



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

DECEMBER 2024



4th Degree

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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It is a common misconception that the wise men visited Jesus at the stable on the night of His birth. In fact, the wise men came days, months, or possibly even years later. [Matthew 2-11](#) says the wise men visited and worshiped Jesus in a house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, brought gifts of gold Frankincense and myrrh. Recall: The wisemen arrived in Jerusalem asking, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews?" So, at that point Jesus was already born. It's likely Joseph found a house right away for the infant & mother.



VOLUNTEER HOURS NOVEMBER:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 34 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 36 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 105 HRS

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- Nativity Scene setup St. Joseph's Mon Dec.2, 4:30pm.
- Food Bank Truck KC Hall Th. Dec 5 & 19, 9-11am
- KC Christmas party/mtg, Fri, Dec. 6, 5pm (hall opens)
- St. Joseph's Ladies Society Bazaar, Sat. Dec.7
- Feast of Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 9.
- 4th Degree Mtg. for December 9 (cancelled)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Wed. Dec. 11 8-10pm (church)
- Thurs. Dec. 12 8am mass (church) 5pm at KC Hall
- Christmas Roundup at KC hall Dec. 13 thru 17.
- Rockdale Food Pantry Dec. 20, 8:30-9:30am.
- Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25.
- New Years' Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 2024
- New Years' Day Wednesday, January 1st, 2025



KC'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST PROJECT

Set up is Monday, Dec. 2nd at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church next to the bell tower. Volunteers move materials to the site from the Cooke House garage and set up the Nativity in about 45 minutes. Anyone is welcome to join us.

From the November Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a delicious meal of chili, pinto beans, cornbread by Dwayne David, and his helpers Marty Elman, Rodney Barcak and Willie Barcak. For dessert: chocolate chip pan cookies and peanut butter blossom cookies by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of November and upcoming December. Bookings for November included a Quinceanera on the 23rd and a late booking for a LAND SALE EVENT on the 9th. The annual KC Memorial Mass for deceased council members and wives is set for November 19th 6:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Church in Rockdale. In December we have the KC Christmas Party, the Christmas Roundup and one wedding (see calendar). Requests for donations were approved: \$150 for St. Joseph's confirmation candidates retreat in Brenham and \$150 to Milam County Child Protective Services for Christmas presents for children in their program. Our Advocate along other officers will be meeting with county tax officials regarding KC property taxes.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for November include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.26, Electric bill: APG&E \$1153.51, SWMWSC water \$108.66, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tith \$200, St. Joseph's Confirmation Candidates Retreat \$150, KC Memorial Mass \$300, Milam County Child Protective Services \$150.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the November 15th, 3400# delivery were Tom Alejandro, Phil Konarik, Marty Elman, Bernie Doud, Harry Ormsby and Mike Korenek. 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.
- **MAINTENANCE UPDATES** for December are ordered: (1) KC Hall emergency lighting fixtures and EXIT signs are due for new batteries. (2) New Lenten Fish Fry signs have been ordered. The old signs have served us well for 14 years and have become weather worn and brittle. The new signs will look the same as the old ones that are familiar to the public at locations through Rockdale along East and West Cameron Avenue. The signs will be ready in time for Lent. (3) Fire extinguishers are also to be inspected and replaced if needed.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!