



The Meridian Knight

April 2020



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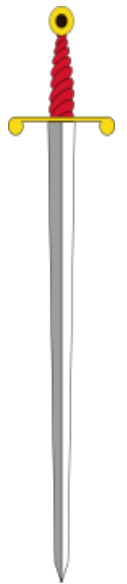
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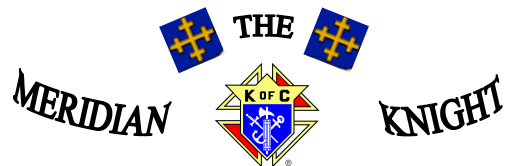
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam**



Greetings, to my Brother Knights. It is my prayer and wish that this message finds you in good health and at peace during this very unfortunate time in our world. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially our brothers and sisters who are being affected physically, emotionally, and spiritually by the corona virus. The corona virus has had an immeasurable impact on all of us. Our daily routines and how we live our lives has had a drastic change over the past few weeks. Our government leaders and health care providers are doing their best to institute the necessary measures to avoid the spread of the disease. I implore you to be diligent in following the guidance and directions they provide to keep you and your loved ones as safe as possible.

As we go forward, if you experience feelings of helplessness or anxiety of what tomorrow holds, take time to do what we know will help. Pray! If you find yourself with more free time, spend it in prayer. Through prayer we can focus on being positive, we can avoid unnecessary anxiety, and we can redirect our apprehensions and preoccupation of this pandemic toward a renewed confidence that we are in our Father's hands and He shall protect us now and always. Remember, also, to continue praying for

those who work in the hospitals. This is one of those special times when our doctors, nurses, medical staff, and volunteers need us to lift them up in our prayers.

In addition to your personal prayer time, I have listed below some other opportunities that we, as family, can come together spiritually and pray for God's grace and mercy.

We are at your service. Call us, if you have any questions. Let us be united in prayer. Let us fight together.

Forever in my prayers,

Father Augustine Palimattam
Pastor

The Holy Mass: I celebrate mass every day for your intentions and for protection from this pandemic virus. Saturday's at 5:00pm and Sunday's at 10:00am I will be on the Catholic Community of Meridian Facebook live celebrating weekend mass.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet: Monday through Friday at 3:00pm on Facebook live.

A Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Saturday's at 11:00am on Facebook live.

Vespers, Rosary or Stations at the Cross: Monday through Friday at 4:00pm. Phone Conference. Join by dialing (769)206-1927. Please mute your phone to prevent background noise.

Holy Week schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil - 5:00pm on Facebook live.

In addition to Facebook live, the following Masses will also be available on My TOK2, Comcast channel 2 and is broadcast over the air on channel 11.2. *May not be available on satellite services.

Palm Sunday	11:00am
Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Good Friday	7:00pm
Easter Vigil	7:00pm
Easter Sunday	11:00am

Confession: Please call the Church office to make an appointment.

RCIA, 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation: Sister Marilyn will be contacting you individually.

Office hours: The parish office and church will be open from 10:00am to 1:00pm until further notice. I am thankful to my

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**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam**



parish staff. They continue to make every effort to meet your needs. If you have a medical emergency, please call the church office using the emergency line. If someone is in the hospital, please let us know. We have ministers who are willing to pray with you, following the guidelines of the hospitals.

Tithing/Contributions: We are grateful for your continued support of our Catholic Community and St. Patrick School. There are several ways to continue to contribute to the church/school:

You can mail your contributions to the church office or bring your contribution by the parish office between the hours of 10:00am and – 1:00pm, Monday-Friday. You can also donate online. There is a link at the top right of the website (catholicmeridian.org) on the homepage (ONLINE GIVING). You can click on that link and follow the steps to create an account.

(Please pray this prayer at the time of communion during the live streaming of the Mass)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

Fr. Augustine

**Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator
David Viger**



Brothers,

The virus that grips the world has, for the most part, turned human interaction into a virtual affair, while we struggle against a potent and silent enemy. COVID-19 has affected neighborhoods in cities and towns throughout the world.

