



3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

# NEWSLETTER

## Knights of Columbus

### Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

## NOVEMBER 2025



4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Mary Ellen Best, 87, formerly of Lexington, TX died on Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. She was the wife of Bro. Jim Best of Co. 7014 in Rockdale, joining 11-12-2005 and were members of KC Hall work crew #1.

Mary was originally from Minnesota, married James Best in September 1958. They lived in Minnesota, Florida, Wisconsin and later with a promotion in Jim's work with IBM the family of now three children relocated to Austin, TX In 1973. In 1979 Mary became a vocational nurse after graduating from Austin Community College's Vocational Nursing Program. She cared for geriatric patients in skilled home health nursing. Mary also worked in food services for the Austin ISD. She and Jim eventually left Austin settling in nearby Lexington. They were both founding members of the new Holy Family Parish where her celebration of life funeral mass was held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Visitation and rosary were held on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Phillips & Luckey in Rockdale. Burial was in Killeen, Texas at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Our condolences to Bro. Jim, their children Jennifer, Jon, James, and their spouses, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS OCTOBER:

**CHARITABLE PROJ:** 33 HRS  
**HALL MAINT. PROJ:** 24 HRS  
**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:** 97 HRS



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**ROCKDALE K OF C**  
**DRIVE THRU**  
**BBQ CHICKEN**  
**PLATES**

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**9TH, 2025**

Drive thru only

**\$15.00/PLATE**  
**10:00AM-SOLD OUT**  
BBQ Half Chicken  
Sausage  
German Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Dessert

### LOCATION

Rockdale Knights of Columbus Hall  
7014 US-79, Rockdale, Texas 76567

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED

knights and ladies of council 7014 since it was chartered in 1977. Each of their names will be read from the pulpit during mass at St. Joseph's Church.

**Tuesday, November 18, 6:00pm**

**From the October Council Meeting:** GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a delicious meal of lasagna with toasted garlic bread and salad by Lecturer Dwayne David, Lambert Skubal, Jr. and Rodney Barcak. For dessert: dark chocolate peanut clusters, peanut butter cookies and turtle cookies with pecan pieces by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny noted that the Council donated \$300 to the recent GO TEXAN (youth scholarship) fundraiser held at the KC Hall on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, reviewed the calendar for the remainder of October, the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the annual RVOS Insurance meeting to be held in the KC Hall meeting room October 26<sup>th</sup>. Among ideas for fundraising, Sunday, November 9th was proposed for a fried chicken dinner "to go", also in November, the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased knights & wives (date TBD by Fr. John & Phil Konarik). Members were encouraged to make better effort to remember the Food Pantry project on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Members are encouraged to attend the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with special guests.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for October include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$85.63, Electric bill: APG&E \$498.09, SWMWSC water \$118.53, Dillo Disposal \$225.42, Hall Insurance \$1,596.60 (quarterly payment), Sales Tax \$66.59, KC Supreme Per Capita \$160.75. Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the October 17th, 3000# delivery were Marty Elman, Kenny Svrcek, Pete Zenner, Craig Snow, Charles Ehler, Bernie Doud, Rodney Barcak, Harry Ormsby, Wesley Janak, Luke Janak and Phil Konarik. Reminder calls by Phil Konarik & Pat Watson. Note: There was very good turnout but the truck from Austin was very late arriving, and a couple of helpers had to leave before the truck arrived.
- **KC COMMUNITY SERVICE** – The Rockdale Fair Association had requested borrowing 250 of our chairs for use in the show barn during the auction and other events. As in the past many years the chairs were cleaned and returned with a gracious Thanks from the fair board. Bro. Wesley Janak coordinated this annual community project.
- **NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL GUESTS AT COUNCIL MEETING** for information and discussion with two representatives of the TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Comm.) and how our bar sales can affect business and personal liabilities. Please bring any questions you may have so we get a good update on current laws and how we may proceed going forward.



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*Count your blessings even when times may be troubled,  
we can find things to be thankful for!*