



The Meridian Knight

November 2018

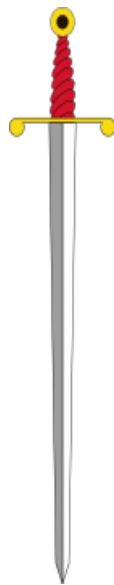


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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

Charity

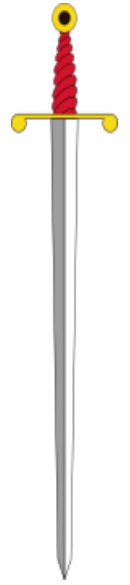
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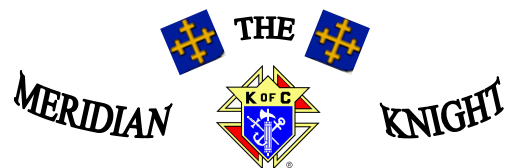
George Walston



THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



The Symbols of Baptism - The Church has always permitted and encouraged the baptism of infants. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me!" (Mark 10:14). And we recognize that nothing we can do, no decision we can make, no insight we can conjure up with our own intelligence, is able to redeem our souls and free us from sin. For that, only God's grace will suffice. And that grace is an entirely free gift from God – unconditional, available to all, won by the price paid on the cross by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And when we bring a helpless little baby to be baptized, that's what we are acknowledging.

In the actual ritual for baptism, this is symbolized in more than one way. In the first place, the newly baptized baby is given a little cloak, a white garment that represents the new, sinless life of grace that God grants to us when he adopts us as his children. The baby receives the cloak; it comes from the community of faith; no one is self-sufficient in the realm of salvation. And a similar symbol is found in the baptismal candle, which is lit during the ceremony from the Easter candle. We cannot give ourselves the light of God's wisdom; we must receive it from our Savior. In fact, that's why we call him "Savior" - we need him; we cannot save ourselves on our own.

Fr. Augustine
Chaplain

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**Dep Grand Knight
Sal Moreno**



It is hard to believe, but we are almost halfway through the Fraternal Calendar year. Our Faith in action programs started a little slow as we worked our way to get to know and adapt to the changes that were implemented this year. But we sure caught up fast, we are now in full swing.

Thanks to all of our Activity Program directors. You guys are doing an outstanding job. The second principle of our Order is working.

Sal Moreno,
Deputy Grand Knight
Program Chairman

**Community
Bob Leo , PGK**



On September 27th, me and 4 other Brother Knights visited the residents at the Pines, at EMSH. We brought the residents soft drinks, sweet cakes and ice cream bars, but the most important thing that we bring to them is ourselves. After serving soft drinks and snacks, we sit and have conversations with the residents who can converse. Our topics range from auto racing to football to what they did during the week. They all seem to enjoy the topics of conversation, but I think what they enjoy most is the Knights just sitting there talking to them. This is what it is all about, this is what we do!! It would be really meaningful, if there were a lot more Knights there, it doesn't take a lot of time, maybe a 1/2 hour at most. If you have a 1/2 hour to spare on a Thursday night, why not share it with your Brother Knights and the residents at the Pines. I'm sure they would love to see you.

Our next visit will be on November, 15th at 6:00 P.M. This month it will be a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving. My thanks for accompanying me to the Pines goes out to the following Brother Knights: Larry Birzer, David Stephens, Dewayne Klutz, and Eric Ross. Thank you one and all.

Bob Leo, Community Director

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



September Knight of the Month
Frank Washington



September Family of the Month
Joann & Tom Zettler, PSD



Knight of the Quarter
July, August, September
Frank Washington



Council 802 Knight of the Year 2017-2018
Ed Shamp



Council 802 Family of the Year 2017-2018
David, Patrick & Adrian Viger



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2017-2018
Darrell Hover



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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

40 Days for Life will continue until Sunday, November 4th. Thanks to all of you for joining me in prayer during the business meetings as well as the daily devotionals. Your prayers are saving lives. During the last update on October 22nd it was reported that 215 babies' (that we know of) mothers chose life. Thank you!

