



The Meridian Knight

March 2019



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*The Main Principles of
Our Order are*

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

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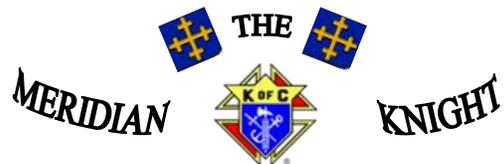
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THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS



PROTECTING FAMILIES
FOR GENERATIONS



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

**Chaplain
Fr. Augustine
Pallimattam
Simmons**



Nothing Limits God’s Generosity

A true Christian is nothing else but a follower of Christ, another Christ, in fact. So as He describes the characteristics of a Christian, Jesus indirectly gives us a portrait of Himself; He shows us what kind of Lord He really is—a lavish one. Nothing limits His generosity and love - nothing. If we are ungrateful to Him, He is still generous with us. If we oppose Him, insult Him, abandon Him - He keeps on loving us. He simply doesn’t give up on us.

Picture Jesus as He speaks these words: love your enemies, stop judging, stop condemning, forgive, give, bless. Do you think He spoke them with a frown, with a voice like thunder, threatening destruction?

He spoke them with a smile and a glint in His eye. He spoke them eagerly, enthusiastically, because He was imparting to us the secret of what it means to be a Child of God. “Your reward will be great!”. “Gifts will be given to you, overflowing, will be poured into your lap!”

Fr. Pallimattam

**Bingo Bob Leo,
PGK**



Now I know what it feels like to ride a seesaw, you know that up and down feeling, well that's what our bingo program is doing, one month we are up and the next month we are down, go figure. But even on our down months we are still doing okay, money wise, that is. As far as help, not so okay. We have Brother Knights out with medical problems and no replacements, we need back up callers, no one has volunteered, I guess we need to get out and beat the bushes or maybe the sponsors need to start calling their candidates to see if they can spare an hour or two to help their Brother Knights at bingo.

We need to remember what our bingo program is all about, it's about helping those in need, it's about supporting our church, our school, and those needy in our community. So every time you make a monetary motion at our meetings, remember where that money is coming from, and who makes it. The Grand Knight, John Harwell has on a number of occasions asked for back-up callers and cashiers, with no response. So I am urging you that if you see a Brother knight that you know has not been to bingo, ask him, if he would like to help out his Brother Knights at our bingo program. Remember it's

not MY bingo it's OUR bingo.

Bob Leo
Bingo Manager

March Birthdays

1st Thomas Carl & Encarnacion Mayo Osario **6th** Terry Lanterman & John Maloney, Sr.
7th Marvin Nance **9th** Gary Koca **10th** Charles Frazier **15th** Dr. Minh Duong
19th Phillip (Will) Vollor **21st** Russell Huntley
28th Bob Connor & Frank Washington **31st** David Henson

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**Faithful Navigator
Family Director
David Viger**



Brothers,

First and foremost, please join me in congratulating SK Bob Connor and his wife, Rosie, on their selection as our Council Family of the Month for January, and SK Frank Sharp and his wife Carolyn as Council 802 Family of the Year. Also, congratulations go out to SK John Bennett and his wife Nelda for being chosen Assembly 1251's Family of the Year! All are very deserving families!!! Also, congratulations to SK Bob Connor on his selection as our Assembly Sir Knight of the Year!!!

Good Friday Family Promotion

Our next Family Program is the new Good Friday Family Promotion. This program is designed to bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Easter services. More specifically, it is to help better educate us and the Catholic Community of Meridian on the vital importance of Good Friday.

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. One of our goals in this program will be for ALL Knights, together with our families, to set the

example for the Catholic Community of Meridian by attending Good Friday services in a Corporate Communion style setting. So, **please, if at all possible, plan on attending Good Friday service this year and join us.**

New Color Corps Uniform

As you know, effective July 1, 2019, Regalia will no longer be authorized for wear by the 4th Degree Color Corps. With that, I would like to get **all** Color Corps members together for a photograph commemorating the soon to be – *Days of Old!* We will plan a day in March so that we can use the photograph in our 2019 State Convention ad....more to follow.

Any Sir Knight planning to get the new uniform and be a member of the Assembly 1251 Color Corps, please let your intentions be known to me, FN Dave Viger, on or before April 15th 2019.

The 4th Degree uniform website is live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at www.kofcuniform.com. Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail support@kofcuniform.com. Once we establish the number of Color Corps members we will have and get a final tally on the amount raised to offset uniforms, we will start issuing checks to those who have ordered/received the new uniform.

4th Degree Membership

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.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Viger

Faithful Navigator & Family Program Director

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

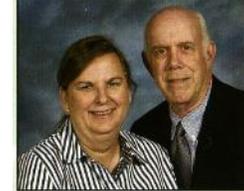
Congratulations to the Following Honorees



January Knight of the Month
Tom Zettler, PSD



January Family of the Month
Rosie & Bob Connor



Knight of the Quarter
Ending in December
John Bennett, 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



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**Dep Grand Knight
Sal Moreno/Acting
Faith Chairman**



Hello everyone,

Just want to list a reminder and a few activities scheduled for March.

