

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
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

March 27 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Birthright & Compassionate Friends

March 29 - KC Family Corporate
Communion - St. Joseph Church
9:30 a.m. Mass

April 1 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

April 3 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Izaak Walton League

April 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

April 8 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.

April 18 - 29th Annual Night of
Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.

April 18 - Fourth Degree
Exemplification
Brooklyn Park, MN

April 19 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Vincent DePaul Society

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

April 24, 25, & 26 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 1
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 8
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Door Prizes Awarded

BENEFIT BREAKFAST St. Vincent DePaul Society

Sunday, April 19, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUNGE OPENING AT NOON ON SATURDAYS IN APRIL Slider Saturday Specials

Serving 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Burger and fries - \$5.00

Burger Happy Meal - \$7.25

Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog and fries - \$4.50

Whistle Pig Happy Meal - \$6.75

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 10, 17, & 24
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak
sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets,
chicken strips, and more.



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.

2015 Beneficiaries

March 27 Birthright & Compassionate Friends
April 3 Izaak Walton League

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, March 29 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph 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 Church.

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 24, 25, & 26
At these locations: Cash Wise, Fareway Foods,
HyVee, Wal-Mart, & Post Office
Help us set a new record!
To help, call Jerome Spindler at (507) 213-0079.

K OF C FISHING BANQUET

Saturday, March 28
Social - 5:30 p.m. Meal - 6:30 p.m.
Awards and program to follow.
Call Mark at the Club (507) 451-6103.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

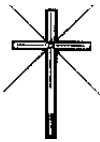
Knights of Columbus Named a 2015 World's Most Ethical Company!

Being a two consecutive year honoree underscores the Knights of Columbus' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices ensuring long-term value to key stakeholders including customers, employees, suppliers, regulators, and investors. The Knights of Columbus is one of only four companies in the Life Insurance category honored this year.

"For more than 130 years, the Knights of Columbus has been protecting the financial future of Catholic families and providing charity to those on the margins of society," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "That founding principle of helping those in need is at work in every aspect of our business, guiding our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations. It is this continued commitment to our foundational, Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable, and successful business model."

Luke Rennie, FICF
General Agent
507-417-4169

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:

Rita Schiller, wife of Brother Knight Frank Schiller, mother of Brother Knight Ken Schiller, and sister of Brother Knight Lyle Snider fell and broke her hip.

Brother Knight Ron Wolf is recuperating from surgery.

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, Mary 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, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

Please remember in your prayers all of our sick and injured Assembly members and family members.

IN MEMORY

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

Kelly Jane Gage, niece of Sir Brother Knight Tim Rice, passed away on March 4 in Dale City, Virginia.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Dear Brother Knights,

This past month of March brought with it some much anticipated warm weather. It clearly lifted our spirits and helped bring people outside to start walking again, cleaning up the yard, or washing the dirt and grime from our cars. It didn't even seem like work as it was so nice to just soak up the warmth after a long winter's hibernation.

As we move into April, the springtime work of our Council begins to ramp up as well. As you read this month's *Key*, you will see the many activities planned over the next several months. Each of them affords us an opportunity to do good works that will benefit many in our community. On April 3rd, the last Lenten Fish Dinner will be served to benefit the Izaak Walton League. There is our April 19th Benefit Breakfast to support our parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society and its ongoing charitable works. I also encourage each of you to support the Night of Knights Auction on April 18th, which is the main fundraiser to support our St. Mary's Catholic School.

April is also the month our Council conducts our annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities or more commonly known as the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. On the weekend of April 24th thru 26th, our legion of Brother Knights will be handling out Tootsie Rolls to people at locations all across town as we accept donations in support of four local agencies that assist our disabled community members. Having had the pleasure of distributing checks to each of these deserving organizations this past summer, I can tell you how grateful they are for our financial support and how great an impact they are able to have with their clients because of this support.

I encourage all of you to sign-up for a short stint to assist with our Tootsie Roll Drive. Come out and enjoy the fresh air of spring and if not by the sun, be warmed by the thought of your generosity bringing a ray of sunshine to so many others less fortunate. I thank each of you for all you do to support our Council and our parish community and I bid you and your families a very blessed and Happy Easter.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our four new First Degree members. Thank you to the sponsors who signed up these new members. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future. Watch the Key for further details. 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.

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.

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

Tuesday Night At The Club

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Four New Knights Exemplified on March 16



Jeff Hellman and his wife Dana have two daughters, Ellana and Madelynn. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Federated Insurance as a computer programmer. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Mark Kearin.



Paul Jardine is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is a senior at Owatonna High School and is planning on attending U.M.D. in Duluth, Minnesota.. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Lee Jardine.



Pat McGrath and his wife Kristy have two children, daughter Paige and son Mason. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Federated Insurance as a computer programmer. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Mark Kearin.



Bill Rivers is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at McNeilus Truck in Dodge Center, Minnesota as a welder.. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

COUNCIL 945 FREE THROW WINNERS



Owatonna Knights of Columbus, Council 945 held their annual Free Throw Championship on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The winners in the various divisions were as follows: 9 yr. old girls, Lydia Krenske, 9 yr. old boys, Joel Feldkamp, 10 yr. old girls, Holly Buytaert, 10 yr. old boys, Jackson Shaver, 11 yr. old girls, Ashli Larson, 11 yr. old boys, Noah Hodgman, 12 yr. old girls, Jenna Berg, 12 yr. old boys, Augie Grubish, 13 yr. old girls, Payton Powers, 13 yr. old boys, Dalton Wincell, and 14 yr. old girls, Julia Haarstad. All of these winners were advanced to the Regional competition, which was held at Lourdes High School in Rochester on Sunday, March 8. Event organizer Jeff Pumper would like to thank those who all helped.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Fish Fries are going great – we served nearly 700 the first two Fridays. The meals are very good and you should plan on enjoying a couple during Lent. There are many good beneficiaries on the list again this year.



