



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER
Knights of Columbus
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas
JANUARY 2017



4th Degree

Officers & Chairmen Meeting: 2nd Thursday 7pm. Council Meeting w/supper 3rd Thursday at 7pm

2015-2016 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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We Remember Bro. David Bujnoch who passed away on Dec. 22, 2016. He was only 66 and a very active member of Council 7014 for over 38 years. He was a 3rd degree "Honorary" member and was one of the long time KC Cooks. He could always be found, with his soiled apron, around the BBQ pits or kitchen during the many Mayfest, Lenten fish frys, weddings, and any fundraisers we had.



David, along with his wife Sharon, was chairman of several Mayfest auctions as well as being faithful members of their KC hall work crew. As we will miss David around the KC hall we offer our thoughts and prayers to Sharon, Angela, Kelly and their families.

CONFIRMATION CLASS THANKS YOU for the new Bibles they received from the Knights and Ladies of Council 7014. These new Bibles contain a lot more explanatory information, photos, maps, etc than the ones we provided in the past and were highly recommended by DRE Bonnie Holub.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR DECEMBER:
CHARITABLE PROJECTS: 164 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJECTS: 30 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 64 HRS

KC HALL PARKING LOT ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS

Council officers have been looking into what can be done to improve visibility for drivers trying to enter the parking lot from busy U.S. Highway 79. In talks with TXDOT about this issue we found there are a lot of things we cannot do. A future turn lane, certain reflective visual measures all were turned down. We were allowed to paint stripes on the driveway edge of our pavement which is very helpful, thanks to Kenny Svrcek and Nick Guzman. Our sign is going to be repaired and extra lighting is being tried (we cannot blind highway traffic). Also under consideration is adding programmable LED message board panels to our existing sign, which would also add extra lighting to the area.

CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP, our community's biggest fundraising effort at Christmas is a 3-day event that depends on staging at our hall free of charge. The value of our hall donation was \$1425.

From the December Officers and Council Meetings: GK Kenny Svrcek reviewed the calendar for upcoming events, reviewed KC Hall bookings for December and January, KC Christmas Party and Christmas Roundup schedule.

- **KC ANNUAL "LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST" PROGRAM** which consists of setting up the nativity scene and turning on the lights the first day of December was held on December 1 at the KC hall. Helping with set up this year were Pat Watson, Charlie Watson, Guillermo Pantaleon, Phil Konarik, Elsie Svrcek and GK Kenny Svrcek. The takedown of the Nativity will be right after the Epiphany, on Monday, January 9th at 4:30pm.
- **SUPER BINGO** was cancelled for December as in the past with Christmas Roundup and the Guadalupana's hosting the Lady of Guadalupe festival in the KC Hall. As the new year begins, help is still needed on the floor selling speed game cards and at the other stations. The scheduled crews supply the kitchen and bar help only. There is another group of knights and ladies who take care of the bingo calling and card selling at every bingo (separate from the crew on duty). Whenever a group worker is not able, or their crew is on duty, we are shorthanded. Anyone who would like to help with this group will need to be certified. See Tom Alejandro for details.
- **CHANGES TO KC HALL RENTAL CONTRACT** were voted on and approved at the December council meeting after being recommended by the council officers at the request of our booking agent, Nick Guzman. (1) Meeting room rent will stay at \$25/hour, but with a minimum of 3-hour rental and additional hours at \$25/hr. (2) No more beer will be sold within 30 minutes of the end of a function. (3) Security duty will be extended to 30 minutes after the end of a function. (4) Setup or decorating time will remain at \$50/hr. A takedown time of 30 minutes is allowed at no charge. After 30 minutes a \$50/hr. rate begins. Note: Most of the takedown chores have been dragging on resulting in long hours for our crews.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for December were, Harry Ormsby, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, Milton Frei, Frank Garcia, Pat Watson, Roman Razo and Charlie Watson. The Capital Area Food Bank truck visited the KC hall parking lot Thursday, 15/December. Pat and Charlie Watson opened the hall for restroom access. Thanks to you all.
- **DUES ARE DUE** for 2017. Financial Secretary, Tommy Grimes has been handing out or mailing out notices since early December. Your dues are important and portions go to different causes, such as to support the Supreme and State Council's operations, charities, disaster relief, etc. Also, part of the dues is how we pay for our council parties.