



The Meridian Knight

October 2019



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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

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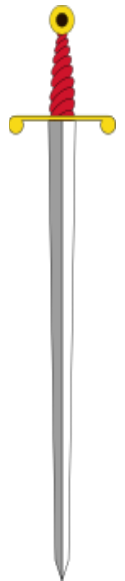
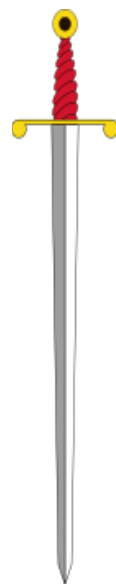
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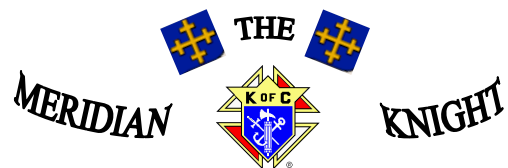
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THE KNIGHTS
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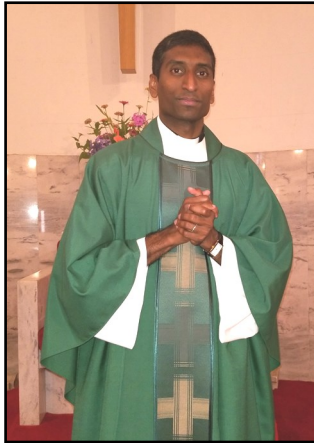


PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine**



Loving the Unlovable - It's not uncommon that when we hear Our Lord's expectation that we love our neighbor, one or two people will come to mind that make us shudder ("Love him? Love her? No way!"). The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion at the sight of the beaten man. Sacred Scripture doesn't say what the Levite felt, only that he kept his distance. Whether someone invokes compassion or revulsion in us, Our Lord expects us to love them. Love is a conviction, and, at times, there won't be feelings to back it up. Anyone who has experienced love has experienced how strong it is when it is not backed up by pleasant feelings. If there is anyone in your life that your feelings are keeping you from loving, resolve to love them, and wish for them whatever will make them healthy and holy. Your feelings may not change, but your love will.

Fr. Augustine,
Chaplain

**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**



Our bingo program is still holding its own. Our attendance is a little low in some weeks but higher in others. But we are still doing OK, money wise. We had a visit from the gaming commission agent with a complaint from one of our customers. She was complaining about the seating arrangements. She said that some customers are reserving seats for other customers, whether it's for a family member or a friend. I explained that we don't have reserved seating. Seats are on a first come basis, so if you see someone trying to hold a seat for someone else, please explain to them, that if another customer wants to sit in the held seat, the holder of the seat has to give it up. I realize that there are steady customers who have a special place where they always sit for whatever reason.

I would like to give a big welcome to Brother Knight Charles Frazier the newest member of our bingo team. It's almost time for us to renew our bingo license. In the near future I will be handing you a background check form for you to fill out and have notarized. I'm sorry about this, but the license, as well as all the background checks has to be renewed every 3 years. Thank you for all that you do.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

October Birthdays

1st Joseph (Joe) Hosch **2nd** Wade Saucier **3rd** Howard Turberville, Jr. **4th** Carson Brown
7th Fr. Francis Cosgrove **8th** Daniel & David Smith **9th** Jordan Zettler **10th** Robert (Trey) Grissett, III
12th Marty McCann **14th** Bill Webster **15th** Richard Semmes **22nd** Fr Matthew Simpson &
Fr. Jerry Daniels **23rd** Louis Bailey, Jr. **24th** David Blanks & Freddie McCoy, Jr.
25th Brother Rafael Anguiano **28th** Johnnie Walters, Jr. **30th** James Dawson **31st** Joseph Hollern

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**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



Brothers,

Let me start by saying **“Thank you!”** and **“Congratulations!”** to a few folks:

“Thank you!” to PSD Tom Zettler and PGKs Bob Leo and John Maloney for participating in the Silver Rose service, as well as Deacon Andrew Nguyen who did a marvelous job and said some GREAT things about our Council during the service. Also, **“Thank you!”** to PGKs Bob Leo and Frank Polizzi for meeting the Vicksburg Council in Brandon to transfer the Rose to them!

“Congratulations!” to Brother Knight Ken Woodward and his wife, Jane, on their selection as our Family of the Month for August 2019. Ken and Jane are a model of Catholic family values. They are instrumental in many adult faith formations, particularly for the month of August, the *Presence* program that Ken facilitated for the Council!

