



# *The Meridian Knight*

## *October 2018*



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- Chaplain - Fr Augustine Pallimattam*  
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*The Main Principles of  
Our Order are*

*Charity*

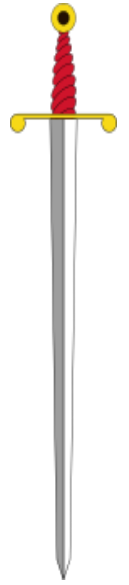
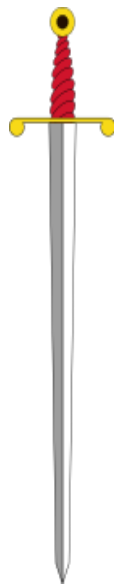
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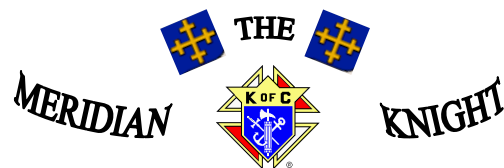
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THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS

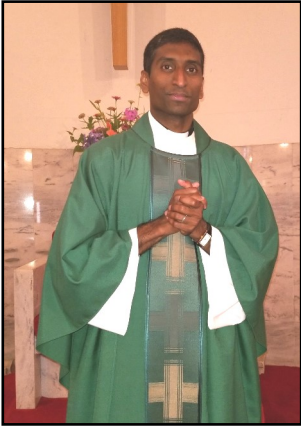


PROTECTING FAMILIES  
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain  
Fr. Augustine  
Palimattam**



## We Washed Our Hands, But Are They Clean

During the celebration of the Eucharist we begin with a Penitential Rite, and after the bishop or priest prepares the gifts, he washes his hands with water, saying, “Lord, wash away my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” More jaded liturgists claim that this washing of hands just came from the main celebrant’s need to wash his hands, without any spiritual connotations. We begin Mass with the Penitential Rite because we want to participate with clean hearts, just like we wash up for a meal.

However, there is washing up, and there is cleaning up. We probably all had a moment in our lives when our Mom told us to wash our hands, and she sent us back to do a better job because just touching a bar of soap and a little water did not clean our hands. Similarly, if you’d fallen into a pit of raw sewage, it’s unlikely that washing your hands before coming to dinner would be enough.

We purify ourselves ritually (at Mass) and sacramentally (in Confession) because we know we need deep cleaning: of our hearts. There’s cleaning to wash away the daily grime, and there’s more radical cleaning when we need help to crawl out of the cesspool of sin. Wash, and make sure you’re clean.

Fr. Augustine  
Chaplain

*Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests*

**District Deputy  
District Four (4)  
David Viger, PGK**



## The Silver Rose Pilgrimage through District 4

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.

The Silver Rose arrived in District 4 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction on September 15<sup>th</sup> and ceremonies were held by Meridian Council 802, Starkville Council 6765 and Columbus Council 7974.

Here are some pictures from the ceremonies



**Meridian Council 802**



**Starkville Council 6765**



**Columbus Council 7974**

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**Dave Viger, FN/  
Family Director**



Brothers,

Congratulations to PGK/PFN John Maloney Sr. and his wife Pat on their selection as our August Family of the Month! John and Pat are both very active in our Catholic Community. John is an integral part of our Prison Ministry Program as well as being the "Music Man" for Degree Exemplifications. He is a Past Grand Knight of our Council and Past Faithful Navigator of our Assembly. Pat is a volunteer "Pink Lady" at Jeff Anderson Hospital and is the Treasurer of the Our Lady of Fatima Sodality. She also sells 50/50 tickets at Wednesday Night Suppers to raise money for St Patrick's Catholic School. Again, congratulations to the John and Pat Maloney Family!

Congratulations also go out to our newest Sir Knight, Gary Dove! Gary participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification held in Pearl on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Gary and his wife, Angela, and their son Gary Jr. are welcomed additions to our KofC Family! Also, a special thanks to PFN Bob Leo and his wife Rosalie for accompanying Gary and his family to the Exemplification.

