



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

FEBRUARY 2025



4th Degree

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

Officers & Chairmen Mtg. (see Calendar)

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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Bro. Herman Kocian, 92, passed away on Dec. 31, 2024. He was a 3rd degree Honorary Life and Charter member of Rockdale

Council 7014, joining in 1977. Herman, a faithful member of St. Joseph's Parish in Rockdale, was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, 35-year Alcoa potlining retiree. He and his wife Billie (12/26/1998) were members of KC Hall work Crew #3, working the many dances, bingos and other events in the early years of KC Hall operation. He was a devoted father and grandfather. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery in Rockdale, next to Billie. We offer our condolences to his daughters Debra Key and Sharon Kocian, sons Richard (Dena) Larry (Cherie), grandchildren Andrew Kocian (Alyssa), Matthew Kocian and Clarice Kocian of Rockdale.



KC'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST PROJECT

The Nativity take down helpers were Dwayne David, Mike Korenek, Phil & Debbie Konarik, Kenny Svrcek, and Pat Watson. The Nativity remains displayed until after the Epiphany. The take down and return storage in the Cooke House garage was set for Monday, January 6th at 4:30 pm and took about 30 minutes. Thank you all for your help!

VOLUNTEER HOURS JANUARY:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 22 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 24HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 80 HRS

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Monday, Feb. 17th 5-7:30pm

KC Council 7014 to show appreciation for our local First Responders – Volunteer Firefighters, Police Dept, EMT, Sheriff Dept, DPS, Game Wardens, their staff and spouses. All KC members and their wives are encouraged to attend this **Chili Supper**. Doors open at 5pm, eat at 6pm.

From the January Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed Chili Dogs by Lecturer Dwayne David, and his helpers Marty Elman, Rodney Barcak, Special guests were Chaplain, Fr. John Boiko. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of January included the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on the 17th and the Milano HS Senior Serve on the 25th. For February, there will be a Rotary Club Fundraiser on the 8th and Law Enforcement/First Responders Chili Supper on the 17th. and our popular (six Fridays) Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser in March and April. Discussion followed regarding bringing back the Mayfest Fundraiser this Spring which includes a raffle, auctions, BBQ meal and other activities. Also, only one meal choice (BBQ plates?) should be available. It was noted that the 1st Sunday in May, comes right on the heels of the six Fish Fry Fridays. A revamping of the six KC work crews is needed. Every crew is shorthanded. Rodney Barcak heads a committee to likely reduce the number of crews. Fr. John proposed, as a recruiting mechanism, periodically having KC members all attend a particular Mass and sit together giving the Knights a visible presence. Fr. John also wants to hold Ash Wednesday services at the KC Hall.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for January include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.27, Electric bill: APG&E \$941.86, SWMWSC water \$118.28, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, Brady's Pest Control \$92.01, Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200, St. Joseph's Parish 2025 Calendars \$572.50. Donation received: \$250 from Rockdale Christmas Roundup to KC Hall (utilities).
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the January 17th, 2100# delivery were Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, Bernie Doud, Pat Barcak, Willie Barcak, Jim Andrews, Roman Razo 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.
- **SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR KC HALL** being available to the Rockdale Christmas Roundup Committee to once again host this massive community event to provide food and gifts to 700 individuals from 154 families in need at Christmas time. Local businesses, organizations, churches and individuals contributed money, gifts and food to this effort. School children came out to the hall to sort and fill boxes. KC member Marty Elman was on hand for most of the time the hall was open. Other members dropped by at times as well.
- **KC'S TO MAKE SLAW & OTHER FISH FRY PREP** is underway. Planning the menu for the plates, determining the cost/price per plate, shopping trips to purchase supplies is all in the works now as we prepare for this major fundraiser. Making the first batch of our famous KC Slaw will be at the KC Hall, Friday, Feb. 28, 1:00pm. (see calendar)