



The Meridian Knight

September 2019



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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

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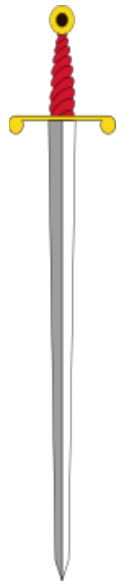
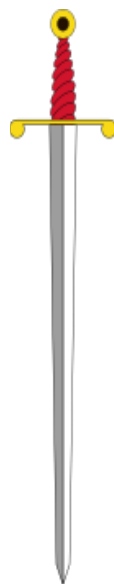
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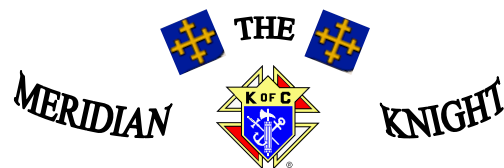
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PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

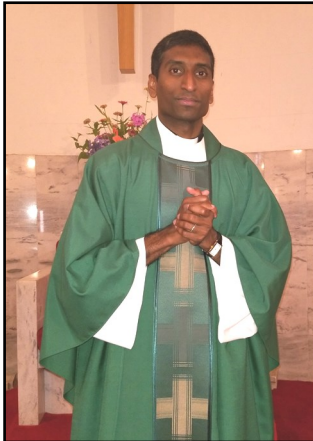
**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine**

Humility through prayer- How do we grow in humility, in this ability to see ourselves as God sees us? St Catherine of Sienna, one of the 4 women doctors of the Church, gives us a path to follow: persevering in prayer. Anyone who has tried to pray knows that distractions are a common obstacle. We try to pray, and we start thinking about the bills or the soccer game or the person who cut us off in traffic earlier in the day.

But, St Catherine tells us that these distractions are allowed by God to help us to grow in humility. God revealed to her that he permits them “out of love, to preserve (the soul) and make it grow in the virtue of humility... receiving with humility the good times and the bad, accepting with love the love with which I give my graces...God went on to reveal to her that the person “should be humble therefore...and receive joy or the lack thereof according to my will, not according to its own will.”

So when we persevere in prayer even when we’re distracted, we come to a greater humility. We know our own weakness, and we also know how much God loves us, and wants us to be with him in prayer.

Fr. Augustine, Chaplain



**Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK**

Bingo is still doing well. Our attendance is still down from where we usually are but moneywise we are doing OK. I'm Praying that when the State starts it's lottery that it doesn't affect our bingo program too much.

Well we may be getting some more help with our bingo, I've given out some more background form to other brother Knights, They just need to fill them out and get them notarized, and they can begin to help out their Brother Knights at bingo.

We are still seeking backup callers and cashiers, for the front door, and the office window. I would like to thank Brother Tom Zettler, PSD, for starting to work at the office window.

Please keep Sal and Liberty Moreno in your prayers, while they are going through these difficult times.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

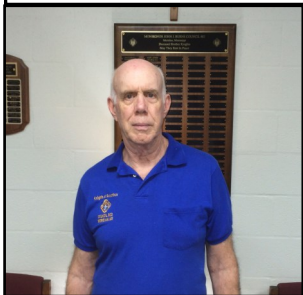


**Deputy Grand
Knight Bob Connor**

Congratulations to Mark Hampson on completing his Second and Third Degree in Tupelo on August 24th . He was accompanied by Bob Leo and me to the installation program.

The final "Presence" program will be Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. There will be no program on Tuesday, September 3rd, due to Ken's schedule. Hope to see everyone at the final and to thank Ken and Jane for coming up here to do the program. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

Vivat Jesus
Bob Connor, DGK



September Birthdays

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

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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 Brother Knight Ken Woodward and his wife, Jane, for making trips up from Laurel over the past few weeks to allow Ken to lead us in faith formation on *Presence – The Mystery of the Eucharist*. At a time when many Catholics approach the Holy Eucharist with a level of indifference, *Presence* is a perfect blend of storytelling to fire the imagination, personal testimony to stir the soul, and theological instruction to inform the intellect. This lively and compelling series on the central reality of our Catholic religion was well attended and an extraordinary venue for anyone longing to love Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament more but not knowing where to begin. The last session will be Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:30pm.

