

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY
2011

COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South
P.O. Box 623
Owatonna, MN 55060
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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

January 30 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
February 2 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
February 9 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 13 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School Building Fund
February 20 - Major Degree
Faribault KC Hall
10:00 a.m.
February 24 - Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 27 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Exchange Club Center for
Family Unity
March 22 - Boy Scouts
Spaghetti Supper
St. Mary's School

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 2
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.
Father Andy Vogel will speak on his call to the
priesthood and his ordination.
(As a courtesy to our speaker & other members -
please arrive before 7:30 p.m.)

Two great breakfasts this month!

KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

for
St. Mary's School Building Fund

Sunday, February 13, 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!

(Advance tickets available after Masses on
Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, at the KC Hall, School Office, and
Parish offices.)

Bring all the special people in your life to this
special breakfast -

- ** Flowers for all the ladies **
 - ** Valentine's candy for the kids **
 - ** Great live music for everyone! **
 - ** Beautiful, romantic music by Logan Johnson **
 - ** 60's - 70's - Rock - Pop - Beatles - Billy Joel **
- Super food - KC Country Breakfasts
and KC three egg omelets

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Exchange Club Center for Family Unity

Sunday, February 27, 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 Family Corporate Communion

Sunday, January 30 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph 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.

BRITISH PUB QUIZZES (Trivia)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 13, thru Thursday, April 7

MAJOR DEGREE

Sunday, February 20
Faribault KC Hall - 10:00 a.m.
Transportation will be provided -
leave KC Hall at 9:00 a.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

SEAFOOD DINNERS & BURGER BASKETS

Fridays in February - February 4, 11, 18, & 25
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

SUPER BOWL WHOOP DEE DOO

Sunday, February 6
Doors open at 2:00 p.m.
Steak Dinner at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner includes marinated steak, baked potato,
salad, roll, ice cream cone for dessert.
Please R.S.V.P. by February 3, for steak dinner.

APPEARING AT THE KC LOUNGE

Saturday, February 5 - 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Justin McGuinn
Playing timeless classics from your past.

The Key input deadline is the 15th of each month

Information received after that date will
be published the following month.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our next major degree date is February 20, 2011, 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.

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...

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Harley Janke, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, 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, Gary Wandrey, 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 Jerry Kent passed away on December 28.

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

Council 945 Free Throw Winners

Owatonna Knights of Columbus 945 held their annual Free Throw Championship on Monday, January 10, 2011. The winners in the various divisions are as follows:

Special Division: Girls Age 8 Sara Anderson

Girls Age 10 Jenna Zeman

Boys Age 10 Steven Eckard

Girls Age 11 Maddy Kuck

Boys Age 11 Eden Mrazek

Girls Age 12 Caitlin Anderson

Boys Age 12 Jacob Neuharth

Girls Age 13 Kristin Pumper

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

Brother Knights Andy Oberstein, John Oberstein, social members Ronald Blakstad, and Tony Blakstad.

Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquast

Dear Knights:

Last month, I thanked all the Knights for their time/help with all the things we as Knights do. I believe I forgot to thank their families also. So a special thanks to all the wives, children, and friends who helped on these fundraisers. Also, I should mention that I am proud to be a member of an organization that gives support the way we do. The funeral for Jerry Kent was a good example of this. There were 39 Brother Knights surrounding the room praying the Rosary. What a wonderful thing to be part of. Thanks to all who were there. Also a good example of this is the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Chili Cook-Off, that started with donations from a terrible accident and has grown to giving out more than \$4,000.00 in scholarships every year. That's all for now—may GOD bless.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

This may surprise you. Can you guess the biggest mistake investors today are making with their nest egg, both before and after retirement? In a Wall Street Journal article entitled "Cracks in the Nest Egg" the #1 mistake was failing to consider Long Term Care needs. Surprised? If you look at the potential liability, both financially and emotionally, for many, it is perhaps the biggest challenge they will face. The emotional strain is often more of an issue than the financial strain. Combined, they are often overwhelming for both the person being cared for and the caregiver, who in many cases is a family member. If you doubt this, just look around... the numbers are growing dramatically, as is the cost. Nearly 90% of men and women believe it's important for a financial professional to talk with them about long-term care. However, less than 10% have ever had this conversation. Why? When asked, the majority of people said even though they want to talk about it...they didn't because it would upset their family to discuss their potential long-term care needs. I've long believed a little discomfort up front is a whole lot easier to deal with than later, when the entire family will be forced to cope with overwhelming challenges.

A recent study showed 70% of individuals over age 65 will require at least some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. Understandably, the greatest fear these people face is being a burden on their family.

The solution is fairly simple. Your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company has one of the best, most affordable plans in the market...period. Aside from the perception that the cost of long-term care might be too expensive, the #1 reason people don't purchase coverage that will ease those fears and allow peace of mind is "confusion"...confusion over cost, features, ins-and-outs of Medicare and Medicaid to name a few.

For those of you approaching retirement and those already there...why not eliminate the confusion and worry and get the facts? As one person brilliantly stated..."I'd rather buy long-term care 10 or 20 years too early than try to buy it one day too late".

