



The Meridian Knight

November 2019



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Our Order are*

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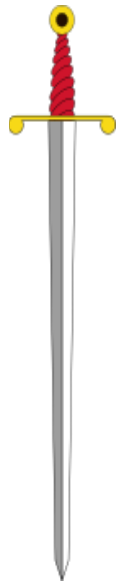
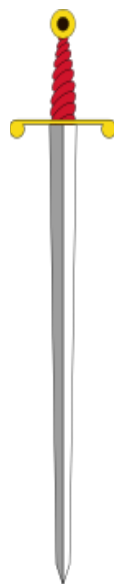
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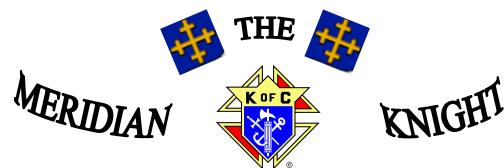
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine**



Grateful for the Little Things

Sometimes we can miss the little gifts that God and others want to give us. But part of receiving the gifts of God with gratitude means recognizing and appreciating the little things. Here's a practical way to grow in that this week. Write a Thank You note. Maybe it will be short note to your spouse expressing your gratitude. Maybe it will be a note to your parents. Or it could be a note to a coworker or a friend who's been there for you. Gratitude makes us more like God, and opens our hearts to a deeper relationship with him. It's something we won't regret.

Fr. Augustine Palimattam
Chaplain

Please Pray for Vocations We need more Priests

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



There will be no bingo on Wednesday, November 27th , Thanksgiving Eve.

Just a reminder, trash bags will be put out the following, Tuesday night. NEED HELP at 6:30 P.M.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Bob Leo
Chairman

**Deputy Grand
Knight Bob Connor**



Thanks to all of the Knights who participated in the many activities we had in October. To the knights who prayed the rosary before each Mass. There was also the Creative Contraptions and Columbus Day poster contests. The KC Soccer Challenge was a great success. Those programs mean so much to the kids who participate in them. And, of course, the winners are excited when they are recognized and given a prize. Those are things a child will never forget and the participating Knights will always be remembered, too. Then there is weekly Bingo and the monthly visit to East Mississippi State Hospital. You Knights who helped on any or all of these programs are saluted. For those Knights who would like to help out on any of these programs, please come forward. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Bob Connor
Deputy Grand Knight

November Birthdays

- 1st Joe Pat Caskey 4th Bill Semmes 6th Richard Brettnacher 7th Larry Birzer
- 8th Chris Foster & Msgr Elvin Sunds 10th James Romano IV 12th Scottie Roland 14th Greg Bordelon
- 16th Tim Mowdy 17th Tom Welsh 20th Rick Heimann 21st Edwin Laws 23rd John Schultz
- 27th Fr.Mario Solorzano-Cruz 30th Roger Boles & Darrell Hover

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**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



Brothers,

We had a very busy and productive month and once again, I would like to start by saying **“Thank you!”** and **“Congratulations!”** to a few folks:

“Congratulations” to Sir Knights Danny Santiago and Mark Hampson who advanced to become 4th Degree Knights in the patriotic arm of our Order. Danny and Mark participated in the Exemplification with 25 other Brother Knights. **“Thank you!”** to SKs Bob Leo (CCC/PFN), David Stevens, Roland Stewart and Frank Washington for making the trip down to D’Iberville to observe the Exemplification! (See photo’s below)

“Congratulations!” to Brother Knight Frank Sharp and his wife, Carolyn, on their selection as our Family of the Month and to BK Bill Nix on his selection as Knight of the Month for September 2019.

“Thank you!” to BKs Larry Birzer, Steven Huczel, Bob Leo (PGK) and Tom Zetler (PSD) for volunteering to lead the Rosary before our weekend Masses.

“Thank you!” to all who participated in and helped with our Columbus Day Mass and potluck. We had a very good turn out and a wonderful evening.

“Thank you!” to BK Darrell Hover for posting the daily *40 Days For Life* devotion-

als on our Facebook page.

“Thank you!” to BK John Harwell (PGK) for all his efforts in the Creative Contraption and Columbus Day Poster contests and the youth Soccer Challenge.

“Thank you!” to BK David Stephens and all who helped in our October Membership Drive!

Another **GREAT BIG “Thank you!”** to all the Brother Knights and Ladies who volunteer their time every week to help in making our Bingo program successful. **YOU** help us to raise **thousands of dollars every month** which we in-turn, donate to various worthy charitable causes!

Looking forward...

Our **Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated at St. Patrick Cemetery on **Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00am**. Immediately following Mass, we will provide breakfast in the Father Valley Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center.

Our **Deceased Members Mass / Flag Retirement Ceremony** will be held at the KC Hall on **Monday, November 11th beginning at 6:30pm** with a potluck (please bring a side dish or desert to share). This Mass will take the place of the regular 12:05 Mass and will be open to all parishioners. Also, we will have the usual Flag Raising at 8:00 AM and lowering at 5:00 PM at the Catholic cemetery on 39th Avenue.

Our **Council business meetings** will be held **November 5th and 19th** and our **Assembly business meeting** will be **November 26th**.

