

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY  
2010

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**February 3** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 8** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**February 10** - General Meeting  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
**February 14** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Exchange Club  
**February 19** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Fry  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Daughters  
**February 21** - Major Degree  
Faribault KC Hall  
10:00 a.m.  
**February 25** - Fourth Degree  
Business Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**February 26** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Fry  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Healthy Seniors

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 3  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST

#### Exchange Club

Sunday, February 14  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School

**Table Service -  
Delicious food served hot  
from the grill to your table!**

Pancakes, French toast,  
fried, scrambled, or Denver scrambled eggs,  
ham or sausage, country fried potatoes, milk,  
and coffee



\$5.50 - Advance Sale

\$6.00 at the door

Children free age 5 and under  
Everyone welcome.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker will be Tim Johnson on the Ocean to  
Ocean Model T Endurance Race  
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



### BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the KC Hall  
Presale tickets - \$8.00 for adults  
(available at the KC Lounge)

**\$8.50 at the door**

**Kids under six eat free**

Dinner served in the Lounge and in the Hall.

**Fried fish or Baked Fish Plate  
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,  
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee**

#### Beneficiaries

Feb. 19 Catholic Daughters  
Feb. 26 Healthy Seniors  
March 5 Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly  
March 12 Compassionate Friends & Birthright  
March 19 Steele County Special Deputies  
March 26 St. Mary's REP and CYO  
April 2 Izaak Walton League

### Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7  
Doors open at 2:00 p.m.  
Steak Dinner at 4:00 p.m.  
Please R.S.V.P. by February 2 for steak dinner.

### Fat Tuesday

Tuesday, February 16  
Stop past the KC Lounge to celebrate Fat Tuesday  
with beads, gumbo, and hurricanes.

### Shrimp Dinners

Fridays in February - February 5 and 12  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, January 31 - 9:30 a.m.  
at St. Joseph's Church

Fourth Degree Honor Guard participating  
- St. Mary's Children's Choir will sing

Special KC breakfast (freewill donation) served  
at St. Mary's School Open House

"All members and their families are invited to  
attend this Mass."

Please meet in Joseph Hall at 9:15 a.m. and  
process to the reserved seating in church with  
the Fourth Degree Honor Guard.

### MAJOR DEGREE

Sunday, February 21

Faribault KC Hall - 10:00 a.m.  
Transportation will be provided -  
leave KC Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!**

## Haiti Earthquake Relief

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of the recent 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and all Knights are invited to make contributions through the Supreme Council. This will maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line at the Supreme Council website [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest.

We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

## Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF

### PROTECT THE FAMILY

The objective of the offensive line in football is to protect the quarterback. To do this, the line must be strong and reliable.

Your wife and children must also be protected. The one thing that will protect them best is strong and reliable Knights of Columbus Family Protection.

With the benefits available from the Knights of Columbus, your family will be protected from financial disaster at the time of your death. If you die early, your children's education could be guaranteed and your wife and your children will continue to live as you would want them to live. If you die later, your wife will continue to live in the manner that you would want her to live.

However, like a football team that plans and practices to protect the quarterback, you should plan to protect your wife and children.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Aaron Jelinek GA

952-513-8784

Visit The Order's Web Site At: <http://www.kofc.org>

## Council 945 Free Throw Winners

Owatonna Knights of Columbus 945 held their annual Free Throw Championship on Monday, January 11, 2010. The winners in the various divisions are as follows:

Girls Age 10	Madelyn Kuck
Boys Age 10	Oakley Baker
Girls Age 11	Caitlin Anderson
Boys Age 11	Nathan Deason
Boys Age 12	Trevor Tracy
Girls Age 13	Jordyn Wobschall
Boys Age 13	Cole Butler
Girls Age 14	Emily Emanuelson
Boys Age 14	Zach Shaver

Event organizer Dustin Reese offers his congratulations to all winners and thanks these workers for their help with this event:

Andy Oberstein, John Oberstein, Tim Oberstein, Gary Nelson, Casey Connor, Steve Dornquist, and Tony Blakstad.

## Grand Knight's Message by Bill Lawrence

Greetings Brother Knights

As we enter February, it seems we just can't shake the winter chill. Pretty soon warmer weather will be here, and as we prepare for the Lenten Season and Easter.

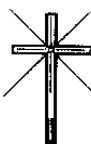
If you have not already done so, please send in your dues listed on your recent 2010 Dues Statement. These dollars allow our Council to stay in good standing with Supreme and the State Council. More importantly, these moneys allow us to continue the good work in our communities.

Kudos go to Brother Knight *Dustin Reese* who coordinated the Council & the District Free Throw Competition. Dustin and his crew did a great job and congratulations and good luck to all the winners. Thanks also go out to the entire breakfast crew who handled, not one, but two breakfasts in January, one for REP and another for Catholic Schools Week. It's no secret anymore, that this is the best breakfast in town. I look forward to the next one on February 14.

And finally, thank you to all who volunteered, cooked, cleaned, and attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Andrew Lawrence Chili Cook-Off. There are many Knights to mention, but particular thanks go out to Brother Knights *Mark Cunningham, Jim Gleason, Mark Kearin, and Brian Carlson*. Applications are available for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship with a deadline of March 1, 2010. Scholarship forms are available at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, and the Owatonna High School.

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 KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:***

*Brother Knight Jerry Kent is facing some serious health problems.*

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

*Jan Bates, Jack Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Marlyn Kuck, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.*

### INMEMORY

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

*Brother Knight Dr. Jeffrey Hodapp passed away on December 30.*

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at 455-3976.**

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our next major degree date is February 21, 2010, at the K of C Hall in Faribault, Minnesota. 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, just give me a call 451-4102. 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. All first degree members, this would be a good opportunity to go through the second and third degrees.

