



3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

# NEWSLETTER

## Knights of Columbus

### Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

# NOVEMBER 2021



4<sup>th</sup> Degree


**Council Meeting w/supper 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm, KC Hall 655 E. Hwy 79, Rockdale, TX**

### 2021-2022 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Fr. Pedro Castillo  
 Grand Knight..... Kenny Svrcek  
 Dep. GK.....Clint Butler  
 Chancellor..... Phil Konarik  
 Recorder..... Robert Zapata  
 Warden..... Charlie Watson  
 Treasurer.....Lambert Skubal Jr.  
 Financial Sec.....(vacant)  
 Advocate..... Jim Grametbauer  
 Lecturer.....Chad Ehler  
 Inside Guard..... Marty Elman  
 Outside Guard.....Dwayne David  
 Trustee 1 Year.....Nick Guzman  
 Trustee 2 Year..... Frank Garcia  
 Trustee 3 Year..... Marty Elman  
 Newsletter.....Phil Konarik  
 Dist. Deputy..... Tom Alejandro  
 KC Hall Booking Mgr...512-585-9149  
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 Field Agent.....Clint Hajovsky

### **BROTHERS BECOME KNIGHTS**

Thursday, October 21, Council 7014 District Deputy, Tom Alejandro presided over the first ever on-line degree ceremony welcoming brothers Scott and Cody Skubal to our council. The ceremony conferred the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees in one ceremony. This new on-line method was partially due to the impact of the various pandemic restrictions on gatherings of all kinds. Scott and Cody, sons of Bro. Paul & Chloe Skubal, are no strangers to KC activities as they have been participating since they were kids and joining just seemed natural. Welcome and Congratulations to Scott and Cody!



*Thanksgiving Blessings*

**Remember and give thanks:** That is why we have a National Thanksgiving Day. We live in a country of plenty in a world of want, a land of religious and political freedom in a world of ethnic cleansing and zero tolerance, a land at peace in a world at war. Yet we have set aside one day a year to give thanks to God.

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS OCTOBER:**

**CHARITABLE PROJ:** 18 HRS  
**HALL MAINT. PROJ:** 39 HRS  
**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:** 69 HRS

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### **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED KC**

Knights and Ladies is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church. Friends and family are invited to attend. Names of the deceased will be read aloud as we each one. All Parishioners are welcome too!



Thank you to Debbie Konarik for baking cookies and other treats for the last few KC meeting night meals. Much appreciated!

**From the October Council Meeting:** GK Kenny Svrcek, the officers and council met to discuss upcoming bookings for November, December and some in 2022. The Rockdale Christmas Roundup will be earlier this year, beginning on Dec. 5 thru 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, a wedding on Dec. 11. Our pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Pedro Castillo was in attendance. There was more discussion on forming a "paid staff" for certain KC hall rentals and suggestions on how it would work. We have heard of other councils and organizations rental agreements (see proposal below).

- **KC HALL RENTAL PROPOSAL** as considered in recent council meetings resulted in new rental contract changes. Also, hours of operation will change for most rentals as 5pm till 12am. Decoration take down and band to exit by 1am. Bar closes at 11:30pm. These changes were necessary to cover expenses and staffing issues. While these changes result in higher rental costs, expenses must be covered. The staffing proposal called for certain hall rentals to add a fee for compensating members who staff the event as an incentive. Volunteer crews (1 thru 6) will remain as they are now and be assigned as needed for certain events such as a Baby Shower, Place of Hope Fundraiser, Athletic Banquet, Blood Drive, etc. The "paid staff" would be composed of members (Knights & Ladies) who would be on a list and called as "their turn" comes up to work at an upcoming event. They could turn it down and the next person would be called until a crew of four is committed. You may be able to volunteer in advance for an upcoming event. One of the four would be the "crew leader" and take care of opening, closing, paying security and staff while the other three mainly tend the bar. Current crew leaders (of the volunteer crews 1-6) are to begin calling their crew members now to see how many would like to have the opportunity to be on the paid staff crew. (More later.....)
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2700# delivery were Tom Alejandro, Pat Watson, Phil Konarik, Jim Grametbauer, Marty Elman, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Thomas Andrews and Roman Razo. Charlie Watson called to remind volunteers. The Food Bank truck visited the KC hall parking lot, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for "drive thru" distribution. Thanks to you all for taking time out of your day to assist the needy in our town!
- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for October include Texas Comptroller 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax \$210.55, TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$86.81, Electric: Ambit Energy (final bill) \$277.77 + APG&E (first bill) \$264.59 = \$542.36, Trash \$171.01, Water \$96.93, Texas Propane \$308.89, Clerical Endowment \$25.
- **COUNCIL DONATIONS** for October included loaning 250 KC hall chaise to the Rockdale Fair Association for use during the youth livestock auction. We have done this as a community service for many years. Chairs are cleaned before return.