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. Dates for 4th Degree Exemplifications planned for this Fraternal year are as follows:

***October 27th, D'Iberville - January 26th, Olive Branch - February/March, TBD***

We had our first Family Rosary Program during the month of September with special intentions offered for Father Augustine as he was "officially" installed as the Pastor of St Patrick and St Joseph by Bishop Kopacz. The Family Rosary Program is held on the last weekend of the month in months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The next Family Rosary will be in December. If you and/or a family member would like to lead us in praying the Rosary before Mass, please let me know. Special Thanks to P. J Carter, PGK for leading the Rosary at St. Joseph

Last, but certainly not least...thank you to the members of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard who participated in the Installation Mass of Father Augustine.

**Vivat Jesus!**

Dave Viger  
Faithful Navigator &  
Family Program Director



**SK Gary Dove with DM  
Jerry Schmuck, PSD**

***The picture at right  
was taken after Fr.  
Augustine was  
Intalled as Pastor of  
St. Patrick and St.  
Joseph Churches***



**Fr. Augustine & Bishop Kopacz with  
Assembly 1251 Honor Guard**

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# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



August Knights of the Month  
PJ Carter & Luis Borrell



August Family of the Month  
John & Pat Maloney



Knight of the Quarter  
April, May, & June  
John Harwell, GK



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**

The First Annual Suicide Awareness Prevention Music Fest held on September 15th was a huge success with an estimated 350 people in attendance. Thank you Council 802 for your donation to this awareness fundraiser.

We had the Silver Rose prayer service on September 16, 2018. Thank you Dave Vigor, Bob Leo, Tom Zettler, P. J. Carter, John Maloney, George Walston, Roland Stewart, Sal and Liberty Moreno, Debbie Hover, Sue Blier, Theresa LaBiche, and all of you who came out to attend. I think the final count was a total of 24 that participated. Thank you for making this event a success.

40 Days for Life takes place from Wednesday, September 26 through Sunday, November 4, 2018. 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. Your prayers are saving lives. Thank you!

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Parish  
Youth Director**



The Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster Contest Judging will be on October 5th at 1:30 PM in the FLC. I welcome any of you to come down and help judge this years contest. It is always a lot of fun and the creativeness of our St. Patrick students will never cease to amaze you.

John Harwell  
Parish Youth Director

**Community  
Bob Leo, PGK**



By the time you read this newsletter, we will already have had our monthly visit to the Pines Home at EMSH. I will report on that visit in next month's issue of the Council Newsletter. But in the meantime, think about the residents that are living out there. Think about the ones who have no one to visit them, or to bring them gifts on holidays, the ones that just want sit and have a conversation with someone.

This is where we come in, to bring a little sunshine into their lives, to converse with these lonely and sometime forgotten people. It's only one hour out of your day, but to them it's the whole day. You should see the smiles on their faces when a bunch of Knight's walk in the door, and the warm welcome we get. It's not the spoken word that we get, it's the body language that we see.

So if you can spare an hour out of your time come on out and join us at the Pines Home of the EMSH, and bring some sunshine with you.

Our next visit will be on October, 25th, we will meet at the Pines at 6:00 PM. if you don't know how to get there, ask any of your brother Knights.

Bob Leo

**Bingo**

**Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program seems to be holding its own by way of attendance and net profits for our favorite charities. Some months are better than others. It does seem that the more sellers we have on the floor the more money we make. But I, still hear some workers say " Oh you have enough workers on the floor you don't need me " not true . We need everyone that's willing to help out at our bingo sessions, as I've said many times The more workers we have the more we make for the charities. So please if you can spare some extra time and stay for an hour or so on the late portion of our bingo session, I'm sure some of those old timers out there would surely appreciate it.

On another note, We are still looking for some back up help, for our bingo callers and window sellers,if you are interested please contact Frank Polizzi, Roland Stewart or Me.

