



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER
Knights of Columbus
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas
JULY 2023



4th Degree

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

Officers & Chairmen Mtg. (as needed)

2022-2023 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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 254-654-9177 email: jrvill259@gmail.com

KC Scholarship Winners 2023

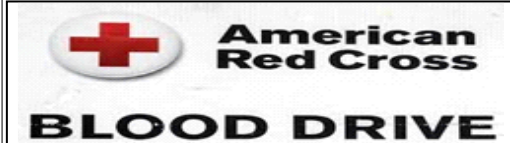


Bessie and Vivian Simpson, twin daughters of Bro. Jack and Fawn Simpson are pictured here with GK Kenny Svrcek during the awards night at Milano HS. Both plan on attending Texas A&M this fall. Vivian majoring in Psychology and Bessie in Supply Chain Management.
CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK!

KNIGHTS HELP AT "MARC RIDE" This annual fundraiser held on June 10th benefits the MARC Center client activities in Rockdale. \$56,000 was raised in the live auction, BBQ plates, and motorcycle ride. The KC Hall walk-in cooler stored the meat, and knights then cut up the cooked brisket and sausage (yes it was hot!) for over 600 plates. Thirty-six manhours were donated by KC members Kenny Svrcek, Wesley Janak, Jason Ehler, Chad Ehler, Paul Skubal, Rodney Barcak and Dwayne David. Thanks, guys, for your community service work for this worthy cause!

VOLUNTEER HOURS JUNE:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 79 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 36 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 104 HRS



Was hosted Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Rockdale KC Hall in honor of Naomi Ruelas, age 17, who died in June 2013 of a blood disease. Naomi was a cousin of Tatiana Olivares who has arranged these blood drives in the past. Donations by KC members/family were Esmerelda Olivares*, Jose Olivares*, Jason Ehler, Phil Konarik, David Ehler, Rosa Ruelas, Tatiana Olivares*, Alex Plaza*, Leticia Plaza*, and Taylor Delz*. 25 units of blood were collected. (*donor+assisting)

From the June Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek welcomed members and representatives of the Britten Agency, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, Bro. Will Britten and field agent Bro. George Strmiska as they were in the area visiting members. updating and reviewing of Insurance and investment products offered by the K of C. Prior to the meeting members and our guests enjoyed a supper featuring veal cutlets, gravy, corn, potatoes, sauerkraut and for dessert pan cookies and dark chocolate peanut clusters by Debbie Konarik. The month of July calendar includes the Food Truck visits, Food Pantry delivery, no hall bookings. Council officers' election was held, (list above left) there are still two vacancies and temporary Treasurer position. Committee chairmen for Council, Church, Youth and Community are to be named.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for June include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$83.01, Electric bill: APG&E \$566.71, SWMWSC water \$121.50, Dillo Disposal \$174.25, Rockdale City Sales Tax \$98.48, Bldg. Exp: \$92.01 (Brady's Pest Control), Texas Propane \$195.12. Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church collection, \$2015 (new total) donations received in memory of Chad Barcak.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the June 16th 3000# delivery were, Jim Andrews, Phil Konarik, Tom Alejandro, Harry Ormsby, Marty Elman, Pat Watson, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Kenny Svrcek and George Strmiska (brought donuts!). Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project that benefits the needy in our town.
- **THANK YOU, CARDS** were read at the May, meeting from Bessie and Vivian Simpson for their KC Sons & Daughters 2023 Scholarships, from the Barcak family in remembrance of Chad Barcak, the Brogger family in remembrance of Lillian Krenek, and the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce for lending our speaker's podium and flags for their banquet.



Did you know this:

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

The Knights of Columbus initiated a campaign in 1951 for the public adoption of the phrase "under God" in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. One year after Supreme Knight Hart took office in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that officially added the words "under God" to the pledge.