

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Social Tue. Dec. 17th
Gather @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Dec. 3rd. @ 7:00 pm.
Marian Auxiliary meets @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Hernandez
832/344-7053

Game Knight, Mac's Lounge - December 6th at 7:00 PM

NEWSLETTER – December 2024

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): As of writing this input for the newsletter, we are in the middle of Thanksgiving Week. I hope everyone is getting the opportunity to enjoy spending time with friends and family. This unofficially brings the start of the Holiday Season. I know that this time of year can be more than a bit overwhelming, there is shopping to get done, parties, family get togethers, wrapping up end of the year business, and so much more. There are so many reasons to be pulled in so many directions it is easy to overlook the obvious. We as Catholics don't need to be told the "Reason for the Season", but it never hurts to be reminded. So, in the middle of this organized chaos, my reminder to each of you as well as myself, take the time to enjoy this Christmas Season and be a blessing to one another.

Our Christmas Party Social will be on Tue. Dec. 17th having to move our Business Meeting to Tue. Dec. 3rd. We will be having a ham dinner at the social. We ask that you bring your favorite side dishes or desserts. We will have a Special Guest in a red suit for the kids. Our Game Knight will be on Fri. Dec. 6th, 7pm to 11pm.

We are still putting teams together three-to-four-man teams for the district gumbo cookoff, to be held at Marian Hall on Dec 14th. If anyone is interested please contact me so we can get you signed up. That evening after the judging we will take the opportunity to celebrate our December birthdays and anniversaries. Everyone is invited and of course the menu is gumbo.

The 78th annual K C State Bowling Tournament is taking place on two consecutive weekends in January 11-12 & 18-19 pre-registration is required. The tournament is being held at All-Star Lanes in Baton Rouge.

The Coats for Kids Program is in full swing, we are taking donations of new and gently used coats. Donations can be brought to the Hall or to any meeting of function and we will get them where they need to go. This is a very worthy cause and your help is appreciated.

Again, this year we are planning to play the white elephant gift exchange swap/game. If you plan to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$25 in value) for each person playing. Place the gift on the table and sign in at the table. The more who participate and the wackier the gift the more fun.

In conclusion, special thanks to the new members of the Fund-Raising Committee, Michael Hernandez, Steve Mortan, Walt Rikter, Les Brossette, and Adam Ebarb. As well as the newly established Five-Year Exploratory Committee, John Walker, Steve Cadwell, Michael Hernandez, Steve Mortan and Howard Ebarb. Meeting date to be announced at the next business meeting. Gentlemen thank you for all that you do.

At our September social event Karen McCoy for the American Red Cross addressed our group making a request for

volunteers. The Red Cross is in desperate need of shelter volunteers. They are willing to come to our hall to give training. They would like to have 2 five person shelter teams. If you are anyone you know is interested please contact me or Ms. Karen McCoy at karen.mccoy2@redcross.org

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT / PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Michael Hernandez (318/895-9534): Deputy Grand Knight will assist the Grand Knight in leading the council towards these following objectives:

- Collecting information for the monthly newsletter.
- Council selling of Seminary Mission tickets.
- Collection of coats supporting the "Coats for Kids" program.
- St. Mary of the Pines Craft Fair scheduled for Sat., Dec 7th with possible cooked dinner.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Posters due to the Youth Director on Tue. Dec. 10th.
- Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 14th at St. Mary of the Pines.
- Council host District Gumbo Cook Off at council hall on Sat. Dec. 14th.
- Council hosts Dec. celebration of birthdays and anniversaries on Sat. Dec. 14th with dinner at 6:30 PM.
- Schedule monthly council family dinner celebrating monthly birthdays and anniversaries.
- Schedule a collection of fans after the summer for possible distribution during April or May of 2025.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): At the previous meeting two motions were brought before the council. Both motions addressed raising membership dues. The council dues in the past have been \$40.00 per year for Regular members. This amount has not changed in over twenty-five plus years.

This publication is to give all members the opportunity to vote on which motion will be accepted. The final decision will be made at our Business meeting scheduled for Tue. Dec. 3rd. Members not able to attend the Business meeting are asked to mail in their vote to John Walker at 404 Grand Oaks Drive in Shreveport, 71106. Only votes received by Tue. Dec. 3rd will be valid. Billing of 2025 dues will still be scheduled for Mon. Dec. 16th.

- The first motion is to increase the council due by \$40.00, whereas Regular members will be billed an annual fee of \$80.00.
- The second motion is to increase the council dues by \$20.00, whereas Regular members will be billed an annual fee of \$60.00

For those members that are Honorary Life please consider making a contribution to the council by mailing your donation to John Walker the council Financial Secretary. (404 Grand Oaks Dr., Shreveport, 71106)

Planning to get or give a Sacred Heart Lucky Number ticket for Christmas as a stocking stuffer. Now is the time to make your purchase before the drawings start on January 1st. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John Walker.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): The council membership quota for next year is thirteen new members. One can still join our Membership online by using code: MCGIVNEY2020 to save the entry fee. Also use SWILLIS as an agency and council 3779 as your requested council.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Les Brosset (318/631-5722): I would like to encourage everyone to visit area nursing homes, the Veterans Home and homebound neighbors during the holidays. If you know anyone who is in need of

food or clothing, please let me or any council officer know. We will do what we can to help. Money for our 50/50 drawing helps support our charity needs.

Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving! The next major event will be our Christmas social/party on Tue. Dec. 17th. This has always been a fun time for all, especially the children. Hope to see all of them attending again this year. A blessed Christmas to you all!!

St. Pius Parish Family Christmas potluck dinner will be on Sun. Dec. 8th after the 11:00 AM Mass. The annual Mardi Gras Mass for all the Crew officers and members will be at St. Pius on Sat. Jan., 4 at 9:00 AM, followed by hospitality.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Steven Morton (318/27-4322): The council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" Posters contest is underway. The contest is open for children between the ages of 5 to 14, split in three groups. Poster will be judged by our council membership and are due back to me by Tue. Dec. 10th. Please contact me for applications and for questions.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318/402-7879) Yard work day of the month will be on Thur. Dec. 5th beginning at 9:00 A.M. This may be the only yard day in December. Our thanks to Bill Bogus for tuning up the lawnmowers and the zero turn. I wish everyone a Blessed Holiday.

On Saturday, Dec. 14th the hall will be used to host the Gumbo Cookoff. In the evening members are asked to join in on the celebration of Birthday and Anniversaries at 6:00 PM so gumbo can be served at 6:30 PM.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Next corporation meeting will be on Tue. Feb. 18th. after the business meeting. The council hall has been rented for use on the evening of Fri., Dec. 13th.

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight will be on Fri. Dec. 6th.. All Knights of Columbus Members from all councils both in Shreveport and Bossier are invited. We ask that you bring a small dish of your favorite food to share or some type of finger food.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): Have you given thought on the type of protection you have provided for your family. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you get exclusive access to our top quality portfolio of insurance and retirement products, backed by ethical and Catholic business practices, that can help secure your family's future and give you peace of mind.

BIRTHDAYS: Edwin Spreger & Johnnie Tupper (2nd), John Pope & Douglas Sepulvado (3rd.), Brad Bogues (7th.), Fr. John Crispinl (8th.), Edward Kocmich III (10th.), Deacon Jeffrey Chapman & Wilmer Huges (11th.), David Pigott & Phillip Randolph (12th.), Tyler Dupuis (13th.), Donnie Greer & Samuel Mondello (16th.), Bob Butler & Howard Ebarb (19th.), Stephen Angilo (20th.), Jeffery Sepulvadol (2st.), Michael Hernandez, Charles Mddowell & Joe Smith (27th.), and John Lee (31st). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri. Dec 3rd. (Game Knight) at our council hall between 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Your first drink will be free.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Carlos Sanchez (passed in August) Gary Anderson, Sue Bogues, Brad Bogus, Sue Bricknell, Mardie Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Michael C Rodney Christian, David Duet, 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, Richard Harris, Don Hickey, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut,

Lucille Kosnik, Lucas LeBlanc, Simon Leone, Lance 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, Annie and Scout Pylant, Thelma Ratcliff, Walter Recker Sr., Theresa Rock, Kevin Ruesch, Angela and Reggie Samuels, Dorthy Schriver, Virgil Schultz, Carl Scroggins, Kay Shanks, Doug Sepulvado, Jeff Sepulvado, Joe B. Sepulvado, Seth Stanfield, Llolanda Teneyuque, Johnny Tupper, Mike White, and Michelle & Ron Witkowski. We are praying for you, each other, our country, and for peace.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Carter
Grand Knight