

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.

January 8 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 12 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for Steele County
Special Olympics

January 12 - Call to be Catholic
Speaker Series
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.

January 13 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

January 15 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

January 18 - 10th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 26 - St. Mary's School
Open House &
Special KC breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 8

KC Hall

Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Steele County Special Olympics

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

at St. Mary's School

(advance tickets available)

"KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
The Wild omelet - cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,
milk and coffee

"KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee

All with table service - delicious food served
hot from the grill to your table.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 26

Special KC breakfast (freewill donation)
served at St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

All members and their families are invited to
process in and be seated together at this Mass.

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Contest open to all boys and girls ages 10 - 14.
Monday, January 13
Registration and contest - 6:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School Gym.
Help is needed from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Call Dustin Reese at (507) 456-3523, for more
information or to help.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2 at the KC Lounge
More info in the February *Key*

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 15

Program - 7:30 p.m.

by Kevin Raney, City Council Member,
Fourth Ward

10th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 18, 2014 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall
Complimentary Champagne and party favors
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

BAR TRIVIA

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

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2013-2014

January 12	Steele County Special Olympics
January 26	St. Mary's Open house (free will donation)
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

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Fridays in January - January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

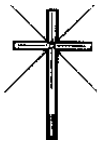
WINTER COMFORT FOOD

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

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

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 Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, 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, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Mary Jo Schroeffer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

INMEMORY

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

Gert Wolf Kneeskern, sister of Brother Knight Ron Wolf passed away on November 19.

Jan Bates, wife of Brother Knight Larry Bates passed away on December 13.

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

A Good Time Was Had by All

BINGO was the word shouted out loudly and many times at Senior Place on Wednesday, December 4th. It was the site of the annual Richard Rohwer bingo party which is sponsored by Council 945. Event planner Russ Bowar, works together with the Owatonna Park and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Department to plan the party for those with developmental disabilities.



The fun evening kicks off with pizza and soda pop for all attendees. This is just a precursor of the highlight for the evening, a rousing game of bingo. Brother Knight Tim Rice, official caller for many years, had this comment, "It's really a good feeling to see their faces light up when they shout out Bingo! We make sure everyone wins. We Brother Knights win too, as we help these special people enjoy the holidays."

A big thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped with this year's party: Russ Bowar, Jan Bowar, Tim Rice, Walt Spindler, Mike Schaffner, Barb Schaffner, Jim Wencil and Bruce Born. Thank you to Bill Regan and the Owatonna Bus Company for providing transportation. Also, thanks to Joni Oeltjenbruns and her confirmation class for their help.

**Let's welcome this New Year with smiles on our faces and hope in our hearts for the best.
Wishing you a very Happy New Year!
2014**

Grand Knight's Message by Dustin Reese

I got a chance to see our Council in action during the local Salvation Army Kettle Drive on Saturday, Dec 7th. Once again it shows the willingness of our Council members to help with whatever is needed. By partnering with the Salvation Army to cover this entire day, we have traditionally given them one of the biggest fundraising days of their entire Red Kettle Drive, I know this year's numbers were no different. I also ran into some Brother Knights on the following Saturday, Dec 14th working the kettles again for the Boy Scouts. Wow, hats off to all who did double duty. Thank you everyone who gave their time to help out in the community.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher



Life Insurance

Annuities

Long Term Care

Disability

*Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC
213-9410*

Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org



**Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE**
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having another First Degree initiation shortly after the first of the year, the date has not been set. If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 451-4102. 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. The 2014 dues will also need to be paid shortly after the first of the year. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

I would like to thank all Brother Knights who have signed up new members and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"The Call To Be Catholic" Speakers Series

presents

Raymond de Souza

3:00 pm., Sunday, January 12, 2014

St. Joseph's Church (512 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna, MN)

"The Gospel of Life and the Culture of Death"

Sponsored by Council 945

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive a complete success!

by Bill Lawrence, Red Kettle Chairman



Wade Schroeder family



Ron Kubicek and sons



Sam and Jeff Pumper



Scott and Mark Berkley



Curt Supalla

Once again the Owatonna KCs came through with staffing the Salvation Army Kettles during their annual drive. It could not have been any colder, or the wind blowing harder, but over 100 KC members and their families braved the weather to help our community. Thank you to all who helped, volunteered, or dropped money into the kettles on December 7.

