

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY  
2018

### 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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

### KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 7** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- February 11** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
for KC Special Valentine & Relay For Life
- February 12** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- February 14** - General Meeting  
KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m.
- February 16** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- February 23** - Benefit Lenten  
Fish Dinner  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Medford Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters
- February 25** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
for 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
- February 28** - Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### COMING EVENTS

#### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

#### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 14  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Our speaker will be Karen Spielman from the  
Night of Knights auction committee.

#### Two great breakfasts this month!

#### KC SPECIAL VALENTINE BREAKFAST & RELAY FOR LIFE

Sunday, February 11, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School  
All are welcome!

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



### 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, & coffee  
Presale tickets -\$10.00, \$11.00 at the door - Kids under six eat free  
All you care to eat.

#### 2018 Beneficiaries

- February 16 Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- February 23 Medford Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters
- March 2 St. Vincent DePaul Society & Kof C Council 945
- March 9 Grandparents For Education
- March 16 Civil Air Patrol and Relay For Life
- March 23 Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly
- March 30 Izaak Walton League



#### 14th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

January 27, 2018 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Retrofit Company  
1010 Hoffman Drive (old Walmart)

#### SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,  
and Burger Baskets  
Friday, February 2 & 9  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

#### FAT TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 13



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

## BREAKFAST FOR 'SPECIAL PEOPLE' KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

The breakfast for our 'special' population held on January 14 at St. Mary's School had a great turnout again this year – nearly 320 served - braving the cold snowy weather in a 'Minnesota' way. The two beneficiaries were Owatonna Special Olympics and ADD – Advocates for Developmental Disabilities. Their pre-sale efforts are truly appreciated. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for their supportive attendance. A big thank you goes out to the Sunday breakfast team. We couldn't do it without you: *Pat Baldwin, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Jonny Clubb, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur family, Richard Gerdtts, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Jim Kaplan, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Regan Lindholm, Al Nelson, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper family, Lavern Soukup, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks also to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, 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 'restaurant style' service. Attend a breakfast in the near future to find out for yourself – you will be very happy you did.

The upcoming breakfasts include one on January 28 for the St. Mary's Open House in association with Catholic Schools Week. Then there are two in February starting with the KC Valentine Breakfast (on the 11th) for KC projects and Relay For Life. The other is on the 25th for the 4-H Purple Ribbon Club.

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

### HELPERS NEEDED

The city of Owatonna needs helpers on February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lake Kohlmeier to teach middle school children how to fish. Please contact Jerome Spindler at (507) 213-0079 or Tim Truelson at Park and Rec (507) 456-3085, if you are able to help.

### COUNCIL 945 DONATES KIOSKS TO CHURCHES

Council 945 graciously donated Building the Domestic Church kiosks to our parishes. These kiosks provide valuable information about the Catholic faith. This literature encourages the strengthening of the relationship between families and the parishes. Next time you are at church, take a look at these pamphlets and take one to read, compliments of Council 945!



Fr. Kevin Connolly at  
St. Joseph Parish.



Fr. John Sauer at  
Sacred Heart Parish.

## Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Brother Knights, I hope this message finds you well. As I continue on this journey as your Grand Knight, I am continually impressed by the number of you who do so much for this organization and, in turn, improve the lives of so many people around us. What an honorable and noble act, serving others and making their lives better. I cannot think of a more fulfilling and satisfying feeling. I hope that you feel and possess a sense of pride because of all of the great things Council 945 does for so many. I hope you are proud to call yourselves Owatonna Knights of Columbus. I am! Let's continue to work hard and be proud of who we are!

On another note, I hope all of you were able to attend the Chili cook off. This event continually grows and generates scholarship dollars for Catholic youth in our community. Also, a big thank you goes out to Jeff and Shari Pumper for running the free throw contest. Jeff and Shari stepped down from that position so we are looking for someone to step up and answer the call. Lastly, you should have received your dues statement. Enclosed you will find two raffle tickets for the state raffle held at the convention. Our Council receives half of every ticket we sell so it is an easy fundraiser and gives you two chances to win one of the 25 cash prizes! Thanks for all you do!

Vivat Jesus

### FALL FISHING TRIP

Once again, we are planning a Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish) and there is room for you to join the trip. The reserved dates start September 29 - you could have a 4-day trip - or make a whole week of it. Fishing has been good on this trip during the past few years – and the fall color scenery is really nice as well. The trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday) provided by Mark and the Columbian Center. For more info, please contact Walt Spindler (451-7613). Would be glad to have you along.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE

Join us on *April 7th* for the  
Knights of Columbus Council 945  
"Celebration of Life and Service"

(Formerly the Awards Banquet)

Social Hour: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

Awards: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: 7:00 p.m.

Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking,  
Baltimore Raven keynote speaker.

Topic: Teamwork, values, and faith

Tickets: \$20/individual or \$40/couple,  
limited number of tickets available.

Contact Dan Sawyer (507) 451-2185 or  
Mark at the KC Hall to buy tickets.



**2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Kevin Connolly  
 Grand Knight: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Dan Sawyer  
 Chancellor: ..... Tom Jirele  
 Advocate: ..... Lee Jardine  
 Warden: ..... Open  
 Inside Guard: ..... Open  
 Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
 Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Tony David  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Dan Wolfe  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dave Lax  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Gary Sanford

**Directors and Chairmen**

Program Director: ..... Dan Sawyer (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: ..... Dave Lax  
 Director of Youth Activities ..... Will Pieper  
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Gambling Manager: ..... Randy Balausky (PGK)  
 District Deputy: ..... Gary Sanford (PGK)  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
 Field Agent: ..... Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

**Knight of the Month**



*Troy Skalicky*

Our Knight of the Month is Troy Skalicky. Troy joined the Knights in November 2013 and was sponsored by his father, Jim Skalicky. He did admit that master recruiter LaVerne Klecker worked hard to encourage him as well.

Troy was born and raised in Owatonna along with his two brothers, Kevin and Brent. He attended St. Mary's School and then following high school graduation, he enrolled in the former University of Minnesota – Waseca campus, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Agriculture. Troy joined his father in running the family farm and also took employment with Wenger Corporation in Owatonna. This year will be Troy's 25th year at Wenger's, where he works as a CNC Programmer. Troy and his wife Anne are members of St. Joseph Parish and they have two daughters, Katie who is currently attending college at North Dakota State University and Nicole who is a sophomore at Owatonna High School.

With what spare time he has, Troy enjoys spending it with family and going up North during summer vacation trips. This past summer Troy helped with our grandstand beer sales at the Steele County Free Fair and then the Skalicky family again helped with our Salvation Army Bell Ringing Day. Troy continues to be impressed with all the charitable works that our Council does and how much is given back to the community. We thank Troy and his family for all they have contributed to our success and we again congratulate him as our 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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

*Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Steve Wiese.*

**IN MEMORY**

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

*Brother Knight Roger Soukup passed away on January 16.*

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

**Membership by LaVerne Klecker**

We will be having another First Degree initiation in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 451-4102. 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.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

All members have recently received their new 2018 dues statement. Please get your dues paid as soon as you can. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

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

**SUPERBOWL TAILGATE PARTY**

Sunday, February 4 - KC Hall  
 Doors open at 3:00 p.m. - Club will be providing wings and taco bar to potluck participants.

**BAR TRIVIA**

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



*Walt Spindler*

**TOP SWORD  
 RECIPIENTS  
 FOR 2016-17  
 MSGR. HENRY SPECK  
 ASSEMBLY**



*Eric Wandersee*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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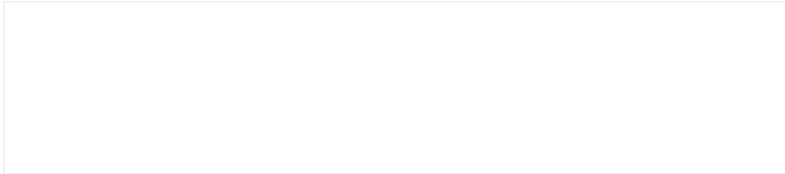
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Benefit Breakfast**  
**KC Special Valentine**  
**& Relay For Life**  
**February 11, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

Nonprofit Organization  
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**Benefit Breakfast**  
**4-H Purple Ribbon Club**  
**February 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**



**FEBRUARY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	3 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
4 Superbowl Tailgate Party KC Hall - Doors open at 3:00 pm	5	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	8	9 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
11 Special Valentine Breakfast (for KC charitable projects) & Relay For Life St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm	12 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	13 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Fat Tuesday Serving gumbo from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Hurricane drinks Beads	14 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Our speaker will be Karen Spielman from the Night of Knights auction  Ash Wednesday  Valentine's Day	15	16 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas 5:00 - 7:00 pm	17 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
18	19	20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	21	22	23 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for K of C Council 945 & Civil Air Patrol 5:00 - 7:00 pm	24 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
25 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for 4-H Purple Ribbon Club	26	27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	28 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm			