

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
2012

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

April 4 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 6 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Izaak Walton League
April 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
April 11 - General Meeting and
Program - 7:30 p.m.
April 15 - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
April 21 - 26th Annual Night of
Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
April 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 27, 28, & 29 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser
April 29 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery &
Respect for Life

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 4
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
The speaker will be Brother Knight Jim Gleason and he
will be speaking about the Steele County Free Fair.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Sacred Heart Cemetery and Respect for Life

Sunday, April 29, 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.

26th ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION St. Mary's School Benefit Auction

Saturday, April 21, 2012
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.
Live Auction - 7:00 p.m.
Great Refreshments - Cash Bar
Mystery Raffle - Bucket Raffle - Split the Cash Raffle
"Bid It Now"
\$5.00 Admission (Must be 21 to attend)

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
Thursday, April 26, 2012, 4:45 pm.
Call Jim Gleason at 676-0271 to sign up.
Meet in the parking lot at
151 Park Drive (First Supply).
Refreshments at the Hall after the clean-up.

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 - \$8.50, \$9.00 at the door
Kids under six eat free
Super-size meal option, available at the door with
any ticket.
2012 Beneficiaries
March 30 Steele County Special Deputies
April 6 Izaak Walton League

Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser

For people with Developmental Disabilities
Collected funds are disbursed to local organizations,
with the exception of a small percentage (5%), which
helps fund the Fall Classic Special Olympic events held
in the Twin Cities.
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday - April 27, 28, & 29
At these locations: Cash Wise, HyVee, Wal-Mart,
& Post Office
Help us set a new record!
To help, call Al Nelson at (507) 456-4635

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 15, 2012

St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

We will be hiding 6 KC membership numbers
someplace in the newsletter. Find your number and
collect two free drinks at the KC Club Room. Simply
present your membership card and show the bartender
your number in *The Key*. There is a copy of *The Key*
posted on the bulletin board. You will receive two
complimentary drinks. Winners' names will be
published in the next edition of *The Key*.

The March winners are: John Ahlberg, Dan Blum, Tom
Burke, Lyle Coleman, Mark Cunningham, and
Steve Graff.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our newest members. We are over halfway of making our membership quota for Star Council. We are planning on holding another First Degree Exemplification at the KC Hall in Owatonna in May, date to be determined. The date will be announced in the next **Key**. Also, we are planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son will be home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus. We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, just give me a call 451-4102 or 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 2971756

Our Council has accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and renewed energy we can do more. 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.

Also, I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2012 please get them paid, our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council expenses. Thank you.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

What to write... what to write? A reminder was sent to me (not that uncommon) about the deadline for my article fast approaching and I was once again faced with the dilemma of what to write about. Often my choice centers around a question recently brought to my attention by a fellow Knight. This month's issue is about a question recently asked by a policy owner about the safety of the funds in Knights of Columbus insurance plans and annuity retirement funds. I think you will find the answer interesting.

As you know, I have over the past dozen-plus issues, brought to your attention how uncommonly strong we are and, more important, why this is so critical, especially in today's volatile and unsettled economic world we live in. You can take comfort in knowing there is no other insurance carrier in North America (not just the United States) with higher ratings than your Knights of Columbus.

I have always believed the financial strength of an insurance company is the single-most important factor in determining who to do business with. Illustrations are, frankly, not worth the paper they are printed on and I can give you case-by-case-by case examples why this has always been 100% true.

In addition to having the highest possible ratings from independent sources such as A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, you might be interested in knowing in 2011 our surplus was \$1.95 billion and our reserves (the additional cushion to guard the values of your protection) exceeded the minimum required by \$181,163,951. My final point is one which probably doesn't get the print it should. The Knights of Columbus uses a set of criteria to screen all investments for compliance with Catholic principles. How many companies, anywhere in the world, are willing and able to stand up to what they really believe in? This is the core of who we are... what we stand for... and we take it very seriously.

