



# The Meridian Knight

## March 2020



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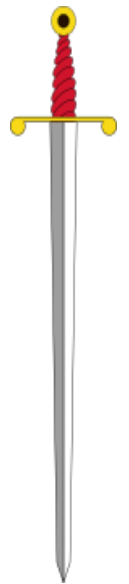
The Main Principles of  
Our Order are

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism



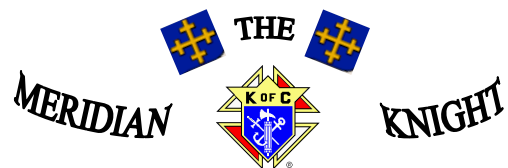
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THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



We Thank You Lord for all that  
you give us freely

**Chaplain  
Fr. Augustine  
Pallimattam**



### LENT RESOLUTIONS

Lent is only a few days old, and we make Lenten resolutions, usually something in the area of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent pick something hard as a resolution, something that clashes with your convictions and your weakness. Pick something that is going to help you grow in virtue and holiness by flexing and testing your spiritual muscles for weeks. This process is painful, but also purifying because through healthy self-knowledge you grow in humility. Do not get discouraged if you don't keep it perfectly. It is a stress test that can teach you a lot.

Fr. Augustine  
Council Chaplain

**Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator  
David Viger**



Brothers,

We have entered the season of Lent! The 40 days of Lent provide us with the opportunity to imitate what Jesus did in the desert for 40 days when He prayed and fasted in preparation for His public ministry. The Church asks the faithful to perform works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the Lenten season in imitation of Christ and for the good of our souls. Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Patrick or St. Joseph. Attending and participating in the Stations allow us an opportunity to “make sense” of the suffering Jesus endured; to better understand the purpose of His suffering; and, to give us the opportunity to suffer with Him. This Lenten Season, I challenge each of you, who are physically able, to attend the Stations of the Cross as many times as you can but, **at least once. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** the Knights of Columbus Council 802 and the Knights of Peter Claver Council 208 will join together at **St. Joseph Church** to lead the Stations of the Cross.

With that said, let me move on to offer “**Congratulations**” and “**Thank you!**” to some deserving folks!

“**Congratulations!**” to P.J. Carter (PGK) on his selection as Knight of the Month for January 2020 and “**Thank you!**” for selecting my family as Family of the Month!

“**Thank you!**” to all who helped in putting on a very enjoyable Super Bowl Party! A GREAT evening was enjoyed by all who came. “**Congratulations!**” to Roland Stewart, Adrian Viger (X2) and Bob Connor who won on our squares. The Columbian Club also made \$250 to go toward the purchase of our new TV!

“**Congratulations!**” to SK Ron DiPalma and BK Edwar Hernandez who received the Bishop Chanche Award for Adults and Youth, respectively.

“**Thank you!**” to the Sir Knights who participated in the Honor Guard for Bishop Kopacz at St. Pat's to close out Catholic Schools Week and for Bishop Buckon during his visit to NAS Meridian.

“**Thank you!**” to John Harwell (PGK) for organizing and executing our annual Free Throw Competition!

“**Thank you!**” to all who participated in our first Meridian Catholic Community “Burning of the Palms!” More than 40 people joined together at the hall to celebrate Mass and the ceremony where palms were burned to ashes. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship! Special thanks to my wife, Adrian, for preparing the main course and setting up the hall; David and Sandra Klutz for “Burning Palms”, Tom Zettler (PSD) for coordinating and setting up the altar for the Mass and to Father Augustine for celebrating the Mass with us!

“**Thank you!**” to all who helped the Scouts in their annual Pinewood Derby at Bonita Lakes Mall. Media coverage of the event showed Meridian Knights In Action!

“**Congratulations!**” to our quasi Youth Director, John Harwell (PGK), who was featured in the recent edition of Columbia Magazine highlighting the “Creative Contraption” contest that our Council sponsors for St. Patrick School!

**Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator  
David Viger**



**Looking forward...**

Our **Council business meetings** will be held **March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** and our **Assembly business meeting** will be **March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Our **March 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting will be a "busy" one!** We will start by receiving a brief overview from Vitalant regarding their request for us to host the Mash Bash Blood Drive this year (Dec 2020) and to potentially host semiannual blood drives in March and October. We will also select Delegates and Alternate Delegates for our State Convention and we will select our Knight and Family of the Year!

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** the Knights of Columbus Council 802 and the Knights of Peter Claver Council 208 will join together at **St. Joseph Church** to lead the Stations of the Cross.

**Please join me in congratulating the following Brother Knights on their Knightly Anniversary!**

- Mouise T. Richards – 46 years Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, Mel Brumfield – 40 years Mar 25<sup>th</sup>
- John Griffith – 36 years Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, Robert Earl Alexander – 34 years Mar 11<sup>th</sup>
- David L. Smith – 28 years Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, Fielden W. Mitts III – 26 years Mar 27<sup>th</sup>
- Carol P. Nause – 22 years Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Matthew P. Simmons – 21 years Mar 6<sup>th</sup>
- Luis E. Alonso – 21 years Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, Dolson R. Rivers – 20 years Mar 14<sup>th</sup>
- David W. Fries – 16 years Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, Terry L. Lanterman – 11 years Mar 29<sup>th</sup>
- James K. Forbes – 8 years Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, Garrett V. Krause – 8 years Mar 31<sup>st</sup>
- David T. Stephens – 8 years Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, Jordan M. Zettler – 6 years Mar 29<sup>th</sup>
- Richard E. Harris – 6 years Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, David W. Rauenhorst – 5 years Mar 17<sup>th</sup>
- John F. Schultz – 3 years Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, Randolph E. Rout – 2 years Mar 21<sup>st</sup>
- Steven Huckzel – 1 years Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

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



**Mass during "Burning of Palms"**

**(More Pictures on Page Four)**

**Vivat Jesus!**

Dave Viger  
Grand Knight  
Faithful Navigator

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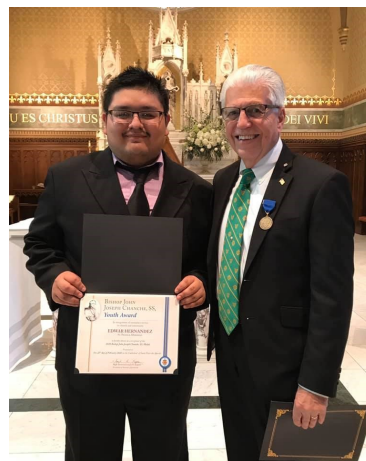
Left: Assembly 1251 Honor Guard at St. Patrick with Bishop Kopacz during Catholic Schools week.  
Right At NAS Meridian with Bishop Buckon, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services



Council 802 Knights in Action at the 2020 BSA Pinewood Derby



K of C Super Bowl Party



Edwar Hernandez Bishop Chanche (Youth Award) & SK Ron DiPalma (Adult Award)

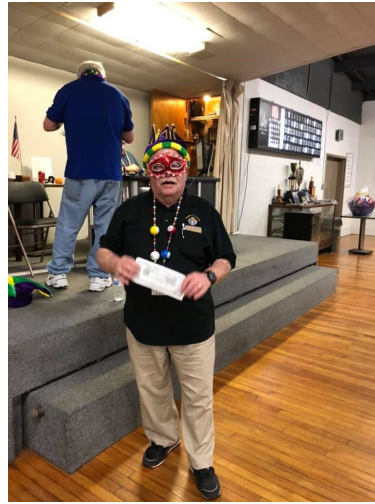


John Harwell, PGK supervises a Student during the Creative Contraptions contest

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*Mardi Gras Bingo Krewe*



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**Bingo  
Bob Leo, PGK**



BINGO! And that's exactly what we do. I hear it at Wal-Mart, at Sam's Club, at Lowe's, anywhere that the citizens of Meridian gather, someone will shout out BINGO when they see me, and I'm sure that it has happened to some of you who work the floor or behind the bar or in the kitchen.

This tells me only one thing, the customers enjoy coming out to our bingo and having a good time. You Brother Knights are the ones who make the bingo program the success that it has become.

