

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY
2013

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

February 2 - 9th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
February 6 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 10 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for KC Special Valentine
February 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
February 13 - General Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Program
February 15 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters
February 22 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's REP/CYO &
Healthy Seniors
February 24 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Isidore School
February 28 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 19 - Annual Spaghetti
Dinner for the Scouts
of Owatonna

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 6
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by Rev. Michael Cronin,
Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church
Beginning in January, door prizes will be drawn at
each meeting.



Two great breakfasts
this month!



KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 10, 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
Feb. 3, 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 St. Isidore School

Sunday, February 24, 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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 27

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

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, February 12
Serving gumbo in the lounge from 6:00 p.m.
until gone, hurricane drink specials

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Fridays in February - February 1 & 8
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

9th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

February 2, 2013 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

SUPERBOWL STEAK FRY

Sunday, February 3, 2013 - KC Hall
Doors open at 2:00 p.m.
Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.
Please RSVP for steak fry by Wednesday, Jan. 30.



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 - \$ 9.00, \$9.50 at the door
Kids under six eat free

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

2013 Beneficiaries

Feb. 15 Catholic Daughters
Feb. 22 St. Mary's REP/CYO &
Healthy Seniors
March 1 St. Mary's Sports Boosters
March 8 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
March 15 Compassionate Friends & Birthright
March 22 Medford Catholic Daughters &
Medford Knights of Columbus
March 29 Izaak Walton League

The Touch Of The Master's Hand

by Myra B. Welch

Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, then, two! Only two?
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;
Going for three . . ."

But no,
From the room, far back, a grey-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening the loose strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low, said:
"What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?
"Two thousand! And who'll make it three?
"Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice;
And going and gone." said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand, what changed its worth?"
Swift came the reply:
"The Touch Of The Master's Hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.

A 'mess of potage,' a glass of wine;
A game - and he travels on.

He is 'going' once, and 'going' twice,
He's 'going' and almost 'gone'.

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's Hand.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our eight new First Degree members who joined our Council on January 7. 2496674

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on February 4, 2013, in Waseca, Minnesota. If you have a prospective member, please contact me at 451-4102 or 456-6738 so we can carpool to Waseca. 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 please contact me. 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.

If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

2013 is past its inception and we are now slowly (way too slowly for some) moving through the cold doldrums of winter. If you are a snow "flake" and love all the snow, cold and all of the winter sports it brings, have heart; Minnesota is known to move kicking and fighting into spring... if you are like me and wish only to be able to remember what it meant to complain about the humidity and mosquitos... Well, I would love to tell you that spring is just around the corner but I am afraid it would damage my credibility. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" so take solace in the fact that Minnesota winter is part of God's plan and we can be assured that it has a purpose. 4337884

Recently the council celebrated another Corporate Communion. This lesser known council event is celebrated by our members approximately four times each year; on the last Sunday of each month that has five Sundays.

Webster dictionary states corporate means "of, relating to, or formed into a unified body of individuals" and also from Webster dictionary communion is defined as "the act of sharing". Put these two words together and it is a group of unified individuals sharing together.

It basically goes like this... All willing Knights and their families intentionally all go to the same church service together and then go have breakfast together afterwards. We rotate between Sacred Heart (9:00 service) and St. Joseph church (9:30 service) each time there are five Sundays in a month. During these services, we also try to all sit together in the front of the church. It happens to work out that there are between four and five months each year with five Sundays and we advertise the date and which church we are going to in *The KEY* on the month before each one.

Of course you don't have to sit in the front if you have small children or if your schedule tends to run more towards the beginning of the service than fashionably early like some of us but that is the idea. The fourth degree also attends the service in their regalia and is part of the procession. After the service, all attending Knights and their families are invited to meet at the KC hall and have breakfast together... This is a great way to spend some time with your fellow Knights in prayer, worship and in fellowship afterwards during breakfast. All members of the council and their families are invited to attend this unifying and camaraderie building event in the months that they occur. I invite all members to please consider attending at least one Corporate Communion in 2013. The next corporate communion for our council is scheduled for March 31st at Sacred Heart Church.

Vivat Jesus

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*. Winners' names will be published in the next edition of *The Key*.

Second Annual Paid Membership Supper

Saturday February 9, 2013

Social Hour will begin at 3:30 pm with supper served at 5:00 pm. The only cost will be to have already paid your \$35.00* dues for the year. (or \$15.00* for Honorary members... Honorary Life members are free.)

The menu this year will be spaghetti, salad, bread, & dessert. You and your guest will receive 1 free glass of beer or wine and the bar will be open upstairs. Please join us for this night of fun and camaraderie.

Special Olympics Breakfast A Big Success



The whole Sunday morning breakfast crew takes time out for a photo op.

The Special Olympics breakfast held on January 13 at St. Mary's School was well attended and we had great help with the dining room tasks, especially the Special Olympics athletes. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance.

The exceptional Council 945 breakfast team had a good work-out all morning. Thanks to our entire breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast and often work the entire morning: *John Ahlberg, Randy Balasky, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, John Degner, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Pete Gunther, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Tom Jirele, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Ben Lempiainew, Bill Lawrence, Duane Ludwig, Tony Nuygen, Al Nelson, Jeff Otto, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Dan Ruiter, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Gerry Berry, Tom Bremer, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

When everything was totaled up we served 400 breakfasts and the Special Olympics program received about \$1,000 for their efforts. We always receive comments from patrons about the excellent food and service. If you haven't attended a breakfast recently, this is good time to find out for yourself. 4337886

The next benefit breakfast will be held on January 27. This free-will offering breakfast is a part of the St. Mary's School open house during Catholic Education Week. Take advantage of this opportunity to support Catholic Education in Owatonna. 3310756



Bill Foreman, Al Nelson, and Joe Elbert have the cash register all set for the morning rush.



