

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH  
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

**March 5** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**March 7** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Daughters  
**March 9** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
for St. Mary's Music Boosters  
**March 10** - First Degree  
Exemplification  
KC Hall - 6:30 p.m.  
**March 10** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**March 12** - General Meeting  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**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 27** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**March 28** - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree  
**March 30** - KC Family Corporate  
Communion - Sacred Heart -  
9:00 a.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 5  
KCHall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST

#### St. Mary's Music Boosters

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

\$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 At the door, Free under 6  
All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious  
KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets.

#### "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.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, March 30 - 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.  
A light breakfast will be served  
after Mass at the KC Hall.

### WINTER COMFORT FOOD

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

**Remember to mark your  
calendars for the delicious fish  
dinners every Friday night during  
Lent at the KC Hall. Please  
support these worthy  
beneficiaries.**

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 12  
KCHall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker will be Mary Fink from  
Steele County Clothesline

### Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014

March 9	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 27	Respect For Life/ St. Vincent DePaul Society
June 1	Smokin' In Steele



### 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.

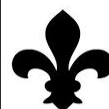
#### 2014 Beneficiaries

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

### 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.

### FAT TUESDAY - MARCH 4

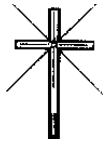


Serving gumbo in the lounge  
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m..  
Hurricane drink specials.  
**Beads Beads Beads**

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Welcome to our new member, Dillion Noble. We will be having a First Degree Exemplification on March 10 at the KC Hall in Owatonna beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Candidates please be at the KC Hall by 6:30 p.m.** 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. We still have a ways to go to achieve our membership goal for Star 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.

## 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, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Jim Klecker, 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, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, 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:**

*Erliss Kelzenberg, wife of Brother Knight Roland Kelzenberg, passed away on February 18.*

*Doug Sims, son-in-law of Brother Knight Joe Tupy passed away on February 16.*

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

## Message from Sharon & Joe Stiles

*Their son James is a seminarian and Council 945 has supported him with prayers and some financial assistance through the Knights of Columbus RSVP program. The Stiles family belongs to Sacred Heart Parish.*

James will be "called to Holy Orders for the Diaconate" on SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014..... But the funny thing is they don't "call them until a week before the actual date" so that is why I am asking people to pray now and letting them know ahead of time because if I wait until the actual week, if someone wanted to come, they might not have enough time to plan. But everything indicates that they will all be "called to Holy Orders to the Diaconate." Nothing indicates differently...

He will then be "called to Holy Orders for the Priesthood" in JUNE of 2015. I don't have the actual date for that-- I just know in June of 2015.

Please let the Knights of Columbus know that James was just initiated to a First Degree Knight 2 weekends ago.

So thanks again for all the prayers.

## Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher



Life Insurance  
Annuities  
Long Term Care  
Disability

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC  
213-9410  
Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org



## THANKS JOSH

Josh Klecker has been our gambling manager since taking over for his father in November of 2009. Josh did a wonderful job during his tenure and kept the ship sailing smoothly during the transition. Sadly for us though, Josh is resigning. He enjoyed the work, but with increased family responsibilities, he has decided to step down as gambling manager.

## GAMBLING MANAGER POSITION OPEN

Interested members should turn in their resume' to the club by Friday, March 14. You must understand accounting, have management skills, and be able to devote up to 20 hours a week. You must attend gambling manager classes, be bondable, and must have some computer experience.

## FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, March 10 at the KC Hall in Owatonna beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
**Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

## FISHING BANQUET

Saturday, April 5, watch for the April Key for details.

## COUNCIL 945 PRESENTS CHECK TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



*The Owatonna Special Olympics received a check from the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945. The check for \$4,000.00 will help pay for things like uniforms, camps, and travel costs. The money is the result of the KC's annual Smokin' in Steele event. The barbeque contest drew thousands of visitors from around southern Minnesota to sample the best in barbeque and blues music. It's an event the KC's are happy to sponsor for such a worthy cause.*



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

**Exemplified on February 3**

**Dillion Noble** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He farms on his family farm with his dad and also works with his family meat business, Farm on Wheels. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Mike Noble.

