

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
2016

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 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
April 6 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 10 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Vincent de Paul Society
& Hospitality House
April 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
April 11 - First Degree
Exemplification - KC Hall
Candidates please be at Hall
at 6:30 p.m.
April 13 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
April 16 - 30th Annual Night of
Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
April 16 - Fourth Degree
Exemplification
St. Cloud, MN
April 23 & 24 - Membership
Blitz after all Masses
April 28 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 29, 30, & May 1 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 6
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Society of St. Vincent de Paul & Hospitality House

Sunday, April 10, 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.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be a representative from the
Owatonna Fire Department talking about severe
weather and preparation, along with fire safety.

BAR TRIVIA

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



30TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION

St. Mary's School
Benefit Auction
Celebrating 30 Years
Vegas Style

Saturday, April 16
Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.
Live Auction - 7:30 p.m.
Great Refreshments - Food and Cash Bar
Many different raffles and Wall of Wine
Raffle tickets can be purchased at KC Hall, St.
Joseph Parish office, St. Mary's School, Owatonna
Shoe, & auction committee members.
For more information go to
www.nightofknights.com

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets,
steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp
baskets, chicken strips, and more.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

2016 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER

Tuesday, April 12 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School cafeteria

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 - Apr. 29, 30, & May 1
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 or
Dave Lax at (507) 456-1575

K OF C FISHING BANQUET

Saturday, April 9
Social - 5:30 p.m. Meal - 6:30 p.m.
Awards and program to follow.
Call Mark at the Club (507) 451-6103.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, April 11 - Owatonna KC Hall
Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

The Knights of Columbus has been recognized as a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company® by the Ethisphere® Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Ethisphere and its World's Most Ethical Companies® designation, which recognizes companies that align principle with action, work tirelessly to make trust a part of their corporate DNA, and help shape future industry standards by introducing tomorrow's best practices today.

The Knights of Columbus has been recognized among the world's most ethical companies since 2014 and is one of only two in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"The Knights of Columbus was founded on providing financial security to our members and their families in keeping with Catholic values," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

"Those principles continued to guide our company as we grew into a top-rated insurer with the same ethical commitment in every aspect of our business, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments and our day-to-day business operations. It is this commitment to our Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable and successful business model."

Companies rely on Ethisphere to continually raise and measure the standards of corporate behavior, said Ethisphere's CEO Timothy Erblich.

"Those that demonstrate leadership in areas like citizenship, integrity and transparency create more value for their investors, communities, customers and employees, thus solidifying a sustainable business advantage," said Erblich. "Congratulations to everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as a World's Most Ethical Company."

To learn more, call me.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF, FSCP 507-417-4169

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning on having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, April 11, at the KC Hall. Please have the candidates at the Hall by 6:30 p.m. We need 15 additional members to make our Star Council goal for this fraternal year. 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.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Stop past the Club to catch all the Minnesota Twins action. Play Taters For Toppers for chances to win free drinks.

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Dear Brothers Knights,

As the season of winter has changed to spring, warmer weather with longer days, we find ourselves outside more enjoying the great outdoors. The birds remind us that they can still sing, and the trees are budding to show us new growth. We can see and learn a lot from nature, if we just take the time to look for it.

We are having a great 2016 Lenten fish dinner success, with help from many of you. The attendance is up, as everyone supporting is pleased with the food quality and consistency. This is a Fourth Degree project, with many Third Degree members helping out. It always makes it fun working with everyone pitching in to help. Thank you all for that!

The St. Mary's Night of Knights Auction is also coming up on April 16th and, as you all know, they need our help more now than ever.

With all the building repairs adding up, we need to help as we can with financial support. The Knights of Columbus Council 945 is working towards a donation to help the cause.

We as well need to prepare for the Tootsie Roll Drive, and are in need of help from all of you! Please answer the call for help, as we need you. The dates are April 29th, 30th, and May 1st. See the sign-up article in this very issue of *The Key* newsletter.

