



The Meridian Knight

May 2019



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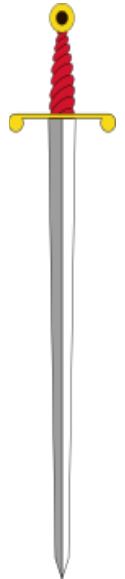
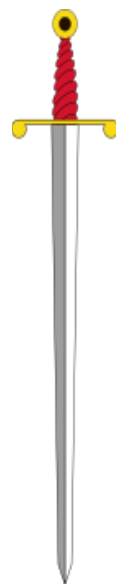
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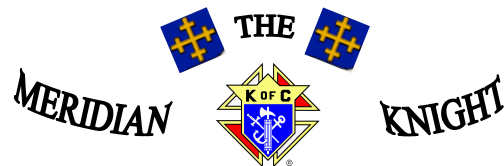
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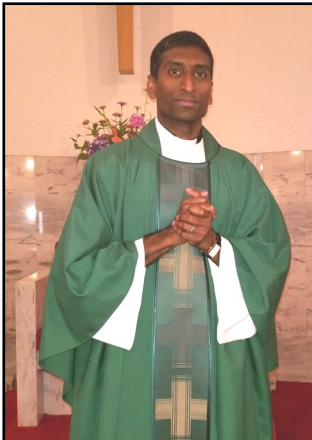


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



Brothers in Christ,

Tell Your Story. The Easter Story is the most wonderful story ever told. And it happens to be true. Think about how fast good news spreads. If I really believe that Jesus died for me and for each person, don't I want to tell others? If I really believe that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, don't I want to tell others? If I really believe that Jesus is alive, and that he wants to fill our lives with healing and freedom and joy, don't I want to tell others? Christianity spread because Christians told their story. In our own time, people will come to find their joy in Christ if we tell our own story about finding that joy.

Today we can receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He wants to be our strength and our joy. Let's take a minute or two after we receive communion to ask him: "What is my story?" And then let's remember one moment when I realized that my life was different because I know Jesus Christ. Can I share that with someone else? Someone else is waiting to hear that story. Someone else is waiting to experience the joy of the risen Christ.

Fr. Augustine Palimattam

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Well, what is there to say about bingo this month? I know of one thing, the number of customers are dropping from 170 -180's to 140 -150's. but more importantly our help is dropping also. Some are due to vacations, some due to illnesses, the sad part is we have no replacements for them. Come 8:00PM there is a mass exodus of help and we are left with only a couple of workers on the floor, we can't make money this way, remember what I always said " The more workers we have on the floor, the more paper we sell, the more money we make, and this has been proven time and time again.

If you have brought a new Brother Knight into our organization recently, give him a call find out if he would be willing to spend an hour or more to help out his Brother Knights at our bingo sessions. It couldn't hurt to try, maybe you'd be surprised, and he says yes.

Let us keep in our prayers, Liberty And Sal Moreno, Liberty is in a hospital in Jackson, with, gall bladder problems as I understand. Let us pray for a speedy recovery for her.

Bob Leo, Bingo Manager

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



I hope you all had a meaningful and Blessed Easter. The last few weeks sure was a busy time to all of us. May will not be that busy but we have a few things going on. We will be leading the Rosary prayer every weekend before every mass in both St. Patrick and St. Joseph Churches. Please consider volunteering in leading the praying of the rosary in one or more masses.

Soon, we will be entering our new fraternal year. We are still looking for someone to take over our Faith Program. It is a very important position full of memorable experiences and certainly educational. I will be with you to help you set it up and to assist in every way I can.

We will have a sign in sheet by the next Business meeting.

Sal Moreno

DGK / Program Director / Acting Faith Program manager

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**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 Easter Sunday! Here's "my news" for May:

Good Friday Family Promotion

We had a GREAT turnout for Good Friday Service and our Corporate Communion...thank you to all who participated! We also had a GREAT turn out for the first discussion group on the booklet **Christ: Lord and Savior** written by Father John Baptist Ku, O.P., which was a part of our Good Friday Family Promotion. We still have two parts of the booklet to go over and discuss:

- How do we know about Christ? - Tuesday, April 30th, 7pm, and;
- How do we meet Christ? - Tuesday, May 14th, 7pm

Please consider joining us for the last two sessions!

Memorial Day Picnic

We will have a Family Crawfish Boil and cook out on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. We will begin the day at St. Patrick Cemetery at 8 am for morning Colors and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. The picnic will begin at the hall at 10am (food served at ~noon). We will have a corn hole tournament, water balloon toss and other activities for all. GK John Harwell and BK Bob Connor have volunteered to man the grill to flip burgers and hot dogs. If you have a crawfish cooking set-up and can help with the boil, please let me know! Also, please bring a side dish or dessert. All else will be furnished by the council.

Color Corps

Thank you to all the Sir Knights who participated in the Gethsemane Watch on Holy Thursday which included: Color Corps Commander, Bob Leo (PFN), SK Frank Polizzi (PFN), SK Frank Sharp, SK Frank Washington, SK Bob Connor, SK David Stephens and myself. Bob Leo, Frank Sharp and I wore the new uniform while the others wore regalia!

