

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
2013

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

March 29 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Izaak Walton League
April 3 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
April 8 - First Degree
Exemplifications
KC Hall - 6:30 p.m.
April 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
April 10 - General Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Program
April 14 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
for Respect For Life and
Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund
April 20 - Fourth Degree
Exemplification
Rochester, MN
April 20 - 27th Annual Night of
Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
April 25 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 26, 27, & 28 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 3
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by Scouts from Troop 253 to discuss
Eagle Projects.
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Respect for Life and Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund

Sunday, April 14, 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.

27th Annual Night of Knights Auction St. Mary's School Benefit Auction Wild, Wild West

Saturday, April 20, 2013
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.
Live Auction - 7:00 p.m.
Great Refreshments - Food and Cash Bar
Mystery, Split the Pot, and Vacation raffles
Car and Cash raffle tickets available only in
advance. Can be purchased at KC Hall,
St. Joseph Parish office, or St. Mary's School.
Questions can be directed to Annie and Matt
Jessop at info@nightofknights.com

Playing the Classics

Justin McGuinn and Jason Ploof
Saturday, March 30 - 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
KC Lounge



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, \$9.50 at the door
Kids under six eat free

Super-size meal option, available at the door with
any ticket.

2013 Beneficiary

March 29 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 26, 27, & 28
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

First Degree Exemplification

Monday, April 8
Owatonna KC Hall
Time: 6:30 p.m.
New members be at the Hall 6:00 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7, 2013
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

The election of Francis, Bishop of Rome, fills us with hope and anticipation. The Knights of Columbus have a great loyalty to the Holy See as a sign of our faith in Christ who founded his Church on the rock of the faith of St. Peter. St. Peter's faith seemed at times to be more like a grain of sand. That makes it clear that the glory belongs to Christ for it is our Lord who upholds us, and Peter, as well as Francis. 3902009

Brothers, may the coming Easter season remind us to keep our gaze fixed on Christ who in the power of the Holy Spirit leads us to the Father. The communion we share in faith is marked as apostolic. In each Pope, as well as in our Bishop and the other members of the College of Bishops we have the guarantee that we share in the faith of Jesus Christ who gave himself over for our sake and for our salvation.

A suggestion I have for each member of our councils is to consider making an Ignatian retreat. The spiritual insight of St. Ignatius of Loyola will help understand the unique contribution Pope Francis will make in the task of preaching the Gospel in our time. In the silence we can better listen to the Word. In the discernment we learn the skills to apply the Word in our lives and grow in faith. In the direction of the retreat master we realize that we are deeply connected with a tradition which is living and we are never alone. The faithful of every age pray with us and for us as we move forward under the standard of the Kingdom.

We have had the blessing of extraordinary Popes in the last century and in the present. I hope we are all grateful for the witness of Benedict XVI, Emeritus Pope, and continue to pray for him. May Easter joy bless our families and friends, our parishes and institutions, as well as our councils.

*'For behold, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers have already appeared in the land;
The time has arrived for pruning the vines,
And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land.
The fig tree has ripened its figs,
And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance.
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along!'* "
Song 2:11-13

Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

I have discovered that there are many crossroads in life to consider. However, I find pondering what may have happened if another path would have been taken a fruitless usage of energy. The chain of events we put into place with each of our decisions catalyzes the need for many more decisions; the sum total of which ultimately leads us to where we are and who we are. Each decision we make leads to the next but without the first, the second and third likely will not exist. While a good amount of prayer is recommended for the major decisions, even the minor ones can cause a change in course and ultimately amount to a change in the outcome.

Assuredly after a lot of prayerful consideration, the Cardinals of the Catholic Church have recently chosen our next Papal leader, Pope Francis. While our new Pope is touted as the Pope of the poor by the media and others, the church's future has now been set in motion while the church's faithful get used to not adding a Roman numeral after our new Pope's name. We look forward to the multitude of future decisions that will become possible because of this initial choice the Church's Cardinals have made with the full knowledge that the future of the Catholic Church will be in part an outcome of their decision. Please pray for Pope Francis, the Catholic Church, and the rest of the church's leaders as we embark on the next phase of our church's journey. 3500291

While I am not being asked to come up with a new name as a result, I too have encountered a crossroad in my working career. After my own prayerful consideration and a few discussions with my family, I have accepted an opportunity at my work that will require me to travel extensively for the immediate future. The duration of this assignment is not set in stone but, while it is not permanent, I am aware that it will keep me from being able to ensure that I can be at the monthly meetings of the Council for right now. Because of this constraint and after discussions with the council leaders, some of the responsibilities of the Grand Knight and specifically the running of the council meetings have been turned over to Dustin Reese, our current Deputy Grand Knight. While I intend to continue to be involved in most of the happenings of the council officers, the council and to work closely with Dustin, I will likely doing most of my work from a distance for the near future. Please offer your support to Dustin as he continues the momentum of the council for the remainder of the council year.

Vivat Jesus

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Long Term Care Coverage is an important piece of the puzzle...

I have touched on the importance of considering long term care coverage a number of times in past articles. I'm going to touch on it again and ask you to think about getting this important coverage if you haven't already. 3542354

Statistics vary from study to study but In a nutshell, if you are married, the chances are pretty good one of you will need care. For most, that should be enough of a statistic to prompt you to at least look into whether or not this makes sense for you. As I tell everyone, what harm could ever come from at least taking a look?! The real harm comes from burying your head in the sand and pretending the need doesn't exist. But it does...and it's something that raises havoc with even the best laid plans.

One of the biggest misconceptions floating around regarding this coverage is that it is too costly. Of course there is a cost...there is a cost to having auto insurance, homeowners insurance, etc. But the cost of not having it and needing it is prohibitive. Ask yourself...do I make a little mistake (having it

and never needing it) or a BIG mistake (not having it and needing it)?! The statement, "I'd rather get it 10 or 20 years too early than try to get it one day too late" is profound and something we all should think about.

As most of you know, your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company has a superb product. While many insurance companies have either gotten out of the long term care business or have raised premiums, the Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a single premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased a LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Talk about stability when it counts!

If we haven't spoken about this valuable coverage please take time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember...everyone sooner or later becomes uninsurable. Don't make the BIG mistake. Thanks for taking the time to read (and think about) my message to you this month.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC 213-9410



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
2nd Annual Smokin' In Steele 5k run/walk and kid's 1/2 mile fun run!
Antique Tractor Display Award Winning Food Vendors Delicious Pancake Breakfast*

**The Steele County Fairgrounds
Owatonna, MN**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 31, June 1, & 2

Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

Blues Bands

<i>Lisa Mann & Her Really Good Band</i>	<i>Johnny Neel</i>
<i>The Altered Five</i>	<i>Mike Fugazzi</i>
<i>The Fabulous Lovehandles</i>	<i>The Mark Cameron Band</i>
<i>The Rusty Wright Band</i>	<i>Dave Lambert</i>
<i>The Kelly Richie Band</i>	<i>Annie Mack</i>
<i>Anthony Gomes</i>	<i>Don Scott & Curtis Blake</i>

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 2 - 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 Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

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



Here are short bios on 3 of our great bands we have lined up.

Lisa Mann & Her Really Good Band

Lisa is a proud inductee into the Cascade Blues Association's Hall of Fame after winning the Muddy Waters Award for Bass Player of the Year three times in a row. In Nov of 2012, Lisa took home the Muddy for Bass yet again, and to top that off, she took home Female Vocalist of the Year and her "Really Good Band" won Contemporary Blues Act of the Year. In 2011, she and her Really Good Band represented the CBA at the International Blues Challenge, where they made it to the semi-finals. Her latest CD, Satisfied, is currently the CBA's choice for the Best Self-Produced CD competition through the Blues Foundation. Lisa also won the Portland Music Award for Outstanding Achievement in Blues in 2012.

The Kelly Richie Band

Kelly Richey has been described as "Stevie Ray Vaughan trapped in a woman's body with Janis Joplin screaming to get out." From Lexington, Kentucky, Kelly Richey is a master Blues guitarist who has been compared to such legends as Jimi Hendrix, Walter Trout, Bonnie Raitt and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Richey's powerful guitar chops capture an audience with muscular, aggressive guitar leads that will amaze even the most seasoned blues enthusiast. Richey has been touring as a pro since her teens; for over 30 years, Richey has been burning up the fret board on her Strat with hard-hitting, riff driven, gritty blues-based rock.

Annie Mack

What do you get when you combine blues, roots, gospel, country and soul? A powerful and eclectic mix that makes up the rich layering that is the essence of Annie Mack. With a powerful voice, strong presence and captivating storytelling ability Annie Mack is a force to be reckoned with. Following in the footsteps of the Blues Women before her, she makes a genuine connection with her audience. She upholds the tradition of "Testifyin" about the experiences of Life.

Breakfast Groups Benefit Despite Wintry Weather Pattern

A pattern of wintry weather for the week-ends has not kept the benefit breakfast beneficiaries from reaping the fruits of their labors. Good pre-sale ticket efforts offset the slight drop in attendance at the breakfasts.

The breakfast on February 24 was held for St. Isidore's School of Litomysl. The always strong support of this group resulted in raising \$1,000. St. Isidore's School Principal Mary Hawkins commented, "The students, parents, and staff appreciate the support provided by the Knights of Columbus. We are fortunate to be able to offer a strong Catholic faith based education to the Litomysl community."

These are the Saturday prep team members: Jerry Barry, Tom Bremmer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.

