



The Meridian Knight

August 2018

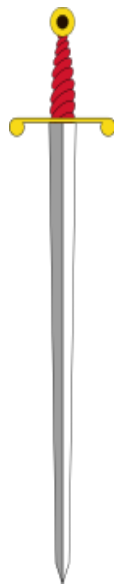


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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

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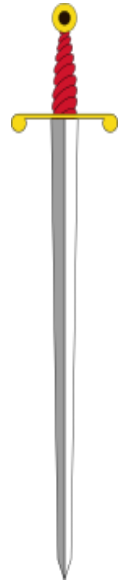
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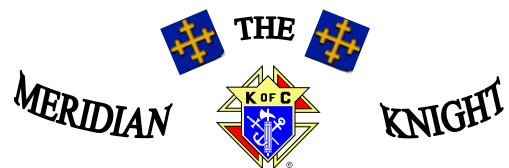
George Walston



THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Palimattam**



Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings from Fr Augustine Palimattam. Just want to say THANK YOU all for your support and prayers. I am glad and blessed to be the Chaplain of Council 802. Thank you for all that you do. May God continue to bless you.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as is the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

I would like to remind you the Catholic Tradition of Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary. Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

The most essential thing is not making an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity,

though that is important. The essential thing is to live that consecration. Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

1. Union — Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.
2. Dependence — Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.
3. Obedience — Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.

Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. (Curtesy to the Catholic Culture).

Fr Augustine Palimattam

**Parish
Youth Director**



Looking back on July, our parish youth participated in the Meridian Love Out Loud (LOL) Community Outreach for the first time on July 16th and 17th. This year's ministry was supported by 26 churches in the area. Some 6 of our youth and myself worked at Parkview Elementary School on Monday helping to paint the girls and boys bathrooms along with some landscape work around the campus. On Tuesday, we worked over at Harris Elementary where we also did some extensive landscape work that included rebuilding some flower boxes, clearing vegetation off of building walls/windows, spreading mulch, trimming trees/bushes and generally cleaning the areas of the campuses in preparation for the students returning in August.

Father Augustine and I have already had several meetings/discussions about youth activities/programs on the parish level and obviously the Knights have always been supportive of our youth on a community, parish and council level and for that I am very appreciative. As we move into the autumn months and school resumes, I will keep you abreast of youth parish and council activities/programs and invite your participation and support of them.

John Harwell
Parish Youth Director

**Dave Viger, FN/
Family Director**



Brothers,

Let me begin by offering a very special “WELCOME!” to our new Pastor, Council Chaplain and Faithful Friar, **Sir Knight Father Augustine Palimattam!** I, for one, am very excited to have him with us here in Meridian and look forward to working with him to meet his goals and visions for our Parish, our Council and our Assembly! At the same time, most of us have said our “Thanks and goodbyes!” to Father Matthew and Father Sanchez. We were Blessed to have both of them here with us over the past few years! When we pray the rosary at our Assembly meeting this month, I will ask all to offer special intentions for them as they continue their journey with God!

Our Independence Day Flag Ceremonies at Saint Patrick’s Cemetery were a success! “Thank you!” to all who attended and, to those who were not able to attend, but who took time to say a prayer to keep our service members and our families safe, and for God to continue His many Blessings on our GREAT Country.

“Thank you!” also to all who attended and helped at our Installation of Council and Assembly officers on July 10th! We had a GREAT turnout, GREAT food and GREAT fellowship with friends and family! We are very excited and Blessed to have Father Augustine installed as our Council Chaplain and Assembly Faithful Friar...my first impressions are that he’s going to be an AWESOME Pastor for all of us!

There was a 4th Degree Exemplification in Starkville on July 21st. Unfortunately, we had no participants from Council 802 and, therefore; no new members of our Assembly. 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:

- August 18th, Madison
- January 26th, Olive Branch
- October 27th, D’Iberville
- February/March, TBD

Congratulations to the Pam and George Walston Family on their selection as our June Family of the Month! The Walston Family is a cornerstone family of our parish community and our council! George served as our Council FS for many years and continues to serve as editor of our Newsletter, he works our bingo program every Wednesday evening and serves as a lector at weekend Mass. Pam is active in several aspects of our parish. She is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Sodality, ACES, hospitality/good will committees and can usually be found working in Our Lady’s Corner after mass. Together, George and Pam facilitate our parish schedule for Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament. George and Pam are most deserving of recognition as our Family of the month!