Heavenly Father, eternal, changeless, and faithful Lord, we recognize that we are in need of forgiveness as a nation, for turning our hearts away from you. Hear our prayer of repentance Lord and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We praise you for your tender mercies and your compassion that never fails. Lord, it is only by Your Grace that we can live lives that are just, and merciful. May Your Holy Spirit enable us to walk humbly in Your Presence and may You be pleased to restore America so that a generation not yet born may praise you. In the name of Christ

Jesus, who has done great things for us. Amen.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. 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

Bingo

Bob Leo, PGK



Bingo!! That's the shout we hear every Wednesday night, I'm getting to the point that I hear it in my sleep, which I don't know if that's good or bad. It seems that our bingo attendee's are growing in numbers, where we were at 140 - 150, we are now seeing numbers in the 160 - 170 range, this is a good thing. Maybe that's why I hear BINGO in my sleep.

Although our number of customers may be growing, I wish that the number of workers were doing just as well. We sorely need help on the floor. The members who work Bingo are not getting any younger, and there are a few who have physical problems that limits walking ability. So what I'm asking is if you know of a brother Knight that's new to our council, ask him if he could spare some time to come out and at least observe what you do at bingo, and maybe help out sometimes.

I thank all of those Brother Knights who do spend the time to work the bingo program. They are, Brother Knights, Sal Moreno, PFN, Howard McCarty, John Kasper, PGK, Dewayne Klutz, David Stephens, Tau and Karin Iosia, Larry Birzer, Mouise Richards, PGK, our money changer P.J. Carter, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Bob Connor, George Walston, David Sloan, and let us not forget our callers David Viger Sr., PGK, John Harwell GK, and Frank Polizzi, PGK.

(Alt. Supervisor). Our window Workers: Rick Norman, Liberty Moreno, Roland Stewart (Alt. Supervisor). Thanks also to our occasional workers Johnny Johnson, David Viger Jr. Greg Stephens, and all of those that I may have forgotten. We will not have Bingo on Wednesday, November 21st due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Let's keep in our prayers, our security guard, Lee Currie, who will be undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. Thank you one and all. May You and Your loved ones have a Very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving, from my family to yours.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

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**Parish
Youth Director**



Congratulations to our winners in the annual Columbus Day Poster/Creative Contraptions Contest sponsored by Council 802. At an Assembly on October 19th in the St. Patrick School Cafeteria, we recognized the following students:

Columbus Day Poster Contest:

Kindergarten

1st-Pierce Newman, **2nd**-Tinsley Duong, **3rd**-Aiden Walker

1st Grade

1st-Hayden Thompson, **2nd**-Ava Peden, **3rd**-Isaac Rigdon, **Honorable Mention**
HM-Olivia Henderson

2nd Grade

1st-Kalen Slutz, **2nd**-Jackson Spitzkeit, **3rd**-Scarlet Peden, **HM**-Helena Rutledge

3rd Grade

1st-Alana Frias, **2nd**-Collin Angerman, **3rd**-Tytan Duong, **HM**-Matthew Wilson

Creative Contraptions:

4th Grade

1st-Laney Palmer, **2nd**-Riley Coulter, **3rd**-Harlee Sellers, **HM**-Bryson Jackson

5th Grade

1st-Fredy Ramirez, **2nd**-Giselle Sanchez, **3rd**-Star Dillard, **HM**-Alden Slutz

6th Grade

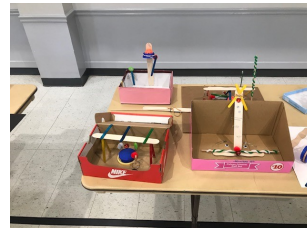
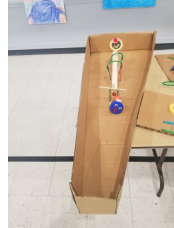
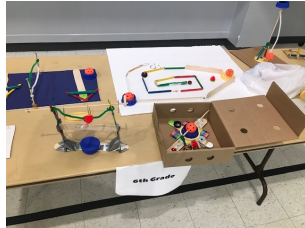
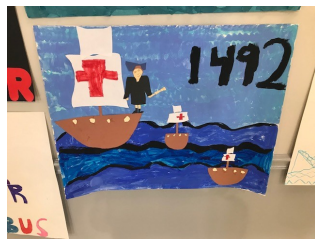
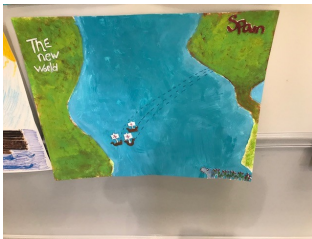
1st-Miranda Rigdon, **2nd**-Jairus Parks, **3rd**-Lillian Zettler, **HM**-Bryten Simpson

