



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER
Knights of Columbus
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas
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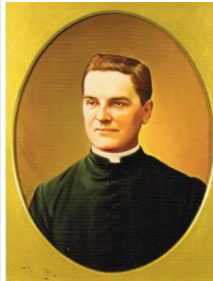
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Officers & Chairmen Meeting: 1st Thursday 6:15pm. Council Meeting w/supper 3rd Thursday at 7pm

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). Field Agent.....Clint Hajovsky. Cell:979-574-6474 Office:254-295-0430

Blessed Michael J. McGivney



The oldest son of Irish immigrants who came to this country settling in Connecticut. They had 13 children, seven of whom lived to adulthood. Patrick & Mary McGivney raised a devout Catholic family. Patrick, an iron molder at a brass factory in Waterbury, CT died at age 48 in 1873. Michael, age 20, already with several years into his seminary studies, had to return home to support his family. However, with the assistance from his bishop he was able to return to finish his studies. He was ordained on Dec. 22, 1877. Besides his own family's tragic experience, he saw the difficulties many of his parishioners faced especially with the loss of the family breadwinner. In 1881, with about 80 of New Haven's accomplished Catholic men, he lays out his vision of a Catholic fraternal society that would provide a death benefit to families. In March 1882, the charter was approved for the Knights of Columbus by the state of Connecticut

VOLUNTEER HOURS NOVEMBER:

- CHARITABLE PROJ: 222 HRS*. HALL MAINT. PROJ: 38 HRS. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 38 HRS

*includes cake baking hours. https://www.facebook.com/rockdalekofc

Fr. Michael went on to serve in several area parishes as he continued to advocate with other priests to start councils. He was popular and much respected and loved by every parish he served. In Dec. 1889, he falls ill to the "Russian or Asian" flu pandemic, then pneumonia, which finally claimed his life on August 14th, 1890, just 2 days shy of his 38th birthday. The K of C had, by then, grown to 6,000 members.

Fast forward: Fr. McGivney's cause for sainthood was officially opened in 1997 and has passed the scrutiny 3 popes so far. He has been elevated to the title Blessed Michael McGivney. (see the extensive coverage in the Nov. 2020 Columbia Magazine and the video at kofc.org/beatification)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

From the November Officers and Council Meetings: GK Kenny Svrcek, the officers and a small informal group met to discuss finances, and how we proceed for now during the Corona Pandemic. We have generated some income by hosting BBQ chicken plates to go on 2nd Saturdays. In November, again, only 250 plates were planned, and everything sold out. There will be no BBQ chicken sale in December as we will be donating the hall for the Rockdale Christmas Roundup for the needy in our community. Discussed doing drive-thru Lenten Fish Fries if covid is still with us.

- ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS for the deceased Knights and Ladies of Council 7014 was held on Monday, November 16th. The names of all 72 of our deceased were read aloud as we remember each one. Attendance was particularly good.
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE presented Perpetual Clerical Endowments to families of their recently deceased relatives. Debbie Currey, in memory of her mother Vivian Yezak, Ronnie Mancillas, in memory of his brother Rolando Mancilla, Harry Ormsby, in memory of his wife Cathy, Tom Hormuth in memory of Fr. Paul McCallum, Victor Svetlik and Doris Leopold in memory of their sister Annie Svetlik, Pete Ramirez in memory of his sister Ernestina Ramirez Velasquez.
OFFICER & COUNCIL MEETINGS for the rest of 2020 (for now) will 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 ALL who helped at the last "BBQ chicken plates to go" fundraiser on November 14th. The cooks, the cake bakers, the servers, ticket sellers as well as our faithful customers are all especially important to this effort. Everything was sold out. After expenses profit was \$1730.17.
FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS for the November 20th delivery of (3300#) of food items were Phil Konarik, Jim Grametbauer, Pat Watson, Pete Ramirez, Manual Doud, Tom Hormuth, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Marty Elman 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 Capital Area Food Bank truck also visited the KC hall parking lot Thursday, Nov. 5th and Thursday, Nov. 19th for "drive thru" distribution only.
COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES in November were for bills: Electric \$247.96, (due to efforts made in reducing unnecessary loads) TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$81.62, Trash \$159.16, Water \$96.93, Texas Propane \$166.86. Donations: \$360 St. Joseph's KC memorial mass, Milam County Child Protective Services sponsorship \$125.