



3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

# NEWSLETTER

## Knights of Columbus

### Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

## DECEMBER 2025



4<sup>th</sup> Degree

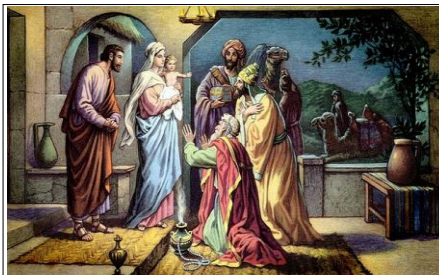
Council Meeting w/supper 2nd Tuesday @7pm,

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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It is a common misconception that the wise men visited Jesus at the stable on the night of His birth. In fact, the wise men came days, months, or possibly even years later.

Matthew 2-11 says the wise men visited and worshiped Jesus in a house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, brought gifts of gold Frankincense and myrrh. Recall: The wisemen arrived in Jerusalem asking, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews?" So, at that point Jesus was already born. It's likely Joseph found a house right away for the infant & mother.



### VOLUNTEER HOURS NOVEMBER:

**CHARITABLE PROJ:** 209 HRS

**HALL MAINT. PROJ:** 24 HRS

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:** 106 HRS



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### UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- Nativity Scene setup St. Joseph's Mon Dec.1, 4:30pm.
- Food Bank Truck KC Hall Th. Dec 4 & 18, 9-11am
- KC Christmas party/mtg, Fri, Dec. 19, 5pm (hall opens)
- St. Joseph's Ladies Society Bazaar, Sat. Dec.6
- Feast of Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 8.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg. for December 8, Caldwell Dec. 8, 7pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Thur. Dec. 11 7-9pm (church)
- Thurs. Dec. 12 12:15pm mass (church) 6pm at KC Hall
- Christmas Roundup at KC hall Dec. 14 & 15.
- Rockdale Food Pantry Dec. 19, 8:30-9:30am.
- Christmas Day Thursday. Dec. 25.
- New Years' Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- New Years' Day Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



### KC'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST PROJECT

Set up is Monday, Dec. 1st at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church next to the bell tower. Volunteers move materials to the site from the Cooke House garage and set up the Nativity in about 45 minutes. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**From the November Council Meeting:** GK Kenny Svrcek, members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal of Butterbean and sausage soup with cornbread. by Lecturer Dwayne David, Marty Elman, Lambert Skubal, Jr. and Rodney Barcak. For dessert: dark chocolate peanut clusters, chocolate chip pan cookies by Debbie Konarik and there were two cakes left from the BBQ chicken sale. GK Kenny then introduced two special guests who were present to update us on laws and liability insurance, (see below). Following the speakers GK reviewed the calendar for the remainder of November and upcoming December, the Rockdale Food Pantry delivery on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Mass for the Deceased KC members and wives on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a request for use of the KC Hall for funeral services, beginning with a Friday (Nov. 14) evening overnight wake, Saturday morning mass, and a meal following the burial for Mr. Banda, all at the KC hall. At meeting time final details and calls for volunteers were in not yet final. Update: Banda service volunteers were GK Kenny Svrcek 9:30am-6pm, David Ehler 6pm-12am, Danny and Linda Masur 12am-7am, Kenny Svrcek 7am-3:30pm. 250 people attended

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for November include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.80, Electric bill: APG&E \$1265.11, SWMWSC water \$114.55, Dillo Disposal \$225.42, Texas Propane \$416.86. Donations: St. Joseph's Church \$200. Milam County Child Protective Services \$150 (sponsor child's Christmas gifts). On the chicken & sausage plates sold on November 9, 2025, we profited \$2,942.89.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Nov. 21st 3000# delivery were Pete Zenner, Bernie Doud, Phil Konarik, Jim Andrews, Tom Alejandro and Mike Korenek. Reminder calls by Pat Watson. Note: The truck from Austin was very early (before 8am) and pallets were set on the street pavement just as 2 members arrived, then others around 8:30.
- **NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL GUESTS AT COUNCIL MEETING** for information and discussion with a representative of the TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Comm.) and a liquor liability insurance sales representative on how our bar sales can affect business and personal liabilities. The question & answer session was very informative and council to discuss further.
- **MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED** Knights and Ladies of Council 7014 was celebrated by Fr. John Boiko and Deacon Gus Coelho. Each of the names were read aloud from the pulpit by Bro. Lambert Skubal, Jr. After each 10 or so names a votive candle was lit from the large master candle by Bro. Marty Elman. Ten votive candles represented the 104 names. The readings for the day were read by lector Bro. Craig Snow and the Gospel by Deacon Gus. at St. Joseph's Church. KC wives Pat Watson, Norma Coelho and Linda Masur led the music and ushers Bros. Jason Ehler and Wesley Janak took up the collection. Wesley and son Luke brought up the offering and gifts. Fr. John's homily topic covered two of the pillars of the Knights of Columbus – Fraternity and Charity. Just over forty people attended.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2026!**