New Color Corps Uniform

We have set aside enough money to provide each current Color Corps member \$400 to off-set the cost for the new uniform. Please order your new uniform soon so we all have it by July 1st! As it stands, any new members that join Color Corps going forward will need to purchase their own uniform and, after a period of time where the member actively participates in Color Corps activities, we will consider motions to reimburse a portion of the uniform costs for them as well.

The 4th Degree uniform website is live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at www.kofcuniform.com. Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail support@kofcuniform.com. Again, please try to have your uniform ordered and available for July 1st!!!

4th Degree Membership

If you are a 3rd Degree Knight, please consider joining the Patriotic Degree of our Order! Doing so gives you an opportunity to take your service to the Order one step further. Most significant to me, is the opportunity to be a member of our Honor Guard and honoring Knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss. If you would like to be a Sir Knight, please let me know and we will get an application submitted.

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 April, we had a busy month which of course culminated in Holy Week and the beautiful Services/Masses that were a part of it. Earlier in the month we had the first of a three part Family Discussion Group on April 9th. Over 25 people were present on April 9th. The second part was held on April 30th and the final night will be May 14th at 7:00 PM at the KC Hall. Thank you to David Viger, PGK, for putting this program together.

On April 13th, Sal Moreno, DGK, and his gang of chefs cooked a delicious breakfast for the RCIA group. On April 19th, we had a Family Corporate Communion as a part of the Good Friday Service at St. Patrick. On Easter Sunday (April 21st), we hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the KC Hall and it was well attended as always. By the time you read this note, we will have attended the State Convention in Jackson (I will report on it next month). Welcome to our newest Brother Knight, Steven Huczel who received his First Degree at an Exemplification held at our KC Hall on April 16th. This in addition to our weekly Bingo, monthly Adoration and visit to the Pines on North Lakeland.

Upcoming in May, we will be accepting nominations and selecting a recipient for the Msgr John J. Burns Award during the meeting on May 7th. Of course weekly bingo will be on May 1st, 8th, 15th,

22nd and the 29th. We continually need additional people to work Bingo in all the areas. They include on the floor, front desk and back desk, callers and the kitchen/bar can always use extra people especially to sub when someone is out. Even working one night a month would be beneficial. Remember 100% of our net proceeds goes toward our charitable outreach which includes our church, school, youth, family and the community at large. The Memorial Day Picnic will be on Monday, May 27th, this year starting about 10:00 AM. We will have crawfish and also burgers, dogs and the trimmings. Please bring a dessert to share. There will be a corn hole tournament. This will be open to the parish. Family/friends/out of town visitors are invited.

Thank you to all of our Brother Knights, spouses, widows and families that worked so hard during the Season of Lent and during Holy Week to make a difference in our Catholic Community. If I start listing names, I will miss someone but those of you that visit our home bound, nursing home and assisted living parishioners, you are making a difference by letting those people know that they are still loved and cared about. Those of you who worked tirelessly to make the Holy Week Liturgies beautiful for all are appreciated. As we continue through the Easter Season up to the Ascension and Pentecost, I pray that you all will continue to listen to the call of God and that Christ will touch you in a special way.

Finally, thank you to Father Augustine, Sister Marilyn and Father Bargola (NAS Meridian) for shepherding us all through this most important time of our Liturgical Year.

May you all have a good month of May (no pun intended).

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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May Birthdays

1st Daniel Pittman **2nd** Richard (Rick) Norman **3rd** Steve Duncan & Phillip Jenkins **7th** David Rauenhorst

13th Otto Storr **15th** Fr. Augustine Palimattam **17th** Bob Degitz **24th** Lindsey Gabriel

25th Dr. James Purdy **27th** Phillip Worland **29th** Chad Lint **31st** Joe Birzer

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



March Knight of the Month
Dewayne Klutz



March Family of the Month
Steve & Cindi Slimp



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



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**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



We had our monthly visit to the Pines Rest home, bringing them such goodies as Twinkies, soft drinks and ice-cream sandwiches and most importantly, ourselves. Why are we so important? Well, because we talk to the residents, we engage them in conversations. The topic of the conversations is not very important, it's just the talking to them and listening to them that's meaningful to them. Some of the residents don't have anyone to talk to them or visit them for that matter, this is why it's so important that we as a charitable organization, visit these residents that are confined to this rest home. Remember our first degree principal " CHARITY ". We had 4 Brother Knight's including myself visit with the residents this month, come-on! I know we can do better than that.

Many thanks to those Brother Knights who joined me this month, Brother Knights Tom Zettler, PSD, Dewayne Klutz, and David Stephens.

Our next visit will be on May 23rd. We will meet at 6:00 PM by the front doors of the Pines Home. Hope to see more of you there.