Tom Docksey is the master at cooking French toast.



Terry Kuck adds just the right touch to the delicious pancakes.

Top Sword Awards Highlight Christmas Party

Ray Willmott, pictured right, the 2011 -2012 Top Sword recipient. He participated in 16 honor guard events. LaVerne Klecker was runner-up with 15 events. This year the honor guard participated in a record 25 events. Twenty Sir Knights took part representing 155 man-events.



Eric Wandersee proudly displays his award as a runner-up Top Sword. He participated in 15 events.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Eight New Knights Exemplified on January 7



Troy Titus and his wife Lori have two sons, Tyler and Colin. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Federated Insurance. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Brian Carlson.



Hunter Roden is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is a Lance Corporal in the Marines stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was sponsored by his dad Brother Knight Steve Roden.



Lon Thiele and his wife Brooke have two daughters, Savannah and Jasmine. He is the Sheriff of Steele County. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Patrick Lehman and his wife Diane have three grown children. They are members of St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He is employed as plant manager at Crown Cork and Seal. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.



Travis Oltmans and his wife Beth have one daughter Makenzie and two sons, Carter and Brody. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the owner of Venture Hydraulics. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Wade Schroeder.



Tracy Mullenbach and his wife Kandee have two daughters Sydney and Haylee, and one son Kaeden. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed by Total Masonry and Construction. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Wade Schroeder.

Scott Seykora and his wife Theresa have one son, Beckett. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is an art teacher at the Owatonna High School. He is an assistant wrestling coach and head coach for the lacrosse team. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



David Introne and his wife Amy are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is a substitute teacher at St. Mary's school and also works with St. Mary's after care. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Brian Carlson.

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
 Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder (507) 573-1586
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dustin Reese
 Chancellor: Dan Wolfe
 Advocate: Dave Lax
 Warden: Gary Sanford
 Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Scot Berkley
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Steve Dornquast
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Randy Balausk

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dustin Reese (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: Joe Elbert (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Joel Garten

The December Knight of the Month has been an active part of the KCs for nearly four years. Joel Garten joined Council 945 back in the spring of 2009 at the urging of his friend, and sponsor, Bill Lawrence. Since then, you can see Joel helping out with the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign, Smokin' in Steele, The Tootsie Roll give away, and the food stand at the Steele County Free Fair.

Joel joined the KC's because of the organization's reputation. "It was an organization that I knew a little bit about, so being able to help out with so many different organizations was appealing," he said. "But the camaraderie has been a lot of fun, too." Since joining, he's learned more about the Knights and their mission. "I've just

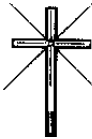
been so impressed by how many organizations the Knights help," he said. "It's really an impressive organization."

Joel is a native of Freeborn, MN, and has been married to his wife Denise for 20 years. Together, they have three children – Wyatt, Austin, and Chloe. Joel's family attends church at Sacred Heart, where Joel continues his generous ways by helping out as a lector.

Joel works at Crown Cork and Seal in Owatonna. When he's not at work or giving his time to the many KC functions, Joel helps out with the local Cub Scout Pack where he serves as the Cubmaster, and he also is active in the KC-Sponsored Boy Scout Troop #253. He also enjoys hunting and fishing, and is probably known around the hall and community for his unfailing love for the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins.

Congratulations to Joel Garten – Council 945's December Knight of the Month!

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, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Wilbert Hunt, 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, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirk, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Carol Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Rev. Mr. Frederick J.Reker passed away on December 31. Frederick was the father-in-law of Brother Knight Dave Wunderlich.

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

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Some time ago, I wrote about the importance of addressing - sooner rather than later - various insurance needs, in particular life insurance & long term care insurance. Virtually every month I have to give members news that is hardly comforting to me or them...that we were unable to obtain the coverage they needed and wanted. I'm seeing this more and more. To say it bothers me when it happens is an understatement. It always has...and the feeling lingers for a long time. Often I tell myself, "If only I had met them one year or 5 years or 10 years earlier...the outcome would have been so different." 3398394

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. How easy and convenient but so very wrong it is to think this can't happen to you. Wouldn't it be nice if someone would ring a bell warning you your health is about to change? But by then, of course, it's too late. And the price is often high...financially and emotionally.

Please...don't wait. Remember, sooner or later, everyone...everyone...becomes uninsurable. It's not a question of "if"...only "when". 1815050

And finally, keep in mind...insurance is not about you. It's about those you love. It's all about love. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I'm happy to discuss this with you at any time. I can be reached at 213-9410.

Have a great month!

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

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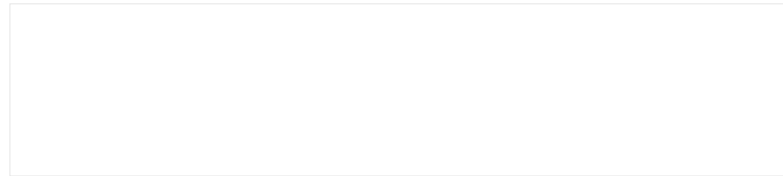
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