

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY
2012

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 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 27, 28, & 29- Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser
April 29 - Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
April 29 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery &
Respect for Life
May 2 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
May 9 - General Meeting and
Program - 7:30 p.m.
May 17 - First Degree
Exemplification-KC Hall -7:00 p.m.
May 24 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 28 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
June 1, 2, & 3 - Smokin' in Steele
BBQ & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 16 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social - KC Hall - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 6:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 2
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 9
Program - 7:30 p.m.
*The speaker will be Brother Knight Jim Kenney. He will
give the Council an update on the Adoration Chapel.*

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Sacred Heart Cemetery and Respect for Life

Sunday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
\$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 At the door, Free under 6
All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious
KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets.

"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.

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 16
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at St. Joseph Church
Social - KC Hall - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 6:30 p.m.

ALTAR ATTENDANTS' PARTY

Wednesday, May 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
South Park Lanes
Bowling, Food, Pop, & Fun

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Thursday, May 17
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates report to the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, April 29, 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church
All members and their families are invited to
attend this Mass.

FRIDAY BURGER BASKETS

Friday, May 4, 11, and 18
Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Baskets include burger, coleslaw,
fries or onion rings.

Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

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*.
The April winners are: Scot Berkley, Doug Betti,
Thomas Brick, Jim Gleason, Walter Spindler, and
Daniel Wolfe.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ AND BLUES FEST

*Blues Music, BBQ,
Pancake Breakfast, Garden Tractor Pull,
& more.*

June 1, 2, and 3
Steele County Fairgrounds

See insert in Key for details & times of events.

We need your help, call
Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus
will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. All KC members
are encouraged to attend the parade and the
ceremony at the Four Seasons Centre after
the parade.

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! 301788

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say,
"Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are over halfway to making our membership quota for Star Council. We are holding a First Degree Exemplification at the KC Hall in Owatonna on May 17. Also, we are planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son will be home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus. 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 at 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. 3477083

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.

Also, I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2012 please get them paid. Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council expenses. Thank you.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher



Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF
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Life Insurance
IRA'S (Regular & Roth)
Annuities
Long Term Care
Income Replacement



Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

Summer is almost here, AGAIN! This year has gone by so fast and soon there will be a change in your officers as Wade Schroeder becomes the new Grand Knight on July 1. I would like to thank all KC Members (and non-KC members) who have helped to make all of our events this past year happen. Without all of your help our events would not be as successful as they are. As a reminder, all KC members are invited to any of our upcoming events and meetings.

A special late birthday (4/14) wish goes out to Mark Cunningham. Mark has done an outstanding job at the club and advising our KC members. I would invite everyone to stop down at the club and wish Mark a "Happy Birthday".

We are very close to being a "STAR" Council, as with any organization, in order to grow and ensure a successful future, membership is a key part of that success. We need everyone to help by looking at anyone you know who may be in our Catholic community who may not be a member yet, and invite them to join. This could be a neighbor, friend, or even your own son or father. We will be holding a First Degree Exemplifications on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 p.m. KC Hall

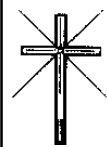
Thursday, May 17 7:00 p.m. KC Hall

Thursday, June 7 7:00 p.m. KC Hall (if needed)

Once again I urge everyone to be sure they read **The Key** and participate in any of the events that we have. Be sure to check out our calendar and articles.

God Bless you all!

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.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Harlan Kern, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, 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, Lauren Ryan, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroeffer, 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:

Brother Knight Frank Conley passed away on April 3.

Brother Knight F. P. "Duke" Randall passed away on April 3.

Tom Hill, father-in-law of Brother Knight and our KC Insurance Field Agent Kevin Gallagher, passed away on April 7.

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

ORDER YOUR KC SHIRT

Orders for KC shirts are being taken until the end of May. Our popular polo shirt and *many other styles are available.*

All sizes and colors. Prices are \$20.00 - \$25.00

Contact Steve @ 456-4969 for orders and dates.

Order your own special shirt with a KC emblem or *have one of yours done.*

Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper a Success!

