



3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

**NEWSLETTER**  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas  
**JANUARY 2021**



4<sup>th</sup> Degree

**Officers & Chairmen Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:15pm. Council Meeting w/supper 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7pm**

**2020-2021 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain.....???  
Grand Knight.....Kenny Svrcek  
Dep. GK.....Wesley Janak  
Chancellor.....Phil Konarik  
Recorder.....Robert Zapata  
Warden.....Charlie Watson  
Treasurer.....Lambert Skubal, Jr.  
Financial Sec..... Jim Grametbauer  
Advocate.....Fred Marquez  
Lecturer.....Chad Ehler  
Inside Guard.....Tom Alejandro  
Outside Guard.....Rodrigo Mancillas  
Trustee 1 Year.....Manual Doud  
Trustee 2 Year.....Nick Guzman  
Trustee 3 Year.....Frank Garcia  
Newsletter.....Phil Konarik  
Dist. Deputy.....(vacant)  
KC Hall Phone.....(no hall phone)  
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Field Agent.....Clint Hajovsky  
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**2021 KC CREW SCHEDULE**

and KC Hall event booking calendar have not been created for the coming year. With the Covid Virus situation no bookings have been taken. Like every business similar to ours, planning for events without clear guidelines just makes it impossible. At such time when the situation improves there may be gradual lifting of restrictions that may allow us to start booking some events. As far as returning to "the way it used to be" is anybody's guess. Should something come up that we can do and need crew help, the KC Newsletter Calendar or phone contact may be used.

**2020 Rockdale Christmas Roundup**

Served about 350 families this year. There were lots of donations of food and toys. The generosity of the Rockdale community was evident as donations poured in and volunteers came to help. Because of Covid, things worked a little differently. The KC hall was available for additional days (rather than 3 days) to keep the number of volunteers low. Volunteers carried boxes out to cars in a drive thru fashion. KC's helped and opened the hall as needed.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS DECEMBER:**

**CHARITABLE PROJ: 110 HRS**  
**HALL MAINT. PROJ: 24 HRS**  
**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 115 HRS**

 <https://www.facebook.com/rockdalekofc>



**The KC Annual Light Up for Christ**

Nativity display was placed by the bell tower next to St. Joseph's church on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Helping with the project this year were GK Kenny Svrcek, Lambert Skubal, Jr, Manual Doud, Debbie & Phil Konarik, and Pat Watson & Charlie Watson. It takes about 45 minutes to move the pieces from the Cooke House garage to the bell tower for assembly. (the take down is on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm)

**From the December Officers and Council Meetings:** GK Kenny Svrcek, presided over an open meeting at the KC Christmas party on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Kenny reviewed the difficult year of 2020 and how we managed to survive the Covid-19 challenges. After our popular Lenten Fish Fries were cancelled after only 3 of the scheduled 6 were held. Something had to be done to manage the bills that continued to come in. With no income foreseen as events were being canceled, we needed to reduce utility bills and began shutting down electrical equipment, minimizing hall usage and water. The Red Cross Blood drive in June was allowed to happen but that caused a high electric bill as much AC cooling was required. We began generating some income by hosting BBQ chicken plates to go on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in August through November. In December the KC Hall opened for the Rockdale Christmas Roundup for the needy in our community. The weather was mild and utilities were low. Discussed doing drive-thru Lenten Fish Fries if Covid is still with us during this coming Lent. Thanks for all the ideas, cooperation and help as we learn to do things differently during these times.

- **OFFICER & COUNCIL MEETINGS** for 2021 (for now) will continue to be held only on the usual first Thursday officers meeting night at 6:15pm. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be no meal served, and a face mask is required. The meeting will be informal with social distancing precautions.
- **THANK YOU** to those KC members who helped unload the truckload of furniture and belongings at St. Joseph's Rectory on Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Jim Grametbauer, Tom Hormuth Phil Konarik and Pat Watson, along with several parishioners got the unloading part done in about two hours. Fr. Pedro's sister, Ana Botello, moved to Rockdale from Alabama. Ana, welcome to our town of Rockdale and to St. Joseph's parish!
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the December 18th delivery of (2 tons) of food items were Phil Konarik, Jim Grametbauer, Pat Watson, Pete Ramirez, Manual Doud, Tom Hormuth, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Marty Elman, Harry Ormsby, Bernie Doud, Frank Garcia, Roman Razo and Tom Alejandro. Charlie Watson called volunteers to remind them of the date and amount of food expected. The knights helped load other organizations vehicles as well. The Central Texas Food Bank truck also visited the KC hall parking lot Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for "drive thru" distribution only.
- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** in December were for bills: Electric \$254.02, (due to efforts made in reducing unnecessary loads) TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.26, Trash \$159.54, Water \$96.00, Texas Propane \$165.25.