

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY
2012

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

January 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
February 1 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
February 8 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 12 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
KC Special Valentine
February 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 24 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters
February 26 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Center for Family Unity
March 14 - First Degree
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 1
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 8
Program - 7:30 p.m.
*The speaker will be Ali Gibbs, who is the Abused
Children's Program Coordinator at the Crisis
Resource Center of Steele County.*



Two great breakfasts
this month!



KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 12, 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. 29 and Feb. 5, at the KC Hall, School Office, and
Parish offices.)

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

* * Valentine's candy for the kids * *
Super food - KC Country Breakfasts
and KC three egg omelets

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Center for Family Unity

Sunday, February 26, 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.

Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

We will be hiding 6 KC membership numbers
someplace in the newsletter. Find your number and
collect two free drinks at the KC Club Room. Simply
present your membership card and show the
bartender your number in *The Key*. There is a copy of
The Key posted on the bulletin board. You will receive
two complimentary drinks. Winners' names will be
published in the next edition of *The Key*.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, January 29 - 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church

Special KC breakfast (freewill donation) served at
St. Mary's School Open House
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"All members and their families are invited to attend
this Mass and the open house breakfast."

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, March 14
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
New members be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!



BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. served in the KC Hall
and Lounge

Fried or Baked Fish Plate,
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee
Presale tickets - \$8.50, \$9.00 at the door
Kids under six eat free

*Super-size meal option, available at the door with
any ticket.*

2012 Beneficiaries

February 24 Catholic Daughters
*Future beneficiaries will be listed in next
month's Key.*

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, February 21
Serving gumbo in the lounge from 6:00 p.m. till gone,
hurricane drink specials

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

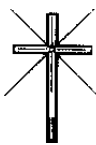
This month, I would like to share some thoughts and beliefs about life and life insurance. As always, I'm happy to discuss any of these with you and how they might apply specifically to you and your family. 3315647

- Somebody always pays for life insurance whether it is purchased or not.
- All too often focus is placed on the cost of life insurance. However, it is the things we need that cost money. It is living...not life insurance that is costly.
- The premium is not the problem. The premium is the solution to the problem.
- Life Insurance is the only vehicle that will guarantee our "unfinished business" will be taken care of.
- When a fellow Knight says "NO" to life insurance (or Long Term Care Insurance, income replacement insurance or...) the problem still exists. In saying "NO" you have said "YES" to some other way of having the problem solved. In doing so, the cost is always greater.
- Insurance must be bought before it is needed. The only time you can get it is when you can prove you don't need it.
- The only reason for not buying a permanent life insurance policy is to save you the money it won't cost you if you do buy it (if you're like me, this point may take some extra thought...but it's 100% true).
- Most families are underinsured...many vastly underinsured.
- Rarely, if ever, does the need for life insurance decrease with age.
- Dollar for dollar, permanent life insurance is one of the best decisions you will ever make.

One final thought...If you don't have a Knights of Columbus IRA, maybe it's time you took a look at the guarantees and many advantages it can provide. I can be reached at 213-9410. Have a great month!

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

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...

Frank Conley, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Jim Joachim, 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 Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroeffer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Brother Knight Dr. A. J. Floersch passed away on January 18. Eleanor J. Dornquast died on January 21. Eleanor was the aunt of Brother Knight Steve Dornquast.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balauskys

Greetings Brother Knights.

As we enter February, we have been lucky that we have yet to dig ourselves out of any deep snow. This reminds us that spring is around the corner and like most of us the annual "Spring Cleaning" will begin. The Lenten Season and Easter is going to be upon us, and Ash Wednesday, February 22, 1012. Just like Spring Cleaning, the Lenten Season is spring cleaning of our souls. We can do this in many ways by praying, fasting, almsgiving, and confession. Going to confession during this time can also help you "clean house" spiritually. This will bring us closer to God by helping us to detach from our selfishness and worldly distractions. "The important thing is to keep God First in your heart and mind in your Lenten prayers and other devotions. Then Lent becomes a time for transformation as well as preparation." (<http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/lenten-prayers.html>) 2865373

If you have not already done so, please send in your dues listed on your recent 2012 Dues Statement. These dollars allow our Council to stay in good standing with Supreme and the State Council. More importantly, these monies allow us to continue the good work in our communities. Thanks 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 all participants and all the winners.

