

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
2009

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 6:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- January 7-** Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- January 11 -** Benefit Breakfast
for St. Mary's Religious
Education Program
8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School
- January 12 -** Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- January 14 -** General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- January 17 -** 5th Annual Chili Cook
Off - National Guard Armory
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- January 18-** KC Free Throw Contest
St. Mary's School Gym
Registration - 6:00 p.m.
Competition - 6:30 p.m.
- January 22 -** Fourth Degree Meeting
Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- February 8 -** Major Degree
Faribault KC Hall - 9:00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Religious Education Program

Sunday, January 11
8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

**Table Service -
Delicious food served hot
from the grill to your table!**

**Pancakes, French toast,
fried or scrambled eggs, ham or sausage,
hashbrown potatoes, milk, and coffee**

\$5.50 - Advance Sale \$6.00 at the door

Children free age 5 and under

Everyone welcome.



MAJOR DEGREE

Sunday, February 8

Faribault KC Hall - 9:30 a.m.

Transportation will be provided -
leave KC Hall at 9:00 a.m.

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule - 2009

- Jan. 11, 2009 St. Mary's Religious
Education Program
- Feb. 8, 2009 Exchange Club Center for
Family Unity
- March 8, 2009 St. Mary's Music Boosters
- April 5, 2009 Serra Club

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, January 14
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker from the Recovery School
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



5th Annual Chili Cook Off is January 17

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

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Contest open to all boys and girls
ages 10 - 14.

Sunday, January 18
Registration - 6:00 p.m.
Competition - 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School Gym.

Help is needed from 5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
Call Dustin Reese at (507) 456-3523,
for more information or to help.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Club open normal hours New Years Eve.
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres after 9:00 p.m.
Party favors and Champagne at Midnight.
Sober cab will be available.

Seafood Dinners

Fridays in January - January 9, 16, 23, and 30
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Go HUSKIES!

Complimentary chili bar following all Friday Girls'
and Boys' basketball games.

MAKE PLANS NOW

Fourth Degree Exemplification
Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, April 18, 2009

Reflection

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

This week, I found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly.

Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church.

Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

-The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

-Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

-Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

-The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

-The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

-The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

-Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

-The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

-Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

-The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

-The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

-The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol... so pass it on if you wish.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our next major degree date is February 8, 2009, at the K of C Hall in Faribault, Minnesota. We need the help of our entire membership to make this a successful exemplification. 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. 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. All first degree members, this would be a good opportunity to go through the second and third degrees.

Grand Knight's Message by Joe Elbert

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas. With the weather being a challenge, this holiday season will be memorable.

The December breakfast was very successful. We had great KC member participation along with excellent help from the Boy Scouts. Santa was able to take time out of his busy schedule to spend time with breakfast customers. The KC Chorus performed Christmas songs and got some group assistance. John Carlson's mother was very kind to play Christmas music in the background while people enjoyed a delicious meal.

The Richard Rohwer Christmas Party is an event that a large number of people look forward to every year. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this very special project. I would like to give Russ Bowar and his wife, Jan, a special thank you for the many years of commitment to this special project.

Dustin Reese has agreed to be in charge of the KC Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 18. Many thanks to Kevin Raney for the great job he has done for many years.

Please keep February 8 in mind. We would like to take a large group of prospective members to the Major Degree in Faribault. If you have any people you feel would make a good Knight and you would like someone to help you contact your prospective member, contact LaVerne Klecker (507) 451-4102 or Joe Elbert (507) 279-4015.

I wish you all a very prosperous New Year.

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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Brother Knight Vern Meixner is in the hospital.

Bev Macht, wife of Brother Knight Roman Macht, injured in an accident.

Father Klein is undergoing some medical tests. He has colon cancer.

Phyllis Wheeler, wife of Brother Knight Earl Wheeler, recovering at home from a heart attack.

Let us be united in prayer for those facing ongoing challenges...

Jan Bates, Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Helen Hafstad, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Thomas Klecker, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Lilliam Mamer, Vernon Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Ann Schwab, Howard Snyder, Jeanne Snyder, Becky Walsh, Rose Hoffman, and Irene Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Donna Reese, mother of Brother Knight Dustin Reese, sister of Brother Knight Clyde Christofferson, and sister-in-law of Brother Knight Scott Kozelka, passed away.

