

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Christmas Social Tue. Dec. 19th
Gather @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Dec. 5th, 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Opich
832/344-7053

Dec. Game Knight Canceled

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): Mark your calendar as our Christmas Social will be on Tue. Dec. 19th and our Business Meeting will be on Tue. Dec. 5th. Pay attention to these date changes. There will not be a Game Knight for December.

Not all of the Christmas Cash Raffle tickets have been distributed to the membership. If you would be able to sell just a few, please call me so that I can mail you a few. I have them with me all the time so if you see me somewhere just ask or either buy one or two. John Walker also has a few that he can mail out or assign ten if you want. The \$500.00 drawing will be conducted at the end of our Christmas Social on Tue., Dec. 19th.

I still have some Seminary raffle tickets if anyone requires a few more. The proceeds support seminarians here in Louisiana on their quest to serve others not only God, but their parishioners.

We continue to collect coats for the coat drive. I am asking our membership to help with this program by donating a new or gently used child sized coat. We have a goal of 100 coats in total, so if each member of our council donates 1 we can achieve that goal easily. Your dropoff locations will be at the entrance of each of our three churches. Richard Guzman and I will be making pickups at the churches. We also will accept monetary donations, all of which will be put towards the purchasing of coats.

St. Mary of the Pines is having their Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday Dec. 2nd from 9am to 3pm there will be over 30 booth spaces available. If you or someone you know are interested contact Steve Cadwell for information. During this event our council was asked to cook sausage po-boys to be sold on sight. All proceeds will be split between the church and the council. Come out, have a bite, and get started or complete your Christmas gift list.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT / PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Michael Opich (318/918-9421): The sales of the Christmas Cash Raffle tickets have been slow. Last year the council sold every ticket we had printed and people asked for more. Let's make it known that we have tickets to sell. The tickets are \$5.00 each and there were only 500 that were printed. The drawing for the \$500.00 dollars prize will be held at our Christmas Social on Tue. Dec. 19th.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: (Bryce Britnell, Les Brosset, Richard Guzman, Mike Hernandez, Bill Mc Donald and Steve Morton) Nothing submitted at the time of this newsletter publication.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): The billing of 2024 dues will be mailed out on December 15th with a payment date of January 31st. I will be billing General Members \$40.00 and Honorary Members \$15.50. Any member wishing to pay his dues before the December billing date will be appreciated. Please remember if you have moved during the year I will need you to update your mailing data and phone number before December.

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Membership is still free by using code: SWILLIS in agency.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318-402-7879): Corporation still in the process of selecting a date for members to meet at the hall for a major clean up day. For now we are done with cutting and edging the grounds, but there will be times when leaves will have to be cleared from around the building.

The Hall will not be available for use on Sat. Dec. 16th as it has been reserved for a non-member rental.

I wish everyone a safe and Blessed Holiday. Hope to see everyone at our Christmas Social on Tue., Dec. 19th.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Les Brosset (318/631-5722): I would like to thank those members who have driven out to the Veterans' Home in Bossier City to assist with the Friday 2:00 PM bingo games. If you would like to join in with the fund that we are having with our American Heroes, call me.

St. Mary's is holding an Art fair from 9 o'clock to 4 o'clock December 2nd. Know anybody with a talent for art, design, or music? Give Steve Caldwell a call for more information!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Steven Morton (318/272-4322): Thanks to the participants in the Basketball Free Throw and the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest. I had a meeting with families at Sacred Heart on November 19. There was strong interest in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Participants need to complete the 11x17 poster by Dec. 14th. Grading of the posters should be done at our Christmas Social on Tue., Dec. 19th.

CYLA applications are due on line by Jan. 25th. Please wait until after receiving second quarter grades before submitting the application. Please go to Louisiana KOFC.org to get an online application. Please include Council 3779 on the application. The application is much easier than in the past to assure any worthy Catholic, boy or girl, Junior or Senior, student is entered. High School students may contact me to confirm proper entry. Cash awards will be presented at the Council, Diocese and State levels. Council awards is \$300.00

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest is approaching, it will be available to all 5-14 year old applicants and is due back to me by DECEMBER 14TH. For further information please contact Steve Morton for application papers for participating youth, or to ask questions related to the upcoming events.

FAMILY DIRECTOR: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): There was not a Family for the month or Knight of the month selected for December at the time of this newsletter publication.

CHURCH ACTIVITY: Michael Krieg (318/296-9133): At St. Mary of the Pines on Tuesday there is Holy Hour at 3:00 PM followed by Benediction at 4:00 PM. The council would like to have as many members as possible to attend the service on the third Tuesday of each month. This would show an example of Unity for our council.

PRO LIFE: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): National Pro-Life Alliance contributions playing an important role in mobilizing grass-roots pressure to hold the politicians accountable on their pro-life campaign promises. They have made noteworthy gains for the Life at Conception Act. This new Congress has begun with 65 cosponsors. Together we can help build support for a Parental Notification and Intervention Act, an Ultrasound Informed Consent Act and legislation to end ALL taxpayer funding of abortion. We together have our work cut out for us, but with the support of Pro-Lifers we will be able to progress toward our ultimate victory. You can help by going to www.prolifealliance.com

PATRIOTIC DEGREE: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr, District Marshall. (318/469-5140): Business meeting will be held on Thru. Nov. 14th in the Catholic Center beginning at 7:00 PM.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Corporation meeting for February 2024 will be on Tue., 20th. which will be after the Business Meeting. At the end of this meeting the following Board Members terms will end; Richard Guzman, Bill Bogues and Howard Ebarb. These members have served two terms amounting to six years of service and according to the By-Law can not serve again in the upcoming three years. Therefore those three positions need to be filled by council members. With the publication of this newsletter nominations are now open for the three positions. Positions must be filled by 3rd Degree members in good standings..

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight for December has been canceled.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): The Knights of Columbus for over 140 years has been committed to helping families with not only a full range of insurance products but also with their financial future. To learn more about retirement products. Contact me today.

BIRTHDAYS: John Pope and John Douglas Sepulvado (3rd.), Fr. John Crispin (8th.), Edward Kocmich (10th.), Wilmar Hughes (11th.), Donnie Greer (16th.), Howard Ebarb (19th.), Stephen Angilo (20th.), Jeff Sepulvado (21st.), Joe Smith (27th.), and John Lee(31st.). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights!**

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Peggy and Wyley (passed in July). Gary Anderson, Brad Bogues, Marilyn Ebarb Bourdend, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Faye Cunningham, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Hazel Ebarb, Norbert & Mary Flores, Mike Franel, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Donald Gallion, John Heard, Doug Hill, Teresa Howard, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut, Lucille Kodsnik, Thea Lacobee, Lucas LeBlanc, Neal Lester, Mack and Seline Metoyer, Scott Michel, Harold Miles, Brad Morgan, Steve Morton and family, Bobbie Morrism, Sammy Mouser, Bubba Nectoux, Howard Paddie, Pat Nicholas, Veronica Rubio Oliver, Annie and Scout Pylant, Thelma Ratcliff, Theresa Rock, Peggie and Wyley Rose, Kevin Ruesch , Angela and Reggie Samuels, Virgil Schultz, Carl Scroggins, Doug Sepulvado, Kay Shanks Yolanda Smith, Llolanda Teneyuque, Mike White, and Sam Zamora. 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