February 4th we will be holding our 1st Annual Membership Supper. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and to be sure you have renewed your membership. Be sure to refer to the insert in last month's **Key**.

As a reminder, there are two outstanding scholarships that parents/students may apply for; The William Warner Scholarship and the Andrew Lawrence Scholarship. Applications should be in the High School counselors' office.

Speaking about fellowship, I have noticed an increase of members attending our monthly "General" meetings. These meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus hall. These meetings serve several purposes; First, education; every month starting at 7:30 p.m. we try to have an informational speaker come in and share with us what they specialize in and what they do for our community. We also ask that when we have speakers please arrive early as we do not want to interrupt presentations. The doors will be closed when they begin. Second; this is our general meeting, here is where we inform the general membership of what we have done, and what plans are being taken care of for upcoming events. Finally, and not less important than the others is fellowship. Here is where we share the good times of what we do as a council in a social environment, again all members are welcome, and we also provide some sort of small meal and refreshments. Keep your eyes open for our meetings. 4057372

At the next general meeting the speaker will be Ali Gibbs, who is the Abused Children's Program Coordinator at the Crisis Resource Center of Steele County.

Congratulations to December's Knight of the Month Brandon Pofahl. God Bless!

SEAFOOD DINNERS & BURGER BASKETS

Fridays in February - February 3, 10, & 17
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 5

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 2, for steak dinner.

Leadership Display Upgraded



Leadership Display Team

A special thanks to Brother Knight Joe Elbert of J & J Cabinet Works for his design and construction of the picture rails and, to Brother Knight Don Boesen of Boesen Photography for his photo shop work and photography. Brother Knights Frank Conley and Tim Rice played vital roles in the planning, layout, and installation of the display. Pictured left to right are: Joe Elbert, Frank Conley, Don Boesen, and Tim Rice.

A project which has been in the works for some time has been completed. The pictures of the Past Grand Knights that go back as far as 1928 have taken a place of prominence on the South wall of the meeting room at the KC Hall. Joining the former leaders are the plaques recognizing the Knights of the Year and the Trustee's Service Award recipients plus the current Grand Knight. The display has been condensed and new picture rails have been installed to improve the overall appearance.

Included on the west wall is a new display featuring the pictures of the Past Faithful Navigators of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly. These pictures go back to 1993. On this same wall are the original charters of the Third and Fourth Degree along with the current Faithful Navigator. 1815047

Other pictures included in the display are: Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Lori, Supreme Chaplain, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Christopher Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney, Knights of Columbus founder, Fr. Edward Mountain, future namesake of Council 945.

A team of Brother Knights took on the task of completing the upgrade and the addition of the Fourth Degree display. They included: Frank Conley, Joe Elbert, Tim Rice, and Don Boesen.

Frank Conley, PGK and PFN, commented, "It is fitting that these Brother Knights be recognized for their leadership which has added to the success of our Council and Assembly. We have a 108 year history of service to God, Church, and Community."

Top Sword Awards



Bill Regan proudly displays his Top Sword award.



Cheryl and Glen Meger admire Glen's Top Sword award at the Christmas party.



Multiple winner Joe Elbert accepts his Top Sword award from Faithful Navigator LaVerne Klecker.

