



The Meridian Knight June 2020





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The Main Principles of Our Order are



Charity

Unity

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We Thank You Lord for all that
you give us freely

Chaplain

Fr. Augustine **Pallimattam**



What is the reason for your hope?

Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" St. Peter tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Augustine

Grand Knight Faithful Navigator

My time as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator is rapidly coming to an end.



"Thank you!" to the Council and Assembly Officers and Program Directors for your help over the past year. Your continuous dedication was instrumental in any success that we claim. Moreover, "Thank you!" to the Bingo workers who volunteer each week to help ensure we have an ample cash flow to assist us in all of our good works, as well as all the spouses, family and friends who volunteer and support our Council.

Most important, I want to express my very special thanks, appreciation and love to my wife, Adrian, for her unwavering support.

I wish the incoming Officers and Program Directors all the best throughout the coming Fraternal Year!!

May God Bless each of you, your families and our country!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Grand Knight

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A very successful blood drive was held on May 21 at the KC Hall. Thanks to GK David and Adrian Viger, Frank Washington, and Bob Leo who worked at the blood drive. It was so successful that they ran out of single blood packets near the end. Anthony Pritchard and Stephen Huczel both donated "double packets" because that is all they had left. Thanks to all the Knights and parishioners who donated blood. Pentecost will see the re-opening of the church on a restricted basis. I hope it all goes well. Father Augustine is doing his best to try to reopen but maintaining safety too. Please be cooperative with ushers and ministers. Again, thanks to all the Knights and family members who have volunteered to help with this. Father said the Mass will continue to be broadcast on Comcast Channel 2 through June. If at all possible please wear a mask when in public. It shows that you have concern for the health of others and let's face it, a good number of us are in the "risky age" category. See page three (3) of this Newsletter for further information about the mass schedules.

Vivat Jesus! Bob Connor

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Youth John Harwell



During May, we continued our card writing ministry outreach. The ministry has grown and a number of youth wrote homemade cards to our home-bound, assisted living and nursing home parishioners/family members/friends. A third round will continue in June. The youth who participated in May included Bella, Molly and Allan Waguespack, Helena Rutledge, Noah McCaffrey, Hayden, Guy & William Dickerson, Morgan Horstman, Lily Zettler, Alec McIlwain, Brianna Riordan, Miller Hodge, Molly Miles, Macarena & Alana Frias, Sam, Mollie & Grace DeGeneres, Cooper Berryhill, Anna Kate Pritchard, Maci Manning, Berta Soules, AJ Neal and Ryann Gorgas.

The Youth are also participating with helping to lead the afternoon phone-in Rosary and specifically are leading it every Thursday afternoon. The following youth have lead the Rosary during the month of May and have done so very prayerfully: Megan Heggie, Alec McIwain, Hannah Grace & Emily Hannington, Bella Waguespack, BK Edwar Hernandez, Kirstie Graves, Macarena and Alana Frias, Austin Dungan, Noah McCaffrey, Elena Stroot, Alden Slutz, Mai'Dallion Leggett, Sam, Mollie & Grace DeGeneres and Michael Berryhill.

I am proud of all the above youth for involving themselves in different aspects of our faith.

Finally, the Catholic Community of Meridian honored our 2020 graduates with a drive-through recognition on May 31st. This was held in the breezeway in front of the Parish Center. Each graduate received a Blessing from Father Augustine and a gift from the Catholic Community. The gift included the following: My Daily Catholic Bible, a Words of Faith coloring book, a Small Things with Great Love book (a 9-day Novena to Mother Teresa, Saint of the Gutters) and a Family Party pack from Squealers so that the graduates and families could enjoy a meal at home complements of our Parish Community. We also created a slide

show for the graduates and families to enjoy at home. We were not able to have our usual Baccalaureate Mass and Lunch this year but we were glad to honor our graduates in at least a small way.

Our graduates included the following:

Brock Butler, Stella Cummings (daughter of BK Mike Cummings), Mason Daniels, Sam DeGeneres, Alexandria Greer, BK Edwar Hernandez, Serenity Hollomon, Morgan Horstman, AJ Neal, Jordyn Pinkston, Jacob Partridge and William Rushing. Congratulations and wish God's Blessings on all of our Graduates.