A spaghetti supper fundraiser was held on Tuesday, March 20th at St. Mary's Cafeteria, with the Cub and Boy Scouts of Owatonna and the OHS Close Up Group the beneficiaries. We helped raise over \$450.00 for the Scouts, \$400.00 for the Close Up Group, and over \$450.00 for Council 945. My thanks to Ron Wolf, Gerry Barry, Joe Elbert, Tom Elbert, Jim Gleason, George Lambaere, Gary Fisher, Steve Fisher, Brian Carlson, Tom Standke, Steve Reller. Mike Goddard, and Randy Balausky, along with the Scouts and the Close Up Group. 2707938
Jim Gleason, Community Director



Joe Elbert (left) and Steve Reller make sure the secret sauce recipe is just right!



Dennis Kelm (partially blocked) is being advised by George Lambaere and Steve Reller as he drains the pasta.



Making sure no one goes away hungry, the serving crew dishes up the pasta and sauce. Left to right; Steve Fisher, Tom Elbert, and Brian Carlson.



Hungry patrons line up for the first batch of delicious spaghetti to be served up.



Looking back at past Smokin' In Steele events. Don't miss the 2012 edition which is June 1 and 2.



Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet

On Saturday, June 16, the Officer Installation & Awards Banquet will be held to recognize and honor Knights for their years of membership, service to the community, and contribution to the Council. In addition, new officers will be installed for the 2012-2013 year. The evening will begin with a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church where Rev. Ed McGrath will preside. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place in Church immediately following Mass. The evening will then continue at the KC Hall with a social hour, dinner, program, and awards presentation. Individual Membership Awards (25 Year, 50 Year, and Honorary and Life Members), OAK (Owatonna Active Knights) hours will be recognized, as well as the Knight of the Year, Trustee's Service Award, and Past Grand Knight Award will also be announced. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening.

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our next general meeting on Wednesday, June 13. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2012-2013.

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| Grand Knight: | Wade Schroeder |
| Deputy Grand Knight: | Dustin Reese |
| Chancellor: | Steve Graff |
| Advocate: | Dan Wolfe |
| Warden: | Gary Sanford |
| Inside Guard: | Peter Schneider |
| Outside Guard: | Harlan Kern |
| Treasurer: | Tom Eichten |
| Recorder: | Scot Berkley |

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the May and June meetings, and anyone wishing to serve is welcome to make it known at that time. These members and the Committee Chairs will shape the direction of the Council for the upcoming year. Come and show your support.

Attention Knights & Family

Mark your calendar for two important informational meetings which will address issues pertinent to all members. Information is provided below. Please plan to join us.

When: Tuesday, June 12.

Morning Session: 10:00-11:30.

“Estate Planning 101, Powers of Attorney & Healthcare Directives”

This session will cover powers of attorney, healthcare directives, wills, trusts and the importance of each. Also, probate avoidance & tax planning issues for 2012 and beyond.

Evening Session: 7:00-8:30

“Protecting Your Assets from the Nursing Home”

This session will cover the basics of medical assistance eligibility criteria, categorization of assets and basics of asset reductions. Also new rules on transfers and the effect that will have on future planning.

Our guest speaker will be Lisa Pluto, attorney with Pluto Legal, PLLC. Lisa concentrates her practice in the areas of Medical Assistance & Estate Planning. 3528271

Location: St. Joseph Church, Lower Level. 512 S. Elm. Owatonna.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC, at 213-9410.

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 are Sept 29 – Oct 2, returning on Oct 3. Fishing has been good (for some, at least) 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).



Smokin in Steele

JUNE 1

Presented By:
Owatonna
Knights of Columbus



To
Benefit:  **Special Olympics**
Minnesota
Owatonna

- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch**
- **4:30pm Kids Q Kick Off (Instructions and distribution of meat/ grills)**
- **5pm Greetings and Instructions to Pro BBQ Teams**
- **5:30pm VIP Reception / Dinner for sponsors and patrons with The Headwaters Brass Band**
- **5:30pm Eddie 'Devil Boy' Turner in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **6:30pm Pros VS Joes Free**
- **7:30pm Andrew 'Jr Boy' Jones w/Kerrie Lepai in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **9:30pm The Fabulous Lovehandles w/Brian 'Zoot' Simonds in Beer Garden**

