



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

MARCH 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 Srcek
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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This fundraiser was originally scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11th. All was in place, until it was discovered on the evening before that the walk-in cooler compressor had failed. The chickens were ruined and the word went out that the dinner had to be cancelled. The raffle drawing was held, however, and cakes were sold. The dinner was rescheduled for Mar. 3rd.

FISH FRY
FRIDAY
K C HALL
5:00 – 7:30

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

LENTEN FISH FRY
Plates are \$12 and include fried fish, French fries, pinto beans hush puppies, KC slaw, iced tea and dessert.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FEBRUARY:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 631 HRS*
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 30 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 122 HRS



**Includes hours for making desserts*



Bro. Alvin Frank Sulak, 91, died Feb. 6th, 2024, in Cameron. He was buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Rockdale with Deacon Don Sims officiating. Alvin was a 3rd Degree, Charter Member of Council 7014, husband of the late Marcia Sulak.

Alvin and Marcia moved to Rockdale in 1954 from West, Texas to work for ALCOA (33 years) retiring in 1986. They were faithful parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rockdale as well as the SPJST organization. Our sincere condolences to all of Alvin's family including his children, 13 grand children, numeros great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

KC's making extra homemade Slaw

On Sunday Feb. 25th the KC's were called out to make extra slaw. So far, Fish Fry plates were selling more than expected, indicating a possible shortage considering the 9-day fermenting period needed.

From the February Council Meeting: GK Kenny Srcek and members enjoyed a meal of chili, beans, cornbread and cake by Lambert Skubal, Jr, and his helpers. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of February and upcoming March. St. Joseph's Parish Fundraiser BBQ Chicken Dinner rescheduled for Mar. 3rd, the search is on for a new walk-in cooler condenser at the KC cook house. Lent Fish Fry Friday's, our major fundraiser also in February and March. The RVFD Fundraiser is scheduled for April 20. Milano HS Senior Serve dinner was scheduled for Feb. 24th. Our KC Hall building insurance bill was received and a partial payment of \$3098 has been paid. Note: We heard later that Mr. Edwin Frank Marek (father of Bro. Donny Marek) passed away on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024. Our condolences to Donny and the Marek family.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for February include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$83.61, Electric bill: APG&E \$203.90, SWMWSC water \$107.66, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, KC Hall insurance partial payment \$3098, St. Joseph's Columbus Club Corp. \$2000. Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe, A "Thank You" card from the Rockdale Christmas Roundup organizers included a donation of \$250 towards the KC Hall utility expense.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Feb. 16th 3800# delivery were: Phil Konarik, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Pat Watson, and Jim Andrews. 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.
- **ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER** for our Law Enforcement, Volunteer Firemen and First Responders/EMS was held on Feb. 5th at the KC Hall recognizing these folks who respond to our needs 24/7 often at the most stressful times. Whether their response is needed because of some negligent action or serious emergency they interrupt their lives (and that of their families) at any hour. Their sacrifices and dedication were recognized and appreciated. Thirty-three guests representing the volunteer fire departments from Rockdale, Minerva, Gause and Milano, Milam Co. Sheriff Dept., Milam Co. Judge, JP and Constables. KC members prepared and served the chili, beans, cornbread, and desserts.
- **WALK-IN COOLER UPDATE:** Thanks to some fast work last week by Jason and Chad Ehler along with Justin Clayton, owner of HVACR (who Chad works for), the cooling equipment is up and running again. First, Jason Ehler built a new frame higher up off the ground to mount the new Copeland Condenser with a Sporran TXV valve. This unit has R404A refrigerant in it. Chad and Justin then completed the piping and electrical work. The cost was \$2387.65. Good work, guys!