On another note, I'm still waiting for a nomination of a candidate for the Msgr John J. Burns award. To date, I have none. If there is still no candidate, at our next scheduled meeting, I will have to extend the program out further. This probably will take us into the month of June to have our presentation. We may have to include it with the Grand Knight's Recognition Banquet program, which is what we use to do. Think about it!

Bob Leo
Community Chairman

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to say Congratulations and Welcome to Brother Steve Huczel who was exemplified on April 16th. Steve was our first Online applicant/member to be exemplified by our council (Msgr. John J. Burns, CN 802). "Membership is truly a team effort!" Let's Go Team!!!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, brother Knights, be sure to acknowledge and honor the mothers in your family, and mothers in general.

FYI: Our Brother Knight Organization, the Knights of Peter Claver, CN # 208, will be honoring the Mothers of our Catholic community on Sunday, May 12th, by hosting a Breakfast/Brunch for them. This will take place immediately following the 8:30 a. m. mass at St. Joseph in Kehrer Hall. All are invited to come fellowship with us.

Exemplifications in May: Admissions Degree – Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30–7:30 pm; KC Hall

There is always plenty of time to recruit potential Knights to join us!

Fraternally, David T. Stephens,
Membership Director

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

First... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of our sweet mothers.

The Pro-Life Mississippi Banquet was held on Thursday, April 11th at First Baptist Jackson with record numbers in attendance. The keynote speaker was Abraham Hamilton III. He was extremely motivating and inspirational to listen to. Knights of Columbus 802 sponsored one table and had four Knights in attendance. Thank you to brother Knights David and Rose Stephens, and Frank Sharp for attending this life changing banquet with me.

The largest-ever Lenten **40 Days for Life Campaign** completed on April 14th. We know hundreds of babies are alive and well today because of YOUR prayers. Reports are still coming in... as I write this we have 446 confirmed reports of babies saved. Thank all of you for your

daily prayers. Please continue to pray!

Have you watched the movie Unplanned? The "Unplanned" movie has brought MORE volunteers to our lifesaving efforts on sidewalks in front of abortion facilities than ever before. That means more lives saved, more abortion centers closed, and more workers like Abby Johnson experiencing conversion and leaving their jobs.

Here's the testimony from one vigil participant: While praying outside Planned Parenthood yesterday, a woman walked up and said she had seen Unplanned the night before... It completely changed her view of abortion. She wanted to know how she could be involved in 40 Days for Life.

Even though the mainstream media chose not to bring this highly rated movie to their platform, it still has been a huge success. If you have not seen the movie, I encourage you to take the time to do so. It will change your life and force you to be a prayerful voice in your pro-life efforts.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Youth
John Harwell**



Looking back over the last month, on March 29th and April 12th respectively, the Parish/School Youth led the Stations of the Cross. Between the two evenings almost 35 youth participated and they all did so reverently. On April 5th and 7th, some 28 Youth from St. Patrick School/Catholic Community visited 16 of our parishioners who are in nursing homes/assisted living centers and delivered Spring Tulips and a personalized card to each that was from our Catholic Community.

On April 21st, the KC's hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a great turnout of kids and kids at heart. Thank you to Tom Zettler PSD who saved the day by doing some critical preparation work Sunday morning that I was unable to do, Frank and Donna Polizzi (music/entertainment), Frank Sharp (grill), Gary and Angela Dove, Edna Blanks, Helen Crowe Reynolds, Brianna Riordan, Edwar Hernandez, Serena Harwell Sanders (who all did a little bit of everything-prep, hiding eggs, facilitating the hunt, cleaning up afterwards etc). Finally, thank you to the Easter Bunny (Bob Leo PGK) who never fails to delight the children with his appearance.

Upcoming in May, we will have our Baccalaureate Mass for our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 5th during the 11:00 Mass. On May 19th, there will be a Family Dodgeball Tournament at 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center, so get your game on, gather some family members together for a fun afternoon

of competition and fellowship. There is no age limit. See the Church Bulletin for more details.

Again, as Parish Youth Director, I thank the Council for your continuing the unending support you give for our Catholic Youth. You are appreciated.

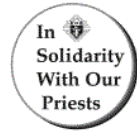
John Harwell
Youth Director










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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  6:00PM	2 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	3	4
5 Baccalaureate Mass to Honor Seniors 11:00 Mass St. Patrick	6	7 Business Meeting Burns Award Nominations 7:30pm	8  6:00PM	9 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM KofC 802 Responsibility</u>	10	11
12  <u>Mother's Day Brunch after 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph</u>	13	14 Final Group Discussion: Christ, Lord & Savior. 7:00 pm KC Hall	15  6:00PM	16 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	17	18
19  <u>Family Dodgeball Tournament at 1:00 pm in the FLC</u>	20	21 1st Degree 6:30 at KofC Hall if candidate(s) Meeting follows at 7:30 PM	22  6:00PM	23 EMSH (The Pines) 6:00 pm <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day Picnic 10:00 AM Bring a Dessert or Side Dish	28 4th Degree meeting 7:30	29  6:00PM	30 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	31	