

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
2012

COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South
P.O. Box 623
Owatonna, MN 55060
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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 4 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

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

January 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

January 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 21 - 8th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for
St. Mary's Religious
Education Program

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

"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
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 29 - 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart 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."



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 11

Program - 7:30 p.m.
The speaker will be Tom Barry, he will be
speaking about the Boy Scouts.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LOUNGE

Ring in the New Year with Champagne and
party favors at midnight.

SEAFOOD DINNERS & BURGER BASKETS

Fridays in January - January 6, 13, 20, & 27
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

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

Monday, January 9
Registration and contest - 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School Gym.
Help is needed from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Call Dustin Reese at (507) 456-3523,
for more information or to help.

8th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

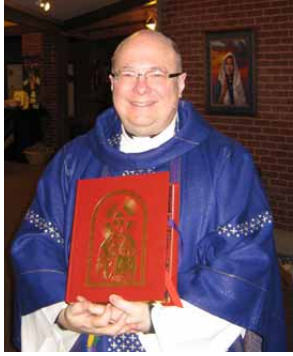


January 21, 2012
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge
Owatonna, MN

Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

Starting with this issue of *The Key*, we will be
hiding 6 KC membership numbers someplace in
the newsletter. Find your number and collect two
free drinks at the KC Club Room. Simply present
your membership card and show the bartender
your number in *The Key*. There is a copy of *The
Key* posted on the bulletin board. You will receive
two complimentary drinks. Winners' names will be
published in the next edition of *The Key*.

Knights donate new Roman Missals to area churches



Father John Sauer proudly displays a new Roman Missal.

When our local priests lead our parishes in worship they will now be using the new Roman Missal, also called the Sacramentary, provided by the Knights of Columbus. At last month's meeting, Council # 945 approved the purchase of the sacred books for each of our local churches (Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph).

In the third edition of the Roman Missal, (Sacramentary) a book of prayers and instruction used to celebrate Catholic Mass, words have been changed and other parts of the Mass restored from the Latin translation. The revisions, which took effect Sunday, November 27, mark the

most significant changes to the liturgy in more than 40 years.

Specifically, the Knights donated money so that each parish could purchase an altar edition of the Sacramentary, as well as chapel editions for the priest(s). A chapel edition was also purchased for Father Ed Mountain.

In announcing the donation, Grand Knight Randy Balausky commented, "that it was an easy decision to help each of our parishes and priests with this transition. It continues to reinforce that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization."

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 Bob Duenes is dealing with health issues.

Colleen Adams, wife of Brother Knight Carl Adams is recovering from a broken arm.

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

Frank Conley, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Jim Joachim, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Martha Walsh, wife of Brother Knight Tom Walsh and mother of Brother Knight Dan Walsh passed away on November 21.

Raul Padilla, father-in-law of Brother Knight Bob Duenes passed away on November 25.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

Happy New Year!!! As we go into this New Year let's remember all those who have passed or cannot be with us for whatever reason. My message for this issue will be a short one, we have many things coming up this New Year and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to participate and volunteer. Congratulations to Knight of the Month, Kevin Gallagher. Be sure to check the bulletin for all our upcoming events. 2824069

God Bless you all in this New Year

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning on holding a First Degree sometime in March or April. 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 or 456-6738. 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.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

How many of you have thought about your New Year's Resolutions? Are they in writing and have you shared them with others? As I write this, we still have a couple weeks of 2011 remaining, and I'm looking at 2012 with all the seriousness I can muster. In 2012, I'm committed to being a better husband, father, grandpa, son, brother, friend, and... being the very best at my job I can possibly be. I've put my resolutions in writing and shared them with others. That's the easy part...now the only thing left is to follow through. Thank you again for the opportunity that lies ahead of me to serve my Brother Knights and their families.

