



The Meridian Knight

June 2019



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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

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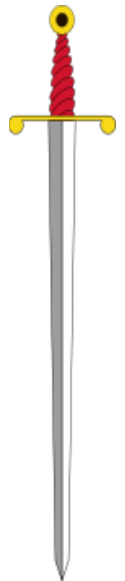
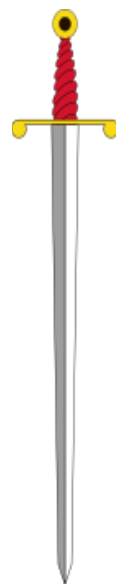
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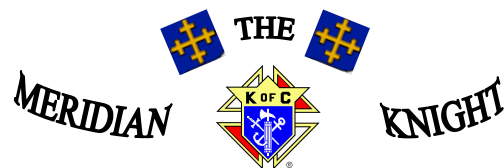
George Walston



THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



God's Grace Forms Us

A Potter's Furnace: Once the clay is prepared and shaped into pottery, it is placed into a furnace, a kiln, to harden and be complete. If there are any flaws in the shaping of the object, the furnace makes that deformation permanent. Only slight repairs are possible. A kiln is a good metaphor for the trials by fire that we undergo in life. Trials define us for good or for ill. They never leave us the same. Trials are also the moment where we indeed show what we are made of. A trial can lead to growth or destruction. It all depends on the virtue and grace with which we face it.

Original Sin and our sins have defined us, but Paul reminds us that Our Lord, through his grace, works that brokenness into something that gradually takes shape from here to eternity: a saint.

Fr. Augustine, Chaplain

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Our Bingo program is still going strong, but not as strong as I would like it to go. As I've stated before, the more members that we have working the floor, the more money we make, and the more money we make, the more we can support our charities, our schools, our churches, and the needy in our community, and this can only be accomplished by our net results from the Bingo program at the end of each and every month,

I know that I'm preaching to the choir, each month when I write this newsletter. We have members on vacation, sick, injured, or whatever prevents them from coming to bingo, which affects our final numbers at the end of the month. So, if at all possible, please try to make it out to bingo on Wednesday night, and help your brother knights out so they don't have to pull double duty. We are still looking for Money tellers, and bingo callers. If you are interested please see me or Frank Polizzi.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

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



Please continue to keep Sal & Liberty Moreno in your prayers as they go through the tests that God has laid upon their shoulders.

Please Continue To Pray for Vocations We are in dire need of more Priests

**Faithful Navigator
Family Director
David Viger**



Brothers,

I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend! Here's "my news" for June:

First off, it is a true honor and privilege to have been elected once again to be Grand Knight for Council 802 and Faithful Navigator for Assembly 1251 – with your help, I'm confident we will continue to be successful!

Some of my goals for us for the coming Fraternal Year (FY) are:

Rebuilding our financial "nest egg!" We used a significant portion of our cash reserve over the past few years, attending to some much needed TLC at the hall. One of my goals for us this year will be to reinvest 10% of our Bingo earnings this FY back into CDs.

Focus our Council's charitable donations towards the needs of our Catholic based needs – at HOME! There are countless, worthy charitable organizations in need of financial support and we have historically provided financial donations to many different organizations. I believe we need to focus more "at home!" With that, another goal for this FY is for us to

substantially increase our financial support to St. Patrick School.

Increased opportunities for members to share information and learn more about our faith and our Order! Our recent discussion group on the booklet ***Christ: Lord and Savior*** was well attended and brought a tremendous opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith. In August, BK Ken Woodward will facilitate ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*** which explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. We will endeavor to continue these types of programs as we go forward.

Resurrection of a formal Ladies Auxiliary! I fell short on this goal my first two terms as Grand Knight, however; I continue to believe that with the support of a formally structured Ladies Auxiliary our Council can/will get better!

I am also working on a draft budget for the coming FY and plan to meet with Father Augustine and Mrs. Frias soon to get their insight on how we can better support our Church and our school. From there, we will have a budget committee meeting to work on a final draft to be submitted to the Council for consideration/approval.

Also, the tentative date for our installation of Council/Assembly Officers is Tuesday, July 16th, pending the availability of the District Deputy and District Master...More to follow!

Memorial Day Picnic

Our Memorial Day Picnic was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!!! There were many people who helped in making the day so successful and, while I hesitate to name some and not others (forget others), I do want to recognize my wife, Adrian, who did so much to make everything go well! Also, GK John Harwell, PGK John Bennett, Bob Connor, Ed Shamp, Roland Stewart, John and Alan Kasper, Pete and Pat Nause and David Stephens for all their help! GK John Harwell's reflection on those who served and those who died while serving, was an excellent expression of why we celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who helped ensure the freedoms we enjoy today!

