

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY  
2015

## 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 4** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 8** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
for KC Special Valentine  
**February 9** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**February 11** - General Meeting  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 16** - First Degree  
Exemplification - KC Hall  
Candidates be at Hall at 6:30  
**February 20** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Catholic Daughters  
**February 22** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
for St. Isidore School  
**February 26** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**February 27** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
St. Vincent DePaul &  
Parent Provider Connection  
**March 6** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
KC 945 Charitable Activities

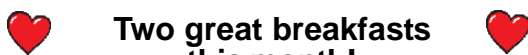
## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 4  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 11  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
by Dan Bauer and students of REP/CYO  
Door Prizes Awarded



Two great breakfasts  
this month!

### KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

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

All are welcome!

(Advance tickets available at the KC Hall and  
from Brother Knights)

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 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School

All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious  
KC Country Breakfasts &  
KC Three Egg Omelets.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUNGE OPENING AT NOON ON SATURDAYS IN FEBRUARY

#### Slider Saturday Specials

Serving 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Burger and fries - \$5.00

Burger Happy Meals - \$7.25

Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog and fries - \$4.50

Whistle Pig Happy Meal - \$6.75

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, Feb. 1, 6 at the KC Hall in Owatonna  
beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Candidates, please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

### SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 1 - KC Hall  
Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.

### SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,  
and Burger Baskets  
Fridays in February - February 6 & 13  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

### BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia,  
every Saturday at the KC Hall in February at 4:00  
p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.



### 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, \$10.00 at the door

Kids under six eat free

All you care to eat.

#### 2015 Beneficiaries

**February 20** Catholic Daughters, Court #1180  
**February 27** Parent Provider Connection &  
St. Vincent DePaul  
**March 6** KC 945 Charitable Activities  
**March 13** Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree  
Assembly & St. Isidore School  
**March 20** Medford Knights of Columbus and  
Catholic Daughters  
**March 27** Birthright & Compassionate Friends  
**April 3** Izaak Walton League

## Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

### ***Our Guarantees Set Us Apart!***

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can - guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That's peace of mind, and that's what we offer with our every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 38 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

Luke Rennie, FICF General Agent 507-417-4169

## Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Brother Knights,

This month's message is about dollars and sense. I know I am referring to sense vs. cents in this phrase. But dollars and sense is what your Council officers spent a good amount of discussion on recently. By now all of you should have received your Council dues statement for 2015. As you may have noticed, the annual dues amount has increased to \$36 for this year. For the past four years the dues amount remained at \$32 and your Council officers all agreed it was time to review our dues as our Council expenses and funding requests have also gone up over these past four years. The question boiled down to what dollar amount made sense. Too small of an increase and we could be back addressing the same fiscal issue in a year or two; too large of an increase and we could impact on our member's ability or willingness to contribute. As stewards of our Council, it was an important but difficult decision but after much discussion and input, a consensus was reached.

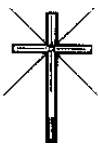
Our Council fees are still quite reasonable, \$3 per month, given the benefits our Council provides to its members and the community at large. As in years past, your fee statement also includes the voluntary contribution of \$3 towards the William Warner Scholarship Fund. I am very pleased and grateful that nearly all of you make this contribution when paying your dues and I truly hope you will continue to support this worthy cause. Our annual dues are the primary funding source for our Council but they can only help us meet our monthly fiscal obligations when they are in our bank account. So I urge you to please send in your dues payment as quickly as you can. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I almost forgot to talk about that other blue sheet in with your fee statement. If you have been to any of our general Council meetings since I became Grand Knight, you would have heard discussions about the need to increase OUR fund raising efforts as a Council. We have continued to increase the level of charitable giving over the years but have come to the point we have had to say no to some worthy requests because our available funds are low, especially near the end of the year. The Minnesota Knights Foundation Raffle that you have with your fee statement is one of the additional funding sources we have adopted this year. Not only are there substantial cash prizes to be won, but for each ticket sold, 50% of the income stays directly with our Council. And by participating, our Council becomes eligible to apply for matching financial grants from the Foundation for future capital or other worthwhile projects.