In line with this, I googled "Money Resolutions" and "10 Best Financial Resolutions" and the like to simply see what the "experts" were recommending. I read everything from "Find a money buddy"—which was someone (a best friend, brother/sister) to get advice from—to "Prepare taxes early," to "Automate your bill paying," to things which made a little more sense like "Eliminate credit card debt," to "Drafting a will," to "Slowly save 3 months' income." (I don't know what they mean by "slowly" or the magic of "3" months. By this did they mean you could take 20 years to do it?). It wasn't until the 7th or 8th article that I read anything about making sure your family is taken care of in the event of death or disability. In fact...I never did come across any suggestion to make sure your greatest asset (your ability to get up every day and earn a paycheck) was protected. Yes, having a will is important...having 3 months' (preferably more) income readily available is as well, as were many of the other suggestions listed. But...the bottom line is... if the dollars aren't there through the miracle of life insurance...it's all lip service. It's really all for naught.

At the very top of every New Year's Financial Resolution should rightfully be the promise to guarantee, in the event of death, there will be adequate dollars to insure your loved ones will be able to continue to live in the world you have accustomed them to. How could anyone disagree with this?

Please don't wait, as many do, until it's too late. Seize the moment and do what needs to be done. Make this your #1 resolution for 2012. I assure you that you and your family will feel and sleep a lot better. I can help...it's as simple as a phone call.

Happy New Year everyone...make 2012 a great year!

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC 213-9410



Salvation Army Kettle Drive - December 3, 2011 - Owatonna

A little wintry weather did not stop over 100 Knights and their families from spending more than 200 hours raising money for the Salvation Army during their annual Red Kettle Drive. As usual, the Knights responded to the call, and so did the people of Owatonna who were very generous with their contributions. Red kettles were spotted at several businesses, including Cabelas, CashWise, HyVee, and Wal-Mart. And, at the last minute, Knights were also able to staff a kettle at Fleet Farm, who earlier prohibited bell ringers but changed their policy three days before. 3238153

Walt Spindler says thanks everyone!

New this year was the addition of red aprons that sported the KC logo along side the Salvation Army logo with the words, "Owatonna Knights of Columbus Bell Ringer." This was a project that Fellow Knight Tim Rice (PGK) worked on since last year and provides great visibility for the Knights and the Council.

In addition to volunteering to ring bells, several Knights also spent hours calling for volunteer sign-ups and serving as Location Captains, including Steve Graff, Steve Dornquast (PGK), Walt Spindler (PGK), Mike Goddard, and Dan Wolfe. Thank you to all of our bell ringers: John Ahlberg, Lynn Becker, Scot Berkley, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, John Connor, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Terry Ebeling, Gary Fisher, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Jim Gleason, Mike Goddard, Steve Graff, Jason Groseland, Bob Grebe, Gerry Gunderson, Stacy Hannover, Ron & Eric Heim, Mark Hood, Ben Lempianen, Kurt Lindenbaum, Bruce Louks, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Ron, Caden, & Noah Kubicek, Bill Lawrence, Jordan Ludewig, Tony Nguyen, Stephanie Pieper Family, Doug Phillips, Brandon Pofahl, Joyce Pribyl, Jeff & Kristen Pumper, Russ & Jenny Redman, Dustin Reese, Tim Rice, Dan Ruiter, Greg Salmonsens, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavonne & Becca Sedivy, Charlie Seykora, Leo Seykora, Lavern Soukup, Tom Soukup, Walt Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Wandersee, Jim Wencl, Ray Willmott, Dan Wolfe, Ron Wolf, and Dave Wunderlich.



Kristen and Jeff Pumper



Eric Wandersee teams up with Joyce Pribyl to ring the bell at Cashwise Foods.



Ron Kubicek and sons Caden and Noah



Steve Nelson and wife Peggy



Brandon Pofahl and Jason Grosland and family



The near capacity crowd at Senior Place enjoy a rousing game of bingo.

Large Turnout for Richard Rohwer Bingo Party

SeniorPlace was the site of the 2011 edition of the Richard Rohwer bingo party. A record number of attendees, 132 including approximately 30 volunteers, enjoyed pizza and pop before getting down to the highlight of the evening, bingo. The party was held on Wednesday, December 7.

This annual event has been going on for more than 25 years with Russ Bowar serving as chairman for the past 20 years. The party was the brainchild of the late Richard Rohwer and it was decided to dedicate this party to his memory. The Owatonna Park and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Department works hand-in-hand with Council 945 to plan the event for those with developmental disabilities.