Our captains {Ben Lempiainen, Bill Lawrence, Tim Rice, Wade Schroeder, Walt Spindler, and Dan Wolfe} did a fantastic job! These six (6) KC members did the bulk of the work by scheduling volunteers, delivering coffee/hot chocolate, and filling holes when needed. You can't do a project like this without a great team, and these guys have stepped up several years in a row.

And thanks to all of the volunteers and their families who braved below zero temperatures to help our community. Our volunteers ranged from the young to the old and Knights who joined two weeks to 30 years ago. Here is the list: *John Ahlberg, Scot Berkley Family, Tim and Mary Biegert, Tim Blum, Kevin Boettcher, Bill Bunkers, Jim Brunner, John Carlson, Lyle Coleman, John Connor, Rian Copeland, John Degner Family, Cathy and Luke Effertz, Tom Eichten, Brad Fischer, Gary Fischer, Steve Fischer, Bill Foreman, Tom Geber, Jim Gleason, Pat Hawkins, Ron Heim, Dale Janke, Lee and Paul Jardine, Tom Jirele, Jim Kaplan, Harlan Kern, Tom Knight, John Kriesel, Kevin Krumholz Family, Ron Kubicek Family, Dave Lax, Ben Lempiainen Family, Kurt and Karen Lindenbaum, Bruce Louks, Jordan Ludwig, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Travis Oltman Family, Joe Procopio, Jeff Pumper Family, Janie Rappe, Tim Rice, Dan Ruiter Family, Greg Salmonsens, Wade Schroeder family, Todd Schwanke, Lavonne and Nicole Sedivy, Leo Seykora, Gene and Janet Simon, Dave Skala, Nate Skala, LaVern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Lon Thele, Ken Thurnau, Eric Tucker, Dan Walsh, John Wheeler, Ray and Jeanne Willmott, Ron Wolf, Dan and Christopher Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.* We hope we mentioned everyone, and if we missed you we apologize.

But the real winner is the Owatonna community. It was nice to see pockets of change, bills (large and small), and even children dropping a dollar into the kettle. After seeing all the smiles and hearing all the good wishes, it seemed that the weather wasn't that cold or the wind wasn't blowing that hard. God Bless and Merry Christmas.

The Top Sword is not a contest as such. It's not something one sets out to win like a contest. Rather it is recognition for participating in the honor guard. The honor guard has often been referred to as the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

The honor guard participates in parades, corporate family communions, rosary march, visitations for deceased Brother Sir Knights, Memorial Mass, Elks Flag Day ceremony, Litomysl Summer Festival, to name a few.

This year, the honor guard participated in 13 events with 19 Sir Knights participating. This represents 93 man events (the total number of participants in the 13 events).

This year, there was a three-way tie for the Top Sword. These Sir Knights participated in nine events each.

Two recipients were runners up last year: *Eric Wandersee and LaVerne Klecker*

And, a brand new member of the honor guard: *Tony Nguyen*

Congratulations to these three Sir Knights.

2012 – 13 Top Sword Award



Faithful Navigator Lynn Becker presenting Top Sword Award to Eric Wandersee.



Faithful Navigator Lynn Becker presenting Top Sword Award to Tony Nguyen.



Faithful Navigator Lynn Becker presenting Top Sword Award to LaVerne Klecker.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON NOVEMBER 24



Timothy Blum and his wife Kelly have two adult children, Page and Kelsey. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He owns and operates Total Home Services. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



William Effertz is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a Steele County Assessor. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Greg Nelson.



Jay Hudrlik is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at MWI Animal Health Products. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Paul Hudrlik.



Dale Janke and his wife Margaret have three adult children, Ross, Kristin, and Cassie. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He owns United Snack Group. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Julio Letona and his wife Cynthia have three children, Julio, Robert, and Veronica. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is self-employed as a truck driver for Volk Transfer. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Kevin Skalicky and his wife Rebecca have one daughter, Brooke. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Central Coop. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Jim Skalicky.