JUNE 2

**🎵 Tickets for Beer Garden Music:
2 day advance \$10 -or- \$8 per day at the door**

- **7am Backyard Amateur BBQ Competition (Cooks' Meeting)**
- **7:30am Cornhole Tournament Registration (ACO Bean Bag Toss)**
- **8:00am Registration for 5K Walk/Run and Kid's 1/2K Fun Run**
- **8:30am Cornhole Tournament (ACO Bean Bag Toss)**
- **9:00am Start of Kid's 1/2K Fun Run**
- **9:30am Start of 5K Walk/ Run**
- **11am Mike Fugazzi in Park Square Free 🎵**
- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch**
- **12 noon Special Olympics Cornhole Tournament**
- **12:30pm The Mark Cameron Band in Park Square Free 🎵**
- **1:30pm Blues 4 Kids Harmonica lessons Park Square Free**
- **2pm The Jimmys in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **2pm Blues 4 Kids' Harmonica lessons Park Square Free**
- **2:30pm The Brothers Curtis in Park Square Free 🎵**
- **4pm Awards Ceremony Park Square**
- **4:30pm Garden Tractor Pull in front of the Grandstand Free**
- **5:30pm The Shaun Murphy Band in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **7:30pm Bobby Messano in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **9:30pm Boom Boom Steve V & The Knockouts in the Beer Garden 🎵**

JUNE 3

- **8am Pancake Breakfast in the Beer Garden *only \$6***

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2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
 Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausky (507) 213-9862
 Deputy Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder
 Chancellor: Dustin Reese
 Advocate: Steve Graff
 Warden: Dan Wolfe
 Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Scot Berkley
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Joe Elbert
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Steve Dornquist

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Wade Schroeder
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
 Church Director: Pete Schneider
 Community Director: Jim Gleason
 Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
 Family Director: Stephen Nelson
 Health Director: Dr. Mark Nelson
 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



Tim Biegert

The March Knight of the Month is an Osseo native, teacher, and former football coach. Tim Biegert was sponsored by Tom Klecker back in 2006. He joined because it “was a way to volunteer and give back to the Church.” He’s been a helpful (and busy) member since then, signing up for shifts with the Steele County Free Fair brat stand, fish dinners, Salvation Army bell-ringing, Tootsie Roll campaign, and the many benefit breakfasts. Tim’s a member of the Fourth Degree, and helped out with the flag-burning ceremony, too.

Tim and his wife of 17 years Joan have three children. They are members of Sacred Heart. Tim teaches Industrial Arts in Northfield, where he also coached football. Tim played college football at North Dakota State

University and got his Master’s Degree at Montana State, where he also coached football. In between those college stints, Tim served four years in the U.S. Army, and 16 years in the National Guard. 2671417

Tim uses his free time to pursue another passion of his: woodworking. He’s made a number of pieces inside his home, from china cabinets to coffee tables to clocks. He even made the wooden cross used at Sacred Heart during the Easter season.

Tim says he just likes to help wherever he’s needed. He enjoys the fellowship the Knights provide because as he says, “they are some great people.”

And the Knights think Tim’s great, too. That’s why they named him the March Knight of the Month. Congratulations, Tim Biegert!

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. This is not a self-serving group of men, but a legion of volunteers who participate in programs that benefit the entire community in which they live, work, and play. From hosting and serving benefit breakfasts and dinners for various community outreach groups to bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, these men and their families share their time, talents, and treasures all over the county, state, country, and world. 3023388

Divine Mercy Sunday was observed on April 15. Knights and parishoners came together at St. Joseph’s Church to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet. Benediction was celebrated at the close of the service. The forgiveness of sins was the intention of the observance.



Fr. Andrew Vogel with Peter Schneider reflect on the beauty and dignity of the Divine Mercy service.



Divine Mercy Sunday participants pictured left to right. Front, Peter Schneider, Rosary and prayer leader, Chaplain Fr. Andrew Vogel. Back row, honor guard members, Eric Wandersee, LaVerne Klecker, Walt Spindler, and Joe Elbert.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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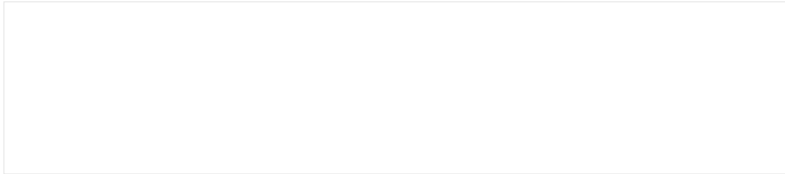


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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm | 2 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm | 3 | 4 Friday Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 5 Loyalty Banquet Chorus will participate VFW - 6:00 pm |
| 6 Loyalty Day Parade Fourth Degree will participate - 1:00 pm | 7 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm | 8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm | 9 General Meeting 7:30 pm program, Jim Kenney giving adoration chapel update. | 10 | 11 Friday Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 12 |
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