“Congratulations!” to BK Chris Foster on his selection as our Knight of the Month for August 2019. Chris has been a big help at Bingo making and bagging the popcorn and putting Bingo packs together for us to sell!

“Thank you!” to PGK John Harwell and his wife, Bridget, for delivering the Walmart gift cards to Liz Edmondson, the Office Manager, at St. Michael’s in Forest. John included a nice note card along with a St. Jude Medal/Card that he procured from Our

Ladies Corner.

“Thank you!” to PGK John Bennett for serving as our Building Manager for many, many years! Building Manager is a significant responsibility and John has done an EXCELLENT job! **“Thank you!”** to PGK Frank Polizzi who has agreed to take on responsibility as Building Manager and he will be getting together with various members to form building committee (or committees)....more to follow in the days/weeks to come.

“Thank you!” to BKs Rick Norman and Ken Woodward for their regular posts in our Council Facebook Group! Both Rick and Ken are pretty much “daily posters” to the group sharing various snippets, links and information about the Catholic Faith! If you aren’t a member of our Facebook group and want to join, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Council802/> and click on the “Join” link!

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

Looking forward...

Our business meetings will be held October 1st and 15th (Council) and October 29th (Assembly). **Please note – our Assembly meeting is being held on the 5th Tuesday in October.**

October has many traditions. There’s post-season baseball, tailgating at football games, apple picking and, of course, Columbus Day and Halloween. But, most importantly, there is the **Rosary!** As **decreed** by Pope Leo XIII, October is the Month of the Rosary. For us Knights, this has a special significance. When a man joins our Order, he receives a Knights of Columbus rosary – at 1.9 million members, that’s a lot of rosaries. Praying the rosary is an activity that our members do communally as part of council life. During October, a member of our Council will lead the Rosary before all weekend Masses. The Rosary will begin one half hour before Mass. **During October, please make every effort to be at Mass a half hour early to participate in praying the Rosary.**

Our **Columbus Day Mass & pot luck** is tentatively planned for **6:30pm, Monday, October 14th**, pending coordination with and availability of Father Augustine. The main dish will be provided by the Council, members are asked to bring a side dish or a desert.

The **40 Days for Life** campaign started September 25th and will go through November 3rd. BK Darrell Hover is planning to post daily devotionals will be posted on our KofC Facebook Page.

Our annual **St. Patrick School Creative Contraptions Contest** (grades 4-6th) and **Columbus Day Poster Contest** (grades K-3rd) are underway. Judging for both will be **Friday, October 4th starting at 1pm** (time could change). Please mark your calendars and, if you’re available, please come to the school to help judge.

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

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**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
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Our Council **Membership Drive** is tentative for the weekend of **October 19/20th** pending coordination with/approval by Father Augustine.

Last, but certainly not least, **BKs Danny Santiago** and **Mark Hampson** are planning to go to **Ocean Springs on October 26th** to participate in the 4th Degree Exemplification, joining the Patriotic Arm of our Order! Sir Knights who would like to go and observe this Exemplification, please let me know as soon as possible.

Happy “Knighly Anniversary” to the following Knights!

- Fr. Joseph Sestito—45 years Oct 1st, Joseph Hosch, PGK—32 years Oct 1st, DGK
- Bob Connor— 30 years Oct 8th Msgr. Elvin Sunds – 29 years Oct 11th
- Bob Leo, PGK/PFN – 28 years Oct 27th John Glicco – 14 years Oct 2nd
- Joe Birzer – 3 years Oct 22nd COL Bob Hammond – 3 years Oct 22nd

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

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



We had our monthly visit to the Pines Rest Home (EMSH) on August 22nd. *(By the time you read this Newsletter, we will have made our September visit, hope you were there).* We took the residents their usual goodies of Twinkies (we try to vary these between Little Debbie's and Swiss Miss cupcakes. We also take soft drinks and their favorite, ice cream sandwiches. We sometimes serve the residents ourselves, and other times, the nurses have to serve them. It depends on which residents are in the break room, as some cannot have ice cream, some can't have chocolate cupcakes, and so on, so the nurses have to serve the goodies.