Billy Kriesel, brother of Brother Knight John Kriesel, passed away on December 19.

If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at 451-3976.



KC Cooking & Caroling helps spread Christmas spirit



Council 945 members know how to bring the Christmas spirit to the Owatonna community. They started with great food at our benefit breakfast at St. Mary's School on December 14, added Christmas carols by the KC Chorus, and a wonderful visit from Santa (Brian Fisher). For good measure, Mary Carlson played many Christmas favorites on the piano. Christmas carols by the KC Chorus and their family members also brightened the day for residents of Morehouse Place and Infinia on December 7, and Park Place and Cedar View on December 14.

Grand Knight Joe Elbert remarked, between trips to the tables with plates of hot food, "It is wonderful seeing so many people recognize this extraordinary event, with excellent food, table service, Christmas music for everyone, Santa for the kids, and then caroling for the public. We appreciate the hard work of all KC members who put so much effort in making this a special day and all the people who attend. It is exciting to watch this event grow larger every year."

Thanks to LaVerne Klecker for organizing the advance ticket sales team and the successful sales effort. LaVerne has always emphasised the importance of advance ticket sales to the success of a breakfast.

These Saturday breakfast prep members got the busy weekend off to a great start: *Ron Wolf, Ray Willmott, Jim Wiggins, Earl Wheeler, Lyle Snider, Tim Rice, John Oberstein, Al Nelson, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Kingsley, Bob Grebe, Frank Conley, and Gerry Barry.*

The Sunday breakfast workers were: *Dave Wunderlich, Eric Wandersee, Dan Walsh, Eric Tucker, Lavern Soukup, Wade Schroeder, Dave Pfeifer, Doug Phillips, Mark Phillips, Will Pieper & family, Al Nelson, Terry Kuck, LaVerne Klecker, Mark Kearin, Ron Heim, Roger Green, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Steve Dornquast, Brian & Trevor Carlson, Tom Burke, Tim Biegert, and Keven Boettcher.*

Brian Carlson kept the dining room activity moving. The dining room workers included: *Walt Spindler, Bill Lawrence, LaVerne Klecker, Jim Kaplan, Tim Holland, Joel Gartner, Joe Elbert, and Frank Conley.* The Scouts from Boy Scout Troup 253 did a great job with the table work.

Make plans now for St. Mary's REP & CYO breakfast on January 11.



The colorful dining room was busy all morning with families enjoying fellowship, food, music, and Santa.



Santa took a short break from his visiting duties to sing and dance with the KC Chorus.



Residents of Park Place, Cedar View, Infinia, Morehouse Place enjoyed the carols by the KC Chorus.



Many parents brought cameras and got great pictures of their children with Santa.

The KC Chorus members and families who caroled at Morehouse Place and Infinia on December 7 were: *Ludwig Wencl, Lee Staupe, Pete Schneider, Stephen Nelson, Sam Nelson, Mark Nelson, LaVerne Klecker, O.J. Havelka, Steve Dornquast, and John Carlson.* The carolers at Park Place and Cedar View on December 14 were: *Ludwig Wencl, Lee Staupe, Pete Schneider, Stephen Nelson, Sam Nelson, Mark Nelson, Lloyd Mans, Wayne Kubicek, LaVerne Klecker, Steve Dornquast, and John Carlson.*

Bingo night with the Park & Rec Theraputic Recreation

The first Wednesday of December has been very 'Special' for many years. It's the evening the KCs host the annual Richard Rohwer Bingo Party for mentally disabled people in the Owatonna area. The Senior Center was filled with 117 bingo players plus their 'coaches' on Dec 3. Winners get pretty excited when their card holds the winning sequence of called numbers. The event was started over 30 years ago by Richard Rohwer and has been chaired by Russ Bowar since Richard's 'much too early' death a few years later. As Russ says, "December just wouldn't be the same without this party." The evening starts with a 'pizza & pop' dinner for all attendees. Bingo follows under the expert guidance of master caller Tim Rice until most all win 2 or 3 times. Others that helped on the event included Gerry Gunderson, Mike Schaffner, Bruce Born, Danny Born, Steve and Karen Graff, and Walt and Joan Spindler. Mary Louks, the perennial program volunteer, plus Mary Tellijohn and her REP students, help a great deal at the program as well.