Bob Leo  
Bingo Manager

**Grand Knight  
John Harwell**



October Greetings to all. Summer has been stubbornly holding on but hopefully some fall weather will cool us down soon.

Looking back at September, we had a successful Labor Day picnic even though we got chased inside because of rain. A big crowd came out and we also celebrated Ms. Marie Bailey's 98th Birthday. On September 16th, a nice crowd turned out for the Silver Rose Program. Of course, our regular ongoing Wednesday Night Bingo continues to draw strong crowds and that allows us to be very charitable to our parishes, school, religious, community, youth etc.

Congratulations to our co-Knights of the Month for August, Dr. Luis Borrell PGK and PJ Carter PGK and our Family of the Month, the John and Pat Maloney Family.

Upcoming events in October include the Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster Judging on October 5th at 1:30 PM in the FLC, a special Columbus Day Mass on October 8th at 6:30 PM at the KC Hall, Weekend Membership Blitz on October 20th-21st. This along with our regular meetings, Adoration on October 11th, EMSH Visit on October 25th, Bingo every Wednesday evening, the ongoing 40 Days of Prayer for Life will keep us busy.

A couple of updates on ongoing items: First, our Columbian Club By-Laws are in the process of being updated to ensure that we stay in compliance. Second, we have a pending motion concerning the roof of the Hall and we could see a decision made on this project in October.

Last but not least, welcome to our newest member, Patrick Perry and also a welcome back to BK Jerry Miller who has returned to our ranks. We are very glad to have Patrick and Jerry back in our Council family.

With that I hope you all have a good month and as always thank you to all our Brother Knights, Wives, Widows and Families for your dedicated service to our Council. Together we make a difference.

John Harwell  
Grand Knight  
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**Faith**  
**George Walston**

My Brother Knights,

We had, what I feel was a well attended Quarterly Communion at St. Patrick on Saturday, September 22nd. Although not everyone sat up front with the council, which is regrettable, I was able to account for, at least, 48 total Council 802 members and their wives in attendance during the Mass, and I'm certain I didn't account for everyone there. Eight to ten members/wives actively participated in the service, either as Readers, Choir members, ushers, etc. Our next Corporate Communion will be held sometime in early December, so as not to interfere with the Christmas Holidays.

Our next function in the Faith Category is when we pray the Rosary before each Mass and after each meeting in October. If you have a preference as to the Mass that you attend each week, please let me know in time to schedule you to pray the Rosary. Remember, we do this in honor



of our Blessed Virgin Mary and with the intentions that one day we will get some favorable rulings in our courts about the dreadful practice of abortion. The first volunteers needed are for our October 2nd Business meeting. Also, at that meeting I will have a volunteer list so that you may sign up to pray the Rosary at the weekend masses. Please don't make me use the Military method to get my Volunteers. *(You, you and you, follow me, LOL)*

I'm looking forward to serving as our Faith Chairman for the coming year, but remember, I'm an old man, please help me make it an easy task.

George Walston  
Faith Chairman

**Dep Grand Knight**

**Sal Moreno**



Finally, we have our council's four program categories fully manned and in full swing. As you all know we are down to four program categories instead of six. But then, in every category there are eight (8) Supreme recommended programs not counting our own existing programs. I am here to assist in every way I can. I am looking for ways on how we can run our programs work a little easier and lessen burdens on our directors' shoulders. At our next business meeting on October 2nd, I would like to have a short meeting with all the Category program Directors after the Rosary.

