

Marian Council 3779
5853 Buncombe Road
Shreveport, LA 71129

August Social Dinner
Ramirez Mexican Rest.
Wed. Aug. 12th @ 7:00 PM

Grand Knight
Tommy Carter
318/918-9421

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

Deputy Grand Knight
Howard Ebarb
318/925-0572

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

GRAND KNIGHT'S COMMENTS: Tommy Carter (318-918-9421): Message will follow at a later date.

MARIAN AUXILIARY: The governing board of the Knights of Columbus has made open to the public all council business meetings. Our Grand Knight Tommy Carter welcomes the Ladies of the Auxiliary and all men of the age of eighteen years or older that are interested in becoming a Knight to attend our meetings.

Ladies plan on attending the Men's Business Meeting on Tue., Aug. 12th as the men would like to discuss the preparation necessary for the next council's fundraiser.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Walker (318-780-0031): During the August meeting there will be a review of the classification of income and expenses of the 2025 - 2026 council budget. Following the review of last year's budget, members present will be invited to give their input and vote on the 2026-2027 budget. This will be the meeting where the newly elected/appointed officers and directors will be given an opportunity to present their program ideas and the amount of allocated monies necessary to support the program(s).

MEMBERSHIP: Ronald R. Dupuis Sr. (318/469-5140): Supreme records at the end of 2026 fraternal year reflected a net gain of eleven new members, just one short of the goal of twelve. The goal for next year is again twelve with our July membership at 199 vs last year of 208. Nothing has been published regarding a change in the entry fee or dues. Marian Council will not change an entry fee or dues for a new member for eighteen months. After eighteen months the dues will be no greater than \$60.00.

Working as a phone team we should focus on one man per month. Together a few of us could collectively work together to contact the same person at different times during the month. By reaching out I believe this would make the person feel he is welcome and needed in our council. Together each of us could share our own experiences as Knights. Talk about the programs we conduct during the year, the use of the building and lounge on Game Knight, and the availability of renting the hall for family events. When making contact we should find out what program interests him and share that with the phone group. Remember that the Knight of Columbus is a Catholic Family organization. Our mission is to help each other, families of need, the churches and its community. Also we should share that person's name with Scott Willis so that he can contact him. Who better to explain the insurance benefits of having a \$1,500.00 free accidental death policy for him and his spouse. You may not have realized it when you joined, but for some men the time to join has already passed.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: On Fri., Aug. 7 and 21st at 8:00 AM volunteers are needed to trim and cut grass at the Council Hall.

All families are welcome to join other family members at 7:00 PM on Wed. Aug. 12 at Ramirez Mexican Restaurant located at 9165 Mansfield Road to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

YOUTH GROUP: The St. Pius X youth group missionary trip to Baton Rouge, July 20 thru 24th went very well. The nine youth that made the trip did so well, they are now planning to go on another missionary trip next year. Each day they were up at 6:00 AM, attended Mass and then began their missionary work task. Some were assigned areas to paint around the campus of St. Agnes. Others were leaning a hand hanging sheetrock and making repairs to a lady parishioner house that sustained damage from a fire. One day the group traveled along the Mississippi River to St Gabriel Catholic Church where they worked on the grounds clearing overgrown grass and weeds. There was one day where they attended

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. Donations can be mailed to Amanda Hall, care of St. Pius X Catholic Church 4300 N. Market St. Shreveport, 71107. Large or small donations to assist the youth will be greatly appreciated.

PRO-LIFE: When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How would you respond? Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. approach. "L:" Listen and learn is the first priority. Listening to her story without interruptions. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. "O:" Options that you may want to share about the reality of abortion and the wounds that typically result. You may share the experiences about having a baby, adoption, and marriage. Keep the focus on her. "V:" Vision of her having a healthier life, a vision she may never have had. Help her Value herself. She is a special woman, her maternity is a gift given to her from Jesus who loves her. "E:" Extend practical help and support. There are local pregnancy help centers that can offer consulting, a listing of community resources, and ultrasound services. Empower her by praying for her and her baby. The L.O.V.E Approach is a way to bring Christ's love at a crucial life-saving moment.

CORPORATION: The next corporation meeting will be on Tue, Aug. 18th following the business meeting. Congratulations to our newly elected president Steven Cadwell, vice-president Be Be Sanchez, Secretary John Walker and the re-appointment of Mike Rose as Treasurer.

Anyone interested in reviewing the hall for possible rental should contact BeBe Sanchez at 318/347-5494 or Steven Cadwell at 318/426-9818 to gain admittance. Rental contracts will be handled by John Walker and pre payment arrangements will be made with Mike Rose.

INSURANCE: Scott Willis (Directly 337/802-9909 or Schedule appointments 337/456-1113): As life changes, so do your financial plans. At every stage, your Knights of Columbus agent is here to help. When the time comes, "Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda," you will be late in needing assistance. Call today.

BIRTHDAYS: Rigoberto Salinas Jr. (1st.), Rev. Denis Casey (2nd.), Peter Cernigliaro & John Walker Jr. (6th.),

Matthew Rowland (9th.), William Mc Donald and Charles Strickland Sr. (10th.), Giovanni Reid (11th.), Rev. John P Crispin (12th.), Ronald Dupuis Sr. (17th.), Thomas Faulkner (19th.), Larry Raymond and Joe R. Thomas (20th.), Tony Williams (23rd.), William Nectoux (24th.), Esteban Sanchez (26th), Thaddeus Kapera (28th.), and Joe Conger (30th).

GOOD OF THE ORDER : Ray Peters (June 14th.), MSGR. Earl Provenza (June 7th.), Bill Flynn (Feb. 9th.), Les Brosset, Michele Brosset, Paul Byrd, Rebecca Carter, Tommy Carter Sr., Sandy Chapman, Michael Chin, Rodney Christian, Haracio D'Augustio M.D., PSD Vernon Ducote, David Duet, Ann & Paul Dupuis, Debbie Dupuis, Bernis Ebarb, Joely 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, Bubba Nectoux, Pat Nicholas, Howard Paddie, Paul Phillips, David Pickett, David Pigott, Annie and Scout Pylant, Philip Randolph, 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.

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