

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Tue. June 4th Social
Dinner Canceled

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. 18th. @ 7:00 pm.
Marian Auxiliary meets @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Opich
832/344-7053

Fri. June 21st.. Game Knight, Mac's Lounge 7:00 - 11:00 PM

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): Apologies for the delay of the newsletter. My home property sustained losses from the storms passing over the last few days. I found myself without electrical power, thus no internet nor phone service.

At our May Business Meeting Mike Rose, Nominating Committee Chairman, opened the floor for the nomination of officers for the year 2024 - 2025. During the month of May members interested in taking a position were asked to reply to Mike with their intentions. Traditionally officers have held their positions for two years, but at the close of the nominations two positions had additional members that were interested in holding an office. Those two positions were Deputy Grand Knight and Three Year Trustee. The election of officers has been scheduled to take place at our June 18th business meeting. Members who would like to run for office are asked to contact our nominating committee chairman Mike Rose at 318/525-7424. Newly elected officers will begin their terms on Mon., July 1, 2024.

Nomination will again be opened at the June Business meeting to allow members to submit their names for any position. Afterwards nominations will be closed followed by a call to vote for each position. Michael Haineault and Michael Opich are both seeking the position of Deputy Grand Knight, so there will be an election run.

I want to thank Richard Guzman, Steven Morton and John Walker for assisting me this past Saturday with the Jambalaya dinner fundraiser for the Renzi Educational and Art Center. Also want to thank those members that purchased tickets themselves and who did pre-ticket sales. During the day 154 plates were served, there will be a nice contribution to be awarded to the center. We plan to present a check during the month of June.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT / PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Michael Opich (318/918-9421): Let it be known that Supreme has officially closed St. Pius council #1108. The entire membership of 53 has been added to Marian Council #3779 bringing the total roster to 215 members. With the transfer of members came the need to support St. Pius X church and their mission church. To ensure that the Knights of Columbus continue the support required by their churches there is a need for some of the members to fill an elected office, become a committee chairman, or to become a member of one of the ten programs we conduct.

Elections and appointments will be conducted at the council's June Business meeting. This is an opportunity to continue your support as a Catholic Gentleman, a soldier of Christ.

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

Steve Morton): Bryce Britnell (318)-754-6773) Bryce now has the Grocery Fundraiser tickets to be distributed to our membership. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win one of three prizes: \$500, \$300 or \$200. The prize will be awarded according to the winners desire; grocery gift cards or cash. For the council to realize the full capability of this fundraiser the membership needs to sell all of the 500 tickets that are available. The drawing will be held during the council Aug. 6th Tuesday night social.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): The council is in good standings with the Supreme Council and the State. The tax filing for the IRS and the State of Louisiana, along with the tax payment for 2023 and the first quarter of 2024 has been filed with each.

I regret that the process has begun to suspend Joseph B. Garcie, Christopher C. Glordano, Joel D. Granger, Doug Long, and Daniel Parker for non-payment of dues. We believe that Doug Long has moved out of Shreveport and I know Christopher Glordano is in the process of moving to Texas. I have reached out to Doug and Christopher, but they have not responded. None of these members have come to our Tuesday socials, monthly meetings or have participated in any of the council events in a number of years.

I looked into making the council's donation to Give for Good towards the Society of St. Vincent de Paul only to find out that only a low percentage of the donation would be distributed to St. Mary of the Pines and Sacred Heart of Jesus. I made this known at our May Business meeting and requested that the membership present give me directions on how the council donation for the year should be distributed. That request was delayed till June's meeting so that contact could be made with the four churches we support to see if each had a St. Vincent de Paul established. Monies need to be dispersed before the end of June.

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): There will be a live Exemplification at Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Fri., June 14th. One can still join our Membership online by using code: MCGIVNEY2020 to save \$30.00 entry fee. Also use SWILLIS as an agency and council 3779 as your requested council.

The council in our area that brought in the most new members during the past quarter was Elizabeth Ann Seton. Russell Ruh, the state membership director is going to come up to cook crawfish as their reward.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318-402-7879): The next two yard work days will be on Thur. June 13th and Thur. June 27th beginning at 8:00 AM. These dates are subject to change depending on the rainy weather forecast. If in doubt, call me to confirm. Be sure to bring your favorite yard tool. If weather is an issue I will call my crew to set a new date.