Have you recruited a new member this year yet? Now would be a good time. Our Spring Membership blitz is coming up April 23rd and 24th after all Masses. Please sign-up to help with that as well by calling Grand Knight Dave Lax at 456-1575 or LaVerne Klecker at 456-6738. Thank you in advance.

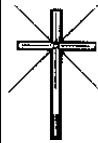
In closing, make sure you help with some or all of these events because someone is counting on us. It also is very rewarding.

How marvelous would it be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: "Today I have performed an act of charity toward others." - Pope Francis

Please help us to help all Knights live up to the Pope's Quote!

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...

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, 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, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Greg Horecka, brother-in-law of Brother Knight John Oberstein passed away on March 10.

*Edna M. Cummins, mother of Anne Peterson passed away on March 16. Anne is a proofreader of *The Key*.*

Brother Knight Ron C. Hanson, father of Brother Knight Kelly Hanson, passed away on March 18.

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



FUN AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNERS

The 2016 edition of the Lenten Fish dinners is in the books and it was a very successful project. The first one of the year started out with the Catholic Daughters and went very well for getting back into the swing of things. The second one was for St. Vincent de Paul which was a little smaller crowd, but went well. The February 26 dinner with Owatonna Council 945 & Relay for Life saw a total of 350 served. On March 4 we set a new 'walk-in' record with 155 and a total of 415 being served for the evening with the Medford Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters. On March 11, we served close to 500 meals with the Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Assembly and Grandparents for Education as beneficiaries. Birthright and Compassionate Friends sold over 200 tickets for the March 18 night, and with walk-ins, free kids, and workers, over 300 were served.



A smiling group of KC members prepare to get things going for the fish dinners.



The fish dinner line prepared to serve the hungry patrons.



Walt Spindler, Dar Nelson, and Gil Mamer collect money and tickets.



Relay For Life members work at the fish dinner.



Owatonna Catholic Daughters provide service, milk, coffee, and help to whomever needs it.



A huge crowd at one of the fish dinners.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus to sponsor Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner for area youth organizations

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 are sponsoring their annual Spaghetti dinner for Owatonna area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, SMS 6-7-8th Grade Religious Education, OHS Cultural Club, OHS Robotics Club, OHS French Club, Owatonna High School Bands, and other youth organizations on Tuesday April 12th 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the St. Mary's School Cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 at the door – Children under 5 are free. Proceeds stay local go directly to the youth organizations. Come and enjoy the Knights of Columbus "Special Recipe" Spaghetti dinner and support Owatonna's area youth organizations.



Smokin' In Steele

BBQ Contest & BLUES FEST

Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!

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

The Steele County Fairgrounds
 Owatonna, MN

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 3, 4, & 5

Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

Blues Bands

Brother Sun Sister Moon
The Fabulous Lovehandles
The Beat Daddys - Armadillo Jump
Dave Lambert & The Motivators

Tullie Brae - The Jimmys
Tweed Funk - Bridget Kelly Band
Swamp Kings - Mark Cameron Band
Smokin' in Steele Band - Mike Fugazzi

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 5 - 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



Back in 2016 - Bicycle Cruise



Smokin' in Steele 2016 is part of KCBS 250,000 Meals. Teams that volunteer will be provided an extra pork butt to cook, and the prepared meat will be collected and delivered to several Owatonna agencies that feed and house the poor and homeless.

5th Annual Antique Tractor and Semi Truck Show: Saturday June 4th from 9am-2pm, with a parade at 11am!

...and back this year, Classic Cars!



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2016 Smokin' in Steele/Gopher Sport 5th Annual 5K RUN/WALK for Special Olympics - June 4

2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Deputy Grand Knight: Gary Sanford
Chancellor: Nicholas Matejcek
Advocate: Open
Warden: Lynn Becker
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Dan Sawyer
Trustee (3 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dan Wolfe

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Gary Sanford (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director Tom Elbert
Director of Church Activities: Pete Schneider
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



Frank Evans

Our Knight of the Month for March is Frank Evans. Frank became a first degree member of the Knights on January 10, 1996, and was sponsored by Brother Knight Mark Nelson. His brother, Greg Evans, is also a member of our Council.