As always, I can be reached at 213-9410 or Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org. I would appreciate the opportunity to help in any way I can.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF

2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
Chancellor: Wade Schroeder
Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Chuck Walerius
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (2 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (1 year): PGK Bill Lawrence

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Randy Balausky
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Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
Family Director: Stephen Nelson
Health Director: Dr. Mark Nelson
Recruit Director: PGK Mark Cunningham
Youth Director: Will Pieper
Membership Director: PGK LaVerne Klecker
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
Lecturer: PGK Mark Cunningham
Historian: Open
Retention Chairman: PGK LaVerne Klecker
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Comm Chairman: Tom Elbert
Gambling Manager: Josh Klecker
District Deputy: PGK Joe Elbert
KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Dave Fandel

The December Knight of the Month is Dave Fandel. Dave is certainly no stranger to Owatonna and the KC's. He moved to Owatonna back in 1973, and joined Council 945 about the same time. He cites his uncle, who was a priest in Iowa (and also a member of the Knights of Columbus), as an influence behind his decision to join the brotherhood. Within the past few years, Dave has become a member of the Fourth Degree.

Dave was active as a young knight. Over the years since then, he has helped out with many different activities like the KC Breakfasts, the food stand at the Steele County Free Fair, and the bowling team, but has recently found a favorite activity: Smokin' in Steele.

"It's just kind of the competition for me that makes it fun," Fandel said. He's been a key member of the

Backyard BBQ competition. He also is involved in the Council's Steak Fries and Lenten Fish Fries. Dave appreciates the many good works the KC's do, saying, "They have a lot of good programs. A lot of them are for the kids, and I just kind of enjoy all of the community programs."

Dave is a native of Whittimore, IA, and graduated from Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona, IA. He is currently employed at Prudential Advantage Realty as a Realtor.

Dave and his wife Jan are members of St. Joseph Parish. They've been married 40 years. They have two children, Tracy and Brandon, and are proud grandparents of three girls and one boy.

Congratulations to Dave Fandel, the December Knight of the Month!

St. Mary's REP & CYO breakfast shows team work at its finest

"Team work at its finest," is how PGK/FN LaVerne Klecker describes the work of our breakfast team. The KC breakfast team, a wonderful group of energetic REP & CYO students and parents, and all who attended the breakfast held on January 9 helped raise over \$500 for St. Mary's REP & CYO. Special thanks to Joan Steffens for her work with the advance ticket sales, arranging workers, and in the dining room on Sunday morning.

The Saturday prep team included: *Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks to our excellent Knights of Columbus Breakfast Team. The Sunday team included: *Randy Balausky, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Frank Conley, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Al Nelson,*

Tony Nguyen, Will Pieper & family, Mark Pfeifer, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Curt Suppala, and Dave Wunderlich. We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies.

Thanks to our closers, *Chuck Walerius, Mark Pfeifer, Dick Thamert, and John Wheeler.* They were joined by *LaVerne Klecker and Al Nelson,* with the closing duties on Sunday. We still need several more closers. Consider joining this elite group!

Surprise your family to a great breakfast treat with our special KC Valentine's breakfast on February 13. We will have carnations for the ladies and Valentine candy for the kids. There will be live music to make this a very special treat for the entire family. This breakfast benefits St. Mary's School Building Fund. The benefit breakfast on March 13 is for St. Mary's Music Boosters. Mark your calendar today!! Your support is very important.

Join the KC Chorus for the new season

The year 2010 was an outstanding year for the Council 945 KC Chorus. The Chorus proudly represented Council 945 in 16 church, council, community, and social events. There were five new Chorus members added last year.

This season will be even more exciting. In addition to our normal schedule, the Chorus will sing with the "Litomyslaneous Choir" at the Polka Mass during the Litomysl Summer Festival in July. We will be considering more parades and additional events this year.

If you have vocal talent, please consider joining this fine group. Music Director Stephen Nelson at 455-0881 is anxious to talk with you. He is setting up special practice sessions for new members. Don't wait - call Stephen today.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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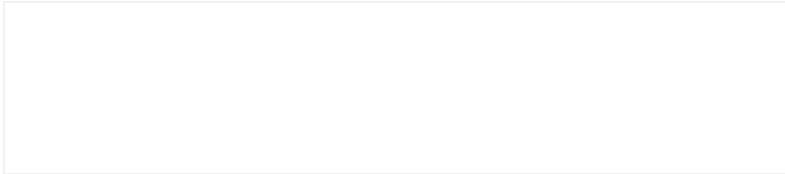


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St. Mary's School Open House -
Sunday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Guided tours - Information sessions - Meet the teachers -
Breakfast (freewill donation)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	2 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	3 British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	4 Seafood Dinners & Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	5 Justin McGuinn - musician 7:30 - 10:30 pm KC Lounge
6 Super Bowl! Whoop Dee Doo KC Lounge Doors Open at 2:00 pm	7	8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	9 General Meeting Meeting - 7:30 pm	10 British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	11 Seafood Dinners & Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12
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