



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

OCTOBER 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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Elenor Gonzales, 83 of Tanglewood, Tx died on Aug. 25th in Temple, Tx. She was married to the late Bro. Santos Gonzales for 63 years. She was a member of St.

Joseph's parish in Rockdale and later Holy Family parish in Lexington, Tx after moving to nearby Tanglewood. Elenor, whose maiden name was also Gonzales, was born in Uvalde, Tx, into a migrant farm worker family on April 8, 1942. As soon as she was able to help, she traveled with the family following the harvests picking cotton in Texas, potatoes in Idaho and apples in Washington among many others. She attended over 17 different schools and was always behind in school. She managed to finish high school and graduated from Watsonville (CA) High School in 1963. At 18, she met Santos Gonzales, who was in the U.S. Navy and stationed in California. They married and settled in Rockdale. Santos worked at Alcoa and Elenor at Richards Memorial Hospital. They raised 5 daughters, Diana, Lydia, Helen, Maria and Linda, 16 grandchildren 29 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

VOLUNTEER HOURS SEPTEMBER:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 12 HRS
HALL MAINT. PROJ: 28 HRS
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 122 HRS



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Bro. Marty Elman at Lincoln Memorial in DC

An Air Force veteran, Marty joined about 50 veterans on the "99th Honor Flight of Austin" on Aug. 22-23. The vets from WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam Era were escorted around DC to visit all of the memorial sites from Arlington National Cemetery, WWII, Korea Vietnam as well as other sites. These veterans were welcomed wherever they visited, but especially when they arrived back in the Austin airport. The emotion the veterans felt was overwhelming to them. It was truly a trip of a lifetime. Welcome home Veterans! (see the *Rockdale Reporter*, Sept. 25 for more)

From the September Council Meeting: GK Kenny Svrcek and members enjoyed a delicious meal of etoufee' with shrimp over rice and garlic bread sticks by Lecturer Dwayne David, Lambert Skubal, Jr. and Rodney Barcak. For dessert: dark chocolate chip pan cookies, sugar cookies, chocolate chip w/pecan cookies by Debbie Konarik. GK Kenny reviewed the calendar for the remainder of September, the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on the 19th and the annual Go Texan fundraiser on Saturday the 27th. 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. Some of the new insurance products include not only death benefits but "living" benefits. George encouraged the council to plan for a membership drive. Among ideas for fundraising, Sunday, November 9th was proposed for a fried chicken dinner "to go" that includes chicken, sausage, potatoes and green beans for the going price of \$15.

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for September include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$85.63, Electric bill: APG&E \$507.01, SWMWSC water \$123.83, Dillo Disposal \$225.42 (\$25.04 increase from \$200.38), Donations: St. Joseph's Church monthly tithe \$200, Clerical Endowment \$50.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the September 19th, 4000# delivery were Jim Andrews, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman, and Phil Konarik. Reminder calls by Charlie & Pat Watson. Thank you all, for taking time out of your day to help with this project assisting the needy in our town. Note: The "aging human conveyor" was a few links short for the 4000# load we had to transport.
- **KC COMMUNITY SERVICE** – The Rockdale Fair Association has 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 will be cleaned and returned with a gracious Thanks from the fair board. Bro. Wesley Janak plans to oversee this annual community project.
- **KC's RECEIVE REQUEST** from Milano High School for their popular fundraiser "Senior Serve" where a delicious meal is prepared and served by their senior class members. They are looking at a January date and a hall rent discount.
- **WELCOME HOME-FAREWELL MEAL** for our pastor, Fr. John Boico's upon his return to the parish following his auto accident injury and recuperation and "Thank You" to Fr. Bradford Hernandez for filling in as parish administrator during this time. The POTLUCK MEAL is to be held 1-4pm at the Rockdale KC Hall on Sunday, September 28, 2025. For the meal, as listed in the Church Bulletin, families whose last name begins with A thru J – Salad or vegetable side dish, K thru T- meat or meat side dish, U thru Z – dessert. Be there to show our grateful appreciation!