

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

Social Tue. Apr. 1st
Gather @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Apr. 15th. @ 7:00 pm.
Marian Auxiliary meets @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Hernandez
832/344-7053

Game Knight, Mac's Lounge - Cancelled for April

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2025

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318/918-9421): Congratulations to everyone who helped make our first quarterly Sunday dinner sales a success. Those who came out early Saturday morning to clean the hall and set up tables and everyone who came out on Sunday who assembled some 226 plates. Thanks to all the members who did pre dinner ticket sales. All of you are the reason why this first event went so smoothly, a great group effort.

As I am writing this Lent is well underway, Easter is fast approaching. We set aside time for prayer, personal reflection, fasting and giving to charity among other things. All of this in an effort to get closer to Our Lord and prepare for the celebration of Easter. In the book of Matthew Jesus gives us some "suggestions" that I think apply this time of the year. We are cautioned about keeping our prayer life private and personal. We are warned that we should not make a spectacle of ourselves when being charitable. When fasting we are told not to draw attention to ourselves. In all these cases we are taught that we should show outward self-deprecation. The human side of us has a desire to be liked and looked to as a role model and plays right into the trap we are warned against. I hope that you are well into your Lenten journey and are looking forward to a joyous Easter.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): Blessed Michael J. McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus. He had a priestly virtue and pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow and the protection of the faith. At the time of forming the Knights of Columbus his beloved Church was going through a difficult time. Catholic men faced hardship and discrimination, so the work that they were able to get was very hard and very dangerage. Many of the men died during that time trying to provide for their family, thus there were many widows and orphans in the church. Widows who could not provide for their children found themselves in a situation where the children could be taken away for them and put up for adoption, thus splitting up the family. Father McGivney along with the men of the church within the newly formed Knights of Columbus were able to work together providing for the widows what they needed to keep the family together. To this day Blessed Michael J. McGivney is known to us as the protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan.

Just recently a member of the Marian Council whose Sister-in-law has become a widow trying to care for three children of which the youngest is eight months old. She is now living in Forth Worth and is having a difficult time trying to move to Illinois to be with her parents. My family and the Knights within our family are coming together collecting funds to assist her with her journey. Believing in Charity, the first principle of our order, I am asking other Brother Knights to do the same. If you are able please come to our Business Meeting on Tue. Apr. 15 or mail a donation to me, John Walker at 404 Grand Oaks Dr., Shreveport, LA. 71106-9370. VIVAT JESUS!

The Retention Committee has reached out to each member that has not yet paid their dues. They have either contacted each by making direct contact or by leaving a voice message to respond. The responsibility for collecting dues now falls on our membership. These fourteen members are on the list to be suspended: Bradford Alexander, Michael Bartels, Michael Diaczynsky, James Dowdall, Josha Fontenot, Chris Giordano, Chris Grisham, Joseph Lacour Jr., Tom Mckissick, Hayden Procell, Paul Richard, David Shappley, David Slusarczyk, and Edwin Sprenger. If you know them, contact them to find out if they need assistance, or if you know that they are disabled let me know. Maybe they wish to withdraw..

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): The council membership quota for next year is thirteen new members. Half of the year is over and we have not yet recruited one member. You 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.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Richard Guzman (318/402-7879): Holy Angel's "Angel Run" will be on Sat. Apr. 26 beginning at 8:00 A.M. continuing till 12:00 P.M. This will be a 5K & 10K run or walk event that will take place at 10450 Ellerbe Road. Pre-registration can be completed at: "laholyangels.org/angelrun."

The yard crew is asked to come out on Mon. April 7th and Mon. April 21st to begin work at 9:00 A.M. As always we are happy to have extra members join us, so grab your favorite yard tool and come join us.

