

**Owatonna**



**Council 945**

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

**FEBRUARY**  
**2014**

## COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South  
P.O. Box 623  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
**507.451.6103**

## KC LOUNGE

Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30  
Happy hour Mon-Fri 4 - 6  
Free Hors d'oeuvres during  
Friday happy hour.  
Member discount for Hall rental.

## BAR BINGO

Every Tuesday in the  
Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Officers Meeting - KC Hall,  
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
General Meeting - KC Hall,  
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall,  
Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**February 5** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 9** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
for KC Special Valentine  
**February 10** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**February 12** - General Meeting  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 23** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
for St. Isidore School  
**February 26** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**March 7** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Daughters  
**March 14** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's REP/CYO &  
Parent Provider Connection  
**March 21** - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Medford Catholic Daughters &  
Medford Knights of Columbus  
**March 28** - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

**Wednesday, February 5**  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, February 12**  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.



**Two great breakfasts  
this month!**



### KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

**Sunday, February 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
at St. Mary's School

All are welcome!

(Advance tickets available at the KC Hall and from  
Brother Knights)

Bring all the special people in your life to this  
special breakfast

**\*\* Valentine's candy for the kids \*\***

Super food - KC Country Breakfasts  
and KC Three Egg Omelets

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST St. Isidore School

**Sunday, February 23, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
at St. Mary's School

All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious  
KC Country Breakfasts &  
KC Three Egg Omelets.

### SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,  
and Burger Baskets  
Fridays in February - February 7, 14, 21, & 28  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

### WINTER COMFORT FOOD

Serving homemade soup and BLTs every  
Tuesday in February  
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge  
Enjoy winter comfort food before winning  
at bar bingo.

### Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014

February 9	KC Valentines Breakfast
February 23	St. Isidore School
March 9	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 27	Respect For Life/ St. Vincent DePaul Society
June 1	Smokin' In Steele

### SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2 - KC Hall  
Seahawks vs Broncos  
Doors open at 2:00 p.m.  
Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.  
Please RSVP for steak fry ASAP  
to guarantee your meal



### BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

**Every Friday during Lent**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. served in the KC Hall  
and Lounge**

**Fried or Baked Fish Plate,  
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,  
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee**  
Presale tickets - \$ 9.00, \$10.00 at the door

Kids under six eat free

*All you care to eat.*

#### 2014 Beneficiaries

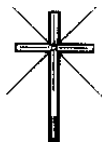
March 7	Catholic Daughters
March 14	St. Mary's REP/CYO & Parent Provider Connection
March 21	Medford Catholic Daughters & Medford Knights of Columbus
March 28	Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
April 4	Compassionate Friends & Birthright
April 11	St. Mary's Sports Boosters
April 18	Izaak Walton League

## Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

### Honoring Caregivers

Last month, I had the privilege and opportunity to lay to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Mr. Gary Holien, a 77-year-old resident of Owatonna. Gary was a longtime resident at Cedardale Homes, formerly known as Rainbow Residence. Gary was born in 1936 with the challenge of sight and hearing impairments. At the brief memorial service at the funeral home prior to his burial, I invited those who were present to share thoughts and memories of Gary. I was simply amazed, but not surprised, by the wonderful and loving sentiments about Gary shared by those most connected to his care over the years, even a social worker who had worked with Gary for many years. When I left the cemetery and made my way to retrieve my car, I couldn't stop thinking about the generous and loving care that his caregivers gave to Gary throughout his life. Caregivers in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences, and other places where people seek help in their living are the unsung heroes of our community. Often dealing with challenging and difficult clients, they seem to do so with an energy and compassion that seems without limit. So whenever I visit these places, I try to look for opportunities to thank the staff for the work that they do. I know that their work isn't easy and pay is likely not totally commensurate with their hard work, but they do it anyway because they see the need and they are able to respond to it in ways that I would personally find too much of a challenge. For what it is worth, I thank these folks for their good work, and for being so welcoming to me when I come to visit. I challenge all my Brother Knights and their families to join me in showing appreciation whenever the opportunity arises.

## Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson



Please remember in your prayers and thoughts all of our sick or injured members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. Let's also offer up prayers for all deceased members and their families.

***Let us be united in prayer for those facing ongoing challenges...***

*Bruce Born, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Terry Nelson, Chris Nikolai, Karen Pirk, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Mary Jo Schroeffer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### INMEMORY

**Please remember in your prayers the following individuals and their families:**

*Sylvia Prokopec, mother-in-law of Brother Knights Dean Velzke and Mike Hamilton passed away on November 23.*

*Brother Knight Rownell Weber passed away on December 26.*

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at (507) 676-1748.**

***"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*** (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

## Grand Knight's Message by Dustin Reese

I got a chance to see many of you out at the Chili Cook-Off, once again another quality event for the Knights of Columbus to be involved in. Thank you, Bill Lawrence, for making us a part of your event. A good time was had by all.

## Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Many years ago a client called me and said he had a problem. Basically, he told me over the years he had bought too much life insurance and didn't need it any more. So what you're saying, I countered, is that you have too much money.

No, he said, you don't understand. I have too much life insurance. Again I told him, you're telling me you or your family won't need or want as much money as you currently have. We repeated the conversation a third time – and then there was silence. After a long pause, he said, "I think you're trying to tell me something." It was like a light bulb being turned on.

I went on to explain that his savings account wasn't really a savings account. . . it's money. Just like his 401k. We call it a 401k, but it's really money, as is your pension or profit-sharing plan, your CD. . . your Social Security check . . . you're annuity payment in retirement. They're all names we give to different vehicles. But make no mistake...they are all just different forms of money.

And so it is with life insurance. It's really money. And what makes life insurance particularly unique and special is that it is delivered when needed most.

