger asked me to fill Sal's place. It was voted on and approved. I will do my best, as Sal has big shoes to fill. I think David has some great ideas for the coming year and I will back him to the hilt.

As you know, Bingo allows our Council to carry out its work for the Catholic community and other community functions. If you can help out at Bingo on Wednesday evenings in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the regular workers are getting up there in years

(not old.....but you know), and more prone to aches and pains, so any help will be a contribution to the community and council. I look forward to the next year and hope that you will support David in every way that you can.

Bob Connor,
Deputy Grand Knight

Youth John Harwell



Looking back at June, our Catholic Youth had a number of programs and activities including the following: June 4th and 20th - St. Joseph Church - Sprucing up the Meditation Garden, the front entrance, and planting flowers in several different areas around the parish grounds. On June 5th and 12th - Serving lunch at Love's Kitchen along with helping them in their pantry. June 13th - Fun trip to Pearl for a ball game and a movie. Father Nick Adam joined us at the stadium for a while. June 15th - Youth Mass at St. Patrick-Cassandra Klutz led the music for the Mass from the selection of the music, to the practices and then cantered during the Mass. It was all beautifully done. June 21st - Youth Parish Outreach - A group of Youth/Adults gathered in the FLC, baked cookies and wrote cards. Then we delivered the cookies and cards to about 15 of our parishioners at home, in assisted living centers and nursing homes. June 23rd - A Pool Party was held at the home of Les & Sarah Pogue. Music was provided by Frank and Donna Polizzi.

Upcoming in July on the 9th at St. Joseph Church in lieu of Mass at 5:30 PM there will be Adoration, Vespers and then a social for 9th-12th graders. (Obviously, all are welcome for the Adoration and Vespers).

The annual Meridian Love out Loud (LOL) will be July 14th-19th. Youth/Adults are welcomed to help with this outreach. St. Patrick School will be part of our outreach as well as many other areas in the community. Please

contact me at 601 513 5456 if you are interested in helping this year. The Okatoma Canoe Trip will be July 27th and the Neshoba County Fair Trip will be July 31st.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

July Birthdays

5th Charles Lavene **6th** Patrick Perry **9th** Ed Shamp **12th** Col John Ascherl, Ret'd & James Duncan

15th Dr. Paul Varela & Jon Yarger **22nd** Thomas Brewster & Dewayne Klutz

24th John Bennett, PGK **26th** James Romano III **27th** Anthony George, Tyler Harrell & Lindon Ratliff

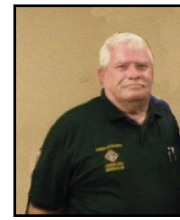
28th Damon Mesecher **31st** Andrew Yarger

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



May Knight of the Month
Bob Leo, PGK



May Family of the Month
The Jorge & Montse Frias Family



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in March
Dewayne Klutz



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



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**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



On Thursday, June 27th, we had our visit to the Pines Home. This month we will have our watermelon bash along with our regular goodies. More will be reported on this event in next month's newsletter. Our next visit to the Pines Home will be on Thursday, July 25th. I hope to see a lot of our Brother Knights there.

We just exemplified two (2) new Brother knights, and I would like to think that their proposers would invite them to join us at the Pines. I think a phone call would do it. I hope to see you there.

Bob Leo
Community Chairman

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Congratulations to our newest brothers, Knights Ryan Stoer (Seminarian) and Mark Hampson – They were made official June 18th. Be sure to congratulate them upon your first opportunity.

Let me take this opportunity to, again, welcome Deacon Andrew Nguyen to the Meridian Catholic Community, and extend a personal invitation to him to join the Knights of Columbus. I have an application waiting for you Deacon Andrew with my name listed as your proposer.

Happy Independence Day (4th of July) Brothers, Enjoy and be Safe as you and your family are celebrating our independence. May GOD continue to Bless America!

