

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
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

- December 4** - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- December 4** - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
Senior Place - 6:30 p.m.
- December 7** - Salvation Army
bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- December 8** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for KC Christmas Holiday
Breakfast Extravaganza
- December 8** - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
KC Hall - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- December 9** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- December 11** - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- December 29** - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
- January 18, 2014** - 10th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Breakfast with Santa -

Treats for the kids - bring your camera
*Christmas Carols by the
KC Chorus - 9:00 a.m. to noon*
Sunday, December 8
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

"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.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church
All members and their families are invited to
process in and be seated together at this Mass.

MERRY CHRISTMAS LOUNGE OPEN

Christmas Eve Club Hours - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Stop by the Club for your Christmas treats.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall
Complimentary Champagne and party favors
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, December 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by KC Insurance Field Agent
Kevin Gallagher.
Door Prizes Awarded
Holiday treats to follow meeting.

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.
Wednesday, December 4 - 6:30 p.m.
SeniorPlace
Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept.9 thru Dec.23,
weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza,
a bucket of Coors Lite beer, and Coors Lite prizes.
Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100,
2nd - \$50, & 3rd - \$25
Tacos - 2 for \$3.50 served 6:30 p.m. thru half-time.
Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game.
\$1.50 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

10th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 18, 2014 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

BAR TRIVIA

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

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

Serving appetizers, burgers, sandwich baskets,
chicken strips, and more (order off menu)
Every Friday in December from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
at the KC Hall

**HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!**



Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

Words of Encouragement

Media reports related to the Roman Catholic Church and its handling of matters related to clergy misconduct have been in the news a fair amount lately. It is painful and frustrating to many people, especially those whose lives have been forever changed.

It is my fervent prayer and hope that we as the body of Christ, the Church, will do whatever we can to help those who are suffering. Victims are not our adversaries. They are brothers and sisters in the Lord and they deserve help and healing. That must be our first responsibility.

As an institution of human persons, we, as Church, must also make sure we do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of all people. When there is a breakdown in that safety, there needs to be quick and certain action properly disclosed, including engagement with the criminal justice system as required by law, so investigations can be properly conducted and rights protected. This is also our responsibility.

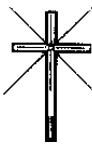
For the sake of the Church, for the sake of all the faithful, for the sake of the Church's ministers, for the sake of those who have been hurt, for the sake of those who will come after us, we must work together to bring healing, seek justice, and restore trust.

As a priest, I must always be open to the people in the pews, all of God's people. These are the people who enliven the Church, who support the Church's ministry with their amazing talent, generous offering of time, and faithful financial support. The people in the pews want, need, and deserve a voice.

Being a priest is one of the most wonderful gifts in the world. To be of service to God and God's people is truly amazing. Priests are given the privilege and responsibility of being with people at all stages and situations of life. In the midst of it all, God is with us and wants us to be happy, healthy, and holy. We are given the gift of the Eucharist to be strengthened on our pilgrim journey.

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:
Brother Knight Jim Skalicky is recovering from knee surgery.

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

Jan Bates, Bruce Born, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, 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, Karen Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopez, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Merlin J. "Bud" Konrardy, father of our State Deputy Joe Konrardy passed away on November 14.

Gladys Schaning, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Lee Jardine passed away on November 14.

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 Dustin Reese

Looking back at this past month we had some great things going on as a council. I would like to thank everyone involved with the Memorial Mass. This type of activity does not work without the participation of many people. Thanks to the Chorus, Honor Guard, our Chaplin Father Cronin, Father McGrath, Deacon Pat, Glen Meger, Jerry Gunderson, and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Looking forward to December, we have some more great things happening; the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, the Chorus will be appearing at multiple events this holiday season, and the Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza to name a few. I would like to thank everyone involved with coordinating and participating in these activities.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher



*Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC
213-9410*

Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

This gift will keep on giving

This Christmas, give your family the gift of peace of mind; the security of knowing that their future is protected, whatever might happen to you. Call me today to learn how.

