



3rd Degree

NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus

Council #7014 Rockdale, Texas

JANUARY 2026



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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COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY & OPEN MEETING SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

GK Kenny Svrcek had a surprise for certain members as plaques with this inscription:

**Knights of Columbus
Council 7014**

*As an expression of grateful
appreciation for outstanding
participation in council activities*
2025

Plaques were presented to:

Lambert Skubal, Jr, Willie Barcak, Robert Zapata, Charlie Watson, Tom Alejandro, Nick Guzman, and Phil Konarik

As each knight went up to receive his plaque the Grand Knight spoke about each one's contributions to the council's success and the many different hats they wore (often at the same time) during their many years of service as leaders, officers and chairmen.



KC'S ANNUAL LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST PROJECT

The Nativity take down is Monday, Jan. 5th at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church. Volunteers will disassemble and move the materials back to storage in the Cooke House garage. This takes about 45 minutes. All are welcome to join us.

VOLUNTEER HOURS DECEMBER:

CHARITABLE PROJ: 44 HRS

HALL MAINT. PROJ: 30 HRS

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: 175 HRS



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MAYFEST RETURNS IN 2026!

It was back in 2020 when the MAYFEST had to be cancelled because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Everyone was unsure of how this was going to play out. There were all kinds of precautions were being implemented in all areas of society. Remember those "masks" and "social distancing" everywhere, Masses were available "on-line", our Bingo was cancelled. The 1500 Mayfest Raffle tickets had already been printed and on sale for weeks, so it was decided to at least have the raffle drawing. Only 803 tickets were sold. The drawing was finally held on Aug. 15th during a KC BBQ chicken "plates to go" drive thru fundraiser.

From the December (open) Council Meeting & Christmas Party: GK Kenny Svrcek, members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal of homemade vegetable beef stew with cornbread, by Lecturer Dwayne David, Marty Elman, Lambert Skubal, Jr., Paul Skubal, Chad Ehler, Jason Ehler, Wesley Janak and Rodney Barcak. For dessert, members brought a variety of sweet treats. GK Kenny then reviewed some of the highlights of the past year and the upcoming Council events in 2026 and thanked everyone for their participation. St. Joseph's Parish will be resuming the Mayfest celebration and fundraiser on the first Sunday of May in 2026. Lots of help will be needed from all parishioners. Meetings have already been held, and committee leaders have been named. Prior to that, our Council's popular Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser will take place on six Friday's during Lent beginning on Friday February 20, following Ash Wednesday on Feb 18th. Before returning to fellowship time, GK Kenny presented some surprise recognition awards to certain members (see above).

- **COUNCIL 7014 EXPENSES** for December include TXU outside (parking lot) security lighting \$84.44, Electric bill: APG&E \$760.23, SWMWSC water \$120.00, Dillo Disposal \$225.42, Brady's Pest Control \$108.25. Clayton HVACR \$10,982.76, Donations: St. Joseph's Church \$200, Church Bulletin Ad \$150.
- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** for the Dec. 19th 3000# delivery were Pete Zenner, Bernie Doud, Phil Konarik, Tom Alejandro, Marty Elman and Mike Korenek. Reminder calls by Pat Watson. Thanks to all for taking time out of your day to help with this project assisting the needy in our town.
- **EARLY 2026 IS GOING TO BE BUSY** for Council members and Parishioners. Planning for our Lenten Fish Fry's and Mayfest 2026 are both in motion now. The first Fish Fry is Friday Feb. 20. The menu for the Fish plate will be finalized and supplies, including the fish will be ordered. KC slaw will need to be made several days before the first Fish Fry. We all know how to do this for the six Friday Fish Fry's. During the Fish Fry's, the Mayfest committees will be actively planning for that fundraiser. Mayfest Raffle tickets will likely be available for sale during the Fish Fry's. The Mayfest committee sign-up sheets are in church at the front entrance. Half of February and all of March will be Fish Fry time. There are also a few KC Hall bookings that come up in February such as the Rotary Club fundraiser, First Responders chili supper and Milano HS Project Graduation fundraiser. March is unknown for now and April usually has the RVFD Giveaway fundraiser. So, as we can foresee at this point, it is going to be busy! Lots of local groups and organizations depend on the KC Hall and its members to meet their needs as well during the year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!