Tim Rice workin' the board.



Danny Born calls back the winning numbers while Mary Louks helps another.



A couple of happy bingo players.



Russ Bowar helps watch a card.



Steve Graff has a winning card in hand.



Gerry Gunderson gets ready to give Don a 'pay off.'



Mike Schaffner and Tim Rice check those numbers.



Carol & Joan Spindler spend some time together.



Bruce Born helps Indiana Jones.

**'THANKS' for helping
make this a 'Special'
time of year for all!!**

2008-09 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Ed McGrath
GRAND KNIGHT: Joe Elbert - 455-1428
Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Lawrence
Chancellor: Steve Dornquist
Warden: Tom Gebur
Advocate: Ben Schneider
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Tom Burke
Financial Secretary: PGK Greg Salmonsens
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK LaVerne Klecker
Trustee (2 year): PGK Brian Fisher
Trustee (1 year): PGK Al Nelson

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Bill Lawrence
Adv/Publicity Director: Open
Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
Family Director: Open
Health Director: Dr. Mark Nelson
Recruit Director: PGK Mark Cunningham
Youth Director: Will Pieper
Membership Director: PGK LaVerne Klecker
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
Lecturer: Mark Cunningham
Historian: Open
Retention Chairman: PGK LaVerne Klecker
KC Chorus Director: Stephen Nelson
Building Comm Chairman: Tom Elbert
Gambling Manager: PGK Tom Klecker
District Deputy: PGK Tim Rice
KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
Benefits Advisor: Aaron Jelinek

Knight of the Month



Brent McCulloch

Council 945's Knight of the Month for November is Brent McCulloch. The announcement was made at the regular December Council meeting by Trustee, Al Nelson.

Brent, a native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, joined the KCs on November 19, 2006. When asked about his favorite KC project, Brent mentioned working on the benefit breakfasts. He also helps out with the annual Tootsie Roll drive. He is single and a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Following high school graduation in Sioux Falls, Brent joined the United State Marine Corp where he served from 1996 to 2000. He was a member of the 1st

Marine Division stationed in Camp Pendleton, California.

After his tour of duty in the Marine Corp, Brent enrolled at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, where he majored in computer science. He is employed now at Federated Insurance as a computer programmer.

When asked about his leisure time activities, Brent mentioned playing volleyball and softball in the park and recreation leagues and also bowling in the Federated league. He is also involved in the Big Brothers – Big Sisters program. He is a big brother and enjoys time with his "little" playing board games and attending hockey games.

Congratulations to our November Knight of the Month, Brent McCulloch.

5th Annual Chili Cook Off Is January 17

Plan to attend the annual 2009 Chili Cook Off. This event raises money for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in memory of Andrew by his parents Bill and Marie, sister Jennifer, as well as other family members and friends.

The Cook Off this year will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 2323 West Bridge Street in Owatonna.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

The Cook Off was organized to raise funds to benefit students seeking a Catholic education. All of the net proceeds and donations go to the Fund which receives and invests the money for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to students attending Catholic schools, colleges, and universities. The Fund is a 501 C 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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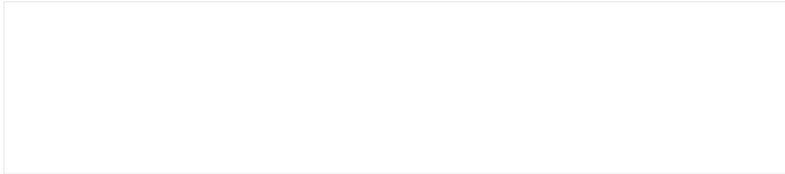
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Major Degree
Sunday, February 8
KC Hall, Faribault, MN - 9:30 a.m.

Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's Religious Education Program
January 11 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	7 Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	8	9 Seafood Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Hall	10
11 St. Mary's School 8:00 - 12:15 pm for St. Mary's Religious Education Program	12 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	13 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	14 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	15	16 Seafood Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Hall	17 5th Annual Chili Cook Off 4:00 - 8:00 pm National Guard Armory
18 KC Free Throw Contest St. Mary's School 6:00 - 8:00 pm	19	20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	21	22 Fourth Degree Meeting Social - 6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30 pm	23 Seafood Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Hall	24
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