Life Insurance
Annuities
Long Term Care
Disability



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new First Degree Brother Knights Kevin Skalicky, Troy Skalicky, and Chris Smith. Congratulations to our Third Degree Brother Knights Casey Balausky, Tim Blum, Bill Effertz, Jay Hudrlik, Dale Janke, Julio Lateno, Mike Meger, and Ryan Sanford. Thanks to all Brother Knights who sponsored our new members for our Exemplification. Thanks to the many members who helped with the Exemplification. Thanks to the First Degree Team who performed the First Degree Exemplification.

For anyone whose prospective member could not make the Exemplification, we will be having another First Degree initiation shortly after the first of the year, the date has not been set. If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 451-4102. 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.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

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



COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY PARTICIPATE IN COATS FOR KIDS



Left to right; Wade Schroeder, Gary Sanford, Dan Wolfe, Mary Fink, Manager of Steele County Clothesline, LaVerne Klecker, and Bill Lawrence.



Gary Sanford makes sure the coat fits just right.



Green was a popular color this year. Bill Lawrence with a happy recipient.



Randy Balausky helped the kids pick out their favorite color in the right size.

Council 945 and the Msgr. Henry Speck, Fourth Degree teamed up to purchase 144 coats through the Coats for Kids program which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Seventy-two of the coats were distributed through the two Owatonna parishes to families in need. The balance of the coats were delivered to the Clothesline for distribution. Clothesline Manager, Mary Fink thanked the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation. With the approaching cold weather these will certainly keep many young children warm.

KNIGHTS CONSTRUCT WHEELCHAIR RAMP

Brother Knight Jack Dillemath was admitted to the Owatonna hospital for anemia on Thursday, August 15th. After a battery of tests, it was determined that he needed to be transferred to Rochester for an ongoing issue with his right hip, which had been replaced in February 2009.

On August 19, it was learned that Jack has staph infection in that hip and it had to be surgically removed and eventually replaced, once they deem it clear of infection. After a stay at St. Lucas Care Center in Faribault, Jack came home to wait for the infection to clear up enough to receive a new hip.

A ramp was required for Jack to access his home as he is confined to a wheelchair. Council 945 furnished the materials and the construction of the ramp was completed by Brother Knights Joe Elbert, Tom Elbert, and Ron Wolf. We offer our prayers and good wishes to Jack as he awaits his new hip.



Joe Elbert (left) and Ron Wolf begin the large task of cutting the lumber for the wheelchair ramp.

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 3



Certificates of remembrance were displayed in the sanctuary.



A Fourth Degree honor guard processed in at the beginning of Mass.



The KC Chorus provided inspirational music for the Memorial Mass.



Refreshments were served at the KC Hall for participants and family members of the deceased Knights who were recognized at the Mass celebrated in their honor.

The following deceased Knights were honored:

<i>Rodman C. Bailey</i>	<i>Terrance F. O'Brien</i>
<i>Martin P. Gumbusky</i>	<i>Ted R. Paffrath</i>
<i>Philip B. Lamb</i>	<i>Robert R. Ringhofer</i>
<i>Otto M. Lehrer II</i>	<i>Joseph E. Skala</i>
<i>Donald E. Kubicek</i>	<i>Lloyd G. Zolnowsky</i>



Fr. Edward McGrath (center) was the celebrant, Fr. Michael Cronin, Chaplain, (right) was con-celebrant and Deacon Pat Fagan assisted.



Certificates of remembrance were presented by Fr. Michael Cronin, Chaplain, and Greg Nelson, Aid & Assistance Director, while the obituary was read by Gerald Gunderson.



Fr. Cronin offers words of comfort and appreciation to Mary Lou O'Brien, widow of Brother Knight Terrance O'Brien.

