

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
2014

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

November 30 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
December 3 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
December 3 - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
Senior Place - 6:30 p.m.
December 6 - Salvation Army
bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
December 7 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
for KC Christmas Holiday
Breakfast Extravaganza
December 7 - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
KC Hall - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
December 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
December 8 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
December 10 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
January 24, 2015 - 11th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 3
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 7
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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

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
Pub Grub served from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m.
Complimentary Champagne and party favors
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, December 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by KC Insurance General Agent
Luke J. Rennie.
Door Prizes Awarded
Holiday treats to follow meeting.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, November 30 - 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.
*A light breakfast will be served
after Mass at the KC Hall.*

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 5, 19, and 26, serving appetizers,
assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish
sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and
more.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Owatonna KC Hall
Candidates be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!



11th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 24, 2015
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.



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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new Brother Knights Matt May, Albert Rysavy, and Joe Docksey. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights Tom Jirele and Tom Docksey. 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 on Monday, December 8 at the KC Hall. 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.

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...

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

IN MEMORY

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

Peggy Prohaski, mother of Brother Sir Knight Chris Prohaski, passed away on November 10.

Brother Knight Robert McDermott passed away on November 22.

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



Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so

may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Brother Knights,

As I write this month's message on a cold and snowy November day, it feels much more like the middle of winter than late fall. After enduring a harsh prior winter, this coming, or should I say current winter, has started off on an angry note. I don't enjoy the winter weather but I do enjoy the holiday season that it ushers in. Christmas always brings back fond memories of family gatherings, the joy of waking up as a kid on Christmas Day with great anticipation, the music and decorations in Church and about the town. But it is easy to get caught up in the hype and commercialism of the Christmas holiday that we forget the true meaning of the day.

We often need to remind ourselves and others of the phrase, "Put Christ Back in Christmas". But we know that not everyone shares that view and we can get frustrated when others try to minimize the true celebration of Christmas for the sake of political correctness or the appeasement of non-believers. But the freedom to worship or not worship is often a right we take for granted in this country. As a Christian, a Catholic, and a Brother Knight, we can show others the true meaning of Christ's birth to the world. We can celebrate the joy of Christmas in song and in prayer and in the spirit of giving, especially for those less fortunate. It is a time to be thankful for the true gifts we have received in our lives and the challenges we have overcome through our faith, family and fellowship.

Many of you will start your Spirit of Christmas giving by assisting with our Annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Day on Saturday, December 6th, when our Council will man the red kettles throughout the entire city. It's a great way to support those in need in our community and pass on that message to others. A few cold hours is more than overcome by the warm generosity and slightly red but smiling faces of the bell ringers and coin bringers. Thank you in advance, to all of you who will lend your time to this worthwhile project. And to reward each of you for your efforts, I encourage you and your families to attend the KC Breakfast Extravaganza the following Sunday morning, December 7th, where I will be serving free hot coffee along with your great made to order breakfast. The morning will include a visit from Santa for the kids and Christmas carols sung by our great KC Chorus. And best of all, all the proceeds of this special breakfast go directly to support our Council #945, so we can continue our good works during the year. So please bring your friends and family to the best breakfast in town and help us celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Vivat Jesus

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie



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Luke.Rennie@KofC.org
Contact me about Full-Time, Professional Career Opportunities in your area!
He will be the speaker at the General Meeting on December 10 at the KC Hall.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

2014 HALLOWEEN PARTY AT ST. MARYS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Council's annual children's Halloween party was a great success. Close to 283 children were in attendance. Thanks to Hy-Vee, Cash Wise Foods, and Fareway Foods for donating the food and prizes. Thanks for the donation to the food shelf also, \$198.32 and about 286 pounds of food was collected. Also, thank you to the following KC members and families for volunteering their time at the Halloween party to make it a success: Randy Balausky, Tom Burke, T.J. Burke, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Brian Fisher family, Will Pieper family, Mark and Martha Kearin, and Eric Tucker. In addition, a big thanks to our Council sponsored Scout Troop #253 for their usual fine help.



Tom Burke and Martha Kearin are ready to serve the children the food that is provided at the Halloween party.



Plinko is one of the favorite games at the Halloween party.



Steve Fisher volunteers at one of the games.



A game in memory of Andrew Lawrence is a favorite by the attendees.



Two children anxiously wait for their Halloween treats.



Will Pieper helps one of the children with a game.



Mark Kearin passes out candy to one of the attendees.

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 1



Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard.



Certificates of remembrance were displayed in the sanctuary.

The following deceased Knights were honored:



*Stanley G. Ennis
Dean R. Lechner
John B. Schmidt
Rownell H. Weber*



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.

Brother Sir Knight Joe Elbert inducted into the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Hall of Fame



Brother Sir Knight Joe Elbert was inducted into the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Hall of Fame held on October 25, at the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Exemplification held in Shakopee, Minnesota. Pictured left to right are: Chaplain Fr. Kenneth L. O'Hotto, District Master Craig Larson, Brother Sir Knight Joe Elbert, Linda Elbert, Chairman of the Minnesota Fourth Degree Hall of Fame committee Phil Harter, and Associate Chaplain Raul Perez-Cobo.



Red Kettle Drive - December 6

Your Council will again be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during their 2014 campaign. The KCs will cover all the locations in Owatonna on Saturday, December 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bell ringing locations are: Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Cash Wise, Fleet Farm, Sterling Drug, and Wal-Mart. We need your help with this large project. Please take a time slot when the scheduling chairman calls.

2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Open
 Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dave Lax
 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 Balausky
 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 Balausky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Ron Kubicek

The October Knight of the Month is a Steele County native and a local businessman. Ron Kubicek has enjoyed being a member of Council 945 for the past eight years. Sponsored by his father, Bruce Kubicek, Ron saw the Knights of Columbus as a good organization with a reputation of helping others. Since joining, he's been a part of the Tootsie Roll drives, the Salvation Army bell-ringing, the Andrew Lawrence Chili Cook-off, and helped out with ticket sales for the KC's Benefit Breakfasts.

Ron grew up in Steele County and graduated from High School at Faribault Bethlehem Academy. From there, he graduated from St. Thomas University with a degree in Business Finance. For the past 9½ years, he's worked with his brother at

Advanatage Cabinets, where Ron is the Production Manager.

Ron and his wife Kim have seven children. They are members at Sacred Heart in Owatonna. In his spare time, Ron says he spends it "chasing kids," however he also is an avid Vikings fan and enjoys anything sports-related.

Ron said he's proud to be a part of the organization, because he's "working with good people doing good things." And it's a good thing Council 945 has Ron as a member. Congratulations to Ron Kubicek, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

Breakfast Benefits St. Mary's Home and School Association

A steady stream of hungry patrons resulted in a successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with 422 meals being served resulting in approximately \$750.00 net profit.

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

These Brother Knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquist, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Wade Schroeder, Curt Supalla, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.* Thanks to all for an excellent job.

Make plans now for the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 7, at St. Mary's School. Bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa from 8:30 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!

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.
 Wednesday, December 3 - 6:30 p.m.
 SeniorPlace
 Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.

THURSDAY IS HOTDISH NIGHT

Thursday, December 4 & 11
 Serving a couple varieties of Minnesota favorite meal "Hotdish" in the Lounge from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
 Meal served with homemade bread and a cookie for dessert. All for \$6.00.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept.8 thru Dec.22, 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 \$4.00 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.

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014-2015

December 7 KC Benefit Breakfast – Holiday Extravaganza.
 January 11 Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
 January 25 KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
 February 8 KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
 February 22 St. Isidore School
 March 8 St. Mary's Music Boosters
 April 19 St. Vincent DePaul Society

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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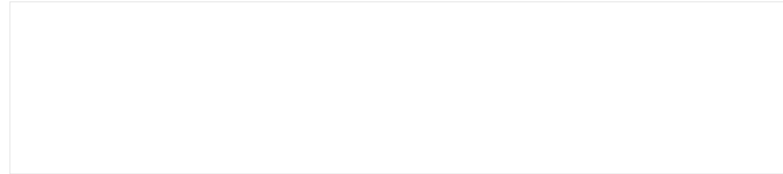
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
Sunday, December 7 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, November 30
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	5 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	6 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
7 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	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime First Degree Exemplification Candidates be at KC Hall at 6:30 pm	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	10 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	11 Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	12	13 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
14	15 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	17	18	19 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	20 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
21	22 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	24 Christmas Eve Club open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm	25 Christmas Club closed	26 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	27 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
28	29 .	30 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	31 New Years Eve Pub Grub - 5:30- 6:45 pm Bar Bingo- 7:00 pm			