Owatonna



COLUMBIAN CENTER

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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

<u>January 6</u> - Officers' and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. Ianuary 11- Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m. January 13 - General Meeting KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m. January 17- Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for Special Olympics January 28 - Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. Ianuary 30 - 12th Annual Chili Cook Off Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. January 31 - KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m. Ianuary 31 - St. Mary's School Open House & Special KC breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Key

to greater Council unity.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' **M**EETING

Wednesday, January 6 KC Hall Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for Special Olympics

Sunday, January 17, 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.

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 Fridays in January - January 8, 15, 22, & 29 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

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB



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



General Meeting

Wednesday, January 13 Program - 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall Pub Grub served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m. Complimentary Champagne and party favors at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

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 FREE THROW CONTEST

Contest open to all boys and girls ages 10 - 14. Thursday, January 14 Registration and contest - 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's School Gym. Help is needed from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Call Jeff Pumper at (507) 456-2985, for more information or to help.

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.



Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate - let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billon isn't impressive it is. It's not that it doesn't matter - it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for Brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 Brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of Brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a Brother Knight - just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!

To learn more, call me. Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF, FSCP 507-417-4169



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE-2016

January 17	Special Olympics
January 31	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 14	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 28	Gymnastic Club & 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 13	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 10	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House

Happy New Year All!

I hope all of you had a joyful Christmas season, and open your hearts to a new and meaningful year to come. I think back on things that went right over the past year, and also the things that didn't go so well, and how to improve on the not so successful endeavors. As the Knights of Columbus Council 945 moves forward in 2016, we need to improve on staying in contact with all members, projects, and involvement. So many of you have great ideas that need to be implemented. I am asking all of you to consider attending our monthly general meetings the second Wednesday of every month, and it will give all of you a great way to be involved and know what projects are on the agenda. We are always looking for membership involvement and your new ideas. I hope you will join us! We are like Uncle Sam, We need You!

The seasonal temperatures have been way above normal in December for the Red Kettle campaign that some of you participated in. I want to thank all of you and your families who helped with the bell ringing. Also, some of you rang not once, but twice! Thank You! I also saw some of you ringing without a heavy winter coat and gloves. How nice was that?

The Knights of Columbus Owatonna Council 945, also with your help, continues to the achievement of Star Council with membership. We are half way there guys. Let's start the new year out with all of us signing up a new member. All of you are eligible for gifts for recruitment and also the Council receives cash back for making our quota early or exceeding membership quotas. Let's make this happen in 2016.

I would like to also inform all of you on the St. Mary's School update on the repairs to our Catholic grade school. The amount of the repairs are at about \$2.2 million. With a capitol campaign including all parishes and all the help the Knights of Columbus can give, we can meet the goal. Make sure that all of us pray deep from your hearts and donate to do our part. These children need us, as they are the future of our Catholic Church faith, and we need to show our support. Please give generously.

Thank You All Happy New Year God Bless You!

KLECKER IS TOP SWORD



LaVerne Klecker is the Top Sword recipient for the 2014 – 2015 honor guard year for the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. LaVerne participated in fourteen of seventeen events. In these seventeen events, 19 different Sir Knights participated. The award was presented at the Assembly's annual Christmas party which was held at the KC Hall on Sunday, December 6.

In presenting LaVerne's plaque, Past Faithful Navigator, Tim Rice commented, "This is really not a competition where one Sir Knight is trying to beat out another,

rather it is an opportunity to recognize and thank everyone who participates in our honor guard, whether it is one time or fourteen like LaVerne. We are the visible arm of the KCs and it is important that we have dedicated honor guard members who respond when they are called."

Congratulations LaVerne!

BIG BREAKFAST REPORT

It's been a busy couple of months for the Breakfast crew. Going back to November, we saw a steady stream of hungry patrons, which resulted in a successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with 428 meals being served. The parents and students from St. Mary's did a good job helping with the dining room.

These Brother Knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Joe Elbert, Terry Evans, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Steve Graff, Pete Guenther, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Ben Lempiainen, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Dan Sawyer family, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Rick Wittrock, and Dan Wolfe.

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks to all for an excellent job.

A special breakfast following the Blue Mass on November 22 was well attended by around 200 invitees and families from the county first responders groups and the Knights who participated in the Mass. The 'reduced menu' meal was very tasty and enjoyed by all. The list of workers includes the Saturday preparation and set crew of *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Mike Jensen, Al Jirele, John Kriesel, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

The kitchen crew on Sunday included: Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Matt Durand, Terry Evans, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Roger Green, Lee Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Al Nelson, Dan Sawyer, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Wandersee, and Rick Wittrock. The KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 6, was a great success as usual. The final count of happy customers was 244 adults and 22 children. Attendees were entertained by the Knights of Columbus Chorus and were treated to a visit from Santa Claus.

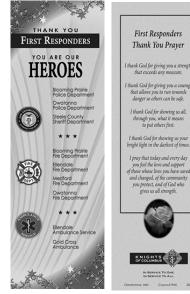
All this hard work resulted in some nice income which allows the council to continue our charitable work. Thanks go out to the Saturday morning prep crew who had everything set for the opening on Sunday morning. Here are the team members: Jerry Barry, Tony David, Mike Jensen, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ray Willmott.