Thank you for the privilege to work on you and your family's behalf. Have a great month.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC 213-9410

P.S. Thank you to those who attended our seminars on March 20. Another is scheduled for June 12 and our guest speaker will again be attorney Lisa Pluto. Please see details in this issue.

Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

Greetings! It has been a busy month and April looks to be even busier. The biggest event that we have coming up is our annual "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities." Does this sound familiar? If it does not, everyone may know it as the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. It is important that we recognize the purpose of the drive, yes people look forward to the "Tootsie Roll" however, do they know what they are giving to? This is our opportunity to start letting everyone know. To that point, we again will need volunteers to man the various locations, during the weekend of April 27, 28, and 29th. There is an article in this **Key** as to who to contact. 3902012

Congratulations to the Knight of the month Dan Wolfe!!!

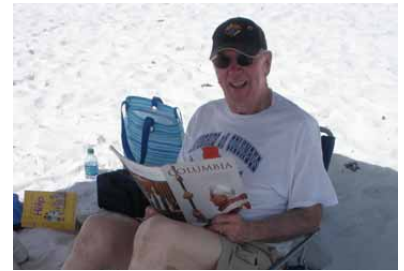
Congratulations to our seven new members who attended our March 14th Exemplification. If you see them around, please welcome them. Their pictures are in **The Key**. Congratulations!!!

I could go on naming all the events coming up, but I would rather refer you to reading **The Key** and checking the calendar and/or our web page.

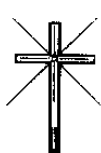
In closing: I received a wonderful note from Tim Rice. Tim, even though he is down South for a few months, he still takes the time to keep in touch and give his advice for **The**

Key and other events that occur. I was actually able to get a picture of him hard at work for us. Note he is checking out the latest edition of Columbia Magazine, the KC Supreme publication. Thank You Tim!

God Bless.



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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Lauren Ryan, wife of Phil Ryan, Grand Nephew of Brother Knight Tim Rice. Lauren is dealing with some serious health issues.

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

Frank Conley, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Jim Joachim, Harlan Kern, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Eugene Gallea passed away on March 10. Wanda Stafford, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Tom Elbert passed away on March 12.

If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at 455-3976.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

EXEMPLIFIED ON MARCH 14, 2012, AT THE KC HALL IN OWATONNA, MN



Thomas Bauer

Thomas Bauer is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Thomas is employed by Rust Consulting in Faribault. Thomas was sponsored by his dad Brother Knight Dan Bauer.

Thomas Dietz is a member of St Joseph Parish. Tom is employed by Dietz Construction. Tom was sponsored by his dad Brother Knight David Dietz.

Adam Hedberg is a member of St Joseph Parish. Adam is employed by Ryan Electric in Rochester. Adam was sponsored by Brother Knight Joe Herzog,

Scott Holzerland and his wife Katie have two daughters Emily and Erin and two sons Mark and Luke. They are members of St Joseph Parish. Scott is employed by Federated Insurance. Scott was sponsored by Brother Knight Chris Herzog.



Gregory Lenz

Gregory Lenz and his wife Heather have a daughter Ally and a son Zack. They are members of St Joseph Parish. Gregory is a physical therapist at Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute at the Owatonna Hospital. Greg was sponsored by Brother Knight Wade Schroeder.

Andrew Nyland and his wife Anne Marie have one son Ean. They are members of St Joseph Parish. Andy is employed by Quality Electric in Owatonna. Andy was sponsored by Brother Knight Chris Herzog.

Nathan Skala and his wife Diane are members of St Joseph Parish. Nathan is employed by Federated Insurance. Nathan was sponsored by Brother Knight Joe Herzog.



Andrew Nyland



Thomas Dietz



Adam Hedberg



Scott Holzerland



Nathan Skala

Knights of Columbus Drug and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest winners



Members of Council 945 are reviewing all the great posters turned in during this years contest. Honorary judges for this years contest are (L-R) Laverne Klecker (PGK) Dave Fandel, Bill Lawrence (PGK), Paul Schneider, and Joe Elbert (PGK, DD). Not pictured - Wade Schroeder.