We will have an **Admission Degree** beginning at **6:30pm on Tuesday, November 19th** when Edwar Hernandez will seek admission into our Order. **Please make every effort to attend this Exemplification!**

Finally, I’m pleased to announce that we have been assigned a new **Field Agent, Joseph Herbert**, to assist with insurance. His contact information is – C: 228-236-6520; E: joseph.herbert@kofc.org.



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**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



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**Happy "Knighly Anniversary" to the following Knights!
For their Years of Service**

November 1st: Lawrence (Larry) Birzer, **43**; James Duncan & Steve Duncan, **40**;
November 25th: John Maloney, Jr., **38**; November 8th: Danilo (Danny) Santiago, **36**;
November 4th: Ralph Walters, **33**; November 1st: Augustus P Soriano, **26**;
November 17th: David Hammes, **23**; November 12th: William Thomas, **19**;
November 7th: John Baranello, **15**, John McCaskill, **15**, Ed Shamp, **15**,
Otto Storr, **15**, Andrew Yarger, **15**; November 21st: Roger W Boles, **13**;
November 20th: Brett Shamp, **12** years, Derek Zuchowski, **12** years;
November 9th: Justin Bates, **11**, Edwin Laws, **11**, Sam McGee, **11** years
November 12th: John M Lamont, **7**; November 9th: Gerald (Gary) Koca, **5**,
Tim Mowdy, **5**; November 20th: Wade Saucier, **1**

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

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator

**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

Walk for Life 2019: How often do you get a flat tire? For me, not very often. However, I left my home at 6:15 am on a Saturday morning heading towards Jackson. As I was getting ready to turn on the highway, I heard something pop. As I continued rolling there was a pop every time the wheel made a revolution. I turned back to the house and asked Debbie to check my tires. She found a bolt stuck in one of my tires. We called roadside assistance for help. He came and did not have the proper jack for my van, therefore we had to call someone else for the tire change. Long story short, four hours later the spare was finally on the van. I missed the Walk for Life.

Blessings and a very grateful THANK YOU to David and Sandy Klutz, my Grandson, Johnathan and his girlfriend Alexis, and their friend Abby for attending and walking for the Knights of Council 802. This year there were approximately 100 walkers that raised \$11,000, the best year ever. Thank you Brother Knights for sponsoring our walkers with your \$100 donation.

The largest 40 Days for Life campaign in history (505 cities worldwide) is still underway until November 4th. Thank all of you that participated in praying the daily devotionals and praying with me at our weekly meetings. As of the last report while writing this article there were over 296 babies saved during this campaign.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life



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

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



September Knight of the Month
Bill Nix



September Family of the Month
Frank & Carolyn Sharp



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in September
Mark Hampson



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, October 24th, we had our Monthly visit to the Pines Rest Home. Our next visit will be a week early due to the Thanks giving Holiday. Many thanks to Roland Stewart and his son Ashton for assisting me with handing out the snacks to the residents there.

Our next visit to the Pines will be on Thursday November 21st at 6:00 P.M. all are welcome to come.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Bob Leo
Community

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Let us be sure to give thanks for all the blessings the good LORD has blessed us with and pray that He continues to bless us, our families, the catholic community, and all of mankind. Enjoy and be Safe!

We participated in the "Council Membership Drive" at all of the weekend on October 19-20th. However, We did not receive any completed applications, but we issued brochures/applications. Thanks to all who helped with the recruitment after each Mass, especially: Tom Zettler, PSD, Tau Iosia, Grand Knight Dave Viger and Roland Stewart, (Sat – 5:00); P.J. Carter, Mark Hampson and David Stephens (Sun – 8:30); Roland Stewart, Bob Leo,PGK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, and Bill Nix (Sun – 11:00); Luis Borrell & David Stephens (Sun – 3:00; postponed to 10/27). Although we only received one application during the month of October, I am still excitedly optimistic that we will have new applicants during the month of November. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

New 4th Degree Knights: Congratulations to Danny Santiago and Mark Hampson who are our newest SK members of Assembly 1251. They were initiated Saturday, October 26th in D'Iberville, MS. Again, Congratulations our newest Sir Knights!!

Exemplifications in November

- Formation (2nd) Degree – Saturday, November 9th, 10:00 a.m.; Clinton
- Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Saturday, November 9th, 12:30 p.m.; Clinton
- Admission (1st) Degree – Tuesday, November 19th, 6:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian

All you 1st and 2nd Knights, please contact GK David Viger and let him know you wish to be a candidate for the formation or Knighthood exemplification listed above.

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

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!
David T. Stephens
Membership Director

**Youth
John Harwell**



We held our Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster Contest on October 4th. On October 18th, we had the awards presentation at the Friday School Assembly. All of the entries were well done and it made for some very difficult decisions on selecting the winners. We thank the students for their participation and hard work. We hope that they also had fun while learning something new. And they are as follows:

Columbus Day Poster:

Kindergarten: 1st Place -Yaretzi Espino, 2nd-Nolan Alexander, 3rd-Berkley Gowdy
 First Grade: 1st Place -Tinsley Duong, 2nd-Brandon Franklin, 3rd-Tamarien Dunn, HM-Ava Cayer
 Second Grade: 1st Place - Bentley Gowdy, 2nd-Aiden Palmer, 3rd-Issac Rigdon, HM-Amariah Dunigan
 Third Grade: 1st Place - Scarlett Cayer

Creative Contraptions:

Fourth Grade: 1st Place - Anthony Hopson, 2nd - Noah McCaffrey, 3rd - Serenity Brown, HM - Kennedy Frost, Myla Locke, Alana Frias
 Fifth Grade: 1st Place -Elizabeth Crudup; 2nd-Laney Palmer 3rd-Harlee Sellers HM-Braydon Harris
 Sixth Grade: 1st Place -Stephen Wilson; 2nd-Star Cayer; 3rd-Freeda Ramirez; HM-Macarena Frias

The Knights who were at the assembly included Tom Zettler PSD, Frank Washington and myself.

Thanks to our judges: David Viger Sr. GK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Robert Leo, PGK, Mouise Richards, PGK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Roland Stewart, Frank Washington and Mark Hampson.

Special thanks to my wife Bridget Baty Harwell and daughter Serena Harwell Sanders who helped me put together the Creative Contraptions Kits in preparation for them to be distributed to the students back on September 20th. Also, thank you to the following people who donated items for the Creative Contraptions Contest: Mark Hampson, Roland Stewart, Charles Frazier, John Bennett, PGK, Ed Shamp, Gaines Crawford, Robert Leo, PGK, David Viger, GK, Frank Sharp, and Mouise Richards, PGK. This list may be incomplete because I misplaced my sheet where I had recorded those who donated items. So, if you or someone you know donated items and have not been recognized, please let me know and I will recognize you and them next month. We also received some anonymous donations as well. Thank you to all.

Finally, a big thank you to our Principal Mrs. Montse Frias. Without her approval and blessing, we would not have these opportunities that the Knights of Columbus are able to provide for our St. Patrick students. We appreciate her for the leadership she provides to our school and the countless number of hours that she works on its behalf. It is all to help each student grow academically and spiritually. She is loved and appreciated by the Knights of Columbus, Council 802, and our Catholic Community.

On October 12-13, three of our 7th graders (Carter Eakes, Jackson Frazier and Jaydon Mosley) attended the Middle School Retreat at Lake Forest Ranch that was led by the NET group out of Minnesota. The weekend provided youth from around the diocese an opportunity to have fellowship, enrich their faith, while also having fun.

On October 24th, we held our KC Soccer Challenge at St. Patrick School. Some 28 youth participated this year. A big thank you to Frank Polizzi, PGK, Roland Stewart, Bob Leo, PGK, Frank Sharp, Bob Connor, DGK, Frank Washington and Coach Adrian Viger (wife of GK David Viger) for their help in putting on the challenge this year. The winners will be announced in the December newsletter.

Upcoming in November, we have the St. Patrick Youth Mass on November 16th at 5:00 PM (wear your favorite team jersey to Mass followed by the Saturday Evening football tailgate in the FLC at 6:00 PM.

On Sunday, November 17th, The Holy Cross youth from Philadelphia are coming down to challenge our youth in dodge ball in the FLC from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The Soccer Challenge awards will be presented at the School Assembly on Friday, November 22nd, at 8:00 AM. This year we have three youth from our Catholic community attending the Search Retreat which will be November 22-24 (Anthony Deviney, Kirstie Graves and Edwar Hernandez). Please pray for these three Youth.

Thank you to our Council for the strong support that is shown our youth and school here in Meridian. We do make a difference in our young people's lives.

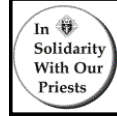
John Harwell PGK
 Parish Youth Director
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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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 	 Abortion Kills the Innocent	Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 2 of this newsletter 			1	2 All Souls Day Mass—8:00 AM St. Patrick Cemetery Breakfast follows at Parish Center
3	4	5 <u>Business Meeting</u> 7:30PM	6  6:00PM	7 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	8	9 Formation Degree (2nd) Clinton 10:00AM Knighthood Degree (3rd) Follows at 12:30
10	11  <u>Memorial Day Deceased Members Mass/Flag Retirement/Potluck 6:30pm KC Hall</u>	12 <u>No Meeting Tonight</u>	13  6:00PM	14 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM Council 802 Responsibility</u>	15	16 <u>Youth Mass 5:00 Tailgate Party FLC Follows Mass</u>
17 <u>Youth Volley Ball Contest with Holy Cross Youth from Philadelphia 3:00 PM</u>	18	19 <u>6:30 pm KC Hall 1st Degree if Candidate(s) Meeting Follows 7:30PM</u>	20  6:00PM	21 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM East Mississippi Visit to the Pines</u>	22 Search Retreat for Youth begins	23 Search Retreat for Youth continues
24 Search Retreat for Youth ends	25 <u>December Newsletter Deadline</u>	26 4th Degree Meeting KC Hall 7:30 PM	27  Tonight Happy Thanksgiving	28  Happy Thanksgiving <u>No Adoration today</u>	29	30