- 1- March 6 – Ash Wednesday
- 2- March 22- Station of the Cross (St. Joseph – KofC and KofPC)
- 3- March 23- Corporate Communion Mass (St. Patrick @ 5:00 pm.)

Have a Blessed Lent.
Sal

**Community
Bob Leo, PGK**



On February 21st we had our monthly visit to the Pines Rest home visiting the residents that live there, we bring them snacks such as Twinkies, ice cream sandwiches and soft drinks, and most important good old fashioned conversation, the topic of the conversation doesn't matter, it's just the idea of someone sitting down and talking to them, I think this is what they enjoy the most.

One problem with this is that we have more residents than visitors, so that means that some of the residents don't get to talk to someone, this is why we are always asking for more Brother Knights to come on out and visits with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Brother Knights that did accompany us to the Pine Home this month.

Many thanks to Brothers Tom Zettler, Frank Polizzi, Dewayne Klutz Eric Ross and David Stephens.

Our next visit to the Pines will be on March 14th, we will meet at 6:00 PM in front of The Pines front door. So come on out and join us. Hope to see you there.

Bob Leo

**Youth
John Harwell**



Looking back over the month we had several youth activities/programs that we either sponsored or were a part of. They included the following:

Our Council Free Throw which was held on January 29th at St. Patrick School. Special Thanks To Coach Adrian Viger, wife of David Viger PGK, Tom Zettler PSD, BK Frank Washington, Helen Crowe Reynolds, daughter of deceased BK John B Crowe PGK, Celeste Saucier, wife of BK Wade Saucier, Principal Montse Frias and the teachers at St. Patrick School for their help with our Council Free Throw Competition in the FLC. We had thirty-two participants (14 Girls and 18 Boys). Our Free Throw was a part of the Catholic Schools Week Events and we thank the School for allowing us to be a part of this special week for our students, families, teachers and school/church community. We had our awards ceremony on February 22nd and congratulations to the following winners:

Girls: 9 year old---Myla Locke---10 year old---Giselle Sanchez---11 year old---Elena Stroot---12 year old---Kahlan Henderson

Boys: 9 year old---Bryson Jackson---10 year old---William Berry---11 year old---Deontae Hopper---12 year old---Robert McNeil

Our Council has been one of the primary sponsors for the Choctaw Area Scout Council Pinewood Derby for over 30 years now. On February 16th, over 100 boys and girls (girls for the first time which is great!!) competed in different age categories i.e. Tigers, Lions, Bears, Wolf Cubs etc., and design and speed.

Special thanks to the following Brother Knights who worked Friday night during set-up and then Saturday morning and afternoon during the competition and afterwards when the track was broken back down:

Roland Stewart, (Ashton Taylor), Larry Birzer, Robert Leo, PGK, Frank Washington, John Harwell, Joe Price and Boy Scout Troop 7 for running the Pit Stop and Frank Polizzi, PGK, Master of Ceremonies and all around guru who has been chairing this event for 33 years and counting.

Additionally, a St. Patrick Parishioner, Ashley Doss served as the record keeper, recording the winners in each category during the entire race.

Mostly the kids had a great time and a lot of fun!!!

On February 23rd, Cassandra Klutz was honored with the Bishop Chanche Youth Award during a special Ceremony/Mass at St. Peters in Jackson. Cassy is the daughter of BK Dave and Sandy Klutz and granddaughter of BK Dewayne Klutz. She is a wonderful young lady who lives her Catholic Faith each and every day by deed and example. She is a very humble person who quietly goes about her business never seeking the limelight or the glory but always seeking to serve others with a servant's heart. Congrat-

ulations Cassy!!!!

Last, please support St. Patrick School by attending the Irish Fest on Sunday, March 3rd from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM on the church/school grounds and in the FLC.

John Harwell



**Culture of Life
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights

In recent news, New York shocked the world by legalizing third-trimester abortion and eliminating protections for children born alive after surviving an abortion. To anyone with any sanity, this is called infanticide. Some sick people cheered about this. What has our society become?

Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran presented a bill that would legalize abortion--even as the mother is in labor! Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam went even further, saying the bill would allow a mother and doctor to kill a newborn child even AFTER delivery. This bill rightfully failed—but I am distraught that this bill was introduced in the first place. It could have paved the way for babies to suffer a violent and gruesome death moments before birth and could have been harmful to women. What has our society become?

This shows we are in a fight with pure evil. It is time to pray more than ever. The largest Lenten 40

Days for Life campaign in history begins on March 6th and runs through April 14th. I will be asking you to join me in sincere prayer during the business meetings as well as the daily devotionals that will be posted on our Face Book page.

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

Darrell, Culture of Life

**Grand Knight
John Harwell**



Spring Greetings to all, I hope that March finds you well!!!