Each year, the Fourth Degree Assembly recognizes the Sir Knight who participates in the largest number of honor guard events. This year, there was a three-way tie for this award. Joe Elbert, Glen Meger, and Bill Regan each took part in eight events. In presenting the award, Faithful Navigator LaVerne Klecker commented, "I want to congratulate these three Sir Knights and encourage those of you who do not have regalia to consider acquiring it and to join the honor guard ranks. The honor guard with their cape, chapeaux, and sword are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus." 2854956

KC Chorus Founder Recognition



Chorus founder, Frank Conley accepts his appreciation plaque from Chorus Director, Stephen Nelson.

The KC Chorus provided entertainment for the Fourth Degree Christmas party and they took this opportunity to recognize Frank Conley, founder of the chorus. Stephen Nelson, Chorus Director, presented Frank with a plaque recognizing the 10th anniversary of the chorus' existence. In making the presentation he thanked Frank for his dedication to making the chorus what it is today. Stephen went on to say, "We perform for many events at Church and in the community and Frank is the one who gives us this opportunity."

Conley credits discussions with Bob Doyle and an archive picture of the original 1930's KC Chorus as the inspiration and motivation to restart the chorus. He also said the work of Stephen Nelson, Don Boesen, and Pat Rose made the effort successful.

Today, there are 25 Chorus members representing Council 945 in 16 major events throughout the year.



A free throw contest competitor concentrates on his next shot.



Competitors anxiously await the results of the free throw contest.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 Free Throw Contest Winners

Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 held their annual Free Throw Championship on Monday, January 9th. The winners in the various divisions were as follows:

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| 10 yr. old girls, Maggie Krumholz | 10 yr. old boys, Steven Eckard. |
| 11 yr. old girls Stephanie Liebl | 11 yr. old boys, Braytn Larson. |
| 12 yr. old girls, Madie Kubista | 12 yr. old boys Mathew Bothum. |
| 13 yr. old girls, Caitlin Anderson | 13 yr old boys, Aidan Buryska. |
| 14 yr old girls, Kirstin Pumper | 14 yr. old boys, Brady Ruiter. |

All of these winners advanced to the District competition which was held at St. Mary's School gymnasium in Owatonna on Monday, January 16.

Event organizer Dustin Reese would like to thank those who helped including: Mary Reese and Brother Knights Gary Nelson, Casey Connor, Kyle Kozelka, Steve Dornquast, Dan Kubista, John Oberstein, Lynn Becker, and Wade Schroeder.



Parents, friends, and other competitors watch as each shooter takes their turn.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus held their annual District Free Throw Championship the week of January 16th. The winners in the various divisions were as follows:

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| 10 yr. old girls, Emma Kniefel of Medford | 10 yr. old boys, Steven Eckard of Owatonna. |
| 11 yr. old girls, Stephanie Liebl of Owatonna | 11 yr. old boys, Braytn Larson of Owatonna. |
| 12 yr. old girls, Madie Kubista of Owatonna | 12 yr. old boys, Mathew Bothun of Owatonna. |
| 13 yr. old girls, Hanna Robb of Medford | 13 yr old boys, Zachary Gedicke of Medford. |
| 14 yr old girls, Marnie Madsen of Medford | 14 yr. old boys, Brady Ruiter of Owatonna. |

The District contest hosted local winners of Council contests in the communities of Owatonna, Medford, and Waseca.

All of these winners will advance to the Regional competition which will be held at Lourdes High School gymnasium in Rochester in March.

Knights of Columbus District Deputy Joe Elbert would like to congratulate the winners and all participants that represented their Council and communities. Also thank you to event organizer Dustin Reese and those who helped including: Mary Reese and Brother Knights Gary Nelson, Casey Connor, Steve Dornquast, John Oberstein, and Lynn Becker.

William Warner Scholarship

Once again, Owatonna Council 945 plans to award the William Warner Scholarship this year. Applicants must be a member of the current senior class of a Steele County High School. (Only graduating seniors are eligible.) Applicants also need to:

- be a member of the Catholic church and plan to attend a Catholic college or university.
- be average or above in academic achievement and be an active participant in school, church, and community activities.
- submit an application by March 1 to the Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 945, Owatonna, MN 55060. Applications are available at Steele County High School Career Centers, Parish Offices, and can be picked up at the KC Hall.
- Sons or daughters of Knights of Columbus or deceased Knights shall receive preference.