You have all heard the expression, "But for the Grace of God, there go I". Well, there are no truer words spoken. I feel that every time I visit the residents housed in that home, I think that if it was me, I would love to have someone like the members of the Knights of Columbus come and visit me. Besides the goodies that they bring, I would love to sit and have conversations with them, and talk about all the current events that we don't see on the big TV they have in the break room. We talk about everything from sports to current events. My brother Knights, this is what we're all about. Remember, the first principle of our order is Charity. This is what you accomplish when you visit the folks at the Pines Rest Home. So, please consider spending at least a half hour on the 4th Thursday of each month to visit the residents. We meet at the front doors of the home at 6:00 P.M.

I would like to thank those Brother Knights who accompanied me on the August visit to the Pines Home. Thanks to Brother Knights Tom Zettler, Frank Polizzi, David Stephens, and Eric Ross. I hope to see more Brother Knights at our October visit on the 24th at 6:00 P.M. at the Pines Rest Home.

Bob Leo

October Special Events

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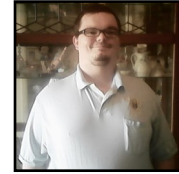
**Rosary before all Weekend Masses
19th & 20th Membership Drive after all Masses**

- 4th - Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Posters Judging Family Life Center 1:00 pm**
- 5th - Oktoberfest at St. Joseph 11:00 to 2:00**
- 12th - 4th Degree Exemplification in Tupelo (Time to be announced later)**
- 14th - Columbus Day Mass/Potluck 6:30 pm KC Hall**
- 15th - 1st Degree at Council Hall if candidates are available**
- 19th - Tailgate Party Family Life Center after 5:00 Mass**
- 24th - Soccer Challenge St. Patrick School 1:30**
- 26th - 4th Degree Exemplification in D'Iberville (Two Members expected to attend)**
- 27th - Trunk & Treat 4:30 in St. Joseph parking lot**

Congratulations to the Following Honorees



August Knight of the Month
Chris Foster



August Family of the Month
Ken & Jane Woodward



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in June
Bob Leo, PGK



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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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

Sincere thanks to GK David Viger for organizing the SILVER ROSE ceremony. Thank you PSD Tom Zettler, PGK Bob Leo and PGK John Maloney for participating in the service as well as Deacon Andrew Nguyn for his very nice words of inspiration. Thank you PGK Bob Leo for receiving the rose from the Philadelphia council and PGK Frank Polizzi for meeting the Vicksburg Council in Brandon to transfer the Rose to them.

Thank you to Council 802 for donating \$100 to Mississippi Alliance to End Suicide. The **LEAN on ME Concert** hosted by Mississippi Alliance to End Suicide on September 28th was well attended. Rhonda and David were not able to attend due to illness. Please keep this family in your daily prayers.

The largest 40 Days for Life campaign in history (505 cities worldwide) is now underway. Recently, a politician provided a SHOCKING reminder of just how critical your prayers and actions are during this campaign. At a CNN town hall event, a candidate said that as president,

he would use abortion to reduce the global population and fight climate change. Our prayers are needed more than ever. I will be posting the daily devotionals and prayers on the Knights of Columbus Council 802 Facebook page.

Walk for Life 2019: Please make plans to Walk for Life on October 19th. "This is a family friendly event that will start out from St. Richard Catholic Church in Jackson; proceed 2 miles to the state's last remaining abortion facility and 2 miles back to St. Richard's Catholic Church. Brunch provided by the Knights of Columbus.

May Saint John Paul II's words penetrate your heart in a profound way that leads to action: "Woe to you if you do not SUCCEED in defending life". – S. JPII. God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Youth
John Harwell**



The Creative Contraptions Kits have been distributed to the students and this year the judging will be done on Friday, October 4th at 1:00 PM (note that is earlier than the original time of 1:30 PM) in the Family Life Center. The contest is for the students at St. Patrick in the 4th-6th Grades. This will involve talking to each student individually about their contraption.

The Columbus Day Poster contest will also be judged that day, as well. It is for the Kindergarten-3rd Grades. The Poster contest will be judged after the creative contraptions as we do not need the students present during that time. Judges are needed. Please contact me ahead of time if you are going to be a judge as I have to give that list of names to Mrs. Frias.

We will have the awards ceremony at a later date and I will communicate that date/time with you as soon as it is confirmed.

On Thursday, October 24th, we will hold our annual Soccer Challenge at St. Patrick School. It will start at 1:30 PM and will be open to the 3rd-6th graders. Again your help is needed with verifying the registrations, keeping score and in general helping with the event.