Looking back over the month of February, we had several activities that were held in addition to our regular meetings/bingo/adoration/nursing home visit etc. They were our Super Bowl Party on February 3rd, our sponsorship of the Pinewood Derby on February 16th and our Free Throw Awards Ceremony at St. Patrick School on February 22nd. Additionally, we purchased 3 tickets for the School Countdown (none of which won and two of which were pulled out of the barrel by yours truly) on February 22nd which was emceed by our own Tom Zettler PSD. Tom has been doing that for 25+ years and it is always a fun evening. Speaking of the school, we support it strongly with our \$1,000 per month donation for tuition assistance and sponsorship's of various activities/programs/festivals during the year. With myself being a part of the St. Patrick School Staff this year, I can tell you that our support for the school is appreciated and does make a difference. Finally, the next time you are traveling down Highway 19, please take a look at our billboard promoting the school. It is beautiful.

Looking at the calendar for March, I encourage all of you to attend an Ash Wednesday Mass as you are able. Al-

so, during Lent, please take a few minutes each day to pray the 40 Days for Life (the daily prayer will be posted on our Facebook page by Darrell Hover). It will start on March 6th. On March 9th, we will have a work day at the Hall to place new ceiling tiles in the kitchen and back storage room. It will start at 9:00 AM. The EMSH visit will be on March 14th at 6:00 PM at the Pines on North Lakeland. The Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Peter Claver will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 22nd at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph Church. We will have a sign-up list for volunteers at the meeting on March 5th.

A hearty congratulations to our Knight of the Year, Frank Washington and our Family of the Year, Frank & Carolyn Sharp. These are outstanding selections for these respective honors and I am very proud of them. They exemplify what our Order is all about, selfless service to others and sharing the Love of Christ to all they encounter.

Also congratulations to Tom Zettler PSD who was selected as Knight of the Month for January and the Bob & Rosie Connor family for being selected as our Family of the Month for January. Each of these go above and beyond as well in representing our council and parish in a myriad of ways.

With that, I hope you all have a good month and may the Lord Bless You and always keep you in the Palm of his Hand.

John Harwell
Grand Knight
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**Membership
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

Our next Membership Drive is planned for Sunday, March 3rd. We will have a booth/table at the St. Patrick School Irish Fest from 12:00-4:00 p.m. As always, we will need "A Few Good Men" to assist with recruitment during this event. Let me know if you are willing to help (601-938-5757). "Membership is truly a team effort!"

By-the-way, I trust you all heeded my advice and recognized your Special Sweetheart on Valentine's Day. If you didn't, you still have an opportunity to treat her, at no cost to you, by taking her to the Mardi Gras Party for the Catholic Community, Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00-10:00 p.m., at St. Joseph, Kehrer Hall. There will be free food, fun, fellowship, spirited beverages, and music. Come celebrate with your Catholic Brothers and Sisters.

The next Admissions (1st) Degree is Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:30, KC Hall. Although I am not aware of any applicants, as of this writing, we still have time to recruit prior to the 19th.

Exemplifications in March:

Formation (2nd) & Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Sunday, March 10th, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Kiln, MS.

Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Sunday, March 10th, Clarkesdale (time tba);

Admissions (1st) Degree – Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; KC Hall, Meridian, MS.

All you 1st and 2nd Degree Knights, please contact GK John Harwell and let him know you wish to be a candidate for the Formation (2nd) or Knighthood (3rd) Degree Exemplification listed above.

Additionally, Knights/Sir Knights planning to attend and observe any of the out of town Degree Exemplifications should notify GK John Harwell of your intentions.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your continued help with membership.

Fraternally,

David T. Stephens,

Membership Director

Editors Reminder Regarding Adoration Closing During March.

So that all of us may have time to attend the Adult Faith Formation Series that is so graciously being offered to us by Ken Woodward and Mary Billups, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during March will close at 6:00 PM and will return to the regular schedule in April

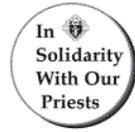
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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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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 2 of this newsletter</u> 			1	2 Mardi Gras Party St. Joseph 6:00 to 10:00 pm
3  Irish Fest St Patrick School 12 noon to 4pm	4	5 Business Meeting 7:30pm	6 <u>Ash Wednesday</u>  	7 <u>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM</u>	8	9 <u>Work Day at the KofC Hall 9:00 AM</u>
10 3rd Degree in Clarkesdale 2nd & 3rd in Kiln	11	12 No Meeting	13 	14 <u>Adult Faith formation 6:00-7:30 PM</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM KC</u> <u>EMSH visit 6pm</u>	15	16
17	18	19 1st Degree 6:30 at KofC Hall if candidate(s) Meeting follows 7:30 PM	20 	21 <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM</u>	22 Stations of the Cross St. Joseph 6pm	23 Corporate Communion St Patrick 5pm Mass
24	25	26 4th Degree meeting 7:30	27 	28 <u>Adult Faith Formation 6:00-7:30 PM</u> <u>Adoration 12 Noon to 6 PM</u>	29	30
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