Brothers, as we celebrate the week of the 4th let us take advantage of every opportunity to ask our fellow catholic brothers are they a member of the KC's. **Our next Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th** – Currently we have one candidate scheduled for initiation and

there is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Exemplifications in July:

- ◆ Admissions (1st) Degree – Tuesday, August 6th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian
- ◆ There are no Formation, Knighthood or Fourth Degree Exemplifications listed on the State calendar at this time.

“Membership is truly a team effort!” Let's Go Team!!!

Fraternally,
David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

Ed. Note: I have been asked by our Financial Secretary, Rick Norman, to pass this article from Supreme on to the membership:

Notice to Comcast Customers - The Supreme Council is experiencing issues with emails going to Comcast accounts. We believe that this is how Comcast deals with receiving emails from a "NoReply" process in general, not just from the Knights of Columbus, which is the current industry standard. We are working to determine if Supreme can change our process to allow emails to go through to our members with a Comcast Email Address.

If you believe that you are not getting your emails from Supreme, please contact Comcast. Editor

**Past Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Greetings to all my Brother Knights, spouses, widows, families and friends. This will be my last newsletter article as Grand Knight. Looking back at June, we held our Recognition Banquet on June 8th and it was a wonderful evening. Special thanks to the following who had a part in the evening: Tom Zettler, PSD, our Emcee in addition to helping with hall set-up), Teresa Cranmore and Squealers for the delicious meal, Teresa Labiche, David Viger, PGK, Rosalie & Bob Leo, PGK, Bob Connor, Mike Thomas, John Kasper, PGK, David Stephens, Frank Washington, Frank & Carolyn Sharp, Sherry Graupman, Ed Shamp, John Bennett, PGK, Joe Price (Scoutmaster of Troop 7), Scouts-John Graupman, Josh Everette, Jean Karol Mayo and several others who helped that I may have failed to mention. You know who you are and you are appreciated.

Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients, listed in our Scholarship Chairman Tom Zettler's, PSD, article elsewhere in this Newsletter. They each received a \$500 Scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, Council 802. Special thanks to Tom who again chaired the Committee and did quite a bit of work behind the scenes collecting and gathering information on each student before the committee met.

We recognized and honored Bryant Mesecher for completing the requirements for his Eagle from the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle project, Bryant cleaned, sealed and striped the back parking

lot at the Hall. And last, but not least a special presentation honoring Tom Zettler, PSD, on serving 60 consecutive years as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Upcoming in July will be the Installation of Officers on July 16th at 6:30 PM. It will be the usual Pot Luck meal. The council will provide the meat, drinks, etc. We ask that you bring a side item/dessert to share. This will be for both the 3rd and 4th Degree officers but the actual Installation program will be combined to make the evening go more efficiently.

Brother Knight Kenneth Woodward will lead a program on "The Presence". The dates will be August 13th, 20th, 27th and September 10th at the KC Hall. Please make plans to attend. Spouses and families are welcomed.

Finally, as I close out my two year stint as Grand Knight of Council 802, I wish to thank all of my Brother Knights, spouses, widows and family members for your support, encouragement, prayers and love. During my closing remarks at the Recognition Banquet, I noted that when I joined the Knights of Columbus in 1979, there were those who said that we were dying out, that we needed new and younger members. Here we are 40 years later, we are still dying out and we still need new and younger members but the council is still doing what it does best, and that is helping Catholic Men live our Catholic Faith stronger, providing charity in a variety of ways, encouraging and promoting fellowship and friendships among members and families and in general making our Church, School and Community better. It is my hope, prayer and belief that in 2059, forty years from now, that Council 802 will still be dying out. As we move into a new fraternal year, we are fortunate to have David Viger assume the Grand Knight's duties once again. I know he will do a great job. Lastly, but more importantly, I thank my wife Bridget for her love and support. Behind every good Grand Knight is a wonderful wife who is indispensable to the success that he has and I am no exception.