Kudos to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Dave Heim, Dave Introne, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Dan Ruiter, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich family.*

A Great Big THANK YOU goes out to long-time ticket taker Bill Foreman who has manned that table for nearly every breakfast the past few years. Bill said at the Extravaganza, "It's been a great time seeing all those customers coming in for breakfast – and now it's time to move on." We will miss that great smile on Sunday mornings, Bill.

Many people helped make these events a success. If we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is appreciated.

Make plans now for the Owatonna Area Special Olympics benefit to be held on January 17 at St. Mary's School. Besides supporting a very deserving group, you'll also enjoy the delicious menu and table service. Just come in, sit down at a table, order your breakfast, and have your food served hot to your table!



Each first responder received a laminate with a First Responders Thank You Prayer on one side and the names of the departments and units in Steele County.



Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree members from left to right: Bruce Born, David Fairbrother, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, Gary Wandrey, and Tim Rice. Not pictured: Lynn Becker, LaVerne Klecker, William Regan, Walt Spindler, and Eric Wandersee.

BLUE MASS to honor the first responders November 22 St. Joseph Church



First responders process into Mass led by the Fourth Degree honor guard.



Fourth Degree Honor Guard and first responders processional.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED IN NOVEMBER



Ray Bissen and his wife Amy have three children, Zach, Averi, and Isaac. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed the Owatonna School District. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Mike Meger.



Jeremy Hallopeter and his wife Lynsey have three children, Caleb, Kade, and Paige. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as business representative for BASF. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



Brett Meger is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a student at the University of Minnesota and an intern at the Brick Meger Funeral Home. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight SK Glen Meger.



Richard Gerdts and his wife Sue have four children, Josh, Joanna, Holly, and Jason. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as truck driver at Gallea Transfer. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Eric Tucker.



Gene Katzung and his wife Darlene have two children, Corey and Connie. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is self-employed manufacturing fishing lures. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Lavern Soukup.



Don Prokopec and his wife Lory are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a maintenance supervisor at Viracon. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



Greg Robillard and his wife Kristi have three children, Brent, Thomas, and Lucas. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed as an engineer at Lockheed Martin. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



Tim Truelson and his wife Elaine have two children, Brayden and Noah. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as an assistant recreation director at Owatonna Park and Rec. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Dave Fandel.



Joe Hubly and his wife Rachel are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as an analyst at Hardwick Day. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



John Mouser is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a quality tech at Amesbury Truth. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



Josh Prokopec and his wife Andrea have two children, Maylynn and Makynlee. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed as an engineer for the city of Owatonna and is grounds director for the Steele County Free Fair. He was sponsored by Brother Knight SK LaVerne Klecker.



Jeff Vortherms and his wife Stacy have four children, Ethan, Ericka, Ellie, and Evan. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed as sales manager at Schwans. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Luke Rennie.

2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Knight of the Month



Alex Pieper

Our latest Knight of the Month could be considered the apple that didn't fall far from the tree. Alex Pieper joined the Knights in 2012, sponsored by his father Will Pieper, who is one of the more active volunteers in our Council.

Alex has taken up the mantle of an active KC volunteer, serving many hours on events such as Smokin' in Steele, Kids Q, Benefit Breakfasts, and Halloween Party just to name a few. Alex says he enjoys working the many youth events because at age 22 he still feels like a kid at heart.

Alex and his family, which includes mother Stephanie, a brother and two sisters, are members of St. Joseph Church. Alex works full time at McClain's in Northfield which keeps him busy along with his KC activities. Alex says he enjoys his experience with the Knights because of the friendships and the chance to help other people.

We thank Alex for his enthusiasm and his service to our Council. He is well on his way to becoming aily trac in Council 045

another strong branch of the Pieper family tree in Council 945. Congratulations on being our November Knight of the Month.

Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson	Membership by LaVerne Klecker
 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 Dan Bauer is facing health challenges. Brother Knight Joe Elbert is recovering from a heart attack. Brother Knight Dennis Kelm is recovering from a fall. Barb Stand, wife of deceased member Brother Knight Willard Strand is recovering from a fall. Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemuth, Marilyn Dillemuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Nancy Janke, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Wilfred Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf. Dremener Drother Knight Roger Keller passed away on December 1. Brother Knight Robert D. Fischer passed away on December 11. Lingune knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at (507) 676-1748. 	Congratuations to our new Third Degree Knights. These First Degree Knights took their Second and Third Degrees on November 21, Anthony David and Christopher Fazzi. We will be having another First Degree initiation shortly after the 1st of the year, but the date has not been set. 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. Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. The 2016 dues will also need to be paid shortly after the first of the year. 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. I would like to thank all Brother Knights who have signed up new members and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



As the New Year begins, let us pray, that it will be a year with new peace, new happiness, and abundance of new friends, God bless you through out the New Year. Happy New Year 2016. **K**NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council No. 945 P.O. Box 945 Owatonna, MN 55060

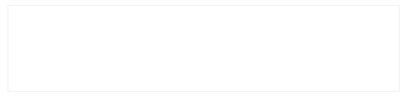
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