Color Corps

Our Color Corps/Honor Guard will continue to represent Assembly 1251 and the Order as we shift uniforms!!! Eight (8) Sir Knights have, or have ordered, the new uniform – CCC Bob Leo (PFN), SK Tom Zettler (PSD/PFN), SK Frank Polizzi (PFN), SK Sal Moreno (PFN), SK Bob Connor, SK Frank Washington, SK Frank Sharp and me. I am hopeful more will follow but until then....eight works!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Faithful Navigator &
Family Program Director

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

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Looking back on May, we had a busy month that included our regular meetings, bingo every Wednesday evening, Adoration, the EMSH visit among other things. Thank you to the following Brother Knight's who led the Rosary before the weekend Masses: David Viger, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Bob Connor, Roland Stewart, Tom Welsh, Bob Leo, PGK, Gary Koca and John Harwell. David, Tom and Bob C. led the Rosary multiple times.

We finished up our study on Christ: Lord and Savior on May 14th. The Scholarship Committee (led by Tom Zettler) met on May 21st and approved 16 (\$500 each) Scholarships to be awarded this year. On May 25th, we honored Dr. George M. Thomas with the annual Msgr. John J. Burns Award for outstanding Community Service. A big thank you to Bob (chairman of the event) & Rosalie Leo for their hard work, especially the Reception food which was delicious (we even got to enjoy the leftovers Monday at the picnic). Tom Zettler, as usual was a tremendous Emcee. Capping off the month was our Memorial Day Picnic on May 27th where we had a great turnout of Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows, family members and out of town guests who all enjoyed crawfish, hamburgers, hot dogs, potatoes, corn, sides and some delicious desserts that were brought by the attendees. Thank you to David and Adrian Viger who chaired the picnic and worked very hard to ensure its great success.

Congratulations to David Sloan our Knight of the Month for April and the Damon & Jennifer Mesecher Family, our Family of the Month for April.

Upcoming in June will be the Grand Knight's Banquet on June 8th starting at 6:30 PM at the KC Hall. This will be catered by Squealers. Please let me know by text/phone call (601) 513 5456 or email kofc802.jdh@gmail.com by Thursday, June 6th if you and/or a guest are coming so that I can give Teresa an idea of how many attendees we will have. Additionally, I am requesting volunteers to meet at the Hall at 8:00 AM for set-up on Saturday morning.

Additionally in June we will have Adoration on June 13th in the St. Aloysius Chapel (12 Noon-7:00 PM - This is the KC Responsibility), a 1st Degree Exemplification on June 18th at 6:30 PM, EMSH Visit on June 27th - 6:00 PM, along with our regular meetings and bingo each Wednesday.

Plans are being made for BK Kenneth Woodward to lead a program on "The Presence" in August/September at the KC Hall. Please be on the lookout for specific details in the near future.

Finally, as I close out my two year stint as Grand Knight of Council 802, I wish thank all of my Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows and Family Members for your support, encouragement and love. We make a difference in our Catholic Community, St. Patrick School, with our Youth, and in the larger community as well. I am proud of the Building Improvements that have been made, particularly finishing up the bathroom, hallway and front entrance project last year and putting a new roof on the building this year. I am also proud that we have a plan in place to rebuild our savings over the next 9 years so that we can ensure the viability of Council 802 for many years to come. There are always needs and wants on the horizon for our Council to address and tackle as that is a never ending task. I pledge my support to incoming Grand Knight David Viger, who I know will do a great job in the next year. Last but not most importantly, I thank my wife Bridget for her love and support along with our daughters Kara and Serena (Curtis and Waylon) and our newest addition, Myles. I could not have done this without them.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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June Birthdays

3rd John Kasper, PGK **7th** Andrew Freyaldenhoven, Robert Hammond, Jr. & Russell Keene

14th Ron Duckworth **15th** Brandon Allen, Luis Alonso & Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy **16th** Ryan Sidlovsky

19th Dennis Deviney & William Thomas **22nd** Bob Leo, PGK **23rd** Sal Moreno **25th** David Fries

26th Mel Brumfield & Billy Mitts **28th** Daniel Zettler

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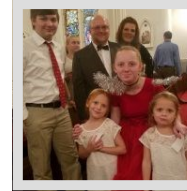
Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**April Knight of the Month
David Sloan**



**April Family of the Month
The Damon Mesecher 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**



We had our monthly visit to the Pines Home, bringing them the usual goodies of Soft drinks, Twinkies, and ice cream sandwiches, I had four members accompany me to the Pines, I was hoping for more members to attend, I know the residents would like to see more. Many thanks to Tom Zettler, PSD, David Stephens, Eric Ross, and Larry Birzer for helping out preparing the snacks that we bring.

