



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER
Knights of Columbus
Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas
OCTOBER 2021



4th Degree

Council Meeting w/supper 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm, KC Hall 655 E. Hwy 79, Rockdale, TX

2021-2022 COUNCIL OFFICERS

- Chaplain.....Fr. Pedro Castillo
- Grand Knight..... Kenny Svrcek
- Dep. GK.....Clint Butler
- Chancellor..... Phil Konarik
- Recorder..... Robert Zapata
- Warden..... Charlie Watson
- Treasurer..... Lambert Skubal Jr.
- Financial Sec.....(vacant)
- Advocate..... Jim Grametbauer
- Lecturer.....Chad Ehler
- Inside Guard..... Marty Elman
- Outside Guard.....Dwayne David
- Trustee 1 Year.....Nick Guzman
- Trustee 2 Year..... Frank Garcia
- Trustee 3 Year..... Marty Elman
- Newsletter.....Phil Konarik
- Dist. Deputy..... Tom Alejandro
- KC Hall Booking Mgr...512-585-9149

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

Holy Family Catholic Church
Fall Festival
Lexington, Texas
On the parish grounds located at 1027 East FM 696
Sunday - October 3rd, 2021
Mass starting at 10:00am

Live Auction at 12:30pm Silent Auction
Country Store Kids Games

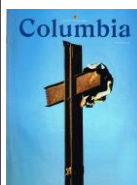
Fried Chicken dinner beginning at 11:00am
All Plates \$12.00

Plates Include Three Pieces Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Noodles and Dessert

VOLUNTEER HOURS SEPTEMBER:
CHARITABLE PROJ: 153 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 56 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 54 HRS



Patricia (Pat) Grimes passed away Sept. 7, 2021, at age 73. Pat had been an active member of St. Joseph's parish, since 2001. We remember her music ministry with the choir, she also assisted families get up to date in their religious ed so they could join proper grade level or get their sacraments. She also assisted in the religious library. Pat was married to the late Tommy Grimes, our past GK, Financial Secretary, District Deputy. Survivors are her daughter Margaret Erlandson, son Timothy Grimes and her older sister Barbara Faller of San Antonio.



Sept. 2021 Columbia Magazine – Remembering 20 years ago features the “World Trade Center Cross”, a 17 ft. tall section of beams discovered in the rubble is now located in the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. The cross became a site for prayer and Mass during the recovery efforts. A total of 46 Knights died in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. KC's immediately issued 419 \$3000 checks to families of first responders killed or injured Catholic or not.

From the September Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek, the officers and council met to discuss upcoming bookings the Skubal wedding Sept. 18 and the annual Go Texan fundraiser on September 25th. Our pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Pedro Castillo was also in attendance. There was a special meeting held on August 23 to begin hearing and discussing suggestions and ideas regarding KC Hall operation, staffing and rental contract. More discussions at a Sept. 7th meeting. (see below).

- **SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING** considered some of the suggestions and ideas from the September 7th special meeting as ready to be presented to the council for final discussion and vote. The KC Hall rental contract was updated by Hall Booking Mgr., Nick Guzman to include previously agreed on changes. Hall rent will increase (we must cover utility costs), hours of operation will change for most rentals as 5pm till 12am. Decoration take down and band to exit by 1am. Bar closes at 11:30pm. Volunteer crews (1 thru 6) will remain as they are now and be assigned as needed for certain events such as a Baby Shower, Place of Hope Fundraiser, Athletic Banquet, Blood Drive, etc. Also, under consideration regarding staffing is the suggestion of compensating KC members who would like to be part of a paid crew to staff a rental event. The compensation would be in addition to the base rental fee. The updated rental contract was voted on and passed. The “paid crew” is still to be organized. Members of a volunteer crew could also be on a paid crew. More later.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Sept. 17th, 1600# delivery were Tom Alejandro, Pat Watson, Phil Konarik, Jim Grametbauer, Marty Elman, Pete Ramirez, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak and Roman Razo. Charlie Watson called to remind volunteers. The Food Bank truck visited the KC hall parking lot, Sept. 2nd and 16th for “drive thru” distribution. Thanks to you all for taking time out of your day to assist the needy in our town!
- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for September include Electric \$753.93, TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$87.18, Trash \$170.77, Water \$101.45, IRS Tax preparation \$700. Notice: On Sept. 14 our KC Hall electric supplier, Ambit Energy, was changed to supplier AP&G. This move lowered our kwh rate from Ambit's 0.096300 to AP&G's rate of 0.06556 for a reduction of 0.03074 per kwh. However, our electric bill has two parts, electricity (AP&G) + delivery (ONCOR). While the ONCOR part of the bill is much higher than the electricity part, we cannot do much about it with all the air conditioning and heating it takes to operate the hall. But with this move at least saved where we could. Thanks for Treasurer Lambert's work on this!
- **COUNCIL DONATIONS** for September: Texas State Council per capita \$759.50, St. Joseph's Church Collection \$200.