Long time volunteer, Mike Schaffner, reflected back on the first party, "We had 12 people attend and we held it at the KC Hall where we had to carry wheelchairs up the steps. We've definitely come a long way from those early days."

A big thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped with this year's party: Russ Bowar, Jan Bowar, Mike Schaffner, Barb Schaffner, Tim Rice, Joan Spindler, Walt Spindler, Joe Wagoner, Jim Wencl, Bill Foreman, Ginna Anderson, and members of the group ACTS (Awesome Christians Taking a Stand), a 7th and 8th grade Catholic youth group.

Thank you to Bill Regan for providing the bus for the "ACTS" group.

Extravaganza Sets Attendance Record



Extravaganza attendees Jim Brunner, Ron Schleif, and Kathy Schleif are paid a visit by Santa.

An excellent menu with outstanding table service coupled with a great pre-sale ticket effort produced a record breaking Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza. 647 meals were served as patrons enjoyed music provided by

the KC Chorus and musicians from St. Mary's School. Santa was also present to add a festive touch. 1295169

A big thank you to everyone who made this successful; our loyal patrons, dedicated breakfast workers, ticket sellers, Santa (Brian Fisher) KC Chorus, and St. Mary's musicians.

Special 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: *John Ahlberg, Randy Balausky, Lynn Becker, Scot Berkley, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, John Carlson, Mark Cunningham, John Degner, Dave Fandel, Tom Gebur, Mike Goddard, Steve Graff, Roger Green, John Henry, Lee Jardine, Cal Jenio, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Ron Kubicek, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lax, Greg Nelson, Will Pieper, Brandon Pofahl, Lyle Snider, Lee Staupé, Tim Rice, Lavern Soukup, Walt Spindler, Chuck Walerius, Ray Willmott, and Dave Wunderlich.*

These Brother Knights prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Randy Balausky, Tim Biegert, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steven Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Jim Kaplan, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Doug Kloos, Bill Lawrence, Tony Nguyen, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Doug Philips, Mark Philips, Will Pieper, Paul Schneider, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Our Saturday morning prep team had everything set for the opening on Sunday morning. These are the prep team members: *Gerry Barry, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, 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: *Casey Balausky, Shari & Trevor Carlson, Karen Graff, Carly Guenther, Paul & Rob Jardine, Alex, Ethan, Jessica, & Steph Pieper, Carlos Sebastian, and Malta Scheibe.*

Please make plans now for St. Mary's REP/CYO breakfast on Sunday, January 8 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!



Santa and John Carlson take a break to pose for the camera.



KC Chorus members add to the festive atmosphere at the Breakfast Extravaganza. Pictured from left are; Lynn Becker, Lloyd Mans, Lee Staupé, John Carlson, Dan Walsh, and John Degner.



Santa takes a Christmas list from one of our young Extravaganza attendees Gabrielle Trenda.



Enjoying the prompt table service are Lynn and Sonia Becker with their exchange students Carlos Sebastian, and Malta Scheibe.

Saturday, February 4, 2012 First Annual Membership Supper

For the year 2012 we are planning our first membership supper. The date will be Saturday, February 4, 2012. Members may bring their wives or a guest (sweetheart or special friend). The only cost will be to pay your 2012 dues of \$35.00*. Remember Honorary members are \$15.00* and Honorary Life members are "FREE", but donations are accepted.

Social hour will start at 3:30 pm and serving will begin at 5:00 pm. and will continue until 7:30 pm. Our menu will be spaghetti, salad, bread, & dessert. In addition you and your guest will receive one free glass of beer or wine.

Dues maybe paid at the door that evening or may be paid in advance by sending them to:

John Ahlberg
Financial Secretary
403 East Broadway
Owatonna, MN 55060

**If your dues are already paid, simply bring along your
2012 membership card.**

After dinner we will be entertained by the band ***Satisfaction Lite***. The band will begin playing at 8:30 pm.

*This includes a \$3 suggested voluntary donation to the William Warner Scholarship Fund.

Please come and enjoy a great evening with your brother Knights.