Our next visit will be on, Thursday, June 27th. This is our watermelon time when we bring our regular snacks, but we add an extra surprise, we bring watermelons. The watermelons are prepared ahead of time at the KC Hall, having said that I will be looking for experienced help with the preparing of the melons, now I know that there are experienced melon cutters in our council, so I'm asking you to volunteer to do what you know how to do, and that is prepare watermelons for the residents out at the Pines Home. Bring a friend with you if you want to. Remember the date is Thursday, June, 27th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.

Bob Leo
Community Director

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Happy Father's Day, Brothers!! May your Special day be filled with Family, Love and Happiness!

As a side note: Let your wife, significant other, girlfriend, mother, etc., know that the Knights of Peter Claver will be selling Dinner Plates and Slabs of Ribs at St. Joseph this Saturday, June 1st, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They can purchase you a slab of ribs for Father's Day – guaranteed not to increase your blood pressure, significantly, (as long as your are taking your blood pressure pills). LOL.

I trust you brother knights made sure all of the mothers in your life were very happy for Mother's Day. Good Job!

As of this writing, I am not aware of any applicants scheduled for our next Admissions (1st) Degree Exemplification Tuesday, June 18th. There is still plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Exemplifications in June:

- Formation & Knighthood Exemplifications – Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 a.m.; Vicksburg
- Fourth (4th) Degree – Saturday, June 1st, 11:00 a.m.; Southaven
- Admissions (1st) Degree – Tuesday, June 18th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm; KC Hall, Meridian
- Fourth (4th) Degree – Saturday, June 22nd, 1:00 p.m.; Pearl

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

Fraternally,
David T. Stephens,
Membership Director



**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

Special thanks to Knights of Columbus Council 802 for their contribution made to the 40 Days for Life campaign. We should be receiving a copy of Shawn Carney's book, "The Beginning of the End of Abortion". If you are interested in reading this please let me know.

During the Mississippi Pro-Life Banquet attendees were asked to choose from 17 different designs for PLM's next billboard. The votes were counted and the design below was the winner. If traveling in Jackson, be on the lookout for the new billboard.

June 16th is Father's Day. A Father is more than the biological paternal source of our being. It is the person who cares and provides for us. It is the man who helps to set the standards and family values. Add to this group, step fathers and other men who willingly and eagerly accept and

cherish the role. Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are a father figure to you, give him some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad". HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

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



Darrell, Culture of Life

**Youth
John Harwell**



As we close out the school year, I wish to thank the council for its support of St. Patrick School this year. Our school has a tremendous Principal with Mrs. Frias at the helm and I see lots of great things in the future for our school with her and Father Augustine's leadership.

During the month of May, the Catholic Community honored our graduating Seniors at the annual Baccalaureate Mass on May 5th with a gift and lunch catered by Sherry Graupman. They were as follows: Jessica Bihn, Jeremy Corley, Cassandra Klutz, Cassie Nguyen, Reese Little, Elena Espino, Luke Thomas, Xochitl Gomez (Adam Zuchowski, Nash Acton and Reed Gorgas were not able to be present).

On May 18th, the following worked from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM on the upper part of the St. Patrick Parish property (the fence line by the convent and the bus bays). Tree branches were cut, bushes trimmed, curbs/sidewalk trimmed, leaves raked etc: Father Augustine, John & Nelda Bennett, Frank Washington, Helen Crowe Reynolds and her daughter Brianna, Portia Graves and her daughter Kirstie and John Harwell.

On May 19th, the first annual Catholic Community Family Dodge Ball tournament was held and the

team "All we do is win" (Zane Pritchard, Liam Gilbert, and Will Swift) were the champions. On May 21st, the St. Patrick School AR group had a skate party for the kids who exceeded their reading goal for the year. The School Field day was held on May 22nd. All three of the above programs were financially supported by Council 802.

We have a number of activities/programs/events planned for our Youth throughout June/July. I invite any of you to pick up a calendar from the parish office or at either church and have your youth join us as they are able. It contains both service opportunities and fun activities.

John Harwell

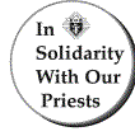
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time 	Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 4 of this newsletter 	Abortion Kills the Innocent 				1 4th Degree Southaven 1st Degree in Vicksburg St. Joseph Plates 10:30-2:00PM
2	3	4 <i>Business Meeting 7:30pm</i>	5  6:00PM	6 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	7	8 <i>Grand Knight's Awards Banquet 6:30 at KC Hall</i>
9	10		12  6:00PM	13 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM KofC 802 Responsibility</i>	14	15
16	17	18 1st Degree 6:30 at KofC Hall if candidate(s) Meeting follows at 7:30 PM	19  6:00PM	20 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	21	22 4th Degree Pearl 1:00 PM
23	24	25 <i>July Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>4th Degree meeting 7:30</i>	26  6:00PM	27 EMSH (The Pines) 6:00 pm <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	28	29
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