

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Tue. Apr. 2nd Social
Gather at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. 16th. @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Opich
832/344-7053

Fri. Apr. 19th. Game Knight, Mac's Lounge 7:00 - 11:00 PM

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): Brothers, congratulations we are on the verge of receiving the Star Council Award. This award represents a dedication to the Mission of the Knights it is only achieved by the work put in by the members of the council, one member will not get you there. The last remaining hurdle that we have to overcome is the recruitment of another member into the council, of course we won't say no to several more new members. Thank you for your efforts.

Sales of the Seminary Mission raffle tickets are coming to a close soon. Members who need to turn in money, will need to do so at the council business meeting on Tue. Apr. 16th.. The drawing will take place during the State Convention on Sat. May 4th.

The resolution to merge Council 1108 with Marian Council has been forwarded to the Supreme Council for board approval. Again, I wish to extend a welcome to our brother Knights of 1108. You are all welcome to attend the social on April 2nd at the Marian Council Hall. I know this has been a tedious journey, but we are almost ready to complete the process. For everyone involved, all of your help was greatly appreciated.

I want to thank those members who assisted with the cooking of lunch as Marian Council sponsored the Diocesan Youth Summit, by providing and preparing lunch (hotdogs and burgers) for the participants. There were 9 of us there and it was great seeing the high school youth. Interacting with some of the newer Priests of our Diocese.

Our Council also provided the fish for the lenten fish fry at Sacred Heart on Friday March 2nd where several members lead the Stations of the Cross. Gentlemen thank you for participation in making this happen again this year.

I just returned from attending the annual bowling tournament in Morgan City. While the placing has not been determined at the time of updating the newsletter, I can say, I had a good time and look forward to next year in getting a whole team to go together from 3779. The bowling was fun but the fraternal aspect was much more enjoyable.

A decision was made to reinstate a monthly dinner out to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and just have a pleasant dinner with friends. A reservation time has been set for 7:00 PM on Wed. Apr. 10th for our group to meet at Johnny's Catfish on Burt Kouns by the skating rink. The menu options: a selection of Senior Fish plates, Pot Roast with rice and Gravy, Fried Chicken, Chicken Fried Steak, Hamburger Steak, an assortment of Po-Boys and seafood salads. We intend to make this a monthly event depending on participation. And by moving the days of the week, it is hopeful those with prior commitments will at least be able to attend some of the dinners in the future.

In conclusion please help me in congratulating Bill and Sharron Bogues as family of the month, and Bill McDonald as Knight of the month. These folks are constantly working to make our church parishes and our council successful. Thank you for all that you do.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT / PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Michael Opich (318/918-9421): A request has been sent to us from St. Mary's to cook Gumbo on May 19th to be served after the 10 o'clock mass. As of the March Business Meeting no one has volunteered.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: (Bryce Britnell, Les Brosset, Richard Guzman, Mike Hernandez, Bill McDonald and Steve Morton): There were only two members of the committee that attended the March Business meeting. No fundraising ideas were presented to the council. A repeat of the Summer Vacation raffle is still an option.

*** A meeting is being planned now for **April 3rd** for the fund-raising committee, for all listed members as well as any interested in attending. The meeting will be held at the hall at 7 PM. Any and all ideas for fundraising would be appreciated, if anyone has any please contact any member of the council prior to the scheduled meeting. It is increasingly important as the year nears an end that we have some plan-of-action in order to meet our projected income and support our community. - Bryce Britnell (318)-754-6773***

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): The council has made their yearly donation to the YEP fund of \$1,100.00.

During the month of March I tried to reach out to Doug Long, Tom McKissick, Daniel Parker and Harold Zern III. For each, I was only able to leave a voice message or email them a message to contact me. They have not been around the council or worked any events in a number of years. If you were to meet up with them or see them in church, ask them to contact me so I can confirm their desire to remain in the Knights of Columbus.

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Congratulations to our newest members that joined Marian Council 3779 during the month of March. We welcome Joshua Fontenot, Justin Grandt, Richard Hutehinson, and Jack Bogus.

The council needs one more member to join in order to make the council quoter. Membership is still free by using code: MCGIVNEY2020 to save \$30.00 entry fee. Also use SWILLIS as an agency and council 3779 as your requested council. At present the council is on track to make Star council for 2024.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318-402-7879): Sat., Apr. 20th. is the date of the Holy Angels, "Angel Run." The council would like to have members participate in this 5K (3.1 mile) event. You may walk or run. One can pre-register at www.laholyangels.org, click events, dropdown to Angle Run and Walk, scroll down to register by clicking on the tab. Enter your information and at the end of the registration see join team or group. Our group is listed as Knights of Columbus #3779. The password is: Knights3779!