The Knights of Columbus Drug and Alcohol awareness poster contest was held locally during the early part of 2011. The entries were broken into two categories; Drug awareness and Alcohol awareness, with winners chosen in each category. The students were allowed to compete in only one of the two awareness categories. Representatives from Council 945 gathered on February 29, 2012, to judge the posters the students put together. Because of the large amount of great posters turned in this year, picking the winners again proved to be difficult.

First place winners this year are Rebekkah Boubin (Drug Awareness) and Whitney Minton (Alcohol Awareness). Second place winners were Mackenzie Haberman (Drug Awareness) and Ryan Krumholz (Alcohol Awareness). 4384397

The two first place winning students will each receive a \$100.00 savings bond and second place will receive a \$50.00 savings bond from the Knights of Columbus local Council 945. The first place entries will also be forwarded on to compete further at a State level. All of the students who participated in the contest will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation and are appreciated for the level of creativity and talent shown in the entries.



Smokin' In Steele

BBQ Contest & BLUES FEST

Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands Garden Tractor Pull
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons Bean Bag Competition
New in 2012 - 1st Annual Smokin' In Steele 5k run/walk and kid's 1/2 mile fun run!
Award Winning Food Vendors Delicious Pancake Breakfast

The Steele County Fairgrounds
Owatonna, MN
Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 1, 2, & 3
 Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

Blues Bands

<i>Eddie 'devilboy' Turner</i>	<i>Shaun Murphy</i>
<i>The Fabulous Love Handles</i>	<i>Bobby Messano</i>
<i>Bruce Katz</i>	<i>Mike Fugazzi</i>
<i>Boom Boom Steve V</i>	<i>The Mark Cameron Band</i>
<i>Jimmy Voegeli & The Jimmys</i>	

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 3 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

We need **volunteer** help for all of the different activities to make the Smokin' In Steele a HUGE success. Please volunteer to help, if you are contacted to help, please say "YES." If you do want to volunteer, please contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102, Walt Spindler at (507) 451-7613, or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428. 3049776

More info in the May Key or check out the website: smokininsteale.com



Attention Knights & Family

Mark your calendar for two important informational meetings which will address issues pertinent to all members. Information is provided below. Please plan to join us.

When: Tuesday, June 12.

Morning Session: 10:00-11:30.

“Estate Planning 101, Powers of Attorney & Healthcare Directives”

This session will cover powers of attorney, healthcare directives, wills, trusts and the importance of each. Also, probate avoidance & tax planning issues for 2012 and beyond.

Evening Session: 7:00-8:30

“Protecting Your Assets from the Nursing Home”

This session will cover the basics of medical assistance eligibility criteria, categorization of assets and basics of asset reductions. Also new rules on transfers and the effect that will have on future planning.

Our guest speaker will be Lisa Pluto, attorney with Pluto Legal, PLLC. Lisa concentrates her practice in the areas of Medical Assistance & Estate Planning.

Location: St. Joseph Church, Lower Level. 512 S. Elm. Owatonna.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC, at 213-9410.

Fall Fishing Trip

Once again, we are planning a Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish) and there is room for you to join the trip.

The reserved dates are Sept 29 – Oct 2, returning on Oct 3. Fishing has been good (for some, at least) on this trip during the past few years – and the fall color scenery is really nice as well. The trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday) provided by Mark and the Columbian Center.

For more info, please contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausky (507) 213-9862
Deputy Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder
Chancellor: Dustin Reese
Advocate: Steve Graff
Warden: Dan Wolfe
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
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Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (2 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
Trustee (1 year): PGK Steve Dornquast

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Program Director: Wade Schroeder
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Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
Family Director: Stephen Nelson
Health Director: Dr. Mark Nelson
Recruit Director: PGK Mark Cunningham
Youth Director: Will Pieper
Membership Director: PGK LaVerne Klecker
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
Lecturer: PGK Mark Cunningham
Historian: Open
Retention Chairman: PGK LaVerne Klecker
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Comm Chairman: Tom Elbert
Gambling Manager: Josh Klecker
District Deputy: PGK Joe Elbert
KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Dan Wolfe

The February Knight of the Month is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, a Packer fan, and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – but is he a procrastinator?

