

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

February Social
Dinner Canceled

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

Business Meeting
Tue. Feb. 17th. @ 7:00 pm.
Marian Auxiliary meets @ 7:00 pm.

Deputy Grand Knight
Michael Hernandez
832/344-7053

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2026

GRAND KNIGHT'S COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318-918-9421): Beginning a new year We seem to put a lot of thought and time into deciding what resolutions we are going to make. Maybe we are going to exercise more, eat right, try to stay away from stressful situations, or too many other things to list. It is obviously different for everyone. Unfortunately things happen and we are not as vigilant about keeping up as time goes on. We don't have time, the real world gets in the way, and eventually we fall back into the very thing we were trying to avoid. However the good news is we don't have to wait until next year to try again, we have the ability to recommit ourselves at any time, to pick up and start again. Clearly I am drawing a parallel to the Catholic faith we all share. We all fall short, we are broken and weak beings. But we can, at any time, recommit with determination and resolve. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can renew our Faith and continue our spiritual journey. But watch out, we still have that pesky free will that sometimes can trip us up. I pray for all of us that we wake each morning with a renewed determination to carry on the principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

By the time most of you get to read this we will have the winners of the gold and silver raffle chosen and notified, 1-31-26. Thank you to everyone who helped by selling tickets and to those of you who purchased tickets good luck. I look forward to notifying the winners.

Those who were at the business meeting are aware that the casino night has been moved to Sat., May 9th, new tickets are being printed and will soon be available for distribution. Ticket price will be \$50.00 per person. Volunteers are still needed and welcomed. We still have positions that need to be filled, program directors for youth and family are at the most pressing. Please give some prayerful consideration to taking on one of these important positions. I ask that you keep our council and our order in your prayers. As we look into the going trend we find all types of organizations and clubs are experiencing lower and lower numbers of new members and volunteers. Unfortunately the Knights of Columbus are not exempt. The best way for us to combat that is to do exactly what we do, be involved in the church and community. And I will conclude with a quote from Rosalynn Carter "Without volunteers we'd be a nation without a soul."

GOLD / SILVER FUNDRAISER: Results of the ticket drawing held on Sat. Jan. 31st at the council hall. First place winner of the gold coin was George Bretteilh, second place winner of the silver shield was Charles Evans and third

place winner of the silver cross was Howard Ebarb Jr. Congratulations and our thanks for participating in the council fundraiser.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): For the 50 out of 107 members that have paid their dues your membership card is in the mail. For the 57 members who have not yet paid their dues a past due notice, second billing, has been mailed as the due date was Thursday, January 15th. Please reach out to me if you need assistance remaining a member in good standing. If you wish to withdraw for the order this can be possible, but you must send me a letter or email requesting to withdraw. My address is 404 Grand Oaks Dr. Shreveport, 71106. Dues can also be paid at one of the council meetings using ZELLE.

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Our newest member, Justin Carter, was introduced to the Members attending the business meeting. We enjoy seeing young men join our order. With six months remaining in our fraternal year the council is at 50% of its quota with six new members. With one new member per month the quota of 12 for the year can be obtained. In our council a man can join without paying dues for the next eighteen months. In our council the following do not have to pay yearly dues: clergy, students, military and law enforcement personnel.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Families will gather at Podnuh's located at 9030 Mansfield road on Wed., Feb. 11th at 7:00 PM to celebrate February birthdays and anniversaries.

YOUTH GROUP: The council will be rewarding six young people with gift cards as winners of the Christmas Poster Contest.

During the month the council will make a donation to the St. Pius X youth group assisting them with the expenses relating to a missionary trip to Baton Rouge. There they will work with Missionaries of Charity, a world wide missionary organization that focuses on disaster relief on the campus of St. Agnes Catholic Church. The youth will be assisting in the repairs needed on a woman's shelter. The trip is scheduled for July 20 thru 24th and will cost \$450.00 per youth. They are hoping to have six to nine boys and girls make the trip. On Sun., Feb. 15 at St. Pius X there will be a Pull Pork dinner with potato salad, beans, and a pickle for \$10.00 as a fundraiser. Dinners will be ready to serve at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to stay to eat together, but there will be take-out. Pre-sale ticket sales will help determine the number of plates that will be needed. Any small donation to assist the youth will be greatly appreciated.