We are seeing a small drop in the customers, and I chalk this up to the start of the state lottery. Once the novelty of it wears off I think we will see our numbers rise again.

One of the events we put on this month was our Mardi Gras Parade. At half time, we paraded around the hall, giving out the Mardi Gras beads to the patrons who were there. Believe me, they enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks to all the members who joined in. A special thanks to Brother Frank Polizzi, PGK, for buying the beads and hats for the members to wear. It was certainly a

joyous occasion. Thanks to one and all.  
Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager

**Community  
Bob Leo, PGK**



We had our monthly visit to the E.M.S.H, Pines Home, where each month we bring the residents that are housed there snacks, such as Twinkies, soft drinks and ice cream. The residents really have a good time when we visit them.

While we are there we keep them entertained with stories, such as football, auto racing, T.V. programs, and any subject that they want to talk about. It only takes about an hour with eating the snacks that we bring and our discussions.

This month we had more Brother Knights visit than we usually have. I was very happy to see the increase in the Brother Knights who came out and joined us on the visit.

I would like to thank those brother Knights: Brothers Tom Zettler, PSD, David Stephens, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Eric Ross, Roland Stewart, John Harwell, PGK, and on his first visit, Mark Hampson. Thanks to you all.

Our next visit will be on Thursday March,26, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at the front doors of the resident. If you can spare one hour of your time, please come out and join your Brother Knights in action, and see what we are all about.

Bob Leo  
Community

## **March Birthdays**

**1st** Thomas Carl & Encarnacion Mayo Osario **3rd** Kenneth Napierskowsky

**6th** Terry Lanterman & John Maloney, Sr. **7th** Marvin Nance

**9th** Gary Koca **10th** Charles Frazier **15th** Dr. Minh Duong **19th** Phillip (Will) Vollar

**21st** Russell Huntley **28th** Bob Connor & Frank Washington **31st** David Henson

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

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



January Knight of the Month  
Patrick J (PJ) Carter, PGK



January Family of the Month  
Dave, Adrian, & Patrick Viger



Knight of the Quarter  
Ending in December  
Bob Connor



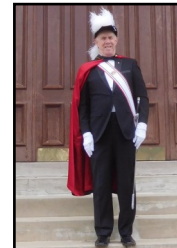
Council 802 Knight of the  
Year 2018-2019  
Frank Washington



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



**Youth  
John Harwell**



Looking back at February, we held our Free Throw Ceremony at St. Patrick School on February 7th.

I would like to thank the following Brother Knights of Council 802 for their help with the Free Throw Event: Tom Zettler PSD, Bob Leo PGK, Mouise Richards PGK, Frank Washington, Bill Nix PGK along with Coach Adrian Viger.

A BIG THANK YOU to Frank Polizzi PGK who provided some music and special effects during the Free Throw.

Special thanks to Tom Zettler PSD and Frank Washington for attending the awards ceremony.

Lastly, a very special thank you to our Principal Mrs. Montse Frias for allowing us to conduct the Free Throw Championship during Catholic Schools Week. Additional thanks to Mrs. Celeste Saucier (wife of BK Wade Saucier) and Helen Crowe Reynolds (daughter of the late PGK John Crowe) for their help with registrations. We had 39 participants this year (23 boys and 16 girls) which to my knowledge may be an all time record high.

The participants are listed below (Champion noted in **Bold**)

9-year-old Girls: Danielle Bridges, Scarlett Cayer, Sara-Ann Chambliss, Reese Ann Gressett, Audrey Lee, Alana Frias, Shaniya Nave, **Myla Locke**. 10-Year-old Girls: Kennedy Frost, Denise Quedado, **Chelsea Allen** 11-year-old Girls: Star Cayer, Elizabeth Crudup, Giselle Sanchez, Harlee Sellers, **Serenity Brown** 9-year-old Boys: Cayden Boomer, Gunner Hucks, Brandon Prather, Myles Spears, Jackson Spitzkeit, Bryson Walk, Miles Whitman, Tyler Williams, **Joseph Donkor** 10-year-old Boys: Collin Angermann, Christian Grace, Gregory Henderson Jr., Anthony Hopson, Matthew Wilson, **Bryson Jackson** 11-year-old Boys: Emmanuel Donkor, Ellis Farmer, Braydon Harris, Christian Hornsby, **William Berry** 12-year-old Boys: Stephen Wilson, Dalton Williams, **Deontae Hopper**