Dan Wolfe is the Knight of the Month – he used the word *procrastinator* because he says he wishes he'd joined the Knights of Columbus sooner.

Dan Wolfe became a KC back in February 2010, sponsored by LaVerne Klecker. Since then, Dan's been very involved with Council activities, whether it's Smokin' in Steele, the many benefit breakfasts, the Steele County Free Fair brat stand, the Tootsie Roll drive, or the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign – he's lending a helping hand to do the good work of the Knights.

Dan says he joined because the KC's are "a good group of people." He added that there's "a lot of good things going on." Dan is a Senior HR Manager at Mediacom in Waseca. He and his wife of 29 years, Kathy are members of St. Joseph's. They have a daughter and a son. When Dan's not busy at work or lending a hand to the Knights, he says he enjoys golf, and fishing – and is looking forward to doing some traveling with his wife in the future.

While Dan says he wishes he had joined the KC's sooner, he still says the experience so far has been a good one. "It's a lot of fun," he said. "It's very fulfilling. I'm glad I joined."

And the Knights are glad Dan joined, too. And that's why he's the February Knight of the Month. Congratulations, Dan!

Busy time for KC Breakfast Team

The breakfast on February 26 was held for the Center for Family Unity. This benefit breakfast raised \$500. Vickie Skala expressed the appreciation of the Exchange Club for the support by the Knights of Columbus. The *Tuition Daddies* entertained our breakfast patrons with popular music and jazz standards.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.* 3902006

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Terry Kuck, Tony Nguyen, Al Nelson, Jeff Otto, Dave Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Curt Supalla, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Our Sunday closers were: *Brian Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Mike Goddard, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, and Al Nelson.*

The breakfast held on March 11 for St. Mary's Music Boosters.

This breakfast raised \$800. The morning was made cheerful by the music from St. Mary's Band and Liturgy Choir.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Jerry Barry, Brian Carlson, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Tom Burke & son, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Joel Garten, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Tony Nguyen, Al Nelson, Jeff Otto, Dave Pfeifer, Doug Philips, Mark Philips, Dan Sawyer, Devin Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Eric Tucker, Chuck Walerius, John Wheeler, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Our Sunday closers were: *Tom Burke & son, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Roger Green, Lee Jardine, LaVerne Klecker, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Doug Philips, Mark Philips, Wade Schroeder, Chuck Walerius, and Dave Wunderlich.*

As is apparent from this long list of breakfast team member names, we have an excellent group of dedicated members who are the very best at preparing high-quality food in a very efficient manner. Our thanks to all of you for an outstanding effort. If we accidentally omitted your name, please accept our apology and let us know. And thanks to all the breakfast patron whose participation makes the breakfast project so successful. 1697050

FRIDAY BURGER BASKETS

Served in the Lounge Fridays April 13, 20, and 27 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Burger, fries or onion rings, and cole slaw

PUB QUIZES (TRIVIA)

Every Thursday in April
7:00 p.m. in the KC Lounge
Get your team of one to four members together.
Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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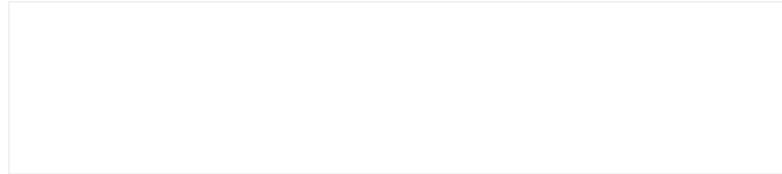
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Benefit Breakfast
Sacred Heart Cemetery and Respect for Life
April 29, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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26th Annual Night of Knights Auction
Saturday, April 21, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School



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22	23	24 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	25	26 Fourth Degree Business Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 pm Pub Quizes KC Lounge 7:00 pm I-35 Clean-up First Supply 4:45 pm	27 Friday Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	28 Tootsie Roll Fundraiser
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