2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
 Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausky (507) 213-9862
 Deputy Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder
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 Advocate: Steve Graff
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 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
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 Trustee (3 year): PGK Joe Elbert
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 Trustee (1 year): PGK Steve Dornquast

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Wade Schroeder
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 Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
 Family Director: Stephen Nelson
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 Recruit Director: PGK Mark Cunningham
 Youth Director: Will Pieper
 Membership Director: PGK LaVerne Klecker
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 Lecturer: PGK Mark Cunningham
 Historian: Open
 Retention Chairman: PGK LaVerne Klecker
 KC Chorus Director: Stephen Nelson
 Building Comm Chairman: Tom Elbert
 Gambling Manager: Josh Klecker
 District Deputy: PGK Joe Elbert
 KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
 Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Kevin Gallagher

The November Knight of the Month is a familiar name to Brother Knights. Kevin Gallagher has been a member for more than 30 years, and is the area Insurance Representative for the Knights of Columbus. In fact, Grand Knight Randy Balausky said Gallagher often went above and beyond the call of duty, and is “very well-liked and appreciated in the council.” Not bad for someone who jokingly calls himself “Mister Coffee” because of his carafe duty at the KC Breakfasts.

It’s not that you just see Kevin at the benefit breakfasts. He has also been active in Smokin’ in Steele and the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Kevin says the good work of the Knights is fun because it gives him a chance to interact with everyone who comes to the event. But it’s more than just the fun. It’s about paying it forward.

Kevin said he “joined because it’s always been to give back to Church and community.”

Gallagher is an Owatonna native who graduated from Marian High School and St. John’s University.

He and his wife Marie are members of St. Joseph’s. They have three grown children – and that’s where he spends the majority of his free time. Kevin says he truly enjoys spending time with his children and seven grandchildren. When he’s not with his family, volunteering for the KC’s, or working, he says he enjoys hunting, fishing, and travelling.

Congratulations to the November Knight of the Month – Kevin Gallagher!



New classroom flags presented to St. Mary’s School. Pictured front left to right: Pre-schoolers, Brody and Preslee. Back Row: Mary Hawkins, Principal, Miss Karen, Pre-school staff, and LaVerne Klecker, Faithful Navigator.

ASSEMBLY DONATES CLASSROOM FLAGS

The Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, has donated new classroom flags for St. Mary’s School. The recent expansion of the school created the need for additional classroom flags, plus there were a number of existing ones that needed replacing. The presentation was made by Faithful Navigator, LaVerne Klecker. In making the presentation, he said, “Patriotism is the guiding principle of the Fourth Degree, and with this in mind we want to be sure each classroom is displaying the American flag. Mary Hawkins, Principal of St. Mary’s commented, “We really appreciate the support we receive from the Knights of Columbus. Their ongoing support with benefit breakfasts and other projects is a tremendous help in furthering the Catholic education of children in the Owatonna community.”

AN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

The KC Chorus would like to extend an invitation to the members of our Council to join the Chorus as we begin our second decade of singing. The Chorus has a repertoire of sacred, secular, and patriotic music in three and (sometimes) four parts. Practices are conveniently and unobtrusively scheduled every other Saturday morning (7:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. practice). We will start our 2012 season in late January. Call Stephen Nelson at 213-6228 (or any other Chorus member) for more information.

THANK YOU!

The Sacred Heart Cemetery Board wishes to thank Council 945 of the Knights of Columbus for their support of the Crucifix Project. The Crucifix is in place — along with the altar and four benches — the statues of the Sorrowful Mother and the beloved disciple are en route and will be installed in the Spring. 4005809

The KCs were a key reason why these items are in our Cemetery — thank you for your contributions and support.

May God Bless you all.

Sacred Heart Cemetery Board

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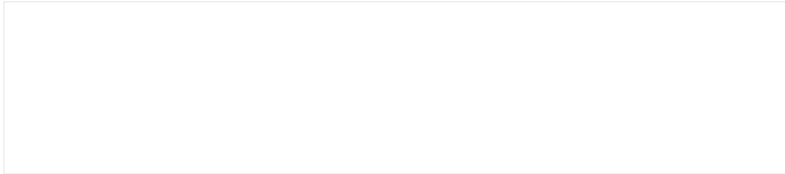
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