John Harwell
Past Grand Knight
1 COR 12:4-7

**Scholarship
Tom Zettler, PSD**



Sixteen scholarships were awarded at the Recognition Banquet held on June 8th. The Council awarded \$500 scholarships to 16 deserving children/grandchildren of members as follows:

Mississippi State University - Chelsea Grissett, Kristen Zettler, John Graupman, and Kaitlin Fowler. Meridian Community College - Cassandra Klutz and Lauren Fowler. Georgia Southern University - Sara Dietrich and Emily Dietrich. Spring Hill College - Mackenzie Howell. University of Alabama - Hayden Downing. Millsaps College - Lucas Thomas. University of South Alabama - Mallory Howell. Louisiana Tech University - Kaylee Zettler. East Mississippi Community College - Elizabeth Zettler. University of Alabama Birmingham - Jenna Graupman. and finally, University of Georgia - Ajaylae Banks

Congratulations to these young men and women from Council 802. We wish you continued success in your academic pursuits.

Tom Zettler,

Please Pray for Vocations We need more Priests

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

BIKING FOR BABIES will arrive for a Meet-N-Greet & Potluck Dinner held at DaySpring Community Church, 1100 Business Park Drive, Clinton, MS on July 8th at 7 PM. Come meet this inspiring group of young people as they pedal their way from Tylertown, MS to St. Louis, MO. They are committed to renewing the Culture of Life in America by raising financial and spiritual support for their pregnancy resource center partners all across the country, raising public awareness of the sanctity of unborn human life and forming pro-life missionaries.

Meet the Candidate Night will be held on Tuesday, July 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 in Byram, MS. Pro-Life Mississippi and Pastors for Life Mississippi would like to invite all candidates who are on the ballot for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General to attend. The location will be Trinity Wesleyan Church, 6950 Siwell Road in Byram, MS. Each candidate would be given five

minutes to outline their Pro-Life position. There will be time set aside to ask the candidates questions. Pro-Life Mississippi and Pastors for Life Mississippi will not be endorsing any candidates! We are holding this event to educate the public on where the candidates stand on Pro-Life Issues.



WALK WITH US

So They Can Walk Tomorrow

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Register for FREE at prolifemississippi.org



PLM is excited about our upcoming Walk for Life. Even though it isn't scheduled until October, planning is well underway. "Our goal is to have 50 churches form teams for the walk," announced PLM President Laura Duran. "This is a family friendly event that will start out from St. Richard Catholic Church, proceed 2 miles to the state's last remaining abortion facility, and end back at St. Richard's with a brunch provided by the Knights of Columbus."

Prizes will be awarded in three categories:

1. Teams (2 or more people) - \$400.00 gift card from Revell Ace Hardware
2. Adult individual (not on a team) 19 and up - \$300 Visa gift card
3. Youth individual (not on a team) 18 and under - \$200 Visa gift card

To be eligible for the prizes listed above, participants must raise a minimum of \$500. All youth who take part in the walk and plan to go with PLM to the National March for Life in Washington D. C. in 2020 will have half of the monies they raise credited toward their expenses for the trip.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

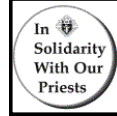
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	3 bingo 6:00PM	4  <i>No Adoration Today</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Youth Adoration St. Joseph 5:30 pm</i> <i>No Meeting</i>	10 bingo 6:00PM	11 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i> <i>Council 802 Responsibility</i>	12	13
14 <i>School Of Columbianism at St. Richards</i> <i>Youth LOL Starts</i>	15	16 <i>Installation of Officers/Pot Luck at 6:30 PM at KC Hall</i>	17 bingo	18 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	19 <i>Youth LOL Ends</i>	20
21	22	23 <i>4th Degree meeting 7:30</i>	24 bingo 6:00PM	25 <i>EMSH Visit 6:00 PM at KC Hall</i> <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	26	27 <i>Youth Okatoma Canoe Trip</i> <i>***August Newsletter Deadline***</i>
28	29	30 <i>No Meeting tonight</i>	31 <i>Youth Trip to Neshoba County Fair</i> <i>Bingo 6:00PM</i>			
	<i>Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</i> 	<i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i> 		<i>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 4 of this newsletter</i> 