My thanks to Liberty and Sal Moreno PFN, George Walston, Frank Polizzi PGK and Robert Leo PGK who judged the contest on October 5th. Thank you to Mrs. Frias (the Principal at St. Patrick School) and Celeste Saucier (who is replacing Mary Yarger when she retires at the end of the year), the teachers who assisted us with the students while the judging was going on and Helen Crowe Reynolds, who as always does a lot but is always in the background. Her desk is the hub of the school. Thank you to Tom Zettler PSD and Frank Washington who were at the Assembly when we recognized the students

Last but not least (most importantly I might add). A BIG DOUBLE THANK YOU to my Sweetheart Bridget Harwell and our daughter Serena Harwell Sanders who not only helped me purchase the supplies for the CC Contest, they also filled 40 bags with all the items as well. That made my job infinitely easier.

My congratulations to all the students who participated and thanks to their parents/guardians for their help with their children.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director



Pictured here are only a few examples of the hard work and artistic abilities of our St. Patrick Catholic School Students 1st to 6th Grades

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Faith
George Walston



I would like to invite all of you to attend our All Souls Day Mass on Friday, November 2nd, in the St. Patrick Cemetery on 39th Avenue & 10th Street at 12:05 pm. We plan on having sandwiches and tea after Mass. I will need a couple of pickup trucks, maybe three, along with the manpower needed to carry chairs and tables for this event. I will get the food and deliver it to the site. It is supposed to only be a 20% chance of rain, but in the event it does rain, we will have Mass in the St. Aloysius Chapel and the meal will be served at the Parish Center.

I would also like to remind you that State Warden Bryan Cassagne has asked that a Day of Reflection be held in Pearl next January 26th, to be hosted by Grand Knight Calvin Toregano. This event is planned for the men of Council 802 as well as any of the men of our Catholic Community, with hopes of planning another one for the ladies at a later date. Stay tuned. I have a

list for those of you who think you would be interested in this event. At this time we are not asking for a commitment, just interest expressed. As we get closer to event, we will need to know a head count so Pearl can properly prepare for the attendance. At this time the schedule is to be as follows: Starting at 10:00 am and running until 3pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included for a donation to offset some of the expense to the Pearl council. Several speakers will speak on different topics of interest. If interested, the day will end with the Vigil Mass at St. Jude in Pearl. I plan on sending a bulk email from our Website sometime in late November or early December.

On another note, I would like to remind you that the 8:05 School Mass on Thursday, November 8th at St. Patrick Church will be in honor of all Veterans and all are invited for coffee and donuts afterwards in the Family Life Center.

Other Faith events will be planned and announced in the future, so stay tuned to this channel.

George Walston
Faith Chairman

**Dave Viger, FN/
Family Director**



No Report

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

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Happy Thanksgiving! Let us be sure to give thanks for all the blessings the good LORD has showered on us and pray that He continues to bless us, our families, catholic community, and all of mankind. Enjoy and be Safe!

As most of you know we participated in the “Council Church Drive” the weekend of October 20-21st. We did not receive any completed applications, but we issued at least three applications – and attempted to convince one of our brother knights to transfer his membership from the Bassfield Council to Meridian. We passed out several brochures including a set to a lady who wanted it for her husband. Thanks to all who helped with the recruitment, especially: George Walston, John Maloney, Sr., PGK, Dennis Deviney, Dave Viger, PGK, Tom Zettler, PSD, Tau Iosia and me (Sat – 5:00 Mass); P.J. Carter, PGK, Frank Sharpe and me (Sun – 8:30); Bob Leo, PGK, Frank Polizzi, PGK, Dewayne Klutz, Roland Stewart and me (Sun – 11:00); (Sun – 3:00 Mass). Although we may not have received any applications 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!”

Exemplifications in November:

Formation (2nd) Degree – Saturday, November 17th, 10:00 a.m.; Clinton, MS.

Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Saturday, November 17th, 12:30 p.m.; Clinton, MS.

Admission (1st) Degree – Tuesday, November 20th, 6:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.

