

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
2018

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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 4** - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- April 7** - Celebration of Life
and Service
KC Hall
Social - 5:00 p.m.
- April 8** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Vincent de Paul Society
& Hospitality House
- April 8** - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
- April 9** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- April 11** - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- April 14** - 32nd Annual Night of
Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
- April 21** - Fourth Degree
Exemplification
Brainerd, MN
- April 25** - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- April 27, 28, & 29** - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Jeff William,
Owatonna football coach and teacher.



Join us on April 7th for the Knights of Columbus Council 945 "Celebration of Life and Service"

(Formerly the Awards Banquet)
Social Hour: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Dinner: 5:45 p.m.
Awards: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 7:00 p.m.
Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking,
Baltimore Raven keynote speaker.
Topic: Teamwork, values, and faith
Tickets: \$25/individual or \$40/couple,
limited number of tickets available.
Contact Dan Sawyer (507) 451-2185 or
Mark at the KC Hall to buy tickets.

FRIDAY NITE SPRING PICNIC

KC Lounge - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Every Friday in April
Serving grilled brats, burgers, corn on the cob,
and potato salad.

32ND ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION

St. Mary's School Benefit Auction
Saturday, April 14
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
Raffle tickets can be purchased at KC Hall, St.
Mary's School, & auction committee members.
For more information go to
www.nightofknights.com

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House

Sunday, April 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
\$6.50 Advance, \$7.00 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 8
St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

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. 27, 28, and 29
At these locations: Cash Wise, Fareway Foods,
HyVee, & Wal-Mart
Help us set a new record!
To help, please use the link on the KC Website -
www.kofccouncil945.org to sign up.
or call Nic Matejcek at 507-420-1113.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 6. This would be an opportunity for any First Degree members to become a Third Degree member. We still need additional members to make 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.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues. **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.

DONATIONS TO CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Grand Knight Nic Matejcek presented a check for \$10,000 to St. Mary's principal Jen Swanson to help update the kitchen area at Saint Mary's School. The donation came from the charitable gaming funds of the Council.



Grand Knight Nic Matejcek presented a check for \$2,500 to Father Sauer to replace the windows in the parish center at Sacred Heart Church. The donation came from the charitable gaming funds of the Council.

Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Dear Brothers,

I hope your days are going well my fellow Knights. I wanted to start off with a few reminders of upcoming events. First, the Tootsie Roll drive is scheduled for the weekend of April 27th, 28th, and 29th.

The money generated from this fundraiser is used to fund programs that support those who have developmental disabilities. These funds will be distributed at our annual picnic. Our Council generates thousands of dollars over this weekend and we need "all hands on deck" to make this great fundraiser an awesome one.

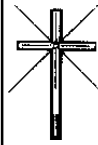
Look for a Signup Genius log in in the Key and on an email blast in the future and help those who need our help. This is who we are and what we do as an organization!

Secondly, if you have not signed up for the Celebration of Life and Service what are you waiting for? What a great opportunity to see an awesome speaker (former pro football player and Super Bowl Champion, Matt Birk) and get a great meal for so little? By press time there may be no seats left so make sure you contact Mark at the Hall or Dan Sawyer to check if there are openings.

Mark April 14th on your calendar. This is the day of the Night of Knights auction, the major fundraiser for St. Mary's School. Please come out and support the school and the Catholic values it instills in our youth. I hope you are having a wonderful Easter season and remember to live each day like it is your last and tell your family and friends that you love them! If you have any questions or comments feel free to call me at 507-420-1113.

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.

The KC's prayers and good wishes go out to:

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claey's, Margaret Deml, Jack Dille'muth, Marilyn Dille'muth, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Steve Wiese.

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

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 start September 29 - you could have a 4-day trip - or make a whole week of it. Fishing has been good 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). Would be glad to have you along.

