



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

AUGUST 2023



4th Degree

Council Meeting w/supper 2nd Tuesday @7pm,

Officers & Chairmen Mtg. (as needed)

2023-2024 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

KC Ins. Field Agent.....George Strmiska
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4th Degree, want to join, need info? Contact
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Helen Morales Zapata, 85, passed away on July 4th, 2023, at Scott & White Hospital Temple, TX. Helen was the wife of the late Bro. Irineo "Nehi" Zapata.

Helen was an active member of whatever group she belonged to. She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Rockdale, the Ladies Altar Society, and the Guadalupanas Society. Helen remained faithful to KC Hall work Crew 4 right up to her last days. She helped other crews as well and was almost always on hand to help out, dance, celebrate, mourn, whatever the occasion. She and her humor will be noticeably missed. Our sincere condolences to her family and to her KC and St. Joseph's Parish family as well.



KC's Donate \$200 to the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce Summer Fan Program for the needy in our town. Need one? See the C of C.

VOLUNTEER HOURS JULY:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 123 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 24 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 82 HRS



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, Aug.

15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. One tradition says that Mary died a natural death. It is agreed Mary's body was assumed into heaven. There are no relics of Mary and no venerated burial site. In 1950 the Assumption of Mary was defined as a Catholic dogma by Pope Pius XII.

From the July Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek welcomed members and KC Insurance field agent Bro. George Strmiska. Prior to the meeting members and our guest enjoyed a supper featuring various cold cuts of meat, cheese, chips breads and vegetables for sandwiches. For dessert, dark chocolate chip pan cookies by Debbie Konarik and mini pecan pie cups by George Strmiska. The month of August calendar includes the Food Truck visits, Food Pantry delivery, no hall bookings. Council officers' election was held in June but there are still two vacancies and temporary Treasurer position that need to be filled. Committee chairmen were named: Program Director: Peter Zenner, Family: David Ehler, Community: Charlie Watson, Membership: Tom Alejandro, Retention: Kenny Svrcek.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for June include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$83.01, Electric bill: APG&E \$385.53, SWMWSC water \$121.50, Dillo Disposal \$174.25, Comptroller \$580.92, Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church collection, \$200 to the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce Summer Fan Drive, an annual community project.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the July 21st 2800# delivery were, Jim Andrews, Phil Konarik, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, and George Strmiska (brought strudel!). Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project that benefits the needy in our town.
- **THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** reports that Perpetual Clerical Endowments were ordered for the families of Lillian Krenek (May 20, 2023) and for Helen Zapata (July 4, 2023). Note: Clerical Endowments support the education of seminarians. Recipients are then remembered in prayer by the seminarians.
- **KC HALL ICE MACHINE HISTORY** research shows our 2001 vintage machine was giving us trouble in 2009 as we were considering a new machine. Different repairmen were trying various ideas and finally had some success, and the machine did pretty well until early 2012. We again began considering a new machine when it was suggested that the bottom part (ice bin cabinet) was in good shape but the top part with the controls, coils and compressor were in bad shape. A supplier offered to search for a top part that would fit our existing bottom part. In April 2012 a new top part was purchased for \$1700. The old 2001 model had a 300 lb/24hr. capacity. The new top unit was rated at 500 lb/24hr. The machine had been doing pretty well but now is having costly repair problems again. Officers are shopping for a new machine.