“Thank you!” to the Sir Knights who participated in the Flag Program at St. Patrick School. Sir Knights Tom Zettler (PSD), Robert Leo (Corp Commander), Frank Polizzi (PFN), Roland Stewart and Frank Washington dressed out in the new Fourth Degree Regalia for the ceremony. SK John Bennett (PFN) shared some words of wisdom about the United States Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and the history behind the Knights of Columbus initiative that added the words “under God” to the Pledge.

“Thank you -and- Congratulations!” to Brother Knights Lucas Thomas and Deacon Andrew Nguyen for participating in the Formation Degree and becoming members of our Council. Also, to BK John-Paul (“JP”) Falardeau who transferred back into our Council. JP initially joined our Order here in Meridian back in February 2004 while attending intermediate and advance jet pilot training at NAS Meridian and he now serves as the Executive Officer at NAS Meridian.

“Congratulations!” to Brother Knight Mark Hampson for completing his journey to full Knighthood in the Order and “Thank you!” to DGK Bob Connor and PGK Bob Leo for accompanying Mark up to Tupelo for the exemplifications!

“Congratulations!” to Brother Knight John Maloney (PGK) and his wife, Pat, on their selection as our Family of the Month for July 2019. John and Pat were also recognized by Supreme and will be awarded with a Holy Family gift!

“Congratulations!” to BK Mark Hampson on his selection as our Knight of the Month for July 2019. Mark joined us in June, has become a “regular” at all of our Council functions and activities!

“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!



Presences – The Mystery of the Eucharist

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

**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Director**



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Looking forward...

Our business meetings will be held September 3rd and 17th (Council) and September 24th (Assembly).

Our final session on *Presence – The Mystery of the Eucharist*, facilitated by BK Ken Woodward, will be at the hall on **Tuesday, Sep 10th, beginning at 6:30pm.**

Our *Silver Rose Ceremony* will be **Friday, September 13th, beginning at 12:05pm** at St. Aloysius chapel.

During the month of October, we will lead the Rosary before all weekend Masses. If you are interested in volunteering to lead the Rosary, please contact BK Steven Huckzel!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
Family Chairman



St. Patrick School Flag Program



Pictured Left: BK Mark Hampson completes his journey to Full Knighthood!

Happy “Knighly Anniversary” to the following Knights!

Richard Gough – 51 years Sep 10th William Nix – 48 years Sep 1st

John Maloney, Sr., PGK/PFN – 44 years Sep 1st Andrew Freyaldenhoven – 41 years Sep 1st

Freddie McCoy, Jr. – 36 years Sep 27th Dr. Ivan Zamora – 36 years Sep 27th

Darrell Hover – 35 years Sep 9th Joseph Semmes, Jr., PGK – 31 years Sep 1st

Dennis Deviney – 31 years Sep 1st William Cox, Jr. – 26 years Sep 19th

Mike Holcomb – 13 years Sep 19th James Crain – 12 years Sep 12th

Br. Rafael Anguiano – 11 years Sep 7th Howard Turberville, Jr. – 11 years Sep 7th

Rufus McCarra – 11 years Sep 15th John (Pat) Wright – 10 years Sep 9th

Alfredo Luhers – 10 years Sep 13th Brandon Allen – 6 years Sep 7th

Fr. Suresh Thirumalareddy – 6 years Sep 7th Patrick Perry – 1 year Sep 16th

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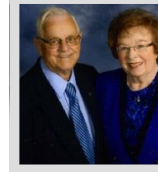
Congratulations to the Following Honorees



**July Knight of the Month
Mark Hampson**



**July Family of the Month
Pat & John Maloney Family**



**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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**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



We had our monthly visit to the Pines rest home on Thursday, August 22. As usual, we brought the residents that are housed there their delights, such as sweet cakes, soft drinks, and their favorite ice cream sandwiches. Each month that we visit the residents we try to bring something different, but we are limited to what we are allowed to bring due to the residents dietary needs. Some can't have sweets, or someone can't have ice cream, etc. This is why we bring the same goodies every time we visit them. I try to bring different types of the same product. For example, I will substitute Twinkies for Swiss rolls, or Little Debbie's cream rolls. This breaks up bringing the same treats each month, and the residents enjoy the change.

There isn't any politically correct way to say how disappointed and embarrassed I was at our last visit to the Pines, when only two Brother Knights showed up for our visit. I cannot believe that out of approximately 80 to 90 local members in our council, and at least 20 members that attend the weekly meetings, that at least 5-6 members couldn't show up to visit the Pines.

I would like to thank Brother Knights, David Stephens and Eric Ross, for helping me and visiting at the rest home. Our next visit will be on September 26th. We will meet at the Pines at 6:00 PM.

Bob Leo
Community Activities Chairman.

**Membership
David Stephens**



"Knights Change Lives and Save Lives"

Brother Knights:

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 2, 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!

Brothers, 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 the retention and growth of our membership. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

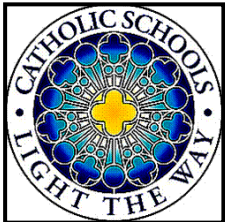
Exemplifications in September:

Admission (1st) Degree – Tuesday, September 17th, 6:30pm-7:30pm; Meridian

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,
Membership Director



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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

The Silver Rose Ceremony will be held at ST. ALOYSIUS CHAPEL in St. Patrick's Parish Center on Friday, September 13th, at 12 noon. We had a very nice turn out last year. Come out and enjoy this prayerful event.

National Suicide Prevention Week is an annual week-long campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide. Date: Sunday, September 8, to Saturday, September 14th.

LEAN on ME Concert will be hosted by Mississippi Alliance to End Suicide on September 28th from 4-7 p.m. at Bonita Lakes. We are so excited to once again bring our 'Lean on Me'

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Concert to the Meridian area. Our Chairpersons for the event are Rhonda and David Blanks, in memory of their son Justin Blanks. They and we believe we can celebrate our lives by remembering those who have lost theirs and embracing the opportunity to celebrate and empower each other in saving another life.

Walk for Life 2019: Please make plans to for 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 end back at St. Richard's with a brunch provided by the Knights of Columbus."

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Youth
John Harwell**



Greetings to all,

August was a quiet month on the youth front mainly because with the start of school, kids are quite busy. Our highlight of the month was the Youth Mass on August 17th at St. Patrick. Cassy Klutz led the Youth Choir and they sounded beautiful during Mass. After Communion, Elena Stroot played her ukulele and sang "Amazing Grace". After Mass was a sad moment for our Parish as we said goodbye to the Stroot Family (Abram & Erin - Matthew, Elena, Andrew and Natalia). They are moving to Virginia.

Upcoming in September; I am preparing for the annual Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster Contest at St. Patrick School. For the Contraptions Contest, I need 40 identical items. They can be anything just nothing too large to include in the container/bag that is given out to the students. So please check around your home/office and if you have something to donate, please bring it to the Hall and leave it on the pool table with my name on it or you can bring it by the parish office and drop it off with me. The deadline is September 15th. I am distributing the kits on September 20th and we will judge the contraptions and posters on October 4th at the School. The Columbus Day Poster Contest is for

Kindergarten-3rd Grade and the Creative Contraptions is for 4th-6th Grade.

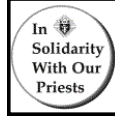
John Harwell
Parish Youth Director
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <u>Labor Day</u> 	3 Meeting KC Hall 7:30 PM	4  6:00PM	5 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00 PM</u>	6	7
8 <u>Suicide Prevention Week begins</u>	9	10 Presence -The Mystery of the Eucharist-Ken Woodward 6:30 KC Hall	11  6:00PM	12 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM Council 802 Responsibility</u>	13  <u>Silver Rose St Aloysius Chapel 12:05pm</u>	14 <u>Suicide Prevention Week ends</u>
15	16	17 <u>6:30 pm KC Hall 1st Degree if Candidate(s) Meeting Follows 7:30PM</u>	18  6:00PM	19 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM</u>	20	21
22	23	24 4th Degree Meeting KC Hall 7:30 PM	25  6:00PM	26 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7:00PM East Mississippi Visit to the Pines 6PM</u>	27	28 <u>Lean on Me Concert 4-7 pm Bonita Lakes</u>
29	30	Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time 	<u>Abortion Kills the Innocent</u> 	Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 2 of this newsletter 		