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NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

SEPTEMBER 2024



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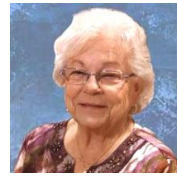
Council Meeting w/supper 2nd Tuesday @7pm,

Officers & Chairmen Mtg. (as needed)

2024-2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Fr. John Boiko
 Grand Knight..... Kenny Svrcek
 Dep. GK.....Chad Ehler
 Chancellor..... Phil Konarik
 Recorder..... Robert Zapata
 Warden..... Charlie Watson
 Treasurer.....Tom Alejandro
 Financial Sec.....Craig Snow
 Advocate.....David Ehler
 Lecturer.....Dwayne David
 Inside Guard.....Charles Ehler
 Outside Guard.....Jason Ehler
 Trustee 1 Year.....Nick Guzman
 Trustee 2 Year.....Marty Elman
 Trustee 3 Year.....Bernie Doud
 Newsletter.....Phil Konarik
 Dist. Deputy..... (vacant)
 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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Elsie Mary Svrcek, 90, passed away on July 27th at her home in Rockdale. She was the wife of the late Bro. Daniel Svrcek (May-10-2015) for 60

years. She was buried next to Daniel in the Rockdale I.O.O.F. Cemetery, on Aug. 3, 2024, following Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She had been a faithful and very generous parishioner, member of the Ladies Society at St. Joseph's. She and Daniel were faithful members of KC Hall work Crew #2 since the KC Hall opened in 1979. Elsie was always an active supporter of KC activities and continued after Daniel's passing until her health issues forced her to stop. She will also be remembered for calling for dessert cakes and overseeing the very popular dessert tables for KC fish fries and other events. Elsie was the mother of current GK Kenny Svrcek & wife Annette, in addition, we extend our condolences to her son David & wife Janet, daughter Michelle Baban & husband Nathan as well as her four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

***** REMEMBERING
PATRIOT DAY 9/11 2001

VOLUNTEER HOURS AUGUST:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 69 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 46 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 325 HRS

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PARISH-WIDE MEETING, Sunday Sep. 15

We will be having a parish-wide meeting for all parishioners on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024. We will have Mass at 9AM at the church as usual and we will have a bilingual Mass at 11:30AM at the KC Hall followed by a Potluck Meal and then the parish wide meeting. Father John would like for as many parishioners to attend this meeting as possible to gather input from everyone.

We are asking that families whose last name ends in the following letters provide what is listed and bring enough for 6 PERSONS.

- A - C --- Dessert
- D - R --- Meat and/or Meat dish
- S - Z --- Side Dish /Vegetables

From the August Council (Open) Meeting: A 6pm Mass was celebrated at the KC Hall by Fr. John Boiko and Deacon Gus Coelho in recognition of the feast day of Knights of Columbus founder, now Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, on August 13th (our council meeting night). GK Kenny Svrcek, members and guests then enjoyed a delicious meal of BBQ chicken, potatoes, pinto beans and other sides by Lambert Skubal, Jr, and his helpers. Various desserts were prepared by KC Ladies as well as a cake by KC Insurance Field Agent, George Strmiska. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of August and upcoming September. There were no other bookings for August or September. For the benefit of newer members and guests, Deacon Gus began recalling the founding history of our Rockdale Council 7014 in 1977, how the KC Hall came to be, its importance as a fundraising venue for the council, the parish and community. Other members joined in to add stories, history and memories that the crowd enjoyed.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for August include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$89.26, Electric bill: APG&E \$1104.61, SWMWSC water \$110.32, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, Comptroller (sales tax) \$198.82. Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the August 16th, 1800# delivery were Bernie Doud, Tom Alejandro, Jim Andrews. Reminder calls by Charlie Watson. Thanks guys, for taking time out of your day to help with this project assisting the needy in our town. (Note: the delivery truck from Austin recently had a route change and arrived later than the usual 8:30 am. For now, we still need to meet at 8:30 until a new time is determined by experience. There was confusion again on the 16th. Food Pantry coordinator, Patsy Brymer is trying hard to get the delivery time firm, so volunteers will know when to be on hand.)
- **PARISH PLANNING MEETING - Some Background:** For decades St. Joseph's Parish has had its eye on acquiring the remainder of the adjacent lots of the city block where the church originally owned about 20% on the northwest corner. As the parish grew the need for an education building and more off-street parking facilitated the purchase of a lot where the Ed Building is now located, and the Hale Property became a parking lot. Another lot on the southeast corner became available. Later the "Cooke Property" became available, and the Cooke House remains on the southwest lot, both along Cameron Avenue. On June 14th, 2022, the final three lots behind the church, with three old rundown houses and overgrown with weeds and junk were purchased along with another lot that was part of the deal. Clean up and demolition, two houses sold and removed made an eyesore an attractive property. Come to the meeting (see above) to help the planning committee address future Rockdale growth and parish needs. Your input will be very helpful.