Other youth activities during the month of February included the Catholic Schools Week Masses presided over by Bishop Kopacz at St. Joseph and St. Patrick on February 2nd, First Friday Devotional at Hardees on February 7th, the Youth Mass on February 8th at St. Patrick, a Youth Fun Night in the FLC on February 9th, the DCYC the weekend of February 14th-16th in Vicksburg (we had 7 youth attend this year) and the Confirmation Retreat at Lake Forest Ranch on February 29th-March 1st.

Upcoming in March we will have our First Friday Devotional for the Youth at Hardees on North Hills Street on March 6th at 7:00 AM, the St. Patrick School Students will lead the Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick Church at 2:00 PM on Friday March 6th, 20th and 27th, and the Abbey Youth Fest will be in Covington, LA on March 21st and it is always one of our highlight events of

the year.

As always I thank my Brother Knights for your great support of our Catholic Youth and St. Patrick School. It is appreciated.

Congratulations to BK Edwar Hernandez on being honored as one of the Bishop Chanche Youth recipients at a special Mass and Ceremony held at St. Peter's Cathedral in Jackson on February 22nd. Edwar joins Cassandra Klutz (2019) as back to back recipients of this special recognition. It is also worth noting that Cassy and Edwar are both former St. Patrick School students.

Additional congratulations to SK Ron DiPalma (Assembly 1251) and former Council 802 member (now a member of Council 13471-PHL) on being honored with the Bishop Chanche Medal (Adult). Ron and his wife Betty were members of St. Patrick for many years before moving to Philadelphia (Holy Cross Church) but they remain great friends to our Catholic Community of Meridian.

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

*(See page 9 for a few of the pictures  
taken during the Free Throw Competition)*

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**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



**Brother Knights**

The largest Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign ever in 507 cities (That's an increase of 130 cities from Lent 2019) began on February 26th and runs through April 5th. We need to prepare our heart, mind, body and soul to encounter Christ every day in the culture war. I will be asking you to join me in prayer during the business meetings as well as the daily devotionals that will be posted on our Facebook page.

In addition to the daily devotionals, I ask you to please use the following prayer as a guideline and pray it daily during this 40 Days for Life campaign.

*Almighty God, our Father, who has given us life, grant us your blessings. Enlighten our minds to awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in*

