

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
2015

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

January 7 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 11 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for Special Olympics/Advocates
for Developmental Disabilities
January 12 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
January 14 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
January 17 - 11th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 22 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 25 - 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 7
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities

Sunday, January 11, 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 25
Special KC breakfast (freewill donation)
served at St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and homemade soup
every Tuesday in January
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall
Pub Grub served from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m.
Complimentary Champagne and party favors
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1, 2015 - at the KC Hall
Open at 11:30 a.m. to watch
Minnesota Gophers vs. Missouri Tigers
in the Citrus Bowl

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 14
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by John and Kathy Ihlenfeld to speak on the
National Special Olympics competition that they
attended.
Door Prizes Awarded

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1 - KC Hall
Doors open at 2:00 p.m.
Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.
Please RSVP for steak fry by Tuesday, Jan. 27
to guarantee your meal

PUB GRUB FRIDAY

KC Hall - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 2, serving appetizers, assorted
burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches,
shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and more.

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Fridays in January - January 9, 23, & 30
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge



11th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 17, 2015
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge
Owatonna, MN

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.

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Contest open to all boys and girls ages 10 - 14.
Thursday, January 15
Registration and contest - 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School Gym.
Help is needed from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Call Jeff Pumper at (507) 456-2985, for more
information or to help.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Update your beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy - that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

Meet with your agent to ensure that your family is properly protected!

Luke Rennie, FICF
General Agent
507-417-4169

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Brother Knights,

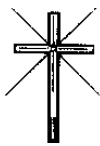
We are now in the new year of 2015 and I hope you and your families celebrated a very special and joyous Christmas holiday. For most of us, the beginning of the New Year is a time of hope and optimism for a more happy and prosperous year ahead. In fact, such optimism and new found resolve often leads us to adopt one or two New Year's resolutions for the coming year. You all know what I am talking about. The pledges we make to do something good for ourselves or for others, which start out with great intentions and enthusiasm, and somehow just fade away from lack of commitment. They are often health related, like losing weight, exercising more, quitting smoking or eating a more nutritious diet. These are no doubt important goals for many of us and I wish you great success if you decide to make one of these your new resolution. I could certainly use some more people in my after holiday weight loss support group for 2015.

I do have a suggestion for you if you would like to make a New Year's resolution that is an easy one to achieve and can have a significant benefit to your health. I am talking about your financial health in this case. If you attended our December General Meeting, you had a chance to meet and hear from Luke Rennie, our new KC General Insurance Agent for our area here in southern Minnesota. Luke and his family recently relocated to the Owatonna area and he has transferred to our council. He is currently our resource to all the insurance and savings products and services that the Knights of Columbus offers to its membership. We sometimes forget that one of the best benefits available to each Brother Knight is the exclusive access to these financial services, provided by the most trusted and highly rated insurance company in the country, the Knight of Columbus.

Whether you are a young Knight just starting his career or a family, or a more senior Knight planning for retirement or protecting the future well-being of his family, there are a number of valuable insurance program options that will help you and your family be protected now and well into the future. Remember that the Knights of Columbus was founded as a fraternal organization to provide aid and support to Catholic men and their families. Its top-rated financial programs continue to support that mission to this day. Without huge advertising and marketing expenses, we stay price competitive and through prudent investing strategies, we maintain safe and secure investments. So I encourage each of you to consider a resolution to make the call to Brother Luke and set up a time to review your financial needs and learn what the Knights Insurance programs may have to offer you. Instead of sales pressure, you will receive advice from someone whose mission is to aid and support the needs of Brother Knights and their families. Sounds like a way better resolution than eating more salads in 2015.

Vivat Jesus

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...

John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ron Schleif, Rita Schiller, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Mary Ann Sauer, mother of Father John Sauer passed away in St. Cloud on Wednesday, December 3.

Brother Knight Lawrence Bates passed away on December 17.

Brother Knight Armond Rezac passed away on December 17.

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

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014-2015

January 11	Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 25	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 8	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 22	St. Isidore School
March 8	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 19	St. Vincent DePaul Society

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive a complete success!

by Bill Lawrence, Red Kettle Chairman

Once again the Owatonna KCs came through with staffing the Salvation Army Kettles during their annual drive. More than 85 KC members and their families worked 175 hours and manned all of the spots in Owatonna. Two new stores this year also were manned, Sterling Drug and Fareway Foods. Thank you to all who helped, volunteered, or dropped money into the kettles on December 6.

Our captains, Wade Schroeder, Walt Spindler, and Dan Wolfe, did a fantastic job! These three 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 helped 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, Jerry Barry, Sean Benz, Mary Biegert, Tim Biegert, Tim Blum, Bill Bunkers, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicots, Lyle Coleman, John Connor, Rian Copeland, Tom Dietz, Tom Docksey, Terry Ebeling, Pat Fagan, Brad Fischer, Gary Fisher, Steve Fisher, Tom Gebur, Jim Gleason, Gerry Gunderson, Ron Heim, Jim Herzog, Mark Hood, Renee Hood, Dale Janke, Lee Jardine, Tom Jirele, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Ron Kubicek, Dave Lax, Ben Lampinein, Karen Lindenbaum, Kurt Lindenbaum, Bruce Louks, Tracy Mullenbach, Dave Mullert, Kadyne Mullert, Al Nelson, Greg Nelson, Steve Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Mark Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Jeff Pumper, Sam Pumper, Sue Redman, Tim Rice, Dan Ruiter, Greg Salmonsens, Gary Sanford, Ryan Sanford, Barb Schaffner, Mike Schaffner, LaVonne Sedivy, Dave Skala, Nate Skala, Lavern Soukup, Tom Soukup, Walt Spindler, Curt Supalla, Ken Thurnau, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Dan Walsh, John Wheeler, Jean Willmott, Ray Willmott, Ron Wolf, Dan 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. God Bless and Merry Christmas.



