

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

No Social - January

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Jan., 21th. @ 7:00 pm.
Marian Auxiliary meets @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Hernandez
832/344-7053

Game Knight, Mac's Lounge - January Cancelled

NEWSLETTER – January 2025

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): Happy New Year!!!! My hope for everyone is that your season has been filled with friends and family, enjoying the love that is Christmas.

It was great to see such a good turnout for the Christmas Social. Thank you to all the cooks, we are so fortunate to have at Marian Council we never seem to be shy on great food and desserts. Thanks to those who helped in decorating the hall, serving and cleaning up afterwards, and organizing the gift exchange. Special recognition to Les for getting the door prizes and making sure that his "little helpers" are involved in the festivities.

The upcoming new year promises new opportunities as well as challenges. The chance for a "clean slate" and "new beginning" is something we could start any time during the year. But the Jan. 1st date has been predestined, by health, fitness and weight-loss companies, among others to be the date for resolutions. I wish you luck with any changes you make. And remember that persistence is the path to success. Thomas Edison had a famous quote dealing with perseverance." I have not failed 700 times. I have not failed once. I have succeeded in proving those 700 ways will not work. When I have eliminated the ways that will not work, I will find the way that will work." He was correct, this quote was given while trying to invent the light bulb.

Please be safe in your travels this Holiday Season. See you next year as we all look forward to another year of fraternity and fellowship.

The January Social has been canceled. Tue., Feb. 4th will be our next scheduled social dinner.

I am planning on starting the year off by returning to our monthly Birthday and Anniversary night out dinner. Let's plan on meeting together on Tue., Jan. 14th at Johnny's Catfish & Seafood Restaurant located at 5130 W. Bert Kouns. To make it convenient for those who work during the day, let's begin arriving at 6:45 PM.

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.
- Encourage pre-registration for the 78th annual K C State Bowling Tournament taking place in January. pre-registration is required.
- Council selling of Seminary Mission tickets.
- Collection of coats supporting the "Coats for Kids" program.
- Schedule monthly council family dinner celebrating monthly birthdays and anniversaries.
- Collecting information from the Fund-Raising Committee thru established meetings.
- Collecting information from the Five-Year Exploratory Committee thru established meetings.

- Schedule a collection of fans after the summer for possible distribution during April or May of 2025.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): During the December business meeting the motions to increase the dues for Regular membership dues to \$60.00 was accepted. On Monday, December 16th the dues billing to Regular and Honorary members were placed into the US mail. If you are not an Honorary Life member you should have received the billing from me. To the seventy-eight council members that are Honorary Life please consider making a contribution to the council. Payment of dues are due by Wednesday, January 15th. **ALL MONIES SHOULD BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME: JOHN WALKER AT 404 GRAND OAKS DR., SHREVEPORT, 71106-9370.** Checks mailed to the council home will take three plus months to clear the bank as no one is checking what's in the mailbox everyday. Payment of dues are due by Wednesday, January 15th.

I have a good supply of 2025 Sacred Heart Lucky Number tickets. Drawings begin on Wednesday, 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): We have wrapped up the Coat for Kids drive this year and by the time this newsletter has been sent, the donations will have been made. Thanks to all who participated again this year.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Steven Morton (318/27-4322): Congratulations to Marian Council Catholic Citizenship and Keep Christ in Christmas Council Winners and thanks to all who participated. The Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners are 11th grader Ashley Mireles and the 9th grade winner is Eliana Chandler. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster 1st place winners are: Emily McElween - Kindergarten, 1st/2nd Graders - Jim Williams, 3rd/4th Graders - Bianca Chandler, 5th/6th Graders - Natalia Chandler, and 7th/8th Graders - Mikaela Alfero.

Congratulations also to our Catholic graduating seniors. Starting now till January 25th is the time to complete the CYLA application online. If you see any of the seniors please encourage them to participate and put Marian Council as the sponsoring council. Eligible applicants are: from St. Pius - Addison Kapera, Rebecca Haskins, Haley Haskins, Ava Bauer: from Sacred Heart - Karolyn Clark: from St Ann's - Madeline Dupree, Lilly Bordelon, Alexis Fusion and Katelyn Warren and any practicing Catholic senior from St. Mary of the Pines.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318/402-7879): 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 before Sat. Jan. 4th. The tournament is being held at All-Star Lanes in Baton Rouge.

Cornhole Tournament will be held in Metairie on Sat. Feb. 1st. Pre-registration is required before Thur. Jan. 30th.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE: (Michael Hernandez, Steve Mortan, Walt Rikter, Les Brossette, and Adam Ebarb). Committee meeting date and time to be established during the January Business Meeting.

FIVE-YEAR EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE: (Steve Cadwell, Howard Ebarb, Michael Hernandez, Steve Mortan and John Walker). Committee meeting date and time to be established during the January Business Meeting.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): We are having issues with high and unnecessary utility bills. The last member leaving the hall should make sure that the thermostats, during the winter months are set at 66 degrees and during the summer months at 77 degrees. Also all water outlets are completely off, that includes any that may be dripping. The big issue is the toilets continue to run after flushing. The last water bill received completely offset the December hall rental.

Next corporation meeting will be on Tue. Feb. 18th. after the business meeting. There are no rentals of the hall at this time during the month of January..

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight for January has been cancelled.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): For over 140 years, Knights of Columbus has been helping families achieve economic security and stability through its insurance solutions. We continue to do this today by offering access to even broader financial services.

BIRTHDAYS: Edwin Antici & Daniel Pizzolato (4th.), Robert Crosby & Joe Sothard (6th.), Wallace Terrell (7th.), Mike Greene & Deacon Bill Kleinpeter (10th.), Mark Brossette Jr. (12th.), Reginald Abrams & Louis Leonards (14th.), Joseph A. Sepulvado (17th.), Kenneth Irvin (20th.), Howard Ebarb Jr. (22nd.), Bernis Ebarb (23rd.), Ramiro Guzman & Steven McIntyre (24th.), Roy Baker (25th.), Rev. William Carey & Rev. Joseph Martina (26th.), Paul Byrd (27th.), Leroy Poston (28th.), Jack Bogues & Joseph LaCour Jr. (29th.). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri. January 20th, Game Knight, at our council hall between 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Your first drink will be free.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Doug Long (passed in December), Carlos Sanchez (passed in August), Sue Bogues, Sue Bricknell, Mardie Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Tommy Carter Sr., Michael Chin, Rodney Christian, David Duet, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Norbert & Mary Flores, Paco Romos Flores, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Donald Gallion, Donnie & Emilie Greer, Meghan Harris, Shellie Lopez Hebert, Don Hickey, Lori Allison Hill, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut, Lucille Kosnik, Thea Lacobee, Simon Leone, Neal Lester, Lance Lopez, Lester Martinez, Larron Marton, Seline Metoyer, Scott Michel, Brad Morgan, Bobbie Morris, Steve Morton and family, Rashad Mosses, Sammy Mouser, Bubba Nectoux, Pat Nicholas, Veronica Rubio Oliver, Howard Paddie, Msgr. Earl Provenza, Annie and Scout Pylant, Thelma Ratcliff, Walter Recker Sr., Kevin Ruesch, Angela and Reggie Samuels, BeBe Sanchez, Dorothy Schriver, Virgil Schultz, Doug Sepulvado, Joe B. Sepulvado, Seth Stanfield, Lolanda Teneyuque, Mike White, and Michelle & Ron Witkowski. We are praying for you, each other, our country, and for peace.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Carter
Grand Knight