Questions can be referred to Trustees Joe Elbert, Bill Lawrence, or Steve Dornquast.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausk (507) 213-9862
Deputy Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder
Chancellor: Dustin Reese
Advocate: Steve Graff
Warden: Dan Wolfe
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (2 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
Trustee (1 year): PGK Steve Dornquast

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Wade Schroeder
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruiter
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



Brandon Pofahl

The December Knight of the Month is someone who “works very hard and gives his best at anything else that could possibly be done” according to Past Grand Knight Walt Spindler. This hard working Knight is Brandon Pofahl.

Brandon Pofahl grew up in Faribault and graduated from Faribault High School. From there, he attended St. Olaf College in Northfield and graduated with a degree in Political Science, eventually getting the chance to meet President George W. Bush at a 2004 campaign stop.

One of Brandon’s passions is bicycling. A few years ago, he took a 4,000 mile bicycle tour to raise money for affordable housing. The ten-week trek stretched from Boston to Santa Barbara. He continues to ride recreationally.

Brandon and his wife Kari are members at Sacred Heart Parish. He works at Wells Fargo Bank in Owatonna.

Brandon is willing to help out whenever he’s needed. “He’s a good KC,” according to Walt Spindler, adding “That’s the way we should be – offering to help.” When Brandon isn’t bicycling, he can be seen singing in the KC Chorus or helping out with other projects.

Congratulations to Brandon Pofahl, the December Knight of the Month!

KC Partners with St. Mary’s for Two Benefit Breakfasts

January is always busy for KC members as they prepare and serve two breakfasts benefiting St. Mary’s and Catholic Education. The first breakfast raised funds for the CYO and REP programs. The second was salute to Catholic Education Week. All possible with a wonderful group of KC members and a number of energetic students and parents.

The Saturday prep team included: Gerry Barry, Bob Grebe, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmot, and Ron Wolf. Thanks to our excellent Knights of Columbus Breakfast Team. The Sunday team included: Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Mark Cassen, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green,

Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Terry Kuck, LaVerne Klecker, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dan Ruiter, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Curt Suppala, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Dan Wolf, and Dave Wunderlich. We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies.

Thanks to our closers, Brian Carlson, Roger Green, Lee Jardine, LaVerne Klecker, Dick Thamert, and Dan Wolf. We still need several more closers. Consider joining this elite group!

Surprise your sweetheart and your family by attending our special KC Valentine’s breakfast on February 12. We will have Valentine candy for the kids. This breakfast benefits KC programs and activities. Mark your calendar today!! Your support is very important.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning on holding a First Degree Exemplification on March 14 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. All new members be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. 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 or 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 3371819

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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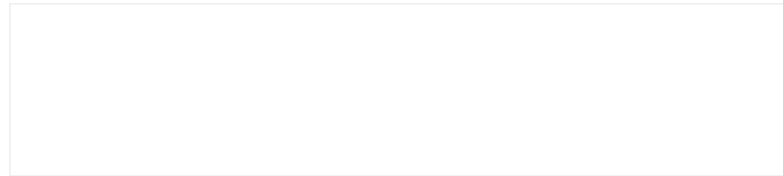
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| 5 Super Bowl Party KC Lounge Doors Open at 2:00 pm | 6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm | 7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm | 8 General Meeting 7:30 pm | 9 | 10 Seafood Dinners & Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 11 |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Fat Tuesday Celebration KC Hall - 6:00 pm | 22 Ash Wednesday | 23 Fourth Degree Business Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 pm | 24 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner Catholic Daughters 5:00 - 7:00 pm | 25 |
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