PRO-LIFE: Mary's House annual "FETE FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE BANQUET" will be held on Tue. Feb. 10th at the Bossier City Civic Center. Tickets are \$60.00 per person, \$650 for a table of eight. Ron will arrange for the council to have a table. Members wishing to sit at that table need to reserve their seat by contacting Ron. Banquet seating begins at 6:00 PM. with the program beginning at 6:30 PM. Mary's House has asked the council to provide four members to help transport cases of bottled water to the Civic Center on the day of the banquet. Volunteers are to meet at Mary's House located at 906 Margaret Place at 1:30 PM. For ticket purchases and details call Monday - Friday 318/220-8009.

Heart of Hope "SHELL-A-BRATE LIFE" all you can eat shrimp boil to be held at the home located in Keithville on Fri. March 20th. At 5:30 PM there will be a tour of homes which will allow you to enter to win a door prize. The program

begins at 6:30 PM with the serving of shrimp, a live auction and the testimonies of transformation from young mothers. Steve Cadwell will have a table available for members for the first four members that contact him. People wishing to attend with family or friends will have to register on line by Feb. 28th to take advantage of the \$60.00 per person ticket or the \$480.00 price per table. This is a fundraising event so be prepared to make a donation. For ticket purchases and details call Rochelle at 318/925-4663.

CORPORATION: Ron R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): The next corporation meeting will be on Tue, Feb. 17th following the business meeting. This will be a very important meeting for all members of the council as the board will expand to eleven members. The main focus of the meeting will be to draw up a resolution to merge St. Pius X Home Owners Association with Marian Knights. Resolution will be constructed to address the mixture of members currently on the existing board along with members coming from St. Pius Church.

The foyer of the council hall has been freshly painted by our council member Jeff Sepulvado and it looks GEAUX! The wall paper is gone. The walls are still two toned with the lower part being a darker brown. Let's pay attention not to mark the walls as we travel through this space.

FOURTH DEGREE: Ron R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Exemplification will be held in Alexandria on Sat. Mar. 14th. Registration fee is \$70.00 which covers ceremonial expenses and the meal that follows. Guests tickets are \$20.00 to attend the ceremony and the meal. You must call Ron to complete the application. There must be thirty men available to perform the ceremony.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): Call on me to assist you with means of financial protection, help to plan retirement, establish an extended Care Plan and establish safeguards for your legacy plan.

BIRTHDAYS: Jimmy Dowdall Jr., Chad Draper & Brian Gallien (2nd.), Joseph A Sepulvado Jr. (6th.), Matt Anderson & Danny Garza (8th.), Rev. Joseph Nungari (11th.), Timothy Moore (12th.), Leon Lagesse & Hayden Procell (15th.), Arthur Herrington (17th.), Richard Hutchinson (18th.), David Sharpley (19th.), Kenneth R. Scott (20th.), Will Junkin (21.), Daren Bonnette (26th.), Damon Hawkins (27th.) and Brandon Garsee at the end of the month - (29th.).

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Les Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Tommy Carter Sr., Lawrence Cadwell, Sandy Chapman, Michael Chin, Rodney Christian, Haracio D'Augustio M.D., PSD Vernon Ducote, David Duet, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Paco Romos Flores, Brian & Laverne Gallien, Fr. Keith Garvin, Cindy Gould, Donnie & Emilie Greer, John Guzman, Charles Hall Sr., Meghan Harris, Phylis Harris, Richard Harris, Shellie Lopez Hebert, Don Hickey, Lori Allison Hill, Ted & Wanda Kapera, Charlie Kirk, Joe & Thea Lacobee, Jim Lenox, Simon Leone, Lance Lopez, Joe Malec, Debbie Marshall, Lester Martinez, Larron Marton, Steve & Sara McIntyre, Brad Morgan, Cathay Morton, Steve Morton and family, Bubba Nectoux, Pat Nicholas, Venancia Rubio Oliver, Howard Paddie, Paul Phillips, David Pigott, Msgr. Earl Provenza, Annie and Scout Pylant, Philip Randolph, Thelma Ratcliff, Walter Recker Sr., Mike Rose Jr., Angela & Reggie Samuels, BeBe Sanchez, Kenny Scott, Brian Sepulvado, David Sepulvado, Jessica Verduzco, John Wailes, Mike White, and Nancy Zocco. We are praying for you, each other, our country, and for peace.

Vivat Jesus