2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Michael Cronin
 Grand Knight:Dustin Reese (507) 456-3523
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
 Chancellor: Dave Lax
 Advocate: Gary Sanford
 Warden: Nicholas Matejcek
 Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Open
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Steve Dornquast
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Randy Balauskay
 Trustee (1 year):PGK Wade Schroeder

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Wolfe (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: Josh Klecker
 District Deputy:Randy Balauskay (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Joe Procopio

The October Knight of the Month is a relative newcomer, but he's already making an impact within Council 945 and his community. Joe Procopio joined the KC's last November. He was sponsored by Brian Carlson, and received his Third Degree Exemplification. For Joe, joining the Knights of Columbus was a good fit. He said, "I had volunteered for the Special Olympics for a number of years, but I was looking for an opportunity to still give back and keep balance with a young family."

Joe got to work right away at the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. He's also helped out at the Steele County Free Fair Brat Stand. "I joined," he said, "because I was looking for opportunities to help the community. And I've had a good time doing it."

Joe is a native of Blaine, MN, and is a graduate of Moorhead State University. He and his wife of six ½ years, Jessica., have two children. They are members at St. Joseph's Church.

Joe has worked at Federated Insurance for the past 17 ½ years as a computer programmer.

In his spare time, Joe likes to spend his time fishing and watching football – especially the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers and the Green Bay Packers.

Congratulations to Joe Procopio, Council 945's Knight of the Month for October!

Excellent Turnout for St. Mary's Home and School Benefit Breakfast

Good advance ticket sales and participation resulted in a very successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with approximately 567 meals being served.

The parents and students from St. Mary's did a terrific job helping with the dining room.

These Brother Knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *Kevin Boettcher, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Bill Foreman, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Amy Introne, David Introne, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Bill Lawrence, Ben Lempiainen, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work: *Gerry Barry, Tom Bremer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Knight, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.* Thanks to all for an excellent job.

Make plans now for the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 8, at St. Mary's School. Bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa from 9:00 to noon. Santa will have treats for the kids and will be available for pictures, so bring your camera.

Our KC Chorus will be there caroling from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You'll also enjoy the delicious menu and table service. Just come in, sit down at a table, order your breakfast, and have your food served hot to your table!

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2013-2014

December 8	KC Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
January 12	Steele County Special Olympics
January 26	St. Mary's Open house (free will donation)
February 9	KC Valentines Breakfast
February 23	St. Isidore School
March 9	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 27	Respect For Life/St. Vincent DePaul Society
June 1	Smokin' In Steele



Mark Your Calendars

Your Council will again be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during their 2013 campaign. The KCs will cover all the locations in Owatonna on Saturday, December 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Bell ringing locations are: Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Cashwise, Fleet Farm, and Wal-Mart. We need your help with this large project. Please take a time slot when the scheduling chairman calls.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Owatonna, MN 55060

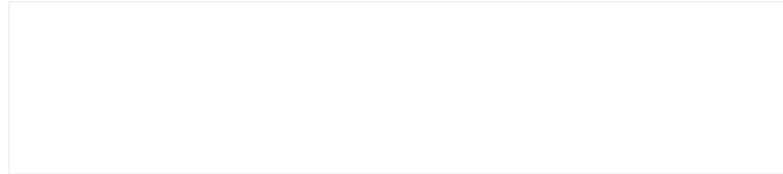
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
Sunday, December 8 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church

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DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm Richard Rohwer Christmas Party SeniorPlace 6:30 pm	5 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	6 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Bar Trivia KC Hall 4:00 pm
8 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for KCChristmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall 5:00 - 8:00 pm	9 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	10 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	11 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Speaker will be Field Agent Kevin Gallagher	12 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	13 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	14 Bar Trivia KC Hall 4:00 pm
15	16 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	18	19 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	20 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	21 Bar Trivia KC Hall 4:00 pm
22	23 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	24 Christmas Eve Club open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm	25 Christmas	26 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	27 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	28 Bar Trivia KC Hall 4:00 pm
29	30	31 New Years Eve				