Sal Moreno  
DGK/Program Director

**October Birthdays**

**1st** Joseph Hosch **3rd** Howard Turberville, Jr. **4th** Carson Brown **7th** Fr. Francis Cosgrove  
**8th** Daniel & David Smith **9th** Jordan Zettler **10th** Robert (Trey) Grissett **12th** Marty McCann  
**14th** Bill Webster **15th** Richard Semmes **20th** Fr. Joseph Sestito **22nd** Fr. Jerry Daniels & Fr. Matthew Simmons  
**23rd** Louis Bailey, Jr. **28th** David Viger **24th** David Blanks & Freddie McCoy **26th** James Snowden  
**28th** Johnnie Walters, Jr **30th** James Dawson **31st** Joe Hollern

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

**Membership  
David Stephens**

Brother Knights:

We have planned a Church Drive for the weekend of October 20-21 after each Mass. We will need "A Few Good Men" from Council 802 to assist with recruitment during that weekend – Naturally, we are seeking new members on a daily basis. Let me know if you are willing to help after one or more of the Masses (601-938-5757). "Membership is truly a team effort!"

**Exemplifications in October:**

Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – Tuesday, October 16th, 6:30 – 7:30pm; KC Hall, Meridian

Fourth Degree – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 6:00pm; 10446 Lemoyne Blvd, D'Iberville, MS 39540

"Knights Change Lives and Save Lives"

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!



"HAPPY HALLOWEEN" "HAPPY HALLOWEEN" "HAPPY HALLOWEEN"

By the way, don't forget the Oktoberfest at St. Joseph on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. See below for details.

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

***St. Joseph's October Fest - Saturday October 6th 11:00am -2:00pm***

As one of their fundraisers, the Knights of Peter Claver will be selling raffle tickets for cash prizes as follows:

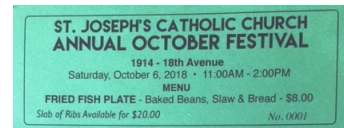
- 1st Prize - \$100.00***
- 2nd Prize - \$ 75.00***
- 3rd Prize - \$ 50.00 (Tickets \$1.00 each)***

You may purchase tickets from any Knights of Peter Claver Member or call David Stephens at 601-938-5757.

Also, St. Joseph's Hospitality Committee will be selling dinner plates:



- Fried Fish Plates - \$8.00 - Baked Beans, Slaw & Roll***
- Bar-B-Que Ribs Plates - \$8.00 - Baked Beans, Slaw & Roll***
- Slab of Ribs - \$20.00 - Sides available at additional cost***



You may purchase tickets from any St. Joseph Hospitality Committee Member or David Stephens at 601-938-5757



***The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Church. Please honor her by praying the Rosary as often as possible during the Month. It would be nice to dedicate 20 minutes, more or less daily to her honor. Also, use the special intention to overturn Roe vs Wade in the near future.***

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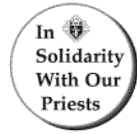




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
<p><u>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime</u></p> 	1	 2 Meeting 7:30pm Rosary Follows Meeting with Program Director after Meeting	3	 <u>6:00PM</u>	4	Adoration <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	5	Creative Contraptions/ Columbus Day Poster FLC 1:30pm	6	Oktoberfest St. Joseph Church 11am to 2pm Rosary Before 5 o'clock Mass
7	 <u>Columbus Day Mass at the KC Hall 6:30 pm Mass No Food</u>	 9 No Meeting Tonight	10	 <u>6:00PM</u>	11	Adoration <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u> <u>KofC 802 Responsibility</u>	12		13	Rosary Before 5 o'clock Mass
14	15	 16 1st Degree if candidate(s) 6:30pm Meeting follows Rosary after the meeting	17	 <u>6:00PM</u>	18	Adoration <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	19		20	Rosary Before 5 o'clock Mass Membership Drive After Mass
21	22	 23 4th Degree meeting 7:30	24	 <u>6:00PM</u>	25	<u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM. Meet at The Pines</u> Adoration <u>12 Noon to 7PM</u>	26	Today is the Deadline for the November Newsletter	27	4th Degree Exemplification D'Iberville 12 noon Rosary Before 5 o'clock Mass
28	29	 30 No Meeting Tonight	31	 <u>6:00PM</u>	 Abortion Kills the Innocent	Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7 of this newsletter 				