A group of KC members and friends prepare to serve a wonderful meal.



Jim Brunner and Dave Fandel are ready to sell tickets to customers.



Smokin' In Steele

BBQ Contest & BLUES FEST

Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands Hot Rod Garden Tractor Pull
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons Family Bike Cruise
4th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k Run/Walk for Special Olympics
Antique Tractor Display & Parade Award Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast

The Steele County Fairgrounds
Owatonna, MN

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 29, 30, & 31

Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

Blues Bands

Brother Sun Sister Moon
The Fabulous Lovehandles
Rachelle Coba - Bruce Katz
Dave Lambert & The Motivators
Joanna Connor - Ray Fuller

Bobby Messano - Blue Rooster
Swamp Kings - Mark Cameron Band
Smokin' in Steele Band - Mike Fugazzi

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 31 - 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, sign-up for Smokin' in Steele at www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E49AFA92AA64-smokin3 or 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



New for 2015 - Bicycle cruise



4rd Annual Antique Tractor and Semi Truck Show: Saturday May 30th from 9am-2pm, with a parade at 11am!



Fan favorite modified lawn tractor pull!

2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe (507) 451-3935
Deputy Grand Knight: .. Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
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 Balausk
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 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: Randy Balausk (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balausk (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Ben Trom

The February Knight of the Month enjoys helping out the causes of Council 945 – so much so that he was volunteering even before he was a member. Ben Trom was helping with setup at last year's Smokin' in Steele, and at the urging of LaVerne Klecker and Lee Jardine, joined the Knights of Columbus in the fall of 2014. He's enjoyed giving his time ever since then.

"I wanted to become more active in the church," Ben said, adding that "this is a good place to volunteer and become more active in the church." In addition to Smokin' in Steele, Ben has volunteered his time at the benefit breakfasts and fish fries. He was happy to accept the honor of Knight of the Month, saying, "I'm glad I could contribute and help out whenever I can. I like the comradarie, being around like-minded people, and it's always nice to volunteer for a worthy cause."

Ben grew up in Blooming Prairie and is currently employed at Cybex in Owatonna. He's been married for about a year and a half to his wife Libby. They have an 11-month-old son and are members of St. Joseph's Church.

Ben is continuing his education by studying business at Riverland, and enjoys hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, and being out in nature in his free time.

Congratulations to Ben Trom, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

Breakfast Groups Benefit from a milder winter

Our decent winter weather continues and so we had a good breakfast on February 22 for St. Isidore's School of Litomysl. A decent 300 meals were served. The ever-strong support of this group continues.

Council 945 takes special pride in helping this dedicated staff and group of children in furthering their Catholic education. Unfortunately, the school will be closing this year. We will miss our relationship.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Tom Barry, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Mike Jensen, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Joel Dulas, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Vince Green, Ron Heim, Lee and Paul Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dave Lax, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Will Pieper family, Dan and Jess Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Adrian Seykora, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Ben Trom, Eric Wandersee, and Dan Wolfe.*

The breakfast held on March 8 was for the St. Mary's Music Boosters where 300 meals were served. We also very much appreciate the opportunity to provide support to this fine group of students.

Saturday prep team members are: *Tom Bremer, John Henry, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ray Willmott.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Joe Elbert, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Karen and Steve Graff, Ron Heim, Lee and Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dave Lax, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Will Pieper family, Dan and Jess Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, Ben Trom, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

There are two benefit breakfasts remaining this season. On April 19, the breakfast will be held for the benefit of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The final breakfast will be held on May 31 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 2014/2015 benefit breakfast season as well as the 8th annual Smokin' in Steele barbeque contest and blues fest. A huge THANKS goes out to everyone who supports our benefit breakfasts. That includes attendees and all our dedicated workers. Please join us next fall for the next great season.

Bar Trivia

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

March Madness

Stop by the Club and catch the NCAA hoops action. Chances to win great prizes. Stop by the Club for details. Starts on March 19.

29th Annual Night of Knights Auction

St. Mary's School Benefit Auction - Wild, Wild West

Saturday, April 18, 2015

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

Many different raffles and Wall of Wine

Car and Cash raffle tickets available only in advance. Can be purchased at KC Hall, St. Joseph Parish office, St. Mary's School, Owatonna Shoe, HyVee, Hat Chic, and Wagners Lunch.

For more information go to www.nightofknights.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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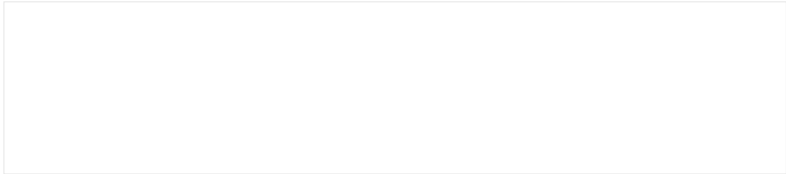


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St. Mary's School

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KC Hall 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Every Friday during Lent

K C Lounge opens at NOON on Saturdays
Food served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.
Stop in and try the Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog & fries or
the ever popular and delicious Burger baskets

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