



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

FEBRUARY 2024



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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Bro. Santos Gonzales 86, died in Bryan, TX, Dec. 28, 2023. He was a 3rd degree Honorary Life, and Charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7014 in Rockdale. Santos had been a parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rockdale. Funeral Mass was held Jan. 4th at St. Margarets Catholic Church in Giddings, TX, followed by burial with military honors in the Giddings City Cemetery. Santos retired from ALCOA in Rockdale, TX as a computer programmer after 35 years' service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard the U.S.S. Midway in Vietnam, a VFW member of Post 6525 and treasurer of the Tanglewood VFD. Our condolences to Eleanor, his wife of 63 years, his five daughters' their families, grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

FISH FRY
FRIDAY
K C HALL
5:00 – 7:30

LENTEN FISH FRY
 Plates are \$15 and include fried fish, French fries, green beans hush puppies, KC slaw, iced tea and dessert.

FEB. 16, 23, MAR. 1, 8, 15, 22.

VOLUNTEER HOURS JANUARY:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 14 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 24 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 130 HRS

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Lera Mae Matous, 89, died on Jan. 11th, 2024, in College Station. She was the wife of the late Bro. Ladis Matous, (3-5-2007). Her funeral Mass and burial were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and cemetery in Cyclone, Texas. Lera Mae was a faithful parishioner of St. Joseph's parish in Rockdale since moving to Rockdale in 1968. She was a member of the Ladies Society. Lera Mae was also a memvber of the VFW Auxiliary as well as the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She and Ladis were dependable members of KC hall work crew #6. Our sincere condolenses to all of Lera Mae's family.

KC's to begin making homemade Slaw

On Thursday Feb. 8th at 9am at the KC Hall Cook House. Slaw must cure for a minimum of nine days. Ingredients must be washed, cut, peeled, shredded, seasoned and mixed together. Help is needed.

From the January Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a meal of pork steaks, baked potatoes, green beans by Lambert Skubal, Jr, and his helpers, for dessert chocolate chip pan cookies by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny Svrcek's meeting reviewed Calendar for the remainder of January and upcoming February. Law Enforcement/First Responders Chili Supper on Monday, February 5th and St. Joseph's Parish Fundraiser/Raffle Drawing & BBQ Chicken Dinner on Feb. 11, Lent Fish Fry Friday's, our major fundraiser also in February and March. The RVFD Fundraiser is scheduled for April 20. Treasurer Lambert Skubal had a surprise for the council: Our KC Hall building insurance bill was received and last year was \$7242 and this year \$12,351.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for January include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$83.43, Electric bill: APG&E \$515.31, SWMWSC water \$115.53, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, BBQ Advertising KRXT \$50, Comptroller Sales Tax \$471.21, Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe, TX State Charities \$455 (\$455+\$435 contributed by 4 members = \$890 total goal for 2023). Memorial Donations received: \$500 Chad Barcak, \$100 Paul Voelkel. Christmas Party Donation \$180.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Jan. 19th 3000# delivery were: Phil Konarik, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Pat Watson, Jim Andrews, and Roman Razo. Reminder calls by Charlie Watson. Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project assisting the needy in our town.
- **SPECIAL MEETING CALLED** for the council to have a serious discussion of mounting expenses following the insurance rate increase referred to above. Members met on Jan. 25 at 6:30pm. The KC Hall is important to the community and to the council. Some ideas explored were: more KC fundraisers, get the more lucrative rentals back by accommodating their desired event timetables, restructuring/consolidating the KC work crews, eliminate (most/all) rent freebies, look into possibly selling some of the unused acreage behind the KC hall.
- **ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FUNDRAISER** is set for Sunday, Feb. 11 at the KC Hall featuring a delicious BBQ Chicken dinner with potatoes, green beans drink and dessert for \$15/plate. The raffle drawing will take place at 1:00pm. This benefit is for our future property development at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Prizes are 6 gift cards: \$1000, \$1000, \$500, \$500, \$250, \$250. (need not be present to win) Tickets, \$10 are available right up to drawing time!