The first known case in Meridian/Lauderdale County was announced last Wednesday and, as I write this article, there are now 6-10 known cases. I anticipate that number will rise in the days and weeks ahead. Please don't let the number of cases scare you. As availability to testing increases, the number of confirmed cases will also increase. That's not necessarily a bad thing... sometimes "not knowing" is worse than knowing and taking action!

As in all struggles, coronavirus brings out the good and bad in humanity. Doctors, nurses and first responders are engaging in great sacrifices to protect us. Others rush out to help by donating services and goods to those in need. Teachers and school administrators go the extra mile (and more) to help in the homeschool transition for children, I could go on, and on. Sadly though, some in our nation have exposed their prejudice against people accused of being the bearers of the disease or those individuals most vulnerable.

Churches have shut their doors in every corner of the world following the spread of this disease and the Dioceses of Jackson, particularly, St. Patrick and St. Joseph have done the same. However, prayer is something that doesn't require social contact. The practice of social distancing imposes no limits on a concert of faithful who raise their voices from isolated places to God who is greater than fear or disease.

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Our Chaplain, Father Augustine, has established a daily phone conference prayer session Monday through Friday beginning at 4:45pm. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) followed by the Holy Rosary on Monday through Thursday and Stations of the Cross on Friday's. Simply put aside any distractions, dial: (769) 206-1927 and join Father and others in concerted prayer for all who are being touched by COVID-19.

As you know, all of our (in-person) business meetings, Bingo and other events are cancelled indefinitely. Without Bingo we are not generating any revenue so, I will be working with our Trustees, other Officers and Past Grand Knights to navigate through our expenses and budget items. We are looking at options to conduct a virtual business meeting, to include voting, and hope to have a way forward very soon.

Supreme hosted a webinar Thursday, March 26th to address some of the challenges we are facing. We were already doing most of the things that were addressed during the webinar, i.e., mass email notifications; phone trees to members/widows who are most vulnerable; telephone Rosary groups, etc. Items that were new to me and worth sharing include:

- Supreme initiative in work to allow ballot (secret) voting for people specific vote, i.e., elections.
- The Marion Icon is in a state of "pause." It will stay where it is now and when the "pause" is lifted, will go to where it was scheduled to be at that time. We were scheduled to have the Icon during Easter, but unfortunately, I anticipate it will pass us by this year.
- Supreme is looking at options for digital/virtual State Conventions to allow for elections of new State Officers, among other things.

On a more positive note –

“Congratulations!” to our **DGK Bob Connor** for his selection and recognition as our **Knight of the Year** and to **Danny and Rory Santiago** for **Family of the Year!**

“Congratulations!” to our **Worthy Chaplain, Father Augustine**, on his selection as **Knight of the Month** and **BK David Stephens and his, wife, Rose** as **Family of the Month** for February 2020.

“Thank you!” to **DGK Bob Connor, PGK John Harwell** and **BK Tau Iosia** for assisting me in our call tree to check on “older” members and widows.

In closing, as we struggle through this, **if you need any help**, please, don't hesitate to call me at **(601) 480-3364**. If I can help, I will. If I can't, I will do my best to find someone who can. God Bless you and your family!

Please join me in congratulating the following Brother Knights on their Knightly Anniversary!

- PSD Thomas R. Zettler – 61 years April 5th, Jack L. Collins – 44 years April 27th
- PGK John D. Harwell – 41 years April 13th, Anthony E. George – 39 years April 1st
- Fr. Cerino O. Bargola – 33 years April 1st PGK Francis A. Polizzi – 28 years April 3rd
- Phillip W. Vollor – 21 years April 13th Douglas J. Smith – 18 years April 9th
- Richard T. Norman – 5 years April 22nd Robert R. Grissett – 4 years April 19th
- John J. Killen – 4 years April 19th Chad W. Lint – 4 years April 19th
- Brandon T. Oakes – 4 years April 19th Noel F. Vicencio – 4 years April 19th
- Frank W. Washington – 4 years April 19th Gary L. Dove – 2 years April 17th

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

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Viger
Grand Knight
Faithful Navigator

More from our Grand Knight on Page 7

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

Bingo
Bob Leo, PGK



Just what is there to say about our bingo program? I am praying that our members and ladies and customers stay free from the COVID-19 virus, and remain healthy throughout this crisis.