Rian Copeland and volunteer.



Tom Soukup and Tina Heim



Greg Salmonsens



Ray and Jeanne Willmott



Jim Herzog and Brian Carlson

2013 – 14 Top Sword Award



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 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree 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 15 events with 19 Sir Knights participating. This represents 98 man events (the total number of participants in the 15 events).

This year, the recipient of the Top Sword was *Tony Nguyen*. Congratulations to this Sir Knight.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON NOVEMBER 22



Joe Docksey is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He works at Infinite Campus as a software developer. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Tom Docksey.



Matt May and his wife Meghan have three children, Isla, Wilson, and Lincoln. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the store director of the Owatonna HyVee. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Tim Rice.



Albert Rysavy is a member of Holy Trinity Parish at Litomysl. He is a senior at Owatonna High School, where he is in the Concert Choir and member of the Carolers. He is planning on attending college after graduation. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Albert Rysavy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS

These First Degree Knights took their second and third degrees on November 22.

Tom Docksey Tom Jirele

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REINSTATED MEMBER

Robert Schisler sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

A Good Time Was Had by All

BINGO was the word shouted out loudly and many times at Senior Place on Wednesday, December 3rd. 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: Bruce Born, Danny Born, Russ & Jan Bowar, Gerry Gunderson, Lee & Paul Jardine, Tim Rice, Walt & Joan Spindler, and Mike & Barb Schaffner. 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.



Mike Schaffner visits with some of the guests.



Some of the guests enjoying the evening playing bingo.



Russ Bowar and guest enjoying the party.



Santa listens for requests from one of the guests.

2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Open
Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
Deputy Grand Knight: Dave Lax
Chancellor: Gary Sanford
Advocate: Nicholas Matejcek
Warden: Thomas Burke
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Ben Lampinein
Trustee (3 year): PGK Randy Balausky
Trustee (2 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dustin Reese

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dave Lax (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitier
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: Randy Balausky (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Tom Jirele

The November Knight of the Month is a lifelong Owatonna resident who's been active in a cause very dear to the men of Council 945: The Special Olympics.

Tom Jirele says he's coached for Special Olympians for a number of years. He uses words like "fun" and "rewarding" to describe working with the athletes, adding, "I learn more from them than they do from me."

Tom says he joined four years ago, with Laverne Klecker as his sponsor. He found the Knights of Columbus appealing because "They do a lot of great things. It's a good Catholic organization." He says he knows quite a few people who are active in the organization, and he's impressed with the volunteers who make the various events run smoothly.

Speaking of those events, Tom's been involved with Smokin' in Steele, the Steele County Free Fair, pancake breakfasts, and Salvation Army bell ringing.

Tom has three adult sons, and is a member of Sacred Heart. In his spare time, he enjoys helping people, and watching sports, including baseball, football, basketball, and wrestling. He's played softball for more than 20 years, and even was a part of a state championship with a Special Olympics team. Tom also enjoys traveling and family time.

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

Good Turnout for Extravaganza

Breaking tradition, the weather for our Christmas breakfast was not nearly as severe as in years past. The Council 945 breakfast extravaganza was well attended. When the event came to a close, a total of 352 meals were served (306 adults and 46 children).

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

Ticket sales chairman LaVerne Klecker commented, "Pre-sale of tickets is very important for the success of a benefit breakfast. 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, John Henry, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

Kudos to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Bruce Born, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Dylan Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Tom Gebur, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kassen, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, and Dan Wolfe.*

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 and Advocates for Development Disabilities benefit breakfast which will be held on January 11 at St. Mary's School.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having another First Degree initiation shortly after the 1st of the year, but 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 2015 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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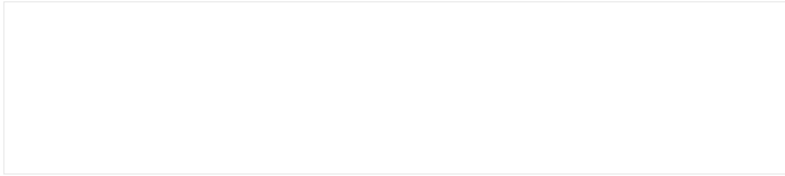
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Benefit Breakfast
 for Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
 Sunday, January 11 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

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Benefit Breakfast
 for St. Mary's Open House
 Sunday, January 25 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Dec. 31 New Years Eve Pub Grub - 5:30-6:45 pm Bar Bingo- 7:00 pm	1 New Years Day CLUB OPEN 11:30 a.m. Citrus Bowl	2 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	3 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
4	5	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	8	9 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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18	19	20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	21	22 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	23 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	24 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
25 St. Mary's Open House - St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm Special KC breakfast	26	27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	28	29	30 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	31 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm