



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

SEPTEMBER 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 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..... 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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4th Degree, want to join, need info? Contact
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Fr. Michael McGivney Fr. Patrick McGivney Fr. John McGivney

In case you missed it – check out the whole story about these three priests, their family and accomplishments in the July-August Columbia magazine, pages 10-13.

Fr. Michael, founder of our order (1852–1890), **Fr. Patrick**, (1867– 1928), and **Fr. John**, (1870 – 1939). Their father, Patrick McGivney, Sr. and wife Mary, were Irish immigrants settled in Waterbury, CT. Patrick, Sr. was a hardworking molder in a local brass mill. They had a large family of thirteen children nearly half of them died very young as did their dad. This left the family in dire straits, like many in their parish and city. This prompted Michael, age 20, to leave the seminary to care for the family. He saw the needs of the families, especially those who lost their breadwinner, to disability or death and this eventually led to the founding of the Knights of Columbus. Contact Phil Konarik if you would like a copy of this story.

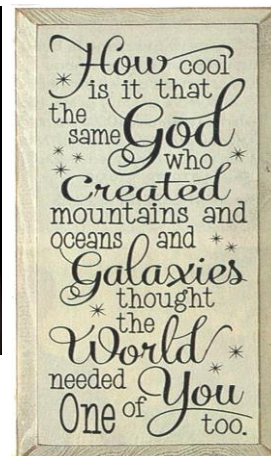
VOLUNTEER HOURS AUGUST:

CHARITABLE PROJ: **51 HRS**
HALL MAINT. PROJ: **31 HRS**
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: **102 HRS**

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Hmmm?



CELEBRATE

LABOR DAY

THE HARD WORK OF A NATION

From the August Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a delicious meal of 1-inch thick ground steak paddies, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, and rolls (all supplied by the Ehlers) with assistance by Lecturer Dwayne David, Marty Elman and Rodney Barcak. For dessert: dark chocolate rice crispy squares and dark chocolate peanut clusters by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of August the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on the 15th. There were no other hall bookings for August. September booking includes the annual Go Texan fundraiser on Saturday the 27th. The Council voted to pay the KC State per capita assessment of \$528.50 as well as the KC State Council Charities assessment of \$880. The Council voted to donate \$250 to St. Joseph's Ladies Society Christmas Bazaar coming up in December. Special guest present at the meeting was KC Insurance Field Agent George Strmiska who reported on several new, enhanced insurance and savings benefits that he will be informing us about shortly. He also praised the council for being very active, taking care of the various issues before us, good participation in council discussions and always.....a great meal thanks to our Lector, Dwayne David, and his team.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for August include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$85.63, Electric bill: APG&E \$843.91, SWMWSC water \$123.83, Dillo Disposal \$225.42 (\$25.04 increase from \$200.38), KC Hall Insurance Quarterly Payment \$1596.60, KC State Council Charities \$880.00, KC State Council Per Capita \$528.50, Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200, St. Joseph's Ladies Society Christmas Bazaar donation \$250.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the August 15th, 3800# delivery were Jim Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Bernie Doud, Roman Razo, 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** –The concrete slab was formed and poured by a contractor on July 11. This completes the planned improvements to the BBQ House over the past couple of months.
- **KC's RECEIVE FIREWOOD DONATION** from former restaurant owner, Barrett Brannam, who contacted KC members Dwayne David and Rodney Barcak recently to offer left over firewood that was already cut and split. Two trailers were loaded and hauled back to the KC hall on Saturday morning, August 16. Paul Skubal and Kenny Svrcek's trailers were used. Helpers were: Kenny Svrcek, Colt Svrcek, Rodney Barcak, Paul Skubal, Charles Ehler and Dwayne David. A big "Thank you" to Mr. Brannam for thinking of the KC's who would surely put this wood to good use! Thanks to helpers!