



3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

**NEWSLETTER**  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas  
**AUGUST 2016**



4<sup>th</sup> Degree

**Officers & Chairmen Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7pm.**

**Council Meeting w/supper 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7pm**

**2016-2017 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.....Tommy Grimes

Advocate.....Fred Marquez

Lecturer.....????

Inside Guard.....Tom Alejandro

Outside Guard.....Rodrigo Mancillas

Trustee 1 Year.....Chad Ehler

Trustee 2 Year.....Nick Guzman

Trustee 3 Year.....Clint Butler

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**KC GROUNDS LOOKING GOOD!**



**Frank**



**Roman**

We've noticed lots of volunteer hours turned in for KC hall lawn maintenance as well as how nice the grounds are kept mowed, trimmed and cleaned. The earlier Summer rains required more mowing. Just driving by or coming to the hall for bingo or other events, the well kept grounds reflect well on Council 7014. A special "Thank You" goes out to Frank David and Roman Razo for taking on this mission. (They most likely wouldn't turn down any extra help)

**NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED**

On Sat. July 30th the 2016-2017 Council 7014 officers were installed by DD Joe Macha, who also presented an award for meeting our State Charities goal. A short open meeting followed the ceremony. A crowd of 35 knights, ladies and guests were treated to a delicious steak dinner and dessert by our chefs Jody Darby, David Ehler, Chad Ehler and Marty Elman.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR JULY:**

**CHARITABLE PROJECTS: 110 HRS**

**HALL MAINT. PROJECTS: 61 HRS**

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 123 HRS**



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**2nd Annual Fall Festival**

The Fall Festival is coming up fast. The date is the third Sunday in September on the 18th. Last year the festival featured a meal of fried chicken, sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, potatoes, tea and dessert. Serving began at 11:00 am. Also included in last year's activities was a live and silent auction, kid's games, quilt raffle and gun raffle (four \$500 gift cards to Academy). This year's raffle prizes are likely to be \$\$\$ gift cards. Much of the 2016 2nd Annual Fall Festival is expected to be the same. The details are to be discussed at the "open meeting" following the installation of officers on Saturday, July 30th beginning at 6:30pm at the KC hall. Chairmen need to be named, advertising and auction items donated. See the calendar & emails for meetings and more updates in the September newsletter. Linda Masur displayed the "Autumn Leaves" quilt raffle prize and has chance tickets @ \$1 each or of 6 tickets for \$5 available to buy or to sell.

**From the July Officers and Council Meetings:** Subbing for vacationing GK Kenny Svrcek, Chancellor Phil Konarik reviewed the calendar for KC Hall bookings (no July or August bookings), discussed Mayfest meeting at St. Joseph's, Fall Festival, hall projects.

- **KC HALL NO BOOKINGS FOR AUGUST** means it is a good time to get busy with the remaining two restroom renovations. Consensus seems to be that we contract out the wall and plumbing work and see if council members could take on replacing ceiling tiles and painting the ceiling grid, upper walls and floor. New partitions could be ordered and installed by council members also. These two restrooms are the larger ones and will be getting handicapped upgrades. During June and July contractors installed new LED lighting in these restrooms, the meeting room, bar and kitchen.
- **ASPHALT PAVING** on the curve around the northeast corner of the hall has badly deteriorated over the years. Heavy truck traffic turns sharply to get around to the back of the hall, mostly by the garbage truck heading to the dumpster. Trustees recommend concrete in this area rather than repairing the asphalt.
- **HALL RENOVATION PROJECTS COST** a lot the past couple of years and there is more to do (see above articles). However, over the past 36+ years not a whole lot has been spent on upgrading and improving our building. There have been the usual consumables over the years such as replacing air conditioners (we have 16 units, 6 are still original units), ice machine, parking lot paving and resealing. By working hard raising funds (along with some generous donations), in the last few years we have repaired the hall roof, purchased new lightweight tables, expanded the BBQ house, added more deep fryers, painted inside the hall, new emergency lighting, new LED lighting and wiring, new ceiling tiles and most recently completed renovating two restrooms. These accomplishments, took a lot of hard work by knights and ladies to fund raise as well as planning and construction by members...all the while keeping up with our charitable obligations.  
The KC hall is an important building in Milam County. It is a designated Red Cross shelter, it is the largest non-industrial building available for public and private uses and can be rented at a reasonable rate. A lot of community and charitable fundraising benefits (other than our own) take place at the KC hall every year. What would we and the community do without the KC hall?
- **SUPER BINGO FOR JULY** was average turn out with 156 players. There was very good help in the bar and kitchen.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for July were Pat Watson, Charlie Watson, Milton Frei, Marty Elman, Frank David, Harry Ormsby, Phil Konarik and Roman Razo. However, the delivery truck broke down on the way and arrival time was uncertain. Most volunteers left due to other commitments. Those that stayed were able to handle the 960 lbs that was finally delivered. The Capital Area Food Bank truck visited the KC hall parking lot on 21 July. Pat and Charlie Watson opened the hall for restroom access. Thank you!