FAMILY DIRECTOR: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): At times on our Tuesday night socials the council has thanked families for their participation on behalf of our council. At this time of the year we select a Family of the Year. Attached to this newsletter is a form that is to be used to detail events of the family that must be compiled before submission. Please let me know who I should work with to get this filled out and turned in by April 30th.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Steve Cadwell (318/426-9818): Despite the Catholic Mass as a central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low nationally. In an effort to do our part as Knights to change this, members should encourage participation as a commitment, especially during Lent. Additionally, attendance and participation in the Sacred Triduum (Sundown on Holy Thursday to Sundown on Easter Sunday) is considered and is the most solemn part of the liturgical year. These three days recount the last three days of Jesus' life. Beginning with the Holy Thursday Evening Mass, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday Communion Service (no Mass), the Saturday evening Easter Vigil, and culminating with the Easter Sunday Mass. The Easter Vigil is often called the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the church. It is divided into four parts and is where we welcome new Catholics into our congregations. I encourage you, Brother Knights, to take part and make the Triduum part of your finale of your Lent and your Easter celebration.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent at St. Mary of the Pines at 7:00 P.M. Just before the station, at 5:00 P.M. up till 6:45 P.M. Catfish plates will be available for \$12 per plate.

Stations of the Cross led by members of Marian Council will be on Fri. Apr. 11th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

LIFE DIRECTOR: Ronald Dupis Sr. (318/469-5140): Heart of Hope Lifecycle event is June 7, 2025, at First Baptist Church in Keithville (6295 Williams Road). Marian Council cooks for this event. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact me to volunteer.

CORPORATION: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Next corporation meeting will be on Tue. May 20th. after the business meeting. The hall has been rented for Sat. Apr. 26th.

GAME KNIGHT: Game Knight for April has been cancelled.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): Over the next few newsletters to come I will be covering different topics for you to consider regarding the services provided to members by the Knights of Columbus. As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find not only the right insurance solutions for you and your family, but also in taking financial steps towards your retirement or possibly considering disability income insurance. There are a variety of products the Knights of Columbus have to offer, so let's chat.

BIRTHDAYS: Joshua Fontenot (3rd.), Joshua Mitchell (4th.), Bryce Britnell (13th.), Rev. Fr. Joseph Maddalal (15th.), Tony Priest (22nd), and Douglas Haskins (27th.). **Happy Birthday My Brother Knights! Come out to celebrate your Birthday on Fri., April 18th Game Knight, at our council hall between 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Your first drink will be FREE!**

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Rickey Pendleton (passed 3/8), Stan Waters (passed 3/7), Sammy Mouser (passed 1/28). Mardie Brosset, Michele Brosset, Glenda Brossett, Paul Byrd, Tommy Carter Sr., Sandy Chapman, Michael Chin, Rodney Christian, Stephen Cunningham, PSD Vernon Ducote, David Duet, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Norbert & Mary Flores, Paco Romos Flores, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Donnie & Emilie Greer, Charles Hall Sr., Meghan Harris, Phylis Harris, Richard Harris, Shellie Lopez Hebert, Don Hickey, Lori Allison Hill, Aaron Klamut, Lucille Klamut, Lucille Kosnik, Thea Lacobee, Simon Leone, Lance Lopez, Debbie Marshall, Lester Martinez, Larron Marton, Steve McIntyre, Seline Metoyer, Brad Morgan, Bobbie Morris, Cathay Morton, Steve Morton and family, Rashad Mosses, Bubba Nectoux, Pat Nicholas, Veronica Rubio Oliver, Howard Paddie, Paula Phillips, Msgr. Earl Provenza, Annie and Scout Pylant, Philip Randolph, Thelma Ratcliff, Walter Recker Sr., Mike Rose Jr., Angela and Reggie Samuels, BeBe Sanchez, Virgil Schultz, Doug Sepulvado, Seth Stanfield, Llolanda Teneyuque, Jessica Verdiscp, Mike White, Michelle Witkowski. We are praying for you, each other, our country, and for peace.

Vivat Jesus,
Tommy Carter
Grand Knight