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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

January 5 - Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 9 - Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Religious Education Program

January 10 - Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

January 10 - KC Free Throw Contest - St. Mary's School Registration - 6:00 p.m. Competition - 6:30 p.m.

January 12 - General Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

<u>January 22</u> - 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off

National Guard Armory 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 27- Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 30 - KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.

February 13 - Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School Building Fund

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 5 KC Hall Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for St. Mary's Religious Education Program

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School (advance tickets available)

Now, more sensational breakfast choices! "KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
The Wild omelet - cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers

with sauteed onions, red & green peppers Each served with pancakes or French Toast, milk and coffee

"KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage, eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee
All with table service - delicious food served hot from the grill to your table.
\$6.00 - advance, \$6.50 at the door
Everyone is welcome.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, January 30 - 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

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

"All members and their families are invited to attend this Mass and the open house breakfast."

Major Degree

Sunday, February 20

Faribault KC Hall - 10:00 a.m.

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

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

Bill Lawrence will explain the Chili Cook-Off and Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund. (As a courtesy to our speaker & other members -

(As a courtesy to our speaker & other members please arrive before 7:30 p.m.)



7th Annual Chili Cook-Off January 22

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

BRITISH PUB QUIZZES (Trivia)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 13, thru Thursday, April 7

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Ring in the New Year with a Steak and Shrimp Dinner at the Club. Served from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Followed by comedy night starting at 8:00 p.m. Featuring 3 stand-up comedians.
All for only \$30.00.

Big city entertainment at small town prices. Reservations not required, but encouraged. Champagne and party favors at midnight.

KC Free Throw Contest

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

Monday, January 10
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.

SEAFOOD DINNERS & BURGER BASKETS

Fridays in January - January 7, 14, 21, & 28 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

With the turning of the New Year, many of us make resolutions. We look at those areas of our life that we want to work on or to improve in. The Church year began at the end of November. The Advent season was a time when we do spiritually what we do in other areas at the civic new year. We prepared our hearts and homes to celebrate the Christmas gift of salvation. As we begin the New Year we will want to work on how we will live that out in the everyday situations of our lives.

If you are like me, you struggle to be faithful to the resolutions you make. Life seems to get in the way. We become too busy – to pray, to exercise, to help a neighbor, to finish that project around the house. And yet, when we step back, we recognize opportunities we squandered, opportunities to live the life of a Christian, opportunities to make our lives better.

Perhaps the best resolution we can make this year is to live each moment to the fullest, to receive each moment as a gift from God and to savor it and make the most of it. When we do that we discover the many ways that God is inviting us to be the person God created us to be.

This fall, John Henry Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict as the last stage in the process of his canonization. I think that he is speaking about this kind of living when he wrote what has become one of my favorite reflections. If each of us recognized that we are a part of God's plan we might find it easier to be faithful to our resolutions to be a better person.

God created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next... Therefore, I will trust him... If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him... He does nothing in vain; he may prolong my life, he may shorten it, he knows what he is about.

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 Robert Vosejpka is recovering from back surgery and quadruple by-pass surgery.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Harley Janke, Erlis Kelzenberg, Jerry Kent, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Lillian Snider, sister-in-law of Brother Knight Lyle Snider passed away on December 13.

Caroline Stangl, wife of Brother Knight Dan Stangl passed away on December 16.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquast

Dear Knights:

I know that Christmas will be past by the time you read this, but I pray that you and yours had a good year and that you could celebrate Jesus' birthday with family & friends. I hope that you were able to give thanks to the one who saved us. I pray that you and your loved ones will have a wonderful new year. I hope that the next year will not seem to go by so fast—I did not have time to appreciate it. Thanks to all of you for just being Knights. Also, a special thanks to all who were able to help with all the projects throughout the year. May God bless.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our next major degree date is February 20, 2011, at the K of C Hall in Faribault, Minnesota. 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, 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.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

It was my pleasure to address members attending our December general meeting a few days ago. I'd like to take a minute to briefly address a couple items mentioned as I believe they are not only important but especially relevant in light of the challenging economic times we find ourselves in today.

When I began my insurance career in 1974, I remember being well aware of how impressive the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company was, especially when compared to other insurance companies. Frankly, they were one of the best-of-the-best. Today, by every standard, nothing has changed other than the fact there are fewer of them. Let's look at the facts objectively.

For 35 consecutive years, AM Best has rated us "Superior" and has given us their top rating of A++. It is interesting to note during this time there have been 5 recessions. Over 18 consecutive years, Standard & Poor's has rated us "Extremely Strong" and has given us their top rating of AAA. In addition, the Marketplace Standards Association once again renewed our certification for maintaining the highest ethical standards in the industry. I believe there are only two or three other companies (if that) that can boast such accomplishments. However...we do stand alone when you consider the fact we were the only one to contribute \$151,000,000 to support Catholic and other charitable causes last year.