Last, but certainly not least...thanks to PFN/PGK John Bennett for the work he did to get our new billboard made and displayed! It looks GREAT, as you can see and the message is clear and accurate! Thanks again, Brother John, Under the 1, B!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger
Faithful Navigator &
Family Program Director



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Congratulations to the Following Honorees



June Knight of the Month
Fr. Matthew Simmons



June Family of the Month
Pam & George Walston



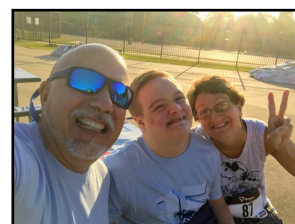
Knight of the Quarter
April, May, & June
John Harwell, GK



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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**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Well, we are in the dog days of summer (according to the Farmer's Almanac). They run from July 3rd to August 11th. The lore behind this is that during this time, the star "Sirius" aka the "Dog Star", the brightest star visible from Earth other than the Sun, generally rises and sets with the Sun. It is also in the same region as the Sun at this time. The ancient Romans believed that it gave off heat and added warmth to the Sun and that was why the temperature was so warm during this time. Specifically, on July 23rd, they both rise and set at the same time, so the twenty days before and after this date became referred to as diēs canīculārēs or dog days.

At the meeting on July 3rd, we approved our council budget for the fiscal year (2018-19). I will make hard copies available to anyone who requests one and will email a copy to any member who wishes to have it electronically. The budget allows us to continue our core programs while additionally helping us to be prepared for future building maintenance needs.

We held our Installation of Officers on July 10th at the KC Hall. We were blessed to have our own David Viger PGK install our council 802 officers as the District Deputy for our region. District Master Jerry Schmuck was on hand with his wife Linda and he conducted the 4th Degree Installation. Special thanks to David and his wife Adrian for preparing the basic meal we enjoyed (pulled pork and the fixings). Along with that we enjoyed the pot luck offerings of our members, wives, widows etc. A very nice crowd was on hand and all enjoyed a nice evening of fellowship.

Congratulations to our outgoing Chaplain Father Matthew Simmons on being honored as our Knight of the Month for June. It was well deserved and while we are going to miss him, he knows that he is always welcome in our KC Home at anytime in the future. Having said that, it also gives me great pleasure to welcome our new Chaplain and Pastor of our Catholic Community, Father Augustine Palimattam to Meridian and specifically to Council 802. We look forward to supporting him in any manner that we are able to in the coming months. Also congratulations to George and Pam Walston our Family of the Month for June.

August is a fairly quiet month for the council but a couple of items of note are our monthly Adoration on August 9th (12 Noon - 7:00 PM) in the St. Aloysius Chapel, our monthly visit to the Pines at North Lakeland (EMSH NH visit) on August 23rd at 6:00 PM. This along with our regular meetings on August 7th and 21st and Bingo on August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th will still keep us busy. Speaking of bingo, we had a nice crowd on July 25th and hopefully that is a sign that our attendance will start trending up again.

I wish to thank all of you for your hard work and your confidence in electing me again to the post of Grand Knight. It is an enjoyable labor because of you men, wives, widows and other family members dedication to our Knightly principles. I hope you all have a good month.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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Bingo

Bob Leo, PGK



Well it seems like our bingo program may be taking a turn for the good, if last weeks attendance was any indication, at last Wednesday's session we had 169 customers attend our bingo session, I hope this is true. Summer is coming to a close, children are going back to school, vacations are almost over, all of these events will contribute to our successful operation of bingo.

Our customers will have more time on their hands, and what better way to spend it, LETS GO TO BINGO!!.

Speaking of going to bingo, I wish we could recruit some of our new members to come out and help with the bingo program, we could sure use some of them.

I'm also looking to increase our help in some of the other positions, such as callers, window tellers, (front and back) so if any of you are interested in any one of these positions, please see myself or Frank Polizzi, who will be glad to assist you. These positions would be great for those of you who cannot walk the floor selling sheets. So think about it, especially the callers position. We have only three (3) callers at this time. If one of the other callers is out then the other two have to double up,

and that makes for a long night of using your voice.

With all of the 1st degree members that we have inducted into our ranks, one would think that we would have an over abundance of help at bingo. Where are the new members?? Are we promoting the program strong enough at their induction? Are the proposers talking to these new Knights about our programs. When meeting a new Knight, either in church, or at a Walmart, or on the street, are you inviting him to come out to bingo and meet his Brother Knights, and see how we raise money to help the needy? Think about it, the next time you meet a new Brother Knight, invite him out.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