So I encourage each of you to support this raffle and also mark your calendar to attend the February 8th Pancake Breakfast and the March 6th Lenten Fish Fry. The proceeds from each of these events goes directly to OUR charitable organization, Council 945. So please join us for a great meal and help promote our ticket sales for these events. It is all about dollars and sense.

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.

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

Please remember in your prayers all of our sick and injured Assembly members and family members.

### **IN MEMORY**

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

*Brother Knight Mark Smith of Medford Deerfield Council, stepson of Sir Knight Cal Jenko and brother of Brother Knight Chris Smith, passed away on December 23.*

*Marian Alice Becker, mother of Sir Knight Lynn Becker, passed away on January 15.*

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

## Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014-2015

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

## Tuesday Night at the Club

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



## Fat Tuesday - February 17

Serving gumbo in the lounge from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.. Hurricane drink specials.  
**Beads Beads Beads**

## 2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Edward McGrath  
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 Ruitier  
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



Tim Blum

The December Knight of the Month is a relative newcomer to the membership, but he's someone who has been around the hall and his Brother Knights for many years. Tim Blum joined Council 945 in 2013, but his passion for giving back and helping others has helped him gain recognition.

Upon receiving the award, Tim said, "I've been helping people all my life. It's an honor for me to receive this."

It's well-earned, too. This Owatonna native has helped at the Hall for various steak or shrimp fries, landscaping the grounds, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, helping in the Tootsie Roll campaign, or Smokin' in Steele. Why? "I like to help" is the simple answer.

Tim enjoys meeting new people as well as knowing that he's helping others and giving back. It's why he joined the Knights, and what

keeps him energized as a member. "I just wanted to be involved," he said. "All my life, I've felt that if you give, it will come back to you two-fold. And great organizations like this are here to help."

Tim and his wife Kelly have two children. They're members at St. Joseph's Church. Tim is a self-employed contractor, and also served Owatonna as a firefighter for 19 years. In his spare time, he enjoys helping at charity events, waterskiing, fishing, and spending time with family.

Congratulations to Tim Blum, Council 945's December Knight of the Month!

## Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disability Breakfast Kicks Off New Year

The Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities breakfast held on January 11 at St. Mary's School had a great turnout this year. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance.

A big thank you goes out to the Sunday breakfast team. We couldn't do it with you: *Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Karen Graff, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Stephanie Pieper, Will Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Dick Thamert, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

When everything was totaled up, we served nearly 500 breakfasts. We always receive comments from patrons about the excellent food and service. Attend a breakfast in the near future to find out for yourself.

The February breakfasts include one on the 8th - the KC Valentine Breakfast - for KC projects, the other on the 22nd for St. Isidore School. Please join us for a great meal.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, February 16, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Please have all new candidates at the Hall by 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, 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.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

We are also considering a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, March 16. More information will be available in the March *Key*.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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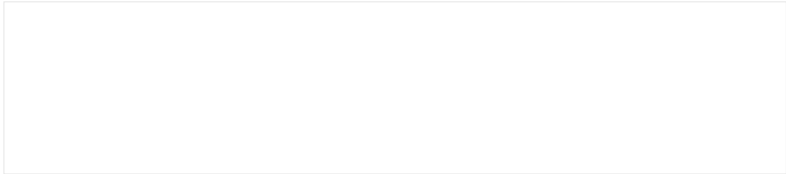


**Benefit Breakfast**  
**KC Special Valentine**  
**February 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

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**Benefit Breakfast**  
**St. Isidore School**  
**February 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

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<b>FEBRUARY 2015</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> Superbowl Party KC Hall Doors open at 2:00 pm Steak Dinner at 4:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>4</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>8</b> Special Valentine Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for KC charitable projects	<b>9</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>11</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> Valentine Day  K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> First Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 7:00 pm Candidates please be at Hall at 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Fat Tuesday KC Lounge 6:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Catholic Daughters 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>22</b> Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Isidore School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	<b>27</b> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Parent Provider Connection & St. Vincent DePaul 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm