



The Meridian Knight

September 2018

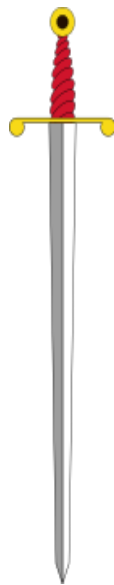


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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

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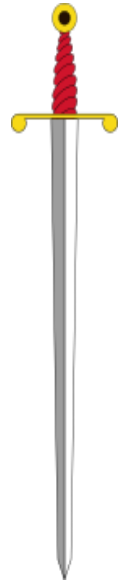
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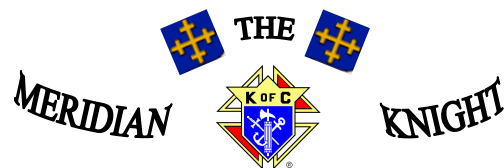
George Walston



THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



Can we take care of God's Gifts?

Few truths of our faith have more practical consequences than this truth that every human life is a gift from God, a sacred reality.

The first and most important practical consequence is that we need to take care of our own lives. We are royalty, members of God's family, called to fulfill a mission in God's eternal plan of salvation. That matters. And we need to act like it matters. We need to keep our hearts strong and free from sin, using frequently and wisely the gifts of prayer, Holy Communion, and confession. We need to guard ourselves from temptation by exercising self-discipline in how we spend our time, money, and talents. We need to remember that the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour," as the Bible tells us (1 Peter 5:8). He wants to lead us away from God, precisely because he knows how much God cares for us.

The second practical consequence has to do with the people around us, especially those closest to us. We are so used to focusing on their failures, foibles, and imperfections that we tend to take them for granted. But God never takes them for granted. Instead, he takes each of us by the hand,

loving us without condemning us, and leading us along the path of redemption. We are called to do the same, to be God's messengers, to be living signs of his love for those around us by how we treat one another.

Fr. Augustine
Chaplain

Please continue to pray for vocations. We Need more priests

**Parish
Youth Director**



August found us cranking up our Parish Youth Program which the Knights have supported for decades. On August 4th, some 20 youth and adults floated on the Okatoma Creek. A fun time was had by all. Special thanks BK Joe Price, Scoutmaster of Troop 7, who was my co-adult leader for the trip.

On August 10th, I held our First Friday devotional at Hardees on North Hills Street. Several kids and adults gathered for a biscuit, some fellowship and a short prayer before heading off to school. This will be a monthly activity on the first Friday morning and I believe will be something that our youth and parents will come to enjoy and look forward to.

We had a pool party on the 19th and followed that up with a Youth Fun Night in the FLC on the 26th. Upcoming KC youth activities will be the Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster contest (October) and the Youth Soccer Challenge (October or November). More details will be forthcoming on each of these programs.

I thank our Knights and spouses who support our youth in numerous different ways. I know it makes a difference.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

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**Dave Viger, FN/
Family Director**



Brothers,

Please join me in congratulating Brother Jack LeGuin and his wife Linda on their selection as our July Family of the Month! Jack now lives with his lovely wife on the coast, but when he was living here he was very active in both our Council and our Assembly.

A Labor Day picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 2nd at the Hall. The Council will provide the main fare and we ask members to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Activities will begin at 5pm. The waterslide will be set up and there will be a cornhole tournament for those interested. If your time allows, please consider joining in on the fun!

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:

September 15th, Pearl - January 26th, Olive Branch

October 27th, D'Iberville - February/March, TBD

Last, but certainly not least...thank you to the members of our 4th Degree Honor Guard who traveled to Philadelphia last month to participate in the Installation Mass of Father Darnis as Pastor of Holy Cross.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Faithful Navigator &
Family Program Director



Pictured L-R: Tom Zettler, PSD, Sal Moreno, PFN, Dewayne Klutz, Richard Moody, (Doug Prosen & Ron DiPalma, Philadelphia), Larry Birzer, Frank Washington, David Stephens, David Viger, FN & Frank Polizzi, PFN. In the center is Honor Guard Commander Bob Leo, PFN, Bishop Kopacz & Fr. Darnis

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**July Knight of the Month
Frank Polizzi**



**July Family of the Month
Jack & Linda LeGuin**



**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**



Upcoming Events for September

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is Saturday, September 8, 2018.
LOCATION: Mississippi State Capitol Building South Steps on High Street, Jackson
TIME: 12:30 P.M. Speakers include Pastors Thomas Winn and Tiago Oliveira of Grace Baptist Church of Jackson. Singing is Lydia Kluksdahl.

- Silver Rose program on September 16, 2018. Details to be announced. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.
- 40 Days for Life Wednesday, September 26 - 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. Our local kickoff event will be on Sunday, September 23rd at

2:30 P. M. on the corner of North State Street and Fondren Place.

(I extracted this update from the Pro-Life Mississippi newsletter) Biking for Babies update... Day Spring Community Church in Clinton Pro-Life Mississippi hosted a phenomenal Pasta Dinner & Meet-N-Greet honoring the 2018 Biking for Babies Southern Team on Monday night, July 9 at Day Spring Community Church in Clinton.