So next time you hear the term 'life insurance,' think in terms of what it really is. . . money. Like my friend, you will get a much clearer picture and a deeper appreciation of what this incredible vehicle is all about.

I welcome your thoughts, questions, and the opportunity to help. I can be reached at 213-9410 or [kevin.gallagher@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.gallagher@kofc.org).

Have a great month . . .

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

## BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia, every Saturday at the KC Hall in February at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

## K OF C CHORUS NEEDS YOU

More members are needed for the K of C Chorus. If interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Stephen Nelson at (507)455-0881.

## JUSTIN MCGUINN & JASON PLOOF

Will be performing your favorite old hits from yesterday Friday, January 31 - 8:30-10:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

## FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, February 3 in Waseca, Minnesota.

New members please be at the KC Hall in Owatonna, Minnesota at 5:45 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Waseca.

Any questions, please contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738.



# ***Membership Appreciation Dinner***

***Saturday, February 22  
KC Hall***



***Social - 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.***



***Entertainment in the Lounge following  
dinner - Satisfaction Lite***

***Free meal, Chef's Choice prepared by our  
Grand Knight Dustin, and one complimentary  
drink per attendee for all members and spouse/  
guest who have paid their 2014 dues, including  
paying them that evening.***

## 2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Michael Cronin  
Grand Knight: ..... Dustin Reese (507) 456-3523  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Dan Wolfe  
Chancellor: ..... Dave Lax  
Advocate: ..... Gary Sanford  
Warden: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
Recorder: ..... Ben Lampinein  
Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Steve Dornquast  
Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Randy Balauskys  
Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Wade Schroeder

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Dan Wolfe (DGK)  
Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Ruiter  
Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
KC Chorus Director ..... Stephen Nelson  
Building Director ..... Tom Elbert  
Director of Church Activities: ..... Pete Schneider  
Director of Community Activities: ..... Open  
Director of Council Activities: ..... Open  
Director of Youth Activities ..... Will Pieper  
Dir. of Family Life Activities: ..... Stephen Nelson  
Gambling Manager: ..... Josh Klecker  
District Deputy: ..... Randy Balauskys (PGK)  
KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
Benefits Advisor: ..... Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

## Knight of the Month



Ken Thurnau

The December Knight of the Month is a lifelong resident of Owatonna and a proud member of Council 945. Ken Thurnau joined the Knights of Columbus in May of 2012, alongside his son Matt. Ken says he joined because he saw it as an opportunity to do some stewardship and service for the church and community. However, he said, "I do have one regret – that I didn't join sooner."

Ken enjoys his time with the Knights, keeping busy with events like Smokin' in Steele, the benefit breakfast prep crew, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and the I-35 clean-up crew. The work is enjoyable, he says, because of the people. "I've known a lot of the guys for a lot of years. There's a lot of great guys, and great camaraderie," he said.

Ken is retired after working at Federated Insurance for 36 years, working in underwriting. Not long after his retirement in October of 1999, he started working part-time for Owatonna Motors as a parts delivery driver. He and his wife Mary Lou will celebrate 49 years of marriage this May. They have three grown sons, and are members at St. Joseph's Church. Ken's stewardship stretches to his home parish – he has served on the parish council, and also served as the Meals on Wheels coordinator for St. Joe's. The best part of this service, he says, is simply being able to help others.

In his spare time, Ken enjoys yard work, home improvement projects, and bicycling. Congratulations to Ken Thurnau, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

## Special Olympics Breakfast Kicks Off New Year

The Special Olympics breakfast held on January 12 at St. Mary's School had a good turnout, but was lighter than normal for this group. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance.

A big thank you goes out to the Sunday breakfast team. We couldn't do it with you: *Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Pete Gunther, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lax, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Jerome Spindler, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

When everything was totaled up, we served 315 breakfasts. We always receive comments from patrons about the excellent food and service. If you haven't attended a breakfast recently, this is a good time to find out for yourself.

The next benefit breakfast will be held on January 26. This free-will offering breakfast is a part of the St. Mary's School open house during Catholic Education Week. Take advantage of this opportunity to support Catholic Education in Owatonna.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We have an opportunity to attend the First Degree that will be held in Waseca on February 3. Any prospective members, please meet at the KC Hall in Owatonna at 5:45 p.m. to commute to Waseca. Transportation will be provided. We will be having another First Degree initiation on March 10 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. If you need any help in signing them up give me a call at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. Don't wait any longer, call and visit your prospective member today. Explain our council's accomplishments and invite them to join us, they will thank you.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. Statements have been sent out for the 2014 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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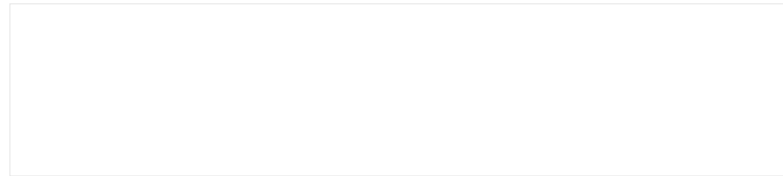
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***Benefit Breakfast***  
**KC Special Valentine**  
**February 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

***Benefit Breakfast***  
**St. Isidore School**  
**February 23, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

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## FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>2</b> Superbowl Party KC Hall Doors open at 2:00 pm Steak Dinner at 4:00 pm	<b>3</b> First Degree Exemplification Waseca, MN	<b>4</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	<b>5</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>9</b> Special Valentine Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for KC charitable projects	<b>10</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	<b>12</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentines Day  Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>22</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm  Membership Apprciation Dinner Social - 5:00 pm Dinner - 6:00 pm
<b>23</b> Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Isidore School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	<b>26</b> Fourth Degree Meeting-KC Hall 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	