Frank and his wife LaRae are originally from a small town in North Dakota near the Canadian border. Last year, they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Frank served in the Army from 1970-72 and lived in Fargo, ND, for a few years before he and LaRae moved to Owatonna in 1978. It was then that Frank began working at Olympic Fire Protection where he is still employed and currently serves as Vice President of Operations. Frank and LaRae have three grown daughters: Amanda and her husband Matt who have three boys; Catie and her husband Jeff and their two boys; and daughter Jackie who lives in Duluth, Minnesota.

Over the years, Frank has been involved in a number of Council activities such as the I-35

clean-up, bingo nights, pancake breakfasts, fair food stand, and Smokin' in Steele.

In addition to spending time with his grandchildren, Frank also enjoys the art of home brewing. Congratulations Frank on being our Knight of the Month and thank you for your 20 years of membership with Council #945.

New Breakfast Beneficiary is Very Successful

The 4-H Purple Ribbon Club joined the group of fine beneficiaries we work with on the breakfast schedule. And we enjoyed a great day on Feb. 28 with them. Four hundred and fifty (450) fine meals were served that day – one of our biggest turnouts ever.

The strong support of this group is very good to see. Council 945 takes special pride in helping this group as they provide great leadership training to a wide variety of young people in the community. 4-H used to be an organization for 'country kids' - but no more. Today, 'city' students are welcomed as well – and many are involved in the group's numerous activities.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Al Jirele, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Dulas family, Matt Durand family, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Roger Green, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, John Paul, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The breakfast held on March 13 was for the St. Mary's Music Boosters where 250 meals were served. We also very much appreciate the opportunity to provide support to this fine group of students.

Saturday prep team members are: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, Al Jirele, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Karen and Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The schedule shows that there is one 'regular' benefit breakfast remaining this season. On April 10, the breakfast will be held for the benefit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Hospitality House. Both these groups 'extend helping hands' to many people in need and thus our support will be much appreciated.

The final 'special' breakfast will be held on June 5 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 2015/2016 benefit breakfast season as well as the 9th annual Smokin' in Steele barbeque contest and blues festival.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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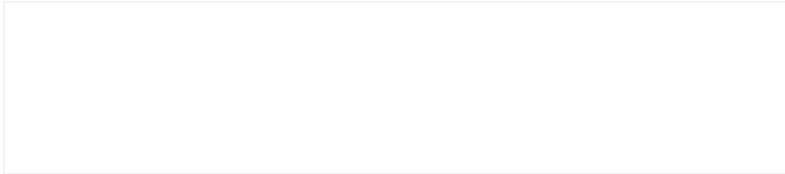
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Benefit Breakfast
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul & Hospitality House
 April 10, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

Nonprofit Organization
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 Owatonna, MN
 Permit No. 202

First Degree Exemplification
 KC Hall - April 11
 Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.



APRIL 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	2 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
3 KC Chorus and Fourth Degree Honor Guard at the St. Columbanus Catholic Church Blooming Prairie 8:30 Mass Divine Mercy Sunday - 3:00 pm St. Joseph Church	4	5 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	6 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	7	8 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	9 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm K of C Fishing Banquet KC Hall Social - 5:30 pm Meal - 6:30 pm
10 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for Society of St. Vincent de Paul & Hospitality House	11 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm First Degree Exemplification KC Hall Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 pm	12 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm 2016 K of C Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser St. Mary's School - 7:00 pm	13 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	14	15 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	16 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Fourth Degree Exemplification St. Cloud, MN 30th Annual Night of Knights Auction 4:00 pm St. Mary's School
17	18	19 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	20	21	22 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	23 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Membership Blitz after all Masses
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