Following the meal, PLM President Laura Duran formally welcomed the bikers and introduced Joseph Garland, sophomore engineering student from the University of South Alabama, who was assigned to cycle specifically for Pro-Life Mississippi. Notably, Joseph Garland received donation checks from Laura Duran from Knights of Columbus Meridian Council 802 and from Raymond Trepanier of the Knights of Columbus, St. Paul Catholic Church in Brandon. THANK YOU BROTHER KNIGHTS for supporting this worthy program.

God bless each of you. Have a great day every day. LIFE IS A GIFT.
Darrell, Culture of Life

Suicide Awareness Prevention Music Fest in memory of Justin Blanks hosted by Mississippi Alliance to End Suicide on Meridian City Hall Lawn from 11-3 on Saturday, September 15, 2018. This is a local event I hope you will attend and support.



**my
SAVOR
story**



Britt Gully

"Lean on Me"

*Suicide Awareness Prevention
Music Fest
City Hall Lawn
Meridian, Mississippi
September 15, 2018
11-3pm
In Memory of Justin Blanks*



The Firehouse Church Gospel Choir



**Acoustic
Crossroads
"Trio"**

Bingo

Bob Leo, PGK



Well, school has started, vacations are almost over (sadly) and the bingo program should be getting back to normal. Last week was a scary one, we had 5 volunteers out, I was almost ready to put up a cancelled bingo sign but enough workers showed up and we kept the session going. This may be a little stretch of what occurred, but this makes you wonder if we had to do just that, put a cancelled bingo sign up if enough workers didn't show up.

If you know ahead of time that you will not be at bingo, please try to get someone to cover for you, or let me know and I will make an announcement at the following meeting, and maybe someone will cover for you. I would like to thank all of those workers who did cover last Wednesday's bingo, especially on the late shift.

We are still seeking, callers, front window cashiers. If you are interested in any of these positions please let me or Frank Polizzi, or Grand Knight John Harwell know. I know from experience that the pay isn't something to brag about, but free popcorn is a little better than peanuts, and you get free drinks. We also have on the job training (OJT), with well experienced teachers. So again let us know if you are interested.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



September is here!!! The cusp of Fall. Autumn starts September 21st, which is the autumnal equinox. On average on that day, the time of daylight and darkness is equal. Days are getting shorter, the air becomes more crisp and cool, the sky is its deepest blue in the fall months and football season is here!!!! Go Wildcats, Dawgs, Rebs, Eagles, Saints & Cowboys!!!!

August is typically a quiet month for our Council and this year was no different. As was mentioned in the two business meetings, the Building Committee has determined that the best solution for our roof issues is for the entire roof to be fixed. Bids are being accepted and once the committee has a chance to evaluate our options, a report will be made at a future meeting.

Also, I do want to congratulate our Knight of the Month for July, Frank Polizzi, PGK, and our Family of the Month, the Jack and Linda LeGuin family.

The Labor Day Picnic is set for Sunday, September 2nd, at 5P at the KC Hall. We will have our usual burgers/dogs etc. and we ask our members to bring a side dish/dessert to share. We will have a cornhole tournament with cash prizes to be awarded to the top three teams. The Water Slide will be set up as well. As always, families, friends visiting from out of town are welcomed.

Bingo is continuing to see an upswing with our crowds being very solid lately. Which leads me to ask

some of our members for help. We are in need of help for the second shift. We generally have plenty of help for the 1st shift through the Early Bird session. I am especially asking some of our younger members to consider giving an hour to Bingo a couple of times a month. I understand that early evenings (5-8PM) are hectic for members who are married with small children. However, once the kids are settled, if you could come out to the Hall after 8P and work until about 10 or so with the back end of Bingo and clean up, that would be very helpful to the Council. Additionally, we still need some callers. No, the customers will not throw beer bottles at you like on Animal House!!!! Most of our patrons are great folks. Please give some consideration to helping a little bit during bingo. Even if it is only once a month. It will be greatly appreciated.

The September month is busy with activities with our usual meetings, bingo, the aforementioned picnic, the Silver Rose program, Adoration on the 13th, East MS NH visit on the 27th, among other things. Please check the calendar for dates.

With that, I hope you all have a great month!!!!

John Harwell
Grand Knight

Faith
George Walston



Faith is something you either have or you don't. Since my last newsletter article I have had a personal demonstration of Faith. Faith in God, faith in family, and faith in friends to offer prayers for you, and last but not least faith in my doctor. I won't bore you with the details, but I have learned a valuable lesson about one's physical condition. For a long time now, I have thought that I was in excellent health. However, that is not the case. I work out, I walk and I exercise on a regular schedule and it is for these reasons that my prognosis is better than might otherwise be expected. I tell you this story, not for sympathy, but to impart knowledge to all of our members, to alert you to the fact that no matter how well you feel, there can be some underlying problem of which you are not aware. If you are not the type who takes a proactive position about your health, I suggest you change your way of thinking. I'd be happy to share the details of my medical events with you if you are interested, but this is not the forum for that. I have given you the information you need to live longer, so you can either take it for what its

worth or ignore it, your choice.

Due to the above situation, I have been delayed in formatting the direction I would like to take as your Faith Chairman. I will be talking with our pastor, Fr. Augustine, in the very near future to co-ordinate the activities that are being required by Supreme for the new "Faith" category. Keep your eyes peeled to this spot for updates.

However, we will have our Quarterly Communion on Saturday, September 22nd at the 5 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick. Please wear a KC shirt of any color and sit up front on the left side of the church with your family. We need to be visible in our community and this is one of the best ways to show that visibility and to show our family values.

George

Dep Grand Knight

Sal Moreno



Greetings ;

Happy Labor Day and welcome to Fraternal Year 2018 – 2019. Surely you all noticed and are noticing the changes that have happened, that are now happening and also that will soon take place. Up to now I am still trying to adapt myself in this fast changing world. We have a new priest – Fr. Augustine . We have installed quite a few Council and Assembly Officers and we have completely restructured the program categories and not to forget, a soon to be required new Honor Guard uniform. I can go on and on but I am sure you all are aware of most of these changes so let me go back and talk more about the different programs in which I am involved.

I have just completed Safe Environment training (also new for the program director). Out of the four program categories two of which (Family and Community) require Safe Environment training along with a Background Check. DD David Viger, our Family program director already meets both requirements. I will elaborate more about the different programs in my next newsletter. Have a Blessed Day.

Sal Moreno

September Birthdays

- 1st** Kenneth Woodward **3rd** Sam McGee **4th** Wayne Griffin & Mouise Richards **8th** Robert Earl Alexander
11th Fr. Nick Adam & Ron Haaf **13th** Shane Brewer **15th** Dr. Danny Santiago **19th** Jim Baughman & David Klutz
20th Clay Elward & Patrick Wright **22nd** John Stone **24th** John Graupman, Jr. **25th** Michael Cummings
26th Ed Offenberger & Noel Vicencio **27th** David Sloan **28th** David Viger **29th** Joseph Ratliff **30th** John Griffith

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

**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights:

Yes, Brothers, it's that time of the year where the Nation takes time out to pay tribute to the working men and women of this country, a National Holiday. Happy Labor Day! Monday, September 3, is Labor Day – A day of rest; A day of barbecues; A day of fun; A day of football; and the last chance for many people to go on trips before the summer ends. With God's Blessings, Enjoy and be Safe!

Brother Knights, it is a pleasure to continue to serve as your Membership Director and I thank you for the opportunity. As you know, this is one of those positions where the help and support of all the members is essential to retention and growth of our membership. As Past Grand Knight, Dave Viger, DD, once stated, "Membership is truly a team effort!"

Exemplifications scheduled during the month of September:

Forth Degree (4th Degree) – Saturday, September 15th, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; St Jude Parish Life Center, 399 Barrow St, Pearl

Admissions (1st Degree) – Tuesday, September 18th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian

Thank you for your continued support!

"Knights Change Lives and Save Lives"

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director

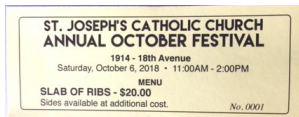
St. Joseph's October Fest - Saturday October 6th.

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 t. Joseph Hospitality Committee Member or David Stephens at 601-938-5757

**Community
*(Volunteer Needed to head this committee)***

This could be your picture in our October Newsletter. Please give it some thought and prayer

On August 23rd, the following Knights visited the residents at the Pines on North Lakeland: Tom Zettler PSD, Dewayne Klutz, Larry Birzer, and John Harwell, GK. We served sugar free snacks, drinks, popsicles/fudgesicles, etc. and enjoyed some fellowship.

The next visit will be on Thursday, September 27th. We will meet at the KC Hall at 6:00 PM. Please consider coming out and being a part of this worthwhile program. You will receive more out of this visit than will the residents.

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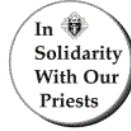
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2  <u>Labor Day Picnic KC Hall Pavilion 5 PM</u>	3	 4 <u>Meeting 7:30pm</u>	5  <u>6:00PM</u>	6 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	7	8 <u>National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Jackson 12:30 pm</u>
9	10	 11 <u>No Meeting Tonight</u>	12  <u>6:00PM</u>	13  <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM KofC 802 Responsibility</u>	14	 15 <u>Suicide Awareness Prevention 4th Degree St. Jude Pearl</u>
16 <u>Silver Rose Presentation Details to be Announced later</u>	17	 18 <u>1st Degree if candidate(s) 6:30pm Meeting follows</u>	19  <u>6:00PM</u>	20 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	21	22 <u>Quarterly Communion St. Patrick 5pm Mass</u>
23 <u>Kickoff for 40 Days for Life Kickoff in Jackson today 2:30pm</u>	24	 25 <u>4th Degree meeting 7:30</u>	26 <u>40 Days for Life Starts Today</u> 	27 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM. Meet at the KofC hall</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	28	29
30			<u>Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our lifetime</u> 	 <u>Abortion Kills the Innocent</u>	<u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 7 of this newsletter</u> 	