



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

SEPTEMBER 2023



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 Svrccek
 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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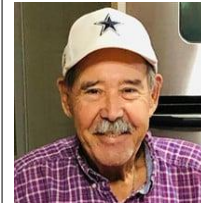
Frank Anthony Garcia, 63, died on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at his home outside of Rockdale. He was a 3rd Degree member joining Co. 7014 in June 2013

Frank was a member of KC Hall Work Crew #4 and recently became crew leader. He was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Parish in Rockdale, a Food Pantry volunteer, the VFW and American Legion where he supervised the gun range. Frank was a U S Army veteran serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and other posts over the years, retiring from active duty on May 22, 2015. He then continued with the Army National Guard as a civil engineer for a total of over 25 years' service to our country. Our condolences to his wife of 38 years, Esther, his two sons, Andre, Frank, Jr, and daughter Tiffany, their spouses, and all family members.



VOLUNTEER HOURS AUGUST:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 194 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 28 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 86 HRS



Frank Ramirez, Sr, 78, died on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at his home in Rockdale. He was an original 3rd Degree Charter member of Co. 7014 in Rockdale as well as an

active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Rockdale. Burial was in San Jose Cemetery in Hearne, TX. As a member of KC Hall Work Crew #6 he liked working behind the bar and greeting his friends and fellow Alcoans. He worked wherever needed at KC events including dances, bingo, fish fries, He worked in the carpenter shop at Alcoa from 1964 thru 2003 when he retired. He is well known for his love of baseball as he played, coached, and mentored his sons and many youths in Rockdale. Our condolences to his wife of 58 years, Lydia, and his three sons, (the late) Frank, Jr, Cruz, and Danny, their spouses, and all family members.

From the August Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrccek and members enjoyed a delicious supper featuring chicken and rice casserole, green beans and breadsticks. For dessert, dark chocolate and oatmeal cookies by Debbie Konarik. The month of September calendar includes the Food Truck visits, Food Pantry delivery, no hall bookings. Council officers' election was held in June but there are still two vacancies and temporary Treasurer position that need to be filled. Committee chairmen were named: Program Director: Peter Zenner, Family: David Ehler, Community: Charlie Watson, Membership: Tom Alejandro, Retention: Kenny Svrccek. Several AC units need to be serviced and are scheduled, need new ice machine.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for August include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.20, Electric bill: APG&E \$1058.82, SWMWSC water \$105.92, Dillo Disposal \$174.25, Columbus Club (hall supplies) \$4000, New Ice Machine \$5500. Donations: \$200 St. Joseph's Church collection, \$50 Clerical Endowment, Donations to KC Hall \$345 (Zapata & Jiminez Memorials)
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Aug. 18th 3000# delivery were: Jim Andrews, Phil Konarik, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, and Thomas Andrews. Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project that benefits the needy in our town.
- **THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** reports that Perpetual Clerical Endowments were ordered for the families of Bro. Frank Garcia (Aug. 12, 2023) and Bro. Frank Ramirez (Aug. 17, 2023). Note: Clerical Endowments support the education of seminarians. Recipients are then remembered in prayer by the seminarians.
- **KC SONS & DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP** which had been funded out of the KC Bingo Fund has been discontinued. The council voted to end this program since that source of funding has been depleted. Bingo was enjoyed by many folks for years but, as utility expenses increased and then Covid restrictions doomed bingo attendance and the crowd size needed to operate "in the black". Without enough revenue to cover expenses we also surrendered our bingo license.
- **NEW KC HALL ICE MACHINE** has been purchased and installed as of Wednesday, August 23. Ice was being produced in time for the funeral luncheon for Bro. Frank Ramirez. The "Koolaire" KYT0300A/K570 unit can produce 330 lbs of half cube ice in 24 hours and the bin can store 532 lbs of ice. The total installed cost was \$5500 purchased from Clayton HVACR a local business in Rockdale.