Troy Skalicky and his wife Anne have two daughters, Katie and Nicole. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Wengers. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Jim Skalicky.



Christopher Smith and his wife Lynn have three children, Joey, Emma, and Grace. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at St. Mary's School where he teaches religion to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS

These First Degree Knights took their second and third degrees on November 23.

Casey Balausky

Mike Meger

Ryan Sanford

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 Balauskay
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 Balauskay (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



John Kriesel

The November Knight of the Month is a self-described “homer.” He’s passionate about pitching in for causes in his hometown – and his record backs that assertion up.

John Kriesel joined Council 945 about 12 years ago. As he was approaching retirement, John wanted to broaden his base of volunteering. He was hoping for something faith-based, and when Tim Rice approached him as a sponsor, it was a good fit because he always knew about the good deeds the Knights do.

“I want to help the good souls of Owatonna,” John said. “And the KC’s do a good job of doing that.”

John has donated time to the KC Brat Stand at the fair, the Tootsie Roll campaigns, the Salvation Army bell-ringing, the benefit breakfast set-up crew, fish fries, and Smokin’ in

Steele. Of course, he enjoys helping worthy causes, but he also enjoys the fellowship the Knights of Columbus provides. John became a member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly - Fourth Degree in the fall of 2010.

Prior to joining Council 945, John says he’d put in four terms on the United Way board, and had also served on the township board.

After 43 years of working at Federated Insurance, John is now retired. When he’s not busy volunteering for the many worthy causes the Knights serve, he’s working on his hobby farm or working on his game at the golf course. He’s also passionate about the Minnesota Golden Gopher Men’s Hockey Team.

John and his wife Judy are members at St. Joseph’s. Together, they also volunteer as greeters there. The couple has two grown sons. John and Judy are also fortunate to escape Minnesota winters by “snow-birding” in Phoenix each year.

Congratulations to Council 945’s Knight of the Month for November – John Kriesel!

Good Turnout for Extravaganza

As seems to be the custom for our Christmas breakfast we were again greeted by a cold, wintry day on Sunday, December 8th. The Council 945 breakfast extravaganza was very well attended. When the event came to a close, a total of 407 meals were served (367 adults and 40 children).

Attendees were entertained by the Knights of Columbus Chorus and were treated to a visit, especially arranged by the council, Santa Claus.

Ticket sales chairman LaVerne Klecker commented, “Pre-sale of tickets is very important for the success of a benefit breakfast. When faced with cold, wintry weather it is even more important. I would like to thank those Brother Knights who got out and sold tickets.”

All this hard work resulted in some nice income which allows the council to continue our charitable work.

Thanks go out to the Saturday morning prep crew who had everything set for the opening on Sunday morning. Here are the team members:

Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.

Kudos to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, John Degner, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, David Introne, Lee and Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lax, Tony Nguyen, David Pfeifer, Will Pieper and family, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolf, and Dave Wunderlich.,*

Many people helped make this event a success. If we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is appreciated.

We also want to thank those who supported the extravaganza by buying tickets and enjoying breakfast with us.

Make plans now to for the Owatonna Area Special Olympics benefit breakfast which will be held on January 12 at St. Mary’s School.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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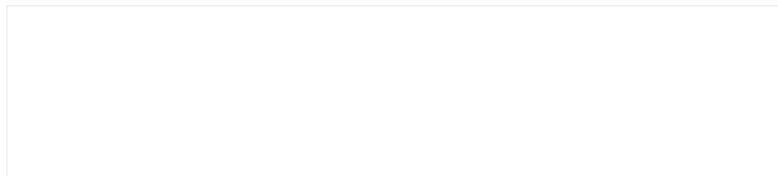
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Benefit Breakfast
for Steele County Special Olympics
Sunday, January 12 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Dec. 31 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Champagne & party favors at Midnight	1 New Years Day	2	3 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	4 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
5	6	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	8 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	9	10 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	11 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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