The bottom line? During a decade in which the stock market has been extremely volatile with retirement funds fluctuating wildly, the rock-solid stability and financial protection we offer is unmatched. In times like these, Knights of Columbus insurance is a shield your family, like mine, can count on.

As always, I am here for you and would welcome and appreciate the opportunity to discuss the protection and peace of mind we provide you and your loved ones and the strength of the company standing behind it. I can be reached at 213-9410 or Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org. I am blessed to be in the work I'm in and to count myself a Knight with each of you. For this and so much more I am truly grateful. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF

213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

EXEMPLIFIED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2010 AT THE KC HALL IN OWATONNA, MN



Sean Benz is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Sean is employed at the Steele County Park and Recreation Department. Sean was sponsored by Brother Knight Dustin Reese.



James Gaulrapp is a member of St. Joseph Parish. James is a student at MSU Mankato, and will graduate this spring with a degree in Construction Management. James was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Paul Gaulrapp.



Joel Gaulrapp is a member of St. Joseph Parish. Joel is a student at U W Stout and will graduate this spring with a degree in Construction Management. Joel was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Paul Gaulrapp.



Chris Herzog and his wife Colleen have four children; Anna, Olivia, Thomas, and Emma. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Chris is employed at Herzog Swenson Financial Advisory Group. Chris was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Jim Herzog.



Brandon Noble is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Brandon is employed at the Steele County Sheriff's Department. Brandon was sponsored by Brother Knight Terry Kuck.



Michael Schneider is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Michael is a Police Officer for the Owatonna Police Department. Michael was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Paul Schneider.

Welcome to our First Degree Knight

Don Kramer and his wife Betty are members of St. Joseph Parish. Don is retired from Wenger Corporation. Don's retirement hobbies are farming and welding. Don was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

Congratulations to our members who joined our Second & Third Degree



Kevin Gallagher and his wife Marie are members of St. Joseph Parish. They have three adult children. Kevin is a Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance for Owatonna and the surrounding area.



Lee Jardine and his wife Ellyn have seven children, four are adults and three still live at home; Libby, Robert, and Paul. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Lee is employed at the SPX Corporation.

Memories are made of this!

Happy family memories were the primary motivation for the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza, according to Frank Conley. He continued, "It is clear that this breakfast has become the family event and tradition we had hoped and planned. We wanted a format in which parents could bring their children to enjoy breakfast, Christmas carols, and Santa. We were pleasantly surprised when we noticed many middle-aged people brought their older parents for an enjoyable breakfast together. This is an excellent family event in every respect. We are proud our Council has the talent and drive to make this possible."

Thank you to our loyal breakfast patrons, and congratulations to our dedicated breakfast workers, ticket sellers, Santa, & the KC Chorus for making our KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza a record-setting success. After being rescheduled from the original Dec. 12 date because of near-blizzard conditions, the new date proved to be a big winner. Breakfast patrons were there when the doors opened and it never slowed down all morning. The breakfast team was at their best, working at full-speed all morning. Some worked the entire morning with only short breaks.

Thanks to LaVerne Klecker for conducting an excellent advance ticket sales drive. This was one of the best ticket sales drive for any KC event. LaVerne Klecker commented, "Advance ticket sales are a very important part of the success of an event. I want to thank the Brother Knights who volunteered to sell tickets and their terrific advance ticket sales results." This is the ticket sales team: Randy Balausky, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Tim Biegert, Brian Carlson, John Carlson, Frank Conley, Joe Elbert, Tom Eichten, Dave Fandel, Tom Gebur, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Lee Jardine, Dave Jeno, Cal Jeno, Dennis Kelm, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Ron Kubicek, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lux, Al Nelson, Don Nollett, Mark Nelson, Will Pieper, Brandon Pofahl, Jeff Pumper, Tim Rice, Lavern Soukup, Pete Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Dan Walsh, Chuck Walerius, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, Dave Wunderlich, and George Zwack.



This completely filled dining room was a beautiful sight for our breakfast team.



Santa (Brian Fisher), KC Chorus director Stephen Nelson, and members Lynn Becker, John Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Tom Gebur, O.J. Havelka, Dennis Heimerman, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Wayne Kubicek, David Lax, Lloyd Mans, Jim Nelson, Brandon Pofhal, Pete Schneider, Lee Staupe, Dan Walsh, Ludwig Wencl, and Chuck Walerius made this a spcial morning for all. The Chorus continued caroling in the afternoon at many resthomes.

These Brother Knights prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: Tom Burke, Frank Conley, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper & family, Wade Schroeder, LaVerne Soukup, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, and Dave Wunderlich.