The council is discussing the idea of having a special dinner event during the month of August. The idea is to have a meet and greet catered dinner during the day to give those members who do not drive during the evening hours to attend. Details for the event will be sent out in the July's newsletter.

Richard contacted Frost Industries to arrange a date for the men and ladies of our council to serve a hot dog lunch. So far a date has not been confirmed.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Les Brosset (318/631-5722): With the 4th of July coming up the council has four American flags that were purchased from Barksdale base. These flags have flown over the White House and are of good quality. Available for sale are two 3x5 for \$25.00 and two 5x8 for \$30.00.

During the May meeting there was an open discussion on the council's budget donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society. This money has to be allocated by the end of June. At the May meeting there was a motion to split the money between two churches, St. Mary of the Pines and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The motion was seconded and the final vote was to split the money between St. Mary of the Pines and Sacred Heart of Jesus. For next year's budget the council will consider splitting the budgeted funds to the four churches we support.

FAMILY DIRECTOR: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): Families will gather at Podnuh's Bar-B-Q restaurant on Tue., June 11th at 7:00 PM to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Last month there were nineteen of us who enjoyed eating at Johnny's Catfish on Burt Kouns. At each monthly Business meeting we will select a date and location for each celebration dinner.

CHURCH ACTIVITY: Michael Krieg (318/296-9133): This past Sunday the council celebrated a Quarterly Communion Mass along with Father Joseph Maddala at St. Mary of the Pines Church at the 10:30 AM Mass. There was a good showing of our membership and I hope over time our presents will increase. The council plans to continue on a quarterly basis to come together at the different churches we support to celebrate mass.

The 2025 Lucky Number tickets are now available. 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): Our council will assist with the Heart of Hope Life Cycle event to take place on Sat. June 1st. Steve Cadwell, Howard and Adam Ebarb will begin cooking at 7:00 PM for an expected 250 riders, so they will need additional help. The cooking crew will be located at the First Baptist Church located at 6295 Williams Road. Call Steven Cadwell at 318/426-9818 to volunteer.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Next corporation meeting will be on Tue. Aug. 20th. after the business meeting. The layout for a new street sign was submitted for review and a layout was approved. Bossier Sign company is working on the final layout and price quote which will be forwarded to me once completed. The quote will include the city permit fee. Lighting for the sign will have to be arranged by the members of the corporation..

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight will be on Fri. June 21st. All Knights of Columbus Members from all councils are invited. We ask that you bring a small dish of your favorite food to share or some type of finger food.

4th DEGREE: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Let us welcome Bernis Ebarb who is now a member of the 4th Degree going through the Exemplication that was held on Sat. May 18th in Alexandria. He will be joining the Bishop Desmond Assembly No. 324.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): I am now a certified financial advisor who not only can assist Knights of Columbus members, but can also assist non members. Knights of Columbus insurance is only available to its membership, but separately I can help non members establish a financial fund to assist them in obtaining their saving needs. Refer me to a family member, friend or a neighbor so that I can reach out to them.

BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Parker (rd.), Brock Lafitte (4th.), Carl Webbl (13th.), Bradford Alexander & Harold Miles (15th.), Brother Paul Mutisya (16th.), Bobby Ebarb (19th.), Clarence Cunningham (21st.), Troy Ebarb (22nd.), Philip Fulco & David Slusarczyk (25th.), Michael Ebarb & Jerry Keene (26th.), Judd Callicoatte (28th.), John Welter (29th.) and Enrique Sanchez Jr. (30th). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri. June 21st. (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, Sue Bagues, Marilyn Ebarb Bourdend, Brad Bogus, Sue Bricknell, Mardie Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Rodney Christian, Alan Couvillion, Robert Crosby, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Norbert & Mary Flores, Paco Romos Flores, Mike Frael, Junior Fulgencio, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Donald Gallion, Donnie & Emilie Greer, John Heard, Teresa Howard, Thea Lacobee, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut, Lucille Kosnik, Lucas LeBlanc, Simon Leone, Lance Lopez, Shelly Lopez, Neal Lester, Lester Martinez, 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, and Mike White. We are praying for you, each other, our country, and for peace.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Carter
Grand Knight