*your image and likeness.*

*Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite.*

*Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects.*

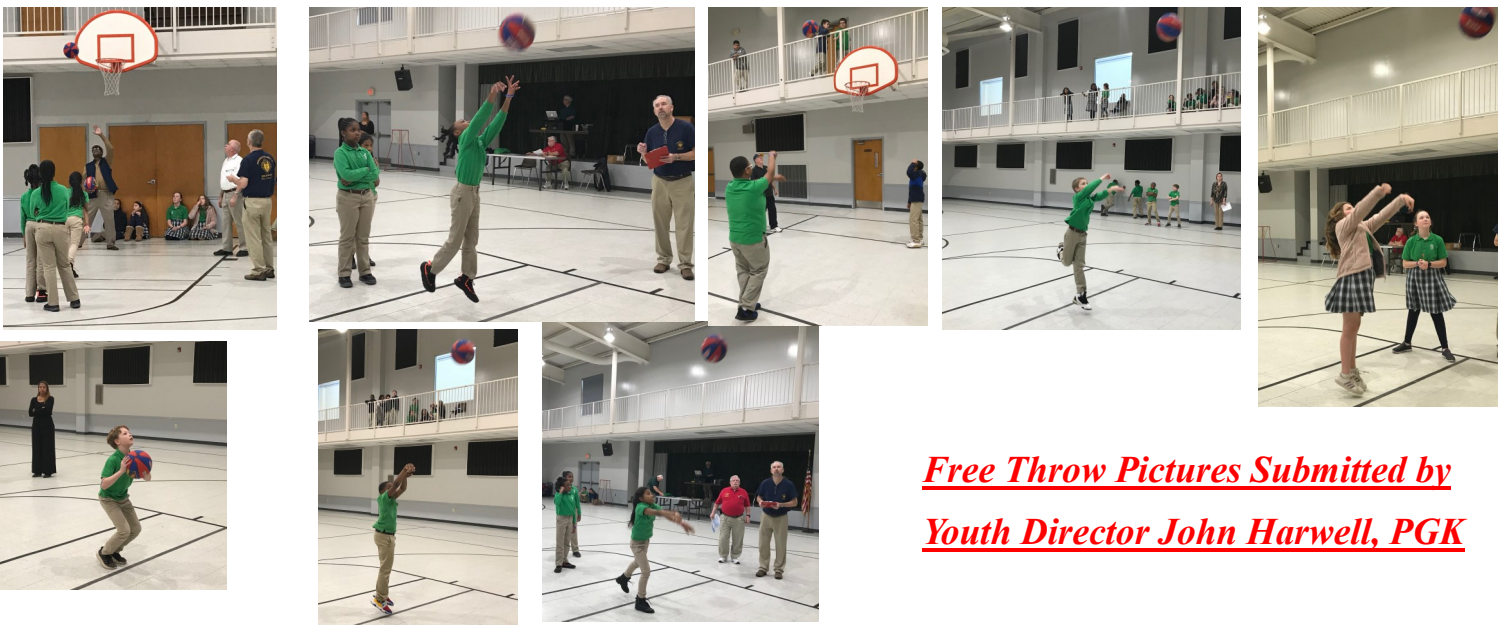
*Give us the grace... When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.*

*Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and to demand that society itself give its protection. We ask this in your name, through the redemptive act of your Son Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

A new program entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service" begins on March 25, 2020 and runs through March 25, 2021. To sign up for your monthly prayer guide, please go to: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



*Free Throw Pictures Submitted by  
Youth Director John Harwell, PGK*

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

**Membership  
David Stephens**

Brother Knights,

Normally, we would have our Membership Drive during the month of March; however, this year we will have the Drive in April. If you will recall, last year, for the first time, we decided to have the drive in conjunction with St. Patrick School's Irish Fest. This year, too, we will have a table at the St. Patrick School Irish Fest, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. If you have ideas or suggestions to help make this a successful Drive, please let me know. As always, we will need "A Few Good Men" to assist with recruitment during the event. Let me know if you are willing to help (601-938-5757). "Membership is truly a team effort!"

**Exemplifications in March:**

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Ocean Springs

All you 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree Knights interested in participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, please contact GK/FN Dave Viger and let him know of your interest.



Additionally, Knights/Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify GK/FN Dave Viger of your intentions.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your continued help with membership.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director



**Just a reminder of something to put on your April Calendar.  
St. Patrick School Irish Fest is coming  
up on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Fun and games for all. Our Council will man  
a table at the event for recruitment purposes.  
Volunteer now to help during this event.**



***Editors Reminder Regarding Adoration Closing During March.***

***So that all of us may have time to attend the Adult Faith Formation Series that is so graciously being offered to us by Ken Woodward and Mary Billups, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during March will close at 6:00 PM and will return to the regular schedule in April***

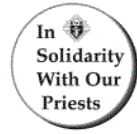
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b></p> 	<p>Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time</p> 	<p><u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 6 of this newsletter</u></p> 				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<p>Business Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	 6:00 PM	<p>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross/Fish Fry St. Patrick 6pm</p>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<p>No Meeting Tonight</p>	 6:00 PM	<p>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM KC Responsibility</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross St. Joseph 6pm Hosted by KofC 802 &amp; KofPC 208 W/Fish Fry</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		 St. Patrick's Day Business Meeting 7:30 PM	 6:00 PM	<p>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross/Fish Fry St. Patrick 6pm</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<p>4th Degree Business Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	 6:00 PM	<p>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM EMSH visit 6pm</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross/Fish Fry St. Joseph 6pm</p>	<p>4th Degree Exemplification 10:00 AM Ocean Springs</p>
29	30	31				
		<p>No Meeting Tonight</p>				