The Sunday team included: John Ahlberg, Randy Balausky, Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Dave Intron, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Al Nelson, Chris Nikolai, Jeff Otto, Will Pieper and family, Dan Ruitter, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, and Eric Wandersee.

A special thank you to Mary Lax and Will Pieper for their extra efforts for this breakfast.

The breakfast held on March 10 was for the St. Mary's Music Boosters. Attendees at this breakfast were treated to music by the St. Mary's Band and Choir. Their attendance, coupled with a good pre-sale ticket effort, helped raise \$750 for this group.

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The Sunday team included: *John Ahlberg, Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Mike Goddard, Steve Graff and wife, Roger Green, Gerry Gunderson, Pete Gunther, Ron Heim, Dave Intron, Lee Jardine, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Ben Lempianen, Al Nelson, Chris Nikolai, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Dick Thamert, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlik.*

There are two benefit breakfasts remaining in the 2012/2013 season. On April 14, the breakfast will be held for the benefit of Respect for Life and the Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund. The final breakfast will be held on June 2 at the Beer Garden in the Steele County Fairgrounds. The proceeds of this breakfast are for the charitable work of Council 945. It marks the culmination of the 2012/2013 benefit breakfast season as well as the 6th annual Smokin' In Steele barbeque contest and blues fest. 1815056

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports our benefit breakfasts, both attendees as well as our dedicated workers.



KC leaders proudly display the new icon for the adoration chapel. Pictured left to right: Lynn Becker, Faithful Navigator; Wade Schroeder, Grand Knight, and Deb Korluka, iconographer.

Council and Assembly Combine Purchase Icon

A joint effort by Council 945 and the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly - Fourth Degree provided funding for a third icon placed in the Catholic Community Adoration Chapel of the Most Holy Cross. The icon depicts Mother Teresa and joins the other icons; St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Catherine of Siena. They were donated by parishioners in memory of loved ones. The iconographer who created the icon, Deb Korluka, is based in Stillwater, Minnesota and was part of the "Call to be Catholic" series. She spoke at St. Joseph's Church on March 17, 2013.

The council and assembly are pleased to make this contribution to a place open to all who want to meet Jesus in a quiet and solemn surrounding. If you have not done so, we urge you to check it out. It is located immediately behind St. Joseph's Church. 3776037

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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 Director of Community Activities: Open
 Director of Council Activities: Open
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Knight of the Month



Chris Nikolai

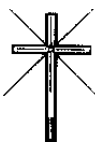
The February Knight of the Month is a relative newcomer, but he has an affinity for trivia and fine chili. Chris Nikolai became a member of Council 945 in 2012, and was sponsored by his father, Randy Balausky. Chris can often be seen helping out at the hall with the Burger Basket events, the shrimp fries, or at the benefit breakfasts. He said, "I decided to join the KC's because I wanted to better myself. But I've found that I really just enjoy the camaraderie with the guys. It's a great group and I have a lot of fun while helping others. But, still, the best part of the membership is just the chance to volunteer."

Chris is a 2000 graduate of Owatonna High School. He works at KFC in Owatonna, and also helps out quite often with the family business. He says he works too much to have hobbies, but will still find time to piece together puzzles or assemble model cars. And of course, he now fits in volunteering for the many causes of the Knights of Columbus.

And about that affinity for fine chili: Chris, along with his brother Casey Balausky, recently won the "Chef's Choice - Red Chili" this year at the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Chili Cook-Off Competition - making his father - and fellow competitor - envious. Despite it being his first time competing, Chris swears it was not beginner's luck that brought him the trophy.

Congratulations to the February Knight of the Month, Chris Nikolai!

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:

Mary Mamer, wife of Brother Knight Gil Mamer had shoulder surgery.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Wilbert Hunt, 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, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Carol Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Magdalene Betsinger passed away on March 9. Magdalene was the mother of Brother Knight Gary Lurken.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, April 8, 2013, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Please have all new candidates at the Hall by 6:30 p.m.. 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, please contact me. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 3293499

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.

If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

I-35 Clean-Up

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
 Thursday, May 2, 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.

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*. Winners' names will be published in the next edition of *The Key*.

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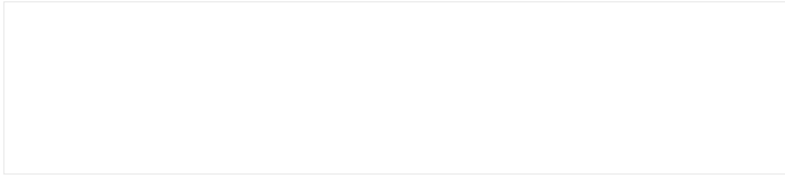
First Degree Exemplification

**April 8 - 6:30 p.m.
KCHall**

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Benefit Breakfast

**Respect for Life and Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund
April 14, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School**



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	1	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4	5 Burger Baskets KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	6
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