



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

DECEMBER 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



Bro. Fred Marquez, Sr. 76, died on Nov. 2, 2023, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, TX. He was buried in the Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Bryan. He was an Honorary Life 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus joining on Apr. 1, 1980. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a devout Catholic member of St. Joseph's Parish, Rockdale. Fred, along with wife Molly were longtime members of KC hall work crew #2, Fred liked working behind the bar and, during bingo, selling cards on the floor. He also helped at the local food pantry unloading the monthly Central Texas Food Bank Truck. He worked at Alcoa and retired as a mechanic in the lignite mining operations. Fred will be missed as well for his wit, sense of humor and his smile. Our condolences to Fred's wife of 55 years, Molly, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,

VOLUNTEER HOURS NOVEMBER:
CHARITABLE PROJ: 82 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 36 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 280 HRS

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- St. Joseph's Ladies Society Bazaar, Sat. Dec.2
- Nativity Scene setup St. Joseph's Dec.4, 4:30pm.
- Food Bank Truck KC Hall Th. Dec 7 & 21, 9-11am
- Feast of Immaculate Conception, Friday, Dec. 8.
- Christmas Roundup at KC hall Dec. 8 thru 15.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12 at church 6pm
- 4th Degree Mtg. Caldwell, Monday, Dec. 11
- Rockdale Food Pantry Dec. 15, 8:30-9:30am.
- KC Christmas party/mtg, Fri, Dec. 15, 5pm (open)
- Christmas Day Monday. Dec. 25.
- New Years' Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31st, 2023
- New Years' Day Monday, January 1st, 2024

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KC'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST PROJECT

Set up is Monday, Dec. 4th at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church next to the bell tower. Volunteers haul materials to the site from the Cooke House garage and set up the display in about 45 minutes. Anyone is welcome to participate. Come join us.

From the November Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a delicious supper featuring bowls of Rainbow Stew, cornbread prepared by Lambert Skubal, Jr, Willie Barcak and Marty Elman. For dessert, various cake left over from the BBQ Chicken fundraiser and oatmeal-raisin cookies by Debbie Konarik. The month of December is very busy (see list of upcoming events above & the KC calendar) The Memorial Mass for the 90 deceased Knights and Wives, of Council 7014 on Nov. 14 was lightly attended this year. Council discussed the KC Hall funeral luncheon guidelines being considered and reported the BBQ Chicken plates to go fundraiser was a sellout with 300 plates. KC Insurance Field Agent, George Strmiska gave a very interesting report on new insurance products offered by the Knights of Columbus.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for November include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$83.87, Electric bill: APG&E \$1255.99, SWMWSC water \$119.51, Dillo Disposal \$174.25, Texas Propane \$305.69, Pest Control \$92.01, CPA Tax Preparation \$325, Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church collection and \$450 Deceased Knights & Wives Memorial Mass, \$100 Clerical Endowments, St. Joseph's Ladies Society (Raffel) \$250. Memorial Donations received: \$200 for Doud, Barcak, Garcia & Marquez funeral luncheons KC Hall utilities.
- **THANK YOU CARDS** were received and read from Esther Garcia – for memorial donations in memory of Frank Garcia, Pat Doud – for the funeral meal and friendship expressed for Manual Doud, Colt & Madison Svrcek – for all the hard work by KC members preparing the delicious meal for their wedding celebration.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Nov. 17th 4100# delivery were: Roman Razo, Phil Konarik, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Pat Watson and Bernie Doud. Reminder calls by Charlie Watson. Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project that benefits the needy in our town.

KC'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY have been working on a written plan (clarifying who supplies what) for when the KC Hall is requested for use by St. Joseph's parishioners for a funeral luncheon. Non-perishable supplies (paper goods, tea) are on hand now at the KC hall. At the October and November council meetings discussions regarding donations toward the hall utilities (instead of flowers?) has not been reliable so far. Recalling the meetings of September and October 2021, where the new Hall Rental Contract raised rental fees – the membership agreed "we must cover utility costs". After much deliberation, and with the recent BBQ chicken fundraiser income, a proposal will be presented after the busy holidays.