2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Open
 Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer
 Chancellor: Tom Jirele
 Advocate: Lee Jardine
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Open
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Tony David
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Gary Sanford

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Sawyer (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: Dave Lax
 Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
 Gambling Manager: Randy Balasky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Field Agent: Open

Knight of the Month



Paul Jardine

We are pleased to announce that Paul Jardine is our Knight of the Month for February. Paul joined our Council in 2015 and was sponsored by his father Lee Jardine, who is currently serving as an Officer for the Council.

Paul was born in Hartland, Michigan, following five sisters and then his older brother Robert into the Jardine family. The family moved a few times before relocating to Owatonna in 2007. After graduating high school in 2015, Paul attended college for several semesters but realized he hadn't really decided on a career direction. So he is currently working full-time at Bosch Corporation as he continues to explore his options for the future. One thing Paul is currently working on outside of work is learning to become fluent in Japanese. With his father Lee having spent time in Japan while working in the auto industry years ago and his brother Robert spending a year studying abroad in Japan, Paul became very interested in the people and culture of Japan. He visited his brother in Japan in January and now he's working to learn the language, with maybe another extended visit in the future.

Like his father, Paul has become an active member of our Council and he says he particularly enjoys working the pancake breakfasts and meeting the customers. We are very blessed to have a fine young Knight like Paul and a second generation of the Jardine family actively engaged in our Council and we congratulate him on being our latest Knight of the Month recipient.

RECENT BREAKFASTS ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL!

The 4-H Purple Ribbon Club enjoyed their third year on the breakfast schedule. And we enjoyed a great day on Feb. 25 with them. About 425 meals were served that day – Thanks to all those who sold tickets.

The dedicated 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.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, and Ray Willmott.*

The Sunday team included: *Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerds, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee and Paul Jardine,*

Tom and Nick Jirele, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.

The next scheduled breakfast is April 8 for the benefit of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House. Both these groups “extend helping hands” to many people in need and thus our support will be much appreciated.

Following that, on May 6, the Owatonna Clay Target Team (Owatonna High School students) will be the beneficiary of the last “regular” KC breakfast at St. Mary’s school.

Please plan to attend these fine breakfast events. The food is great – as well as the fine “table service” provided by the friendly Knights servers.

<p>CORPORATE COMMUNION St. Joseph Church April 29 - 10:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>BAR TRIVIA Get your team of one to four together to play trivia, Saturday, April 7, 14, and 21 at the KC Hall at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.</p>	<p>MINNESOTA TWINS Stop past the Club to catch all the Minnesota Twins action. Play Taters For Toddlies for chances to win free drinks.</p>
<p>TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB Serving BLTs and soup every Tuesday in April 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge.</p>	<p>K OF C FISHING BANQUET Saturday, April 28 Social - 5:30 p.m. Meal - 6:30 p.m. Awards and program to follow. Call Mark at the Club (507) 451-6103.</p>	<p>MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION Sunday, May 6 Owatonna KC Hall First Degree Exemplification - 9:30 a.m. Second & Third Degree Exemplification - 11:00 a.m. Candidates please be at the Hall at 9:00 a.m. ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!</p>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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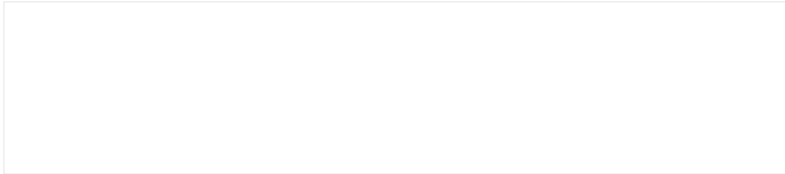
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
 St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House
 April 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

Corporate Communion
 St. Joseph Church
 April 29, 10 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5	6 Friday Nite Spring Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm Celebration of Life and Service KC Hall Soc - 5:00 pm
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15	16	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	18	19	20 Friday Nite Spring Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	21 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm Fourth Degree Exemplification Brainerd, MN
22	23	24 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	25 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	26	27 Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser Friday Nite Spring Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	28 K of C Fishing Banquet KC Hall Social - 5:30 pm Meal - 6:30 pm Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser
29 Corporate Communion St. Joseph 10:00 am Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser	30					