

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY
2016

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 31 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
January 31 - St. Mary's School
Open House &
Special KC breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
February 3 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
February 10 - General Meeting
KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m.
February 12 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters
February 14 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for KC Special Valentine
February 19 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul
February 25 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 26 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
KC 945 Charitable Activities and
Relay For Life
February 28 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for 4-H Purple Ribbon Club

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be our Benefits Adviser
Luke Rennie.

BAR TRIVIA

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

12th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

January 30, 2016 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers
6000 Frontage Road W.
Owatonna, MN

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, January 31 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church
All members and their families are invited
to process in and be seated together at this Mass.

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.

2016 Beneficiaries

February 12 Catholic Daughters
February 19 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
February 26 KC 945 Charitable Activities and
Relay For Life
March 4 Medford Knights of Columbus and
Catholic Daughters
March 11 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
and Grandparents for Education
March 18 Birthright & Compassionate Friends
March 25 Izaak Walton League

Two great breakfasts this month!

KC SPECIAL VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 14, 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 4-H Purple Ribbon Club

Sunday, February 28, 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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 31

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

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Friday, February 5
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7 - KC Hall
Doors open at 2:00 p.m. - Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.
Please RSVP for steak fry by Wednesday,
February 3 to guarantee your meal

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Many of us are in the I can't wait for Spring to get here mode! The dog days of winter can wear us down, cold weather, cabin fever setting in, and your favorite NFL team is out of the Super Bowl run. You can always find something warm and comforting to do with the Knights of Columbus. Attend as many of the pancake breakfasts in support or, better yet, help work them. They are very rewarding and it gives everyone a chance to get to know fellow members and meet the new members. We are in a society that makes us better people through involvement and participation. All we do helps others, and success is a big part of everyone's help. It's better than social media. It's in person. I want to thank all of you for your consideration of time for all our events. Sponsors, get in touch with your new members. They need to feel welcome, as we do need their help more now than ever.

The Lenten Fish Dinners will be starting this month on Friday, February 12th. See **The Key** for schedule of beneficiaries. I do want to mention that the fish dinner on the calendar for Friday, February 26th is for Council 945 projects and the Relay For Life. I will need volunteers from the Council to help with this event from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. in two shifts of two hours each. Please contact me at 456-1575 to sign up and help to make this a successful event. I also have tickets for this event. If any of you can sell some tickets for this event, also contact myself or LaVerne Klecker at 45-6738. If you don't find him, he may find you.

In closing, I ask you to always engage your faith, and pray for those who need our help and lending a hand in support. Thank You all for what you do. New members and inactive members, we are ready to hear from you.

Vivat Jesus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE-2016

February 14	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 28	4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 13	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 10	St. Vincent de Paul Society & Hospitality House



TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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



FAT TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 9

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



SMOKIN' IN STEELE APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 13
KCHall

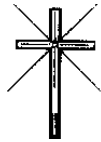
Dinner for worker and spouse/guest - 6:00 p.m.
Music by the Swamp Kings starting at 7:30 p.m.
Hope to see all of you who helped make
Smokin' In Steele such a success.



HEY OLD HIPPIES

Take a trip down memory lane.
Friday, February 19 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Justin and Jamie Ploof will be playing
Golden Oldies in the Lounge.

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...

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Joe Elbert, Mary Floersch, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Nancy Janke, Dennis Kelm, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Kloczek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Wilfred Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Eunice Seykora, wife of deceased Brother Knight Albert Seykora passed away on January 14.

Jerry P. Rysavy, Sr., father of Brother Knights Joseph and Michael Rysavy, father-in-law of Brother SK Gary Wandrey, grandfather of Brother Knights Benjamin and Jacob Rysavy, and uncle of Brother Knights Jacob and Paul, passed away on January 15.

Edwin S. Snider, brother of Brother Knight Lyle Snider and brother-in-law of Brother SK Frank Schiller passed away on January 16.

Norman Thurnau, brother of Brother Knight Ken Thurnau and uncle of Brother Knight Matt Thurnau passed away on January 17.

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





A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

BINGO was the word shouted out loudly and many times at Senior Place on Wednesday, December 2nd. It was the site of the annual Richard Rohwer bingo party which is sponsored by Council 945. Event planner Russ Bowar works together with the Owatonna Park and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Director Wendy Reller to plan the party for those with developmental disabilities.

The fun evening kicks off with pizza and soda pop for all attendees. This is just a precursor of the highlight for the evening, a rousing game of bingo. Brother Knight Tim Rice, official caller for many years, had this comment, "It's really a good feeling to see their faces light up when they shout out Bingo! We make sure everyone wins. We Brother Knights win too, as we help these special people enjoy the holidays." There was also a good samaritan from Rochester, Minnesota that donated her Santa Bear collection, all of the attendees just really enjoyed receiving them.

A big thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped with this year's party: Bruce Born, Danny Born, Russ & Jan Bowar, Lee & Paul Jardine, Tim Rice, Walt & Joan Spindler, and Mike & Barb Schaffner. Thank you to Bill Regan and the Owatonna Bus Company for providing transportation. Also, thanks to Leo Seykora and his REP class for their help.



Santa brought joy to one of the visitors.



Paul Jardine helps one of the visitors.



Russ Bowar looks on as Tim Rice calls out bingo numbers.



Lee Jardine checks for a bingo.



Bruce Born helps one of the participants.