All of you 1st and 2nd Degree Knights please contact GK John Harwell 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 Harwell of your intentions.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens

Membership Chairman

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 **11th** Martin Wodi **12th** Scottie Rowland **14th** Greg Bordelon

16th Tim Mowdy **17th** Tom Welsh **20th** Rick Heimann **21st** Edwin Laws **23rd** Trevor Gibson & John Schultz

27th Fr. Mario Solorzano-Cruz **28th** Richard Rowland **30th** Roger Boles & Darrell Hover

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**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Greetings to our Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows, Families, and Friends. Looking back on October saw us putting another busy book into our annals. Events, Programs, and Activities included but were not limited to the following: The Columbus Day Poster/Creative Contraptions Contest, judging on October 5th, a special Columbus Day Mass held on October 8th at the KC Hall, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Aloysius Chapel on October 11th, our weekend Membership Blitz on October 20th -21st, EMSH Nursing Home visit on October 25th. Also, our regular meetings on October 2nd and 16th, Bingo on the 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th and 31st, the continuation of the ongoing 40 Days of Prayer for Life and leading the Rosary after meetings and prior to the Weekend Masses throughout the month.

A few items of note. First, at the Columbus Day Poster/Creative Contraptions presentation on October 19th, we handed out the contest certificates to the students. After we were finished, Donna Polizzi awarded the Accelerated Reader (AR) certificates to the students who had met or surpassed their reading goals. I then mentioned to the students and teachers that the AR program had been in place at St. Patrick School for 20 years and was originally started when Council 802 provided a \$500 grant to the school to purchase the original program back in 1998. I encouraged the students to read, read and read some more. I reiterated that the Knights love our school and that is why we support it so strongly and for them to appreciate the efforts of their teachers and the sacrifices of their parents/guardians who provide them with the opportunity to attend St. Patrick School.

Second, on a sad note we remember the tragic death of our friend Irma Jean Reese, St. Joseph parishioner and long time bingo patron. Please keep her family, particularly her son Darian, in your thoughts and prayers. I have no doubt she is now resting comfortably in the arms of Jesus but her presence here will be missed.

Third, the membership approved for us to replace the existing roof on the hall. My thanks, in particular, to John Bennett, PGK, who has spent many hours researching this project, getting quotes, preparing information to share with us so that we were able to make an informed decision. Although an exact date has not been set, look for work to begin soon.

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month for September Frank Washington, who also was honored as our Knight of the Quarter (Jul-Sep). Frank is always willing to give his time for a multitude of things around both parishes, the school and out in the community as well. That is well deserved recognition. Our family of the month Joanne and Tom Zettler, PSD need no introduction. These two continue in service to our Council, Parishes and School in numerous different ways. Sometimes we overlook the people right in our midst who are doing the Lord's work everyday.

Looking ahead to November, we start right off with the annual cemetery Mass on All Souls Day on November 2nd at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick Cemetery, the conclusion of the 40 Days for Life Prayer Devotion (see our Facebook page), Adoration on November 8th, the Deceased Members Mass/Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 11th at 6:00 PM, the EMSH nursing home visit to the Pines on North Lakeland on the 15th (note the date change because of Thanksgiving), our regular meetings on November 6th and 20th, bingo on November 7th, 14th and the 28th. We get a much earned break on the 21st for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

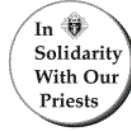
As I close out, I thank all of our Brother Knights, Spouses, Widows and Family Member who work tirelessly to make Council 802 the best in the state of Mississippi. I hope you all have a Blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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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
 Abortion Kills the Innocent	<u>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime</u> 	<u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7 of this newsletter</u> 	All Saints Day Vigil Mass 6:30pm St. Patrick	1 All Saints Day Mass at St. Joseph 5:30pm Adoration 12 Noon to 5PM	2 All Souls Day Cemetery Mass 12 noon Light Lunch of Sandwiches/Tea	3
4 40 Days for Life ends today, but keep praying for and end to Abortion	5	 6 Meeting 7:30pm	7  6:00PM	 8 School Mass 8:10 for Veterans Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM KofC 802 Responsibility	9	10
11 <u>Deceased Members' Mass/ Flag Retirement Ceremony at KC Hall 6pm</u>	12	 13 No Meeting Tonight	14  6:00PM	15 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u> <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM</u>	16	17 <u>Formation (2nd and Knighthood (3rd) Degree Exemplification Clinton 10:00 am & 12:30 pm</u>
18	19	 20 1st Degree if candidate(s) 6:30pm Meeting follows	21 No Bingo Tonight due to Thanksgiving	 Thanksgiving No Adoration Today	23	24
25	26	 27 4th Degree meeting 7:30	28  6:00PM	29 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	30	