It was ironic that about a week after we decided to shut down our bingo operation, the Mississippi State Gaming Commission shut down all of the Charitable bingo halls in the state. I finally got a notice into the Meridian Star about our shutdown. Here's praying that everyone stays healthy, hardy, and happy.

Bob Leo
Bingo Chairman

Community
Bob Leo, PGK



I pray that all is well with my brother Knights and your families. All is well with me and my family, outside of cabin fever.

I'm praying that this COVID-19 virus will end soon, so we can get back to our visitations to the Pines Rest home. I'm sure the residents there miss our visits as much as we miss visiting them. At this writing however, the possibility of an April visit is doubtful.

Bob Leo,
Community

April Birthdays

2nd Terry Cranmore **10th** John Gomez **12th** Dr. David Newell, Jr. **14th** James Cranmore
15th Jack LeGuin, Jr. **19th** Mike Holcomb **21st** Jack Huntley & Matheus Nieuwenhuizen
23rd Jeff Mitchell **25th** Joe Price **26th** Travis Huntley & Bob Stephenson
27th Fr Joseph Reardon **30th** James M Lee

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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



February Knight of the Month
Fr. Augustine Pallimattam



February Family of the Month
David & Rose Stephens



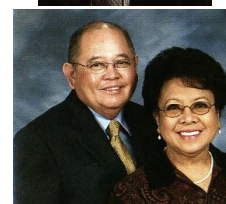
Knight of the Quarter
Ending in December
Bob Connor



Council 802 Knight of the
Year 2019-2020
Bob Connor



Council 802 Family of the Year
2019-2020
Danny & Rory Santiago



Assembly 1251 Sir Knight
of the Year 2018-2019
Robert (Bob) Connor



Assembly 1251 Family
Of the Year 2018-2019
John & Nelda Bennett



**Youth
John Harwell**



Greetings to all,

Obviously all public youth functions are suspended until further notice including the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th which is always one of our highlight events each year.

However that does not mean that some activities are not going on as we have several things in place to engage our youth.

They include a weekly nationwide program called PROJECTYM LIVE. It is from 7-8P every Sunday evening and includes music, talks, games, prayer and more. The link to join (about 6:55 PM each Sunday) in to watch and listen is:

**ProjectYM.com/watch.
Parents are invited as well.**

Next our youth are going to be writing homemade cards to mail to our homebound and nursing home parishioners in the coming days and weeks.

Additionally, I have started a contest where the youth will create a cross from any material they have at home or in their yard to display in their yard. They will take a photo of the cross and send it in to me. This will run until Good Friday. I will pick a winner and they will receive a gift card.

My prayers for all of our Brother Knights, spouses, widows, families and friends during this time of difficulty and uncertainty. However, we are a people of Faith, Hope and LOVE and we will persevere as long as we lean on God for help.

John Harwell
Youth Director
1 COR 12:4-7

What should I do if I feel sick or think I was exposed to COVID-19?

If you have symptoms such as fever with a cough and/or shortness of breath, and you've been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19 – CALL FIRST!!! If your symptoms are severe and you need to go to an Emergency Room, call ahead to the ER, so they can properly prepare for your arrival.

Anderson Hospital COVID-19 hotline: 601-553-7888. A staff member is answering the hotline daily from 8am to 5pm. After hours, email covid19@andersonregional.org with your name, phone number and a brief explanation of your concerns or call 601-553-6111

Rush Hospital COVID-19 Hotline: 601-703-9913

Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline (8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday): 877-978-6453

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

Per the CDC, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. We can reduce risk from respiratory viruses by:

- 1.) Appropriately washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- 2.) Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- 3.) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- 4.) Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- 5.) Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Dave Viger, GK

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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

On March 22nd, I received this letter (in part) from 40 Days for Life President Shawn Carney...