Mike Schaeffner answers a question.



Russ Bowar helps to pay off one of the participants.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

The Special Olympics breakfast held on January 17 at St. Mary's School, had a great turnout again this year – nearly 300 served - braving the cold weather in a 'Minnesota' way. 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: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur family, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Will Pieper family, Dan Sawyer family, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Tom Bremer, Tony David, Mike Jensen, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. 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 upcoming breakfasts include one on January 31 for the St. Mary's Open House in association with Catholic Schools Week. Then there are two in February - the KC Valentine Breakfast (on the 14th) - for KC projects. The other is on the 28th for the Gymnastic Club & 4-H Purple Ribbon Club.

Come on out and enjoy the best community breakfast in town.



Peter Schneider receiving award from Walt Spindler.

PETER SCHNEIDER STEPS BACK AS LONG-TIME COMMANDER

Sir Knight Pete Schneider was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work in the Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Assembly as the 'Commander' of the Honor Guard. The certificate read:

We truly appreciate those hundreds of phone calls you have made. And the great leadership keeping us in line and making the right moves. December 6, 2015.

Pete said "I really appreciate the opportunity to have worked with so many fine Brother Knights for all those years." Thanks again, Pete – we'll truly miss your assistance.

2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Deputy Grand Knight: Gary Sanford
Chancellor: Nicholas Matejcek
Advocate: Open
Warden: Lynn Becker
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Dan Sawyer
Trustee (3 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dan Wolfe

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Gary Sanford (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director Tom Elbert
Director of Church Activities: Pete Schneider
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



Adrian Seykora

Our December Knight of the Month can best be described as a man of extreme loyalty and dedication. A Brother Knight for the past 30 years, a husband of 36 years, and now an employee starting his 42nd year with the same company. I guess when you find something you like you stick with it and that surely appears to be the case for our honored Knight Adrian Seykora.

Adrian grew up on a farm south of Owatonna near Litomysl. At age 15, he started working part-time for a local seed company helping with crop pollination. Someone later asked him if he would be interested in coming to work there full time and, 41 years later, Adrian is still working at what is now Syngenta in their research department. In 1979 Adrian married his wife, Philomena and they raised three children, Tiffany, Bradley, and Michelle. Brad is the owner/operator of the local Seykora Asphalt Company. Adrian joined our KC Council in 1985 and he and his young children at

the time got involved in a number of family activities.

Over the years, Adrian has assisted with benefit breakfasts, hall dinners, and a number of other activities. However, he is most noted for being in charge of the nativity scene in front of the Hall. Years ago Adrian was part of the group that purchased the statues and, for the first ten years, assembled and disassembled the scene each year, dragging the pieces to and from the hall attic area. Eventually, someone decided it would be easier to keep it together and it got stored at various locations, including Adrian's home for the past 11 years. Adrian says he has greatly enjoyed meeting new people and working the various events during his time with the Knights.

We congratulate Adrian for his many years of faithful service to his family, his job, and to our Knights of Columbus Council 945.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Knights of Columbus Insurance Celebrates 15 consecutive years of record growth!

2015 was yet another record year of growth for Knights of Columbus Insurance. We issued MORE life insurance than in 2014 (\$8.4 Billion)! 2015 was also a remarkable year of milestones- We surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in-force, exceeded 2 Million total policies, achieved the highest rating offered by AM Best for the past 40 years, were again named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by Ethisphere Institute, surpassed 1.9 Million members and moved up on the Fortune 1000 list. What a successful year! What a successful decade and a half! All of this came despite the turbulent times we live in. The Dow continues to fall, oil prices are at all-time lows, China is struggling, we've had 3 recessions, Europe is struggling, we've had a housing crisis and much more. In these times Knights Insurance have had success, have grown- thanks to the trust and loyalty of our members and their families who rely on us for their security. There still is much work to be done! More families need protection! More charities need assistance. More vocations need to be fostered. More parishes need our help! Let's make each year forward and the next decade and a half more successful than the last. We can do it.

To learn more, call me.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF, FSCP 507-417-4169

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, February 8, 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 in March. More information will be available in the March **Key**.

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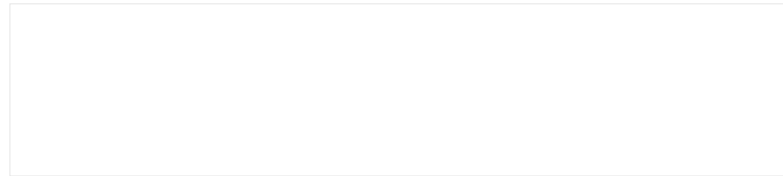


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St. Mary's School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4	5 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	6 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
7 Superbowl Party KC Hall - Doors open at 2:00 pm Steak fry - 4:00 pm	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Fat Tuesday Serving gumbo from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Hurricane drinks Beads	10 Ash Wednesday General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	11	12 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Catholic Daughters 5:00 - 7:00 pm	13 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Smokin' In Steele Appreciation Celebration Dinner - 6:00 pm Band - 7:30 pm
14 Valentines Day Special Valentine Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for KC charitable projects	15	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	17	18	19 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Society of St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 - 7:00 pm Hey Old Hippies 8:30 - 11:30 pm Justin & Jamie Ploof playing in the lounge	20 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
21	22	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	24	25 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	26 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for KC 945 Charitable Activities and Relay For Life 5:00 - 7:00 pm	27 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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