

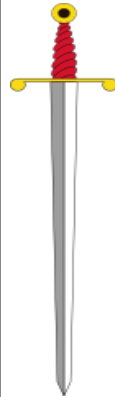


# The Meridian Knight

## December 2023

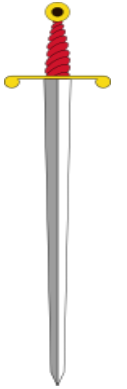
### Council Officers

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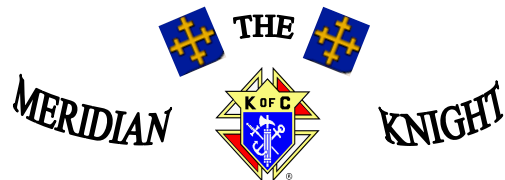


The Main Principles of  
 our Order are

Charity  
 Unity  
 Fraternity  
 Patriotism



Newsletter Editor George Walston



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

### Regularly Scheduled Events for December

**Masses:** St Patrick - Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 11am and 3pm (bilingual, Spanish and English.)

St. Joseph - Sunday 8:30am.

**School Mass:** Friday, December 8th 9:00 AM (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and Thursday December 14th 8:30 AM in the Church. **However, on December 21st, 28th, and January 4th Mass will be in the St. Aloysius Chapel at 11:30 AM - Leading into Adoration.**

**Adoration:** St. Aloysius Chapel 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM every Thursday. **Second Thursday is staffed by 802 members**

**Bingo** - KC Hall every Thursday at 6:00 PM (We need more help at Bingo, especially from 7:30 until the end.)

**Business Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM. 4th Tuesday Fourth Degree. (Not in December) 2nd Tuesday no meeting, but help is needed laying out the Bingo Bags for Thursday Night Bingo

### Special Events Scheduled

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** Christmas Eve 4:00PM at St. Patrick, 6:00 PM at St. Joseph **Midnight Mass** at St. Patrick Music at 11:45, **Christmas Day** 10:00 AM at St. Joseph. **Week end Masses** regular schedule. Monday, New Years Day, 9:00 St Joseph (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

**Chaplain  
Fr. Augustine  
Palimattam**



Today we are given the chance of a lifetime; a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God’s creation. In Matthew’s Gospel, (Mt 25:31-46), Jesus confides to his disciples how he will pass judgment on us all: *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.....”* Keep in mind that it is never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day we may inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. May we listen attentively to Jesus the Good Shepherd and follow his voice faithfully.

Fr. Augustine,  
Chaplain

**Grand Knight  
Sal Moreno**



Greetings! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family. I know this month is one of the busiest, if not, the busiest month of the year, with church activities, Knights of Columbus and family activities and of course work activities to those that are still active in the work force. I don’t mean to sound like a broken record, as you must have heard it so many times before, but I really mean it when I say “thank you, all” for what you have done, what you are doing, and what you will be doing. Please find time and help us in what we do so we can continue giving and helping.

Sal Moreno  
Grand Knight

**Guest Columnist  
Sister Andre’  
Burkhart**



Dear Brother Knights and Friends,

I can’t believe that it is almost Advent. As I age, the time seems to slip away so quickly. Am I the only one feeling that way? I will include you in my Advent thoughts and prayers. Yeah! Like that is something new!

As we age, things change around us, in us, and with us. Friends move away, go to their reward, friendships come and go. However, each encounter is a stepping stone to help us become the person that we are today. Who we are is as important as what we are for one another.

Wow! Were you all so good for me!?! So this Thanksgiving, I again thank God for the time spent in your service, your presence and for sharing your lives with me. A big ALLELUIA, and AMEN,

for that one!  
Blessings to each of you! Let us continue to pray for one another!

Sister Andre’



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



**Community  
Bob Leo, PGK**



As of the writing of this newsletter, we have not had our November visitation to the Pines Rest Home I will report in our next newsletter on the November visit.

Our December visit will be on the 3rd Monday, instead of the 4th Monday, since the 4th Monday is Christmas day. On the visit on the 3rd Monday, we will bring our usual snacks of sweet cakes, soft drinks and ice cream. But on this visit we will have a special guest, you guessed it. Santa Clause will be joining us on this visit. He will be handing out gifts to all of the residents that are housed there. The gifts will be watch caps and anklet socks for the ladies and baseball caps and woolen socks for the men, and of course Christmas greetings from Santa.

Of course this and all other visits are open to anyone who would like to come and visit with the Knights that go there each and every month. I'm sure that the residents there would be very happy to see

you.

As for you new Brother Knights, remember the first principal of our order " CHARITY " What could be more charitable than visiting the infirmed and bed ridden residents that are housed there on Christmas week. Remember the date December 18th, time 6:00 PM at the front door of the Pines Rest Home.

May you and your Families have a very Merry, Holy, and Joyous Christmas from my family to yours.

Bob Leo  
Community Director

**Culture of Life  
Darrell Hover**



Brother Knights,

Thank all of you who have joined me in praying the daily devotionals for 40 Days for Life. During the latest podcast 40 Days for Life reported our prayers saved 501 babies, that we know of, from abortion, led three abortion workers to become pro-life and leave their jobs, and saw two abortion facilities close!

*Luke 1:41 --- And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (ESV)*

Here's wishing all of you a very BLESSED and MERRY CHRISTMAS. LIFE IS A GIFT.

Darrell, Culture of Life

**December Birthdays**

**4th** Dr. Vincent Dungan & Dr. Ivan Zamora **6th** Greg Crain  
**7th** David Stephens **15th** Steven Huczel **16th** Dr. Luis Borrell  
**19th** John Baranello **25th** Greg Stephens **26th** Stephen Slimp

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**Youth  
John Harwell**



Greetings to all and I hope everyone has a Blessed Christmas Holiday this year. Our KC Youth program has been busy in recent weeks and we have a busy December upcoming. Our two activities in December include the St. Patrick School Candy Cane Dash 5K and One Mile Fun Run on Saturday, December 2nd. Several of our members are heavily involved in this race. Frank Polizzi, PGK will be providing music during the event and Bob Leo, PGK will handle his usual Santa duties. If you are able to volunteer to be race monitors along the race course, please contact Kasey Owen at the school to volunteer (601) 482 6044.

Second, our visit to Anderson Hospital will be Saturday, December 23rd. We will meet at the KC Hall at 11A, enjoy a bite to eat and then head out to the Hospital about noon. Of course Santa will need plenty of elves to be a part of his entourage.

We recently completed both the Creative Contraptions Contest/Columbus Day Poster Contest and the Soccer Challenge the results are below for all three events.

### Creative Contraptions/Columbus Day Poster Winners

#### Columbus Day Poster

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Winner – Serenity Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Annisten Mwaura 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Isadora Oregon HM – Christian Acari, Krit Patel, Spencer Edwards, Jace Smith, Robert Quedado, Aiyah Scott, Zorah Johnson, Charlie Owen, Mason Kelley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** Winner - Myles Owen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Isabella Arellano, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tommy George, HM – Mason Wilson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** Winner – Cayden Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Anna Harper 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mya Laurent HM – Fernanda Garcia

#### Creative Contraptions

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** Winner – Caden Ruffin (Wrecking Ball/Construction Site) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Braxton Rhone (Family)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – LaDarius Ransom (Clown) HM – Noland Alexander (Game)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Winner – Brandon Franklin (Gym) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Katelyn Meachum (Helicopter) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Aiden Walker (Robot) HM – John Quedado (Battle Bots)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Winner – Juan Pablo Garcia (Plate of Food) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Madison Powell (Windmill/Crop Duster/Solar Power) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – John Martinez (Gingerbread House) HM – Ayden Rush (Basketball Court)

Our special thanks to the Brother Knights who served as judges for both contests: Tom Zettler PSD, John Bennett PGK, Roland Stewart, Tau Iosia, Sal Moreno GK, Frank Polizzi PGK, Mark Hampson and Bob Leo PGK. Additional thank you to our School Staff including Principal Rob Calcote, Kasey Owen, Helen Reynolds, Melinda Graham, Lindi Palmer, Jill Scott, Glenda Rives, Tenika Little and Melanie Pressly for their support and assistance.

### Soccer Challenge Results

**9 Year Old Girls** Winner – Avery Hook 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mya Laurent 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – London Wilson

**10 Year Old Girls** Winner – Amelia Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kayleigh Johnson 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ava Bonner

**11 Year Old Girls** Winner – Madison Powell

**9 Year Old Boys** Winner - Braxton Rhone 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kyler Hill 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Aiden Hook, William Lindholm, Wiljann Sopa, Myles Owen, Hunter Gillespie

**10 Year Old Boys** Winner – Aiden Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brandon Franklin, John Quedado, Micah Laurent, Caden Ruffin, Nolan Alexander

**11 Year Old Boys** Winner – Juan Pablo Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Aiden Palmer 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Zy'Terrion Washington, Bryce Rush

The Soccer Challenge was held November 10<sup>th</sup> and special thanks to Brother Knights Ron Duckworth, Mark Hampson, Bob Leo PGK, Frank Polizzi PGK, John Bennett PGK and John Harwell PGK for facilitating the Challenge. Additional special thanks to the School staff including our Principal Rob Calcote, Kasey Owen, Helen Reynolds, Tenika Little, Glenda Rives, Jill Scott, Lindi Palmer and Melinda Graham for their help and support.

This year we had 28 boys and 15 girls participate for a total of 43 children. All of the kids had a great time.

John Harwell  
Soccer Challenge Chairman

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

**Membership  
David Stephens**



Brother Knights,

I trust you all had a wonderful time with family and friends during Thanksgiving giving thanks to the Lord for his many blessings. Also, that you had an opportunity on Veterans Day to honor those who served in the military.

Merry Christmas! Monday, December 25th is the day we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ this year. It is a time of joy, giving, and coming together with family and friends to celebrate the spirit of love and goodwill – all in the name of Jesus. Amen. Let us do that and be safe while doing so.

**Exemplifications in November:**

**As of this report there are no local Council Exemplifications scheduled and there are no Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree scheduled on the State website for the month of December.**

**Also, there are no Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree Exemplifications scheduled for the month of December.**

**SAVE THE DATE: April 6, 2024, our Assembly will be Hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification for the State, right here in Meridian. This will be a Great opportunity for all Third (Knighthood) Degree Knights to advance to 4<sup>th</sup> Degree without having to leave the city of Meridian. Reminder: You DO NOT have to buy the uniform in order to be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member.**

**Membership is truly a Team effort!!**

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens  
Membership Director  
601-938-5757

**Bingo  
Mark Hampson**



There was no Bingo on Thanksgiving night, but we still had 4 Bingo nights in November. The attendance has been good the past 3 weeks averaging 150 customers. The volunteers have been pretty good averaging about 12 per night which we would like to see more. The more Knights we have on the floor the more Bingo sheets we sell. We do appreciate all who come and volunteer. Again, this is a great fundraiser for the Catholic Community.

Mark Hampson,  
Bingo Manager

**Deputy Grand  
Knight  
Joe Price**



On Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we gathered for our annual Deceased Members Mass at the hall. Thank you to Fr Augustine for celebrating Mass with us. It is always a moving ceremony as we remember our brother Knights and family members that have passed away during the year. We had about 35 members, family and friends celebrate together. After Mass we enjoyed a meal together. A big thank you goes out to Brother Knight Bill Nix for preparing homemade chicken and dumpling soup. It took a lot of preparation, rolling out and preboiling the dumplings, but the extra steps and attention to detail, made it extra delicious. Also, a big thank you to those who helped set up the hall and helped Bill in the kitchen. Attendees brought bread and desserts to complement the soup.

As we enter the Christmas season, I want to wish each of you a merry Christ filled Advent and Christmas.

**Faithful Navigator  
David Stephens**



Greetings SK Brothers,

I trust that you had an opportunity on Veterans Day to honor those who served in the military. Members of our Honor Guard and other Sir Knights were at St. Patrick's Cemetery, 8:00 a.m., on Veterans Day raising the US Flag in recognition and honor of all Veterans. Thank you to the following SK's and family members who participated: Bob Leo, Commander, John Bennett, Otto and Inez Storr, Mark Hampson, and David Stephens.

December 25 is the day we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, this year. Merry Christmas! It is a time of joy, giving, and coming together with family and friends to celebrate the spirit of love and goodwill – all in the name of Jesus. Amen. Let us do that and be safe while doing so.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner is tentatively set for Saturday, January 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at Weidmann's. All Sir Knights of our Assembly, "regular" Bingo Volunteers, Bar and Kitchen Volunteers, Spouse and Children of Deceased Sir Knights are invited. Please let me know that you would like to attend – 601-938-5757. Thank you.

**Patriotic Degree Exemplifications in December:**

**There are no 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications scheduled for December. The next scheduled Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree Exemplification is January 20, 2024, Most Holy Trinity Catholic church, Pass Christian, MS**

**SAVE THE DATE: April 6, 2024, we will be Hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification for the State in Meridian.**

During the month of December; we have the following functions that I am aware of at this time:

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard will be participating in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, 2:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, – No Business Meeting

Help me help us invite Knighthood (3rd) Degree members to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Assembly 1251!!

Let's continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251 the BEST it can be!

Vivat Jesus!

David T. Stephens  
Faithful Navigator  
Assembly 1251

# Congratulations to the Following Honorees



October Knight of the Month  
John Harwell, PGK



October Family of the Month  
Donna and Frank Polizzi, PGK



Knight of the Quarter  
Ending in September  
Sal Moreno, GK



2023 Council 802 Knight  
of the Year  
GK William (Bill) Nix



2023 Council 802 & **State**  
Family of the Year  
Brent & Christi Gregory  
W/ Daughters McKinley and Mary Lee



2023 Assembly 1251 Sir Knight  
of the Year  
Mark Hampson



2023 Assembly 1251  
Family Of the Year  
The Juan Carlos Garcia Family

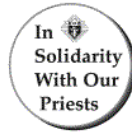




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Please continue to pray for vocations. We need more priests



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3	4	 5 Meeting 7:00 PM KC Hall	6	 7  Adoration 12:00 to 6:00PM St Aloysius Chapel Bingo 6:00 PM	8 Feast of The Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00	9
10	11	 12 No Meeting, but distribute Bingo Bags	13	 14  Adoration 12:00 to 6:00PM 802 Members Cover	15	16
17	18 ESMH Visit 6:00 pm Meet at front entrance	 19 Meeting 7:00 PM KC Hall	20	 21  Adoration 12:00 to 6:00PM St. Aloysius Chapel Bingo 6:00 PM	22	23
24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	 26 No 4th Degree Meeting	27	28 Adoration 12:00 to 6:00PM St. Aloysius Chapel Bingo 6:00 PM	29	30
31 Happy  New Year!	 Welcome to 2024		Please wish A Happy Birthday to all whose names appear on Page 3 of this newsletter 		Please continue to Pray the Rosary for a total end to abortion in our lifetime 	<b>Abortion Kills the Innocent</b> 