## 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 Balausky  
Trustee (1 year): .....PGK Wade Schroeder

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Dan Wolfe (DGK)  
Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Ruitter  
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 Balausky (PGK)  
KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
Benefits Advisor: ..... Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

## Knight of the Month



Tom Dietz

The January Knight of the month is a relative newcomer, but is certainly helping the men of Council 945 build upon the past. Tom Dietz joined the Knights of Columbus in March of 2012 because, in his words, "It was time to give." Since that time, he's given his time to the KCs at Smokin' in Steele (working start-to-finish), and the fairgrounds grandstand fundraiser.

"I just enjoy helping out," Tom said. "There's a lot of good stuff going on, and it's good to give a hand."

The Knights of Columbus has met his expectations for giving back to the community. However, he's no stranger to charity. Tom helped with concrete work at Sacred Heart Cemetery, saying that it's an expectation of a good community member, adding, "It's just something that you do."

Tom stays busy with his construction career with his father, David Dietz. Tom is a member of St. Joseph's Church.

Congratulations to Tom Dietz, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

## WINTER WEATHER DOESN'T HAMPER BREAKFAST'S SUCCESS

Despite the threat of a blizzard and extremely cold weather the two breakfasts, one near the end of January and the other in early February, resulted in some nice financial results for the beneficiaries.

The January 26 breakfast was a part of National Catholic Schools Week and was held in conjunction with a St. Mary's School open house. There was no presale of tickets, rather attendees made a free will donation for their meal. A total of 364 meals were served resulting in \$1,000.00 going to St. Mary's School.

The Saturday morning prep crew workers were: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremmer, John Henry, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, John Degner, Tom Docksey, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Roger Green, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Ben Lempianen, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Dan Ruitter, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The annual Valentine's Day breakfast was held on February 9. The hungry patrons came out for the KC signature breakfast featuring 3 different varieties of omelets and the ever popular country breakfast. When the final numbers were tallied up, there were 328 meals served which added \$2,062.00 to the Council 945 coffers. This money is used for the benefit of the various causes and charities supported by the Council.

The Saturday morning prep team: *Tom Bremmer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team members: *Tom Burke, John Deger, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Steve Graff, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Ben Lempianen, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Dan Ruitter, Dan Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Jerome Spindler, Troy Titus, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

We have many volunteers and try to name everyone. But, if we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is appreciated.

## COUNCIL 945 FREE THROW WINNERS



Owatonna Knights of Columbus, Council 945 held their annual Free Throw Championship on Monday January 13, 2014. The winners in the various divisions were as follows: 9 yr. old boys, Carter Johnson, 10 yr. old boys, Brayden Truelson, 11 yr. old boys, Jake Weseman, 12 yr. old girls, Maggie Krumholz, 12 yr. old boys, Keenan Young, 13 yr. old girls, Stephanie Liebl, and 13 yr. old boys, Ben Brownell.

All of these winners were advanced to the District competition, which was held at St. Mary's School gymnasium in Owatonna on Monday January 20, 2014 at 6 pm.

Event organizer Dustin Reese would like to thank those who helped including: Gary Nelson, Kyle Kozelka, Ronald Blakstad, and Tony Blakstad.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

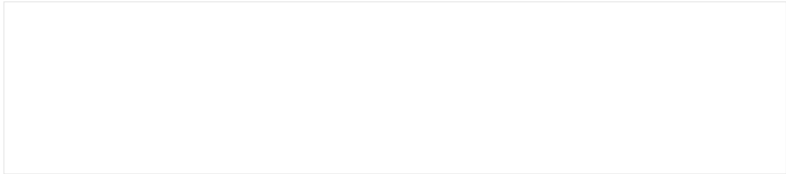
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



<p><b>Benefit Breakfast</b>                  St. Mary's Music Boosters                  March 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.                  St. Mary's School</p>
<p><b>KC Family Corporate Communion</b>                  Sacred Heart                  Sunday, March 30 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner</b>                  Every Friday during Lent                  5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                  KC Hall</p>

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<b>MARCH 2014</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
						<b>1</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Fat Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday  Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Catholic Daughters 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>9</b> Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Mary's Music Boosters	<b>10</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  First Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 6:30 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 Speaker will be Mary Fink from the Steele County Clothesline	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for St. Mary's REP/ CYO & Parent Provider Connection 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<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> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Medford Catholic Daughters & KCs 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>22</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Winter Comfort Food -5:45 pm KC Hall	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Fourth Degree Meeting-KC Hall 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>29</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>30</b> KC Family Corporate Communion Sacred Heart 9:00 am	<b>31</b>					