



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

AUGUST 2025



4th Degree

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

Officers & Chairmen Mtg. (see Calendar)

2025-2026 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Fr. John Boiko
Grand Knight..... Kenny Svreck
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..... Marty Elman
Trustee 2 Year..... Bernie Doud
Trustee 3 Year.....Nick Guzman
Newsletter.....Phil Konarik
Dist. Deputy..... (vacant)
KC Hall Booking Mgr.....512-585-9149

KC Ins. Field Agent.....George Strmiska
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Martha "Molly" (Cruz) Marquez, 77, passed away on July 9, 2025. Molly was the wife of the late Bro. Fred Marquez, Sr. (11-02-2023).

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's in Rockdale where she was a member, burial followed at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Bryan, TX, next to Fred. Molly was born on December 7, 1947. Molly, as she was best known as by friends and family, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Molly married the love of her life, Fred Marquez, on February 24, 1968, at Santa Teresa Catholic Church in Bryan. In their early years of marriage, Molly and Fred loved to host parties, vacation and dancing. After getting married, they made their home in Rockdale, Texas and started their family. Molly was a loving mother to Melissa, Roseanne, and Fred Jr. Molly was active in her church as a lector, choir and Ladies Society. She and Fred were members of KC Hall work Crew 2, she loved KC Bingo, the Mayfest and other celebrations. Our sincere condolences to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, her family and friends.

VOLUNTEER HOURS JULY:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 14 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 26 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 84 HRS



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The Austin Diocese gets a new Bishop who is one of our locals from Cameron, TX. In May 2025, the Catholic Church got a new Pope, Leo XIV, who is the first American Pope.

On Wednesday July 2, 2025, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, named the Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia the 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Austin. The installation of Most Rev. Daniel E. Garcia as the sixth Bishop of Austin will take place on Sept. 18, 2025.

Bishop Garcia was born on August 30, 1960, and grew up in Waco and Cameron, Texas. He is bilingual in English and Spanish and has three younger sisters. He has served in many parishes - St. Catherine of Siena, Cristo Rey Parish, St. Louis King of France Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Parish all in Austin also at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble, Texas . for the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese.

From the July Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svreck and members enjoyed a delicious meal of cubed rib eye steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, by Lecturer Dwayne David, Marty Elman and Rodney Barcak. For dessert: dark chocolate rice crispy squares and chocolate chip pan cookies by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of July including the semi-annual audit on July 15th, the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on the 18th. The Council voted to donate \$500 to the Rockdale homecoming Assn. but the actual donated amount was \$150, and the council voted to contribute \$500 to the Texas State Council for flood disaster relief in the Texas hill country. The June Council meeting had concluded with reelection of all current officers for 2025-2026 by acclamation. Two of the three trustees agreed to advance by one year and outgoing 1-year trustee, Nick Guzman agreed to the 3-year position (as shown in the officers list above).

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for July include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$85.26, Electric bill: APG&E \$1355.02, SWMWSC water \$108.58, Dillo Disposal \$200.38, BBQ House Concrete slab \$4,000, Texas Propane \$441.79, Rockdale Building Materials \$551.92, State Comptroller Sales Tax \$1,050.61 Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200, Rockdale Alumni Golf \$150, Texas KC Charities (Texas Hill Country Flood Victims) \$500.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the July 18th, 2500# delivery were Jim Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Bernie Doud, Marty Elman, Tom Alejandro, and Phil Konarik. Reminder calls by Charlie Watson. Thank you all, for taking time out of your day to help with this project assisting the needy in our town. Note: Nice new asphalt paving at the Food Pantry yard and several trees removed for much improved access.
- **KC BBQ HOUSE PLANS** – instead of the original idea of sidewalks between the BBQ House and storage building, further discussion led to the idea of a rectangular concrete slab to be poured between the two buildings after the storage building was repositioned closer to the BBQ House. The (portable) storage building was slid to the south to be aligned with the BBQ House during the first week of June. The concrete slab was to be formed and poured by a contractor on July 11, completing the planned improvements to the BBQ House.
- **COUNCIL 7014 DONATES \$500** to Disaster Relief Fund. Texas Knights of Columbus have always reached out to our Brothers who are impacted by natural disasters such as the recent Texas hill country flood. whether in Texas or other areas where the Knights of Columbus are active. We maintain a general Disaster Relief Fund so that we can make a quick response to these major events. We also conduct a special drive with each current disaster. Knights may also donate on their own by check: make it payable to State Council Charities, mail to 1033 La Posada Dr., Suite 100, Austin Texas 78752-3824. On the memo, write your council number if applicable and Disaster Relief.