

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Tue. Mar. 5th Social
Gather at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Mar. 19th. 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Opich
832/344-7053

Fri. Mar. 22nd. Game Knight Mac Lounge 7:00 - 11:00 PM

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the business meeting last week. It was great to see some members who have not attended in a while, you are always welcome. It was my pleasure to introduce Fr. Joseph Maddaia as our new Chaplin, thank you Fr. Joseph we will try to not be too much of a challenge.

The resolution of merger of Council 1108 with Marian Council was voted on and passed. While the process is still in the works to finalize, on behalf of Marian Council I wish to extend a welcome to our brother Knights of 1108.

Marian Council helped in sponsoring the Diocesan Youth Summit, by providing and preparing lunch (hotdogs and burgers) for the participants. This is a great opportunity to let the families, and the youth of our Diocese to see the Knights actively supporting them and their activities. The Youth Summit was at the Catholic Center on Saturday March 2nd. We had a few members that were willing to come out to cook and serve lunch. On events like this we can use all the hands we can get.....We sometimes wonder how we can get younger men interested in the Knights, this was a great opportunity. Anyone interested in volunteering for upcoming events can text me 318-918-9421 and let me know. This was one of those times we "gear up and go". Of course we had recruiting information on hand for the fathers of the 350 youth who registered, and anyone else interested.

Our Council will again this year be providing the fish for the lenten fish fry at Sacred Heart on Friday March 2nd where we will lead the Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30.

The Knight of Columbus is having the annual bowling tournament on the weekend of March 16, 17 and 23, 24 in Morgan City. I plan on attending and invite anyone else who would like to make the trip to register. Thanks to John, BeBe and Richard for another successful Game Knight on Fri. Feb. 23rd. For those that were not able to attend, you missed some great shrimp and fish. Darrell, the food was outstanding as usual. Good new guys, you haven't missed your opportunity, we are doing it again on Fri. Mar. 22nd.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT / PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Michael Opich (318/918-9421): Half of a year has been completed. Program Directors need to supply me with a written record of all the events that took place during the last six months. The notes taken now will help complete year end reports required by the State Office before the May's convention.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: (Bryce Britnell, Les Brosset, Richard Guzman, Mike Hernandez, Bill McDonald and

Steve Morton): The Fundraising committee did not have time to discuss ideas at the February meeting due to the open discussion regarding the merger of Council 1108. They will be given the opportunity to present their ideas at the March Business Meeting scheduled on Tue. Mar. 19th. All members with ideas for fundraising are invited to attend.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): At the February Business Meeting the Conservation report was given to the council Membership Director Ron Dupuis so that Michael Opich and Bill McDonald of the council retention committee could contact the **12** members that have not paid their dues for 2024. On Feb. 21st I mailed Knight Alert letters to those 12 members. This will be their final notice before suspension. For some reason you are not able to pay your dues this year, then call me.

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Congratulations to our newest member, Matt Anderson who became a member on Sun. Feb. 25th. 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.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318-402-7879): The State Bowling event will be held in Morgan City at the Steelwood Lanes on the weekend of March 16 - 17th and on the 23rd and 24th. The council would like to participate in this event. Members and wives are welcome to join in as a group or as singles members as they can bowl in single competition. Call Tommy Carter for entry registration

Sat., Apr. 20th. is the date of the Holy Angels, "Angel Run." The council would like to participate in this 5K (3.1 mile) event. You may walk or run. To participate you must be there by 8:00 AM and is expected to last till 11:30 AM. More details will be in the April newsletter.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Les Brosset (318/631-5722): 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 we get closer to that date, volunteers would be very appreciated.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Steven Morton (318/272-4322): The Diocesan Christmas Poster winner was Bradley Anderson, son of Matt and Chanel. Matt is the Marian council's most recent member. Award presentation will be at the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church on Sun. Mar. 3rd.

Council CYLA winners have been submitted to Diocesan Administrator.

FAMILY DIRECTOR: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): Deadline - Fri. 15th council to submit Family of the month form 10784.

CHURCH ACTIVITY: Michael Krieg (318/296-9133): Marian Council will lead the Way of the Cross on Fri. Mar. 15th at Sacred Heart. It's time to "gear up and go" as volunteers are needed to read the stations. Stations will begin at 5:30 PM, so volunteers should arrive no later than 5:15pm. The council is sponsoring the fish fry afterwards.

PRO LIFE: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth

and of love” (EV 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God’s gift of life. Continue to pray the rosary for the unborn and aging.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Corporation meeting was held on Tue., 20th. The three open positions on the board have been filled. The new board members are Bryce Britnell, Bill McDonald, and Antonio Rubio. Each will serve a three year term. In February 2026 two of the current board members will have to be replaced.

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight will be on Fri. Mar. 22nd, 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): Knights of Columbus, protecting you and your family at every state of life. As life changes, so do your financial plans. I can help you along your way to financial security. Call me for a complimentary financial needs analysis.

BIRTHDAYS: Michael Bartels (2nd.), Jonathan Bain, Tedris T. Smith, and Albert H. Zern III (3rd.), Larry Loudd (4th.), Mark Duty (10th.), Pete Crnkovici and Michael Krieg (11th.), Adam Ebarb (27th.), Jeffery Goodman (28th.), Christopher Giordano (29th.), and Michael Opich (30th.). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri. Mar. 22nd. (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, Marilyn Ebarb Bourdend, 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, 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, Yolanda Smith, 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