John Harwell Youth Director 1 COR 12:4-7

Mass Schedules for June

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM - St. Patrick

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM - St. Joseph - (must make a reservation to attend-contact person is Carol Dean - 318 780 6069 or by email at caroldean13@outlook.com.)

Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM - St. Patrick

Sunday Mass - 3:00 PM - St. Patrick - Spanish/English Bi-Lingual Mass - this has been moved from St. Joseph to St. Patrick.

The Saturday 5P Mass will be live streamed on the CCM and KC Facebook pages. The Sunday 11A Mass will be live streamed and broadcast live on MYTOK2. The TV broadcast will extend through the month of June.

<u>For the requirements/conditions</u>, please see the Catholic Community Meridian Facebook page or the church website (<u>catholic meridian.org</u>) on attending the various Masses. Remember Sunday Mass is not an obligation at the current time. As long as that is in place, the Masses will be live streamed. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for Mass.

John Harwell, Catholic Community of Meridian

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



April/May Knight of the Month

(To be determined at the June 2nd Meeting)



April/May Family of the Month

(to be determined at the June 2nd Meeting)



Knight of the Quarter Ending in March

Fr. Augustine Palimattam





Council 802 Unight of the Pear 2019-2020

Bob Connor



Council 802 Family of the Year 2019-2020

Danny & Rory Santiago











Assembly 1251 Sir Knight of the Pear 2019-2020

David Stephens



Assembly 1251 Family

Of the Year 2019-2020

Richard and Aileen Seemes

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Culture of Life Darrell Hover



Brother Knights

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. June 21st 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".

At the time I am writing this article it is reported over 360,192 deaths worldwide and 102,987 of these deaths are in the United States. Please pray for the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal the sick and those who put themselves at risk in the process. Pray they know God's peace and protection is upon them.

I have purchased a DVD of the movie "Unplanned". I had intentions to show the movie at our hall as a group gathering, but covid-19 has changed those plans. If you have not seen this movie and would like to watch it, please let me know. I will be happy to share it with you. Please return to me so I can share with the next family on the list.



Reminder: Pro-Life Mississippi has rescheduled the Spring Banquet and Silent Auction until Thursday, August 6, 2020. Please save the date and plan to attend.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

Membership David Stephens



Brother Knights,

Father's Day may be different this year than ever before. With the onset of COVID-19, we've had to make drastic changes in the way we have gatherings with family and friends. However, COVID-19 cannot stop me from saying, Happy Father's Day, Brothers!! Enjoy your Special day with family and friends experiencing Love and Happiness. May God continue to bless you. Stay in Faith! Stay Safe!

Brother Knights, thank you for the many expressions of love and respect as, I'm sure, you acknowledged the Mother's in your life. Mother's Day is a heartfelt celebration of love, closeness and caring. It ushers in the joys that enrich our lives and make family such a blessing every day of the year. Again, thank you!

As of this writing, I am happy to say we have one applicant, Ross Waguespack, to be voted on at our next telephone business meeting on June 2nd. Of course, there is still time to recruit other potential applicants to join us!

Virtual Exemplifications in June:

Fourth (4th) Degree – Saturday, June 13th, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Please contact FN/GK David Viger if you would like to participate in the Exemplification.

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

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director

Treasurer

June Birthdays

3rd John Kasper, PGK **7th** Andrew Freyaldenhoven, Jr., Robert C Hammond, Jr & Russell Keene **14th** Ron Duckworth **15th** Brandon Allen, Luis Alonso, & Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy

16th Ryan Sidlovsky 19th Dennis Deviney & William M Thomas 22nd Robert Leo

23rd Sal Moreno 25th David Fries 26th Mel Brumfield & Billy Mitts, III 28th Danny Zettler

27th Fr Joseph Reardon 30th James M Lee

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June 2020



<u>Please continue to pray for vocations. We need</u> <u>more priests</u>



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