## 2009-10 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Ed McGrath  
GRAND KNIGHT: ..... Bill Lawrence - 451-2075  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Steve Dornquist  
Chancellor: ..... Randy Balausky  
Advocate: ..... Wade Schroeder  
Warden: ..... Dustin Reese  
Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
Outside Guard: ..... Tom Burke  
Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
Recorder: ..... Scot Berkley  
Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Brian Fisher  
Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Al Nelson  
Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Joe Elbert

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Steve Dornquist  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Open  
Church Director: ..... Pete Schneider  
Community Director: ..... Jim Gleason  
Council Activity Director: ..... PGK Kevin Raney  
Family Director: ..... Open  
Health Director: ..... Dr. Mark Nelson  
Recruit Director: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
Youth Director: ..... Will Pieper  
Membership Director: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
Lecturer: ..... Mark Cunningham  
Historian: ..... Open  
Retention Chairman: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
KC Chorus Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
Building Comm Chairman: ..... Tom Elbert  
Gambling Manager: ..... Open  
District Deputy: ..... PGK Tim Rice  
KC Hall Manager: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
Benefits Advisor: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



Tom Docksey

Council 945's Knight of the Month for December is Tom Docksey. The announcement was made at the regular January Council meeting by Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence. In making the announcement Bill said, "Tom is a relatively new member, but he certainly stepped up to the plate when asked to chair the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign for our Council."

Tom, a native of Willmar, Minnesota joined the KCs on July 8, 2009. When asked about his favorite KC project, he mentioned working in the brat stand at the Steele County Free Fair. As mentioned earlier, he also was chairman for Council 945's participation in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle drive for 2009. This involved recruitment of approximately 60 KC bell ringers who manned all the kettles throughout Owatonna on December 12.

He graduated from St. Cloud State University where he majored in Business. He is employed at Federated Mutual Insurance as a claims representative.

Tom, and his wife of 18 years, Karen, are members of Sacred Heart Parish and they have one son, Joe.

When asked about his other interests, Tom said he enjoys golf and biking. Another thing he has found particularly fun was traveling around checking out various colleges with his son Joe. He has been accepted at the University of Minnesota as well as the University of Wisconsin at Madison. At this point, Joe appears to be leaning toward Wisconsin. This news brought a wide smile to the face of Grand Knight Bill Lawrence, a Wisconsin native and a big Badger fan!

Congratulation to Tom Docksey, our December Knight of the Month!

## Teamwork makes St. Mary's REP & CYO Benefit Breakfast a Success.

Teamwork by the KC breakfast team members, a wonderful group of energetic REP & CYO students and parents, and all who attended the breakfast held on January 10 helped raise nearly \$850 for St. Mary's REP & CYO. Special thanks to Joan Steffens for her work with advance ticket sales, arranging workers, and in the dining room on Sunday morning.

Thanks to our excellent Knights of Columbus Breakfast Team. The Sunday team included: *Randy Balausky, Tim Biegert, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Mark Casson, Tim Chicos, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquist, Joe Elbert, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Joel Garten, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Dennis Kelm, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Bill Lawrence, Brent McCulloch, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Walt Spindler, Curt Suppala, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The Saturday prep team included: *Gerry Barry, Tom Barry, Frank Conley, Jack Dillemath, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

Welcome to our newest closers, *Chuck Walerius and John Wheeler.* They joined *Tim Biegert, Frank Conley, Roger Green, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, and Dave Pfeifer* in the closing duties on Sunday. We still need several more closers. Consider joining!

The terrific REP & CYO worker were: *Axel Appel, Ashley Anderson, Allie Balausky, Anna Bastyr, Victoria Cassen, Sarah Carlson, Nicole Carlson, Beth Degner, Leah Filzen, Luke Frondle, Josh Gerds, Carly Guenther, Chelsi Heim, Sean Hale, Steve Hale, Ryan Melcher, Emily Moothart, Christine Rozeske, Christine Robbins, Kory Soukup, Megan Scheid, Tess Starman, and Heather Strand.*

Grand Knight Bill Lawrence took some great pictures of the guests and workers. Go to our website, [kofcouncil945.org](http://kofcouncil945.org), to see these pictures and much more.

Surprise your family to a great breakfast treat on Valentine's Day, February 14. This breakfast benefits the Owatonna Exchange Club. The benefit breakfast on March 14 is for St. Mary's Music Boosters. Mark your calendar today!! Your support is very important.

## Knights on Active Duty



At our recent Officer's Meeting, a decision was made unanimously to waive the annual dues for Brother Knights in the military who are on active duty. If you are on active duty, and are in good standing, Brother Knights (or a family member) should write on the dues statement "On Active Military Duty" and return it to John Ahlberg, Financial Secretary. The dues for that year will be waived and paid for by the Council.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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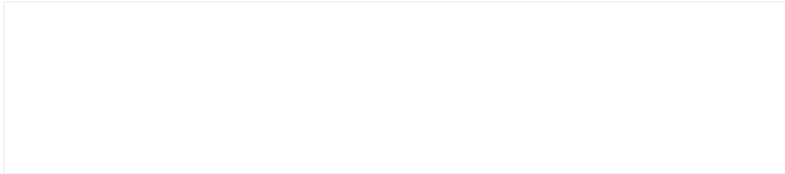
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Benefit Breakfast**  
Exchange Club  
February 14 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School

**KC Family Corporate Communion**  
Sunday, January 31 - 9:30 a.m.  
St. Joseph's Church

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**PAID**  
Owatonna, MN  
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**FEBRUARY 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	3 Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	4	5 Shrimp Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	6
7 Super Bowl Party KC Lounge 2:00 pm Steak Dinner - 4:00 pm	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	10 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meetin g - 8:00 pm	11	12 Shrimp Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	13
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