Our Saturday morning team members went through the preparation process twice, once for the rescheduled Dec.12 date and the second on Dec.19. These are the Saturday team members: Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf. Thanks to all for an excellent job.

Brian Carlson continued his stellar work in organizing and operating the dining room. People helping in the dining room were: Shari Carlson, Trevor Carlson, Randy, Tammy, & Casey Balausky, Todd Boettger, Mary Boettger, Sebastion Foerster, Spence Heim, Robert & Paul Jardine, Martha Kearin, Steph, Alex, Nicole, & Jessica Pieper, Leah & Kristin Tucker, and John Thamert.

Please make plans now for St. Mary's REP/CYO breakfast on Sunday, January 9 at St. Mary's School. Enjoy the delicious menu and table service. You just come in, sit down at a table, (no more standing in line!) order your breakfast, and have your food served hot to your table!



Jeff Pumper, Sam Pumper, Kristen Pumper, Marc Berkley, Becky Berkley, Luke Berkley, and Laverne Klecker (PGK) at Wal-Mart. Hy-Vee.

Salvation Army Kettle Drive a SUCCESS!



Bill Lawrence (PGK) and Doug Kloos at

A cold winter day did not stop more than 150 Knights and their families from answering the call for Salvation Army Kettle Drive volunteers. As usual, the Knights responded, and so did the people of Owatonna who were very generous with their contributions. Bells were rung at several local businesses, including Cabelas, Cashwise, Fleet Farm, HyVee, and Wal-Mart. There were several stories of cups of coffee and hot chocolate given to our volunteers by generous strangers. One Knight summed up the volunteer effort by saying, "Ringing the bell is a great way to get

in the holiday spirit and it works for me."

2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410						

Knight of the Month



Lee Jardine

The November Knight of the Month is a relative newcomer, but is already making an impact. Lee Jardine has helped out with a number of KC fundraising events like the KC Breakfasts, as well as the Steele County Free Fair beer sales and brat stand. But a short conversation with him reveals he has a favorite KC event: The Fall Classic, state bowling tournament for the Special Olympics.

"You leave there feeling guilty, actually, because you got so much more than you put in," Lee said. "The athletes are so genuine. They're having a blast. It's just really a good time."

Lee joined the KC's in March of 2010, sponsored by Deacon Pat Fagan. He says he joined the Knights to get involved with the community events the Knights

sponsored. A native of the northern Wisconsin town of Port Wing, Lee has lived in Owatonna for four years. He works at SPX as an Electronics Engineering Program Manager. He's been married to his wife Ellyn for 27 years. They are members at St. Joseph's. Together, they have seven children, ranging in age from 26 to 14.

Lee is well-educated as well as well-traveled. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He says he worked for the Ford Motor Company for 30 years, where his work took him to farflung locations such as Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Korea, Taiwan, and Australia. Despite those experiences, Lee doesn't think of himself as an exotic world traveler.

"I think I'm kind of boring," Lee deadpanned. He may believe he's boring, but he has no time to get bored. In addition to his family and the many Knights of Columbus functions, Lee says he's been coaching his sons' baseball teams since they were in T-ball.

Congratulations to the November Knight of the Month, Lee Jardine!



7th Annual Chili Cook-Off Benefiting the

Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund

When: January 22, 2011 (4 to 8 pm)
Where: Owatonna National Guard Armory
Tickets Available
\$6/person in Advance-\$7/person at the door
\$25/family
Event T-Shirts: \$15

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT: This 7th Annual Chili Cook Off will feature over 50 chilies from local chefs and restaurants that you can sample and then vote for your favorite. It is held on January 22, 2011, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Owatonna National Guard Armory (2323 West Bridge Street). These annual chili cook-offs have been organized to raise funds for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to receive and invest moneys for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to students. The fund is a 501 C 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING: If you are interested in attending the event, tickets are available from a variety of sources, or stop by the Owatonna National Guard Armory on the night of the event. All proceeds help raise funds for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund benefiting educational scholarships. Sample the chili's, and vote for your favorite. Hot dogs served for others. Join us for some family fun and to support a worthy cause.

INTERESTED IN BEINGA CHEF: Create your one-of-a-kind chili and submit the registration form to the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund no later than January 14, 2011. Chili will be entered into either a Red or White Category with awards granted in each. The Chef's Award will be granted to the chili in each category that gets the most votes from our chefs. The People's Choice Award will be granted to the chili that receives the most votes from our guests in each category. And the Fame Awards Flame Award will go to the hottest chili (hottest chili must be edible!!!). Guests will be able to vote in the red, white and Flame categories.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast

St. Mary's Religious Education Program
January 9, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion January 30, 2011, 9:30 a.m., St. Joseph Church

St. Mary's School Open House -Sunday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Guided tours - Information sessions - Meet the teachers -Breakfast (freewill donation) Nonprofit Organization
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