“It's with a heavy heart that I have decided to end the public vigil portion of the spring 40 Days for Life campaign effective immediately due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the remainder of the campaign, we will continue the daily emails on what has happened this campaign. During the remaining days of the campaign, we will unite in prayer, fasting, and spiritual union to pray for an end to abortion and this pandemic.”

I continue to post the daily devotionals on Facebook and ask you to continue to pray daily for an end to abortion.

The coronavirus pandemic has put PLM SPRING Banquet in question. The likelihood that our Spring Banquet will need to be postponed to ensure the health and safety of the community looks more and more real. The banquet is currently scheduled to be held on May 7th at New Horizon Church International, located at 1750 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi. The doors are scheduled to open at 5:00 PM for the VIP Meet-N-Greet and Silent Auction, with the banquet to begin at 6:30 PM.

The scheduled speaker this year is Elizabeth Johnston, aka the Activist Mommy. She is also an activist video blogger, educating and inspiring the public on the burning social and moral issues that impact our families. The driving force behind all her activism and cultural commentary is her love for her family and her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Knights of Columbus Council 802 currently has one table reserved that allows 8 to 10 individuals to attend. If you would like to attend, please let me know via email. If they reschedule the banquet, I will update you with the new date as quickly as possible. JesusLovesMe@comcast.net

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Dep Grand Knight
Bob Connor**



This Lent and Easter Season promises to be different from one we have ever seen before and hopefully will not see again. I think this time shows us how important personal relationships and being able to see people on a regular basis are. Many thanks to our Chaplain, Grand Knight and his wife for doing everything they can to bring us together, even if remotely. Time will only tell when we can restart attending Mass, Bingo and getting back to a normal schedule. My wife Rosie, and I wish all of you a Happy Easter.

Bob Connor
DGK

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**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Happy Resurrection! The resurrection represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death, and the physical body. Thank you, Lord!

Our Membership Drive has been canceled. Plans were to have it Sunday, April 19th, in conjunction with St. Patrick School's Irish Festival which has been canceled. In the meantime, should an opportunity present itself, tell a potential applicant about the Knights of Columbus and its Good Works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

"Membership is truly a team effort!" As always, we are *"in search of"* new members.

Exemplifications in April:

There are no 3rd or 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled on the State Website for April

Brother Knights, be in Prayer!

Vivat Jesus!

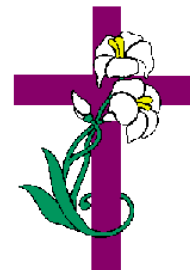
Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director



Although Easter is a time to enjoy family, friends, and Chocolate Easter Bunnies. Don't let the current atmosphere keep that from happening. Also, don't forget the "Reason for the Season"

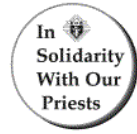




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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abortion Kills the Innocent 	Please continue to Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time 	<u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 5 of this newsletter</u> 	1 No Bingo until Further Notice	2  <u>No Adoration Until Further Notice</u>	3	4 Vigil Mass 5:00 PM on Facebook Live
5 Mass 11:00 AM on Facebook & MYTOK 2 	6	7 No Meetings Until further notice	8	9 <u>Holy Thursday</u> <u>Mass 7PM MYTOK2</u> 	10 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>Mass 7PM MYTOK2</u> 	11 <u>Holy Saturday</u> <u>Mass 7PM MYTOK2</u> 
12 <u>Easter Sunday</u> <u>Mass 11AM MYTOK2</u> 	13	14 No Meeting	15	16  <u>No Adoration</u>	17	18
19	20	21 No Meeting	22	23  <u>No Adoration</u>	24	25
26	27	28 No 4th Degree Meeting	29	30  <u>No Adoration</u>		

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