Please mark your calendars for a couple of parish related events. On Saturday, October 19th, we will have a Saturday night tailgate at the FLC after the 5P Mass. They will be just like last year. Bring your own

food to nibble and the church will provide drinks, cups, plates, napkins and such. In addition, we will have some games in the back for anyone to play if they don't want to watch the game that is on.

On Sunday afternoon, October 27th, we will host a Trunk or Treat from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM on the St. Joseph Parking Lot. Please make plans to be a part of this fun event. It will be open to youth 12 and under. Families are invited to participate by setting up your own trunk with some Halloween decorations and some goodies/candies to give out to the kids when they trunk or treat during the event. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, drinks during the event as well. All are invited.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

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**Membership
David Stephens**

Brother Knights:

I trust all had a Safe and Enjoyable Labor Day Celebration. Guess what? We have another Federal Holiday coming up October 14th; Columbus Day, our namesake! Take the opportunity to reflect on why the Knights of Columbus was founded, as well as, enjoy as you celebrate Columbus Day.

The above was my lead-in to the following: We have planned a Church Drive for the weekend of October 19-20 after each Mass. We will need "A Few Good Men" of Council 802 to assist with recruitment during that weekend. We seek new members on a daily basis. However, during that weekend let's put forth that extra effort to recruit new members. 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!"

We have two Brother Knights, Danilo "Danny" Santiago and Mark Hampson, seeking the honors of the 4th Degree. The Exemplification is Saturday, October 26th, in D'Iberville. Any Brother Knights interested in attending this Exemplification, please contact David Viger, GK/FN 601-480-3364.



Exemplifications in October:

- 4th Degree Exemplification – Saturday, October 12th, Time, TBA; Tupelo
- Admission (1st) Degree – Tuesday, October 15th, 6:30pm-7:30pm; Meridian
- 4th Degree Exemplification – Saturday, October 26th, 12:00-5:30 pm; D'Iberville

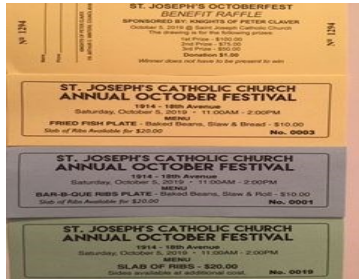
"Knights Change Lives and Save Lives"

"HAPPY HALLOWEEN!" "HAPPY HALLOWEEN!" "HAPPY HALLOWEEN!"

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

"It's that time of the year for St Joseph's OctoberFest (October 5th; 11:00-2:00) . I have the following tickets for sale:

- Raffle for Cash - \$1 each
- Fish Dinner Plate - \$10 each
- Rib Dinner Plate - \$10 each
- Slab of Ribs - \$20 each



Fraternally,
David T. Stephens
601 938 5757

**Deputy Grand Knight
Bob Connor**

A great big thank you to all those women and men who work on Wednesday night. Not only are their workers for Bingo, but we also have the kitchen crew and the bar crew. We are thankful that we have people who take part of their week to contribute to our cause. Without you we would not be able to carry out our charitable mission, including supporting St. Patrick School. Those people who are working on Wednesday night are contributing to the education of young people in addition to the many other charitable missions we contribute to.

Their are many events taking place in October including Knights who will be saying the Rosary before each Mass. The Rosary will begin one half hour before the scheduled Mass. Come early and participate. Don't forget Octoberfest at St. Joseph on Saturday, October 5. Even though we need rain, pray it does not rain on that day. We also have two men who are joining Fourth Degree in D'Iberville, MS on Saturday, October 26. If you would like to attend and support Mark Hampson and Danny Santiago, please let David Viger (601-480-3364) know.

Bob Connor

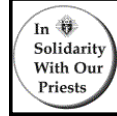




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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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13 EVENT	14 EVENT	15 <i>1st Degree 6:30 PM Business Meeting Follows</i>	16  6:00PM	17 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>	18	19 EVENT
20 EVENT	21	22 No Meeting Tonight	23  6:00PM	24 EVENT <i>Visit to EMSH the Pines 6PM Adoration 12 Noon</i>	25	26 EVENT
27 EVENT	28	29 4th Degree Meeting KC Hall 7:30 PM	30  6:00PM	31 <i>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</i>		
	Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime 	<i>Abortion Kills the Innocent</i> 		Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 2 of this newsletter 		