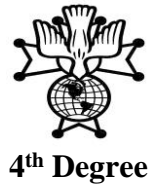




NEWSLETTER
 Knights of Columbus
 Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas
JANUARY 2022



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
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 Chancellor..... Phil Konarik
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ROCKDALE CHRISTMAS ROUNDUP
 for 2021 was a bit different because of the continuing pandemic. The organizers, being "covid cautious", coordinated Rockdale school students, teachers/staff, and civic groups with special times to come to the KC Hall to do their specific tasks to minimize group size at any one time. This was different from the past when different groups of volunteers would be at the hall at the same time during the 3-day effort. This year 402 food boxes of non-perishable food items for around 900+ people in families and senior citizens. Assisting were KC's Marty Elman, Pete Ramirez and Kenny Svrcek

Our Popular Lent Fish Fry
 season begins on Friday March 4th. It has not been determined yet whether a dine-in event, a drive thru or a combination of both would be practical. It is likely though that as the pandemic continues, our drive thru version is working well. Our past fish fry seasons have been very popular with our customers and continues for six Fridays during Lent.

VOLUNTEER HOURS DECEMBER:
CHARITABLE PROJ: 50 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 32 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 168 HRS
 <https://www.facebook.com/rockdalekofc>

 As of Jan. 01, 2022, our new dumpster service will be "Dillo Disposal Service" of Lyons, TX. Our trash will be picked up on Thursdays. Special Thanks to our Advocate, Jim Grametbauer, for arranging this new service.

 The annual K of C "Light up for Christ" nativity display was set up on Monday, Dec. 6 next to the bell tower at St. Joseph's Church.

Helping with the set up were Pat Watson, Manual Doud, Thomas Andrews, Debbie Konarik, Kenny Svrcek, Art Zapata and Phil Konarik. Take down and storage will be on the Monday following the Epiphany, January 3rd at 4:30pm. Thank you all!

From the December Open Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek, the officers, council members and guests met for an open meeting and Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 10th. Following the Happy Hour and delicious steak dinner by Lecturer Chad Ehler and his crew Victor Svetlik, Paul Leopold, Kenny Svrcek and Lambert Skubal, the GK reported on the following: upcoming bookings for the new year 2022, The Rockdale Christmas Roundup beginning on Dec. 5 thru 7th and the KC hall is donated for this annual community effort. There was more info on forming the "Special Event Crew" for certain KC hall rentals and how it would work (see more below), it was reported that Waste Connection will not be our KC Hall dumpster service provider in 2022 and we are looking for a new provider (see update above right). Lenten Fish Fry will be coming up soon and possibly a BBQ chicken dinner early in the new year. Several members wives provided desserts. It was good to get together and cautiously socialize even as we are mindful of the continuing pandemic.

- **KC HALL "SPECIAL EVENTS CREW"** 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. 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 be interested in being on this crew. Several members have already expressed interest and are on the list.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Dec. 17th, 1800# delivery were Tom Alejandro, Pat Watson, Phil Konarik, Jim Grametbauer, Marty Elman, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, and Pete Ramirez. Charlie Watson called to remind volunteers. The Food Bank truck visited the KC hall parking lot, Dec. 2nd and 16th 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 December include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$85.02, Electric bill: APG&E \$305.58, Waste Connection \$175.22, SWMWSC water \$96.93, CPA Clark Jackson, file IRS Tax Returns \$700. Note: Clark Jackson of Taylor, TX was our CPA before Tommy Grimes (our CPA and Financial Secretary) passed away in April 2018. Clark has been working hard to get us caught up on our tax returns for 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- **COUNCIL DONATIONS** for December included \$438.50 for 2022 Religious Calendars for St. Joseph's parishioners, \$200 to St. Joseph's church collection, Community Service use of KC Hall for Rockdale Christmas Roundup (4 days).