**Dep Grand Knight
Sal Moreno**



No article this month

August Birthdays

1st Vinnie Krause & Doug Smith **2nd** Richard Gough, John Johnson, Jr. and William Nix **5th** Paul Schoeneck
6th Tom Zettler, PSD **8th** Tommy Beeman & Russ Loper **11th** William Cary Cox, Jr. **12th** Mike Holcomb, Andy Polizzi, and
Brett Shamp **13th** James Vaughn **14th** John Maloney, Jr. **16th** Vincent Kidd **23rd** Carl Schultz **26th** Dr. David Doorenbos
28th Valeriano (Chino) Suarez **30th** Chris Freyaldenhoven **31st** Bernd Foerster

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**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

WTOK recently aired "On the Record" a disturbing topic "Suicide Awareness and Prevention". Suicide is becoming a big problem across the country and here at home. It's the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

It's also the third leading cause of death for Mississippians age 15 to 34. Newscenter 11's Pat Peterson sat down with Dr. Lin Hogan from Weems Mental Health Center "On the Record" to talk about what we can do to reduce those numbers. He says one of the best things you can do is be watchful for depressed behavior and speak up.

"If you see that someone close to you, a friend, a family member or someone you're just

around, a coworker, is having a tough time, you may want to pull them off to the side and just say, 'you know what, why don't we talk for a second? I noticed that you're not handling some stress real well,'" Dr. Hogan explains.

If someone you know is struggling emotionally or having a hard time, you can be the difference in getting them the help they need. It's important to take care of yourself when you are supporting someone through a difficult time, as this may stir up difficult emotions. If it does, please reach out for support yourself.

How Can You Help?

It can be scary when a friend or loved one is thinking about suicide. It's hard to know how a suicidal crisis feels and how to act. Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) at any time for help if you or a friend is struggling. More information at this link: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Faith
George Walston**



Brother Knights,

Greetings to you all. Well, I have decided to take the bull by the horns and offer my services as our Faith Chairman to our Worthy Grand Knight. I will need a lot of help with this job if I am to do it justice. Having been in Council 802 for many years now I know that this goes without saying. I have never been disappointed in my brother knights when they are asked for assistance.

Several years ago I served as our Church Chairman, and was I never refused help when I asked for it.

I'm looking forward to getting back on an active basis with our council. I took some time off, but now I'm ready to go again.

Vivat Jesus,
George

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

Membership
David Stephens



Brother Knights,

I have been, once again, appointed Membership Director. It is a pleasure to serve in this capacity and I thank you for this opportunity. Of course, this is one of those positions where the help and support of all the members is essential to help retain and grow our membership. "Membership is truly a team effort!"

We have a Formation (1st) Degree Exemplification scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30 pm. We currently have two applicants scheduled for initiation – Patrick Perry and Samuel deGeneres. As always, we are still *"in search of"* membership applications – No Applications = No Degrees. Seek out those who you believe might be qualified and interested and plant a seed...

Exemplifications in August:

Formation (1st) Degree – Tuesday, August 21st, 6:30pm-7:30pm; Meridian, MS.

4th Degree – Saturday, August 18th, 12:30pm-9:30pm; Madison, MS.

Any 3rd Degree Knight wishing to participate in the Exemplification please contact our Faithful Navigator, Dave Viger, on or before Tuesday, August 10th to allow time to make proper arrangements. Additionally, Sir Knights planning to attend and observe should also notify Dave of your intentions.

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens
Membership Director

Community
*(Volunteer Needed to
head this committee)*

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

On July 26th, the following Knights visited the residents at the Pines on North Lakeland: Tom Zettler PSD, Frank Pollizzi, PGK, Eric Ross, Dewayne Klutz, David Stephens and John Harwell, GK. We served snacks, drinks, and ice cream and enjoyed some fellowship. Special thanks to Larry Birzer for purchasing the items and to David Stephens for picking them up and bringing them out to the nursing home.

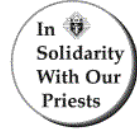
The next visit will be on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 PM. Please consider coming out and being a part of this worthwhile program.



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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
Please continue to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion in our time 	 Abortion Kills the Innocent	<u>Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 6 of this newsletter</u> 	1  6:00PM	2 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	3	4
5	6	7  <u>Meeting 7:30pm</u>	8  6:00 pm	9 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM KofC 802 Responsibility</u>	10	11
12	13	14  <u>No Meeting tonight</u>	15  6:00 pm	16 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	17	18 <u>4th Degree Exemplification in Madison: 12:30pm to 9:30pm</u>
19	20	21 1st Degree if candidate(s) 6:30pm <u>Meeting follows</u>	22  6:00 pm	23 <u>EMSH Visitation 6:00 PM. Meet at the KofC hall</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 7PM</u>	24	25
26	27	28  <u>4th Degree meeting 7:30</u>	29  6:00 pm	30	31	