Before the Angel Run there will be a welcome ceremony which will begin at 7:15 AM at Holy Angels. The walk/run will begin at 8:00 AM. The walk/run will take place within Long Lake, returning back to Holy Angel's before 11:30 AM. There will be an after party with snacks available during the award ceremony. The group is registered under the name Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3779. Please wear your Knights of Columbus shirt and/or wear your name badge. Wives and children are welcome. Entry fee per person is \$40.00.

The next two yard work days will be on Fri. Apr. 5th and 19th beginning at 8:00 AM. Bring your favorite yard tool. If weather is an issue I will call my crew to set a new date.

Richard will contact Frost Industries to arrange a date when the men and ladies can serve a hot dog lunch. Tom will reach out to Heart of Hope to arrange a fundraiser for them.

Discussion was entertained on the idea of having a council paid end of the year dinner for family members.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Les Brosset (318/631-5722): I want to thank our council members who joined in to help on Fri. Mar. 22nd with the "Work Day" that took place beginning at 8:00 AM at Woody's House located at 442 Jordan Street. The project included repairing windows and re-doing flooring.

For Sat. May 11th plans are being made to cook Jambalaya to raise money for the Renzi House. Please volunteer.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Steven Morton (318/272-4322): Thanks to those members who came out to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the 200 plus youth that attended the Diocesan Youth Summit gathering that took place at the Catholic Center. There were also a few young priests who attended the event, which was nice to see.

The council has selected two CYLA winners who are both from Stonewall, Kaylie Bogues and Tristan Stewart will both receive a \$300.00 award from the council. At the time of publication there is no work yet on who are the Diocesan winners.

Congratulations council 4818, Zwolle, as fourteen year old William Mouser for being the Louisiana State Free Throw winner. William completed 23 baskets out of 25 to take first place.

FAMILY DIRECTOR: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): Congratulating Bill and Sharron Bogues as family of the month, and Bill McDonald as Knight of the month.

CHURCH ACTIVITY: Michael Krieg (318/296-9133): Arrangements are currently being made at one of the churches we support to hold a Quarterly Communion Mass. More details to follow in the May newsletter. Seminary Mission tickets will be available for sale before and after the Mass.

The 2025 Lucky Number tickets are now on sale. Early drawing for a \$250.00 Visa Gift Card will be on Sun, Aug. 18th. Reserve your ticket now by calling John Walker at 318/780-0031.

PRO LIFE: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): U.S. Supreme Court has heard oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

How can you help? Offer the Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life daily for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children. Download the prayer: respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): The hall is being rented on Sat. Apr. 27th and then possibly on Sat. June 29th. Next corporation meeting will be on Tue. May 21st. after the business meeting.

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight will be on Fri. Apr. 19th. Members from all councils are invited. We ask that you bring a dish or finger food.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): The Knights of Columbus program offers great rates and guarantees for your retirement needs. The Flexible Premium Annuity is the perfect solution for your IRA, Roth IRA, 401(k) rollovers, TSA, TSP and 457 plans. Contact me today to learn more about what is available for you and your family.

BIRTHDAYS: Joshua Fontenot (3rd.), Joshua Mitchell (4th.), Bryce Britnell (13th.), Rev. Fr. Joseph Maddala (15th.), Anthony Priest (22nd.). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri. Apr. 19th. (Game Knight) at our council hall between 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Your first drink in the lounge is on us.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Mack J. Metoyer (Jan. 26th.), Gary Anderson, Brad Bogues, Sue Bogues, Marilyn Ebarb Bourdend, Brad Bogus, Sue Bricknell, Mardie Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Robert Crosby, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Norbert & Mary Flores, Paco Romos Flores, Mike Franel, Junior Fulgencio, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Donald Gallion, Earl Geist, Donnie & Emilie Greer, John Heard, Teresa Howard, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut, Lucille Kosnik, Lucas LeBlanc, Simon Leone, Lance Lopez, Shelly Lopez, Neal Lester, Bill McDonald, Seline Metoyer, Scott Michel, Brad Morgan, Steve Morton and family, Bobbie Morris, Larron Marton, Justin Mouser, Sammy Mouser, Bubba Nectoux, Pat Nicholas, Veronica Rubio Oliver, Howard Paddie, MSGR. Earl Provenza, Annie and Scout Pylant, Thelma Ratcliff, Theresa Rock, Kevin Ruesch, Angela and Reggie Samuels, Dorthy Schriver, Virgil Schultz, Carl Scroggins, Kay Shanks, Doug Sepulvado, Jeff Sepulvado, Joe Sepulvado, Yolanda Smith, Seth Stanfield, Llolanda Teneyuque, Mike White, and Kevin Ward. I hope all of you are doing well. We need to pray for each other, our country, and the people of Ukraine.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Carter
Grand Knight