

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH
2011

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

February 27 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Exchange Club Center for
Family Unity
March 2 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 9 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 11 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters
March 13 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 18 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Healthy Seniors
March 22 - Cub, Boy Scouts, &
OHS Close Up Spaghetti Supper
St. Mary's School 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 24 - Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 25 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly and
Owatonna Early Edition Rotary Club

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 2
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
PGK Tom Kingsley will share his WWII experiences as
a tank gunner in Germany - "A Sherman tank ride from
the Rhine to Munich in 1945." Tom will also describe
Council 945 as it was in 1955.
(As a courtesy to our speaker & other members -
please arrive before 7:30 p.m.)

Two great breakfasts

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Exchange Club Center for Family Unity

Sunday, February 27, 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.
Music by the Tuition Daddies - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 13, 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.
Music by the St. Mary's Band and Liturgy Choir -
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

"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.

The Key input deadline is the 15th of each month

Information received after that date will
be published the following month.



BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. served in the KC Hall
and Lounge

Fried or Baked Fish Plate,
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee
Presale tickets - \$8.00, \$8.50 at the door

Kids under six eat free

A great new menu choice this year is the super-size
meal option, available at the door with any ticket.

2011 Beneficiaries

March 11 Catholic Daughters
March 18 Healthy Seniors
March 25 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
Assembly & Owatonna Early Edition
Rotary Club - "Patriot of Skies" project
April 1 Birthright & Compassionate Friends
April 8 Steele County Special Deputies
April 15 St. Mary's REP/CYO
April 22 Izaak Walton League

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Serving our famous Corned Beef & Cabbage meal
from 6:00 p.m. till gone - \$8.00 per person

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, March 8
Serving gumbo in the lounge from 6:00 p.m. till gone.
\$2.00 a bowl, hurricane drink specials

Seafood Dinner & Burger Basket

March 4 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

Well, I did it. I bought the new Confession app for my iPhone. I read about it in the media, as I am sure you have as well. Some have called into question whether it is appropriate. However, given its intended purpose, I think it is a great way to harness technology to help us on our spiritual journey.

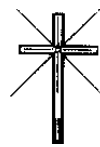
The set up allows you to have a customized examination of conscience. It has special settings for gender, birthday, and vocation. As a priest, it asked me questions about daily prayer, celebration of Mass, outreach to others, etc. What I appreciate is the ability to make a good examination. Sometimes, even as I prepare and try to remember my sins, I can be forgetful or even minimize certain areas of my life. A good examination of conscience leads to a good confession if we are open to God's discerning Spirit.

As we move into the Lenten season, many of us make a special effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even those who go only once or twice a year see the benefit of this Lenten season as a time to reflect on those ways we have sinned against God and others and to seek to rectify those relationships through the Sacrament and through our response to God's forgiveness. Our parishes have regular times when the Sacrament is available. In addition, we will have a communal reconciliation celebration at Sacred Heart on Friday, April 8.

One of the benefits of the iPhone app will be for those who have not been to Confession for some time. When this happens, the penitent is often nervous and unsure. The ability to really prepare beforehand and to have a little guide to help with the format for celebrating the sacrament should alleviate anxiety and I hope will allow people to come more readily. The parishes can also make available helps in the preparation for celebrating Reconciliation. We are always delighted when penitents want to make a good confession and will do all we can to facilitate that.

Of course, an iPhone app does not take the place of Confession. It is in the interpersonal encounter between priest and penitent that God's saving action takes place. Confession of one's sins to a priest is still a requirement. Hearing Confessions is one of the most powerful things that a priest does. It is one we take most seriously. I invite you to use this coming Lenten season to prepare your mind and heart and to receive God's forgiveness so that we might all rejoice with grateful hearts at Easter.

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, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Harley Janke, Erlis Kelzenberg, 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 Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Walt Spindler, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rowan Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Mary Ann Steers, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Tom Burke passed away on February 11.

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:

Another month has gone by. We need to remember all the activities at the KC hall in March, Fat Tuesday, St Patrick's Day, and the Lenten fish dinners. Smokin' in Steele is in need of some volunteers, call Joe at 507-279-4015 and join in the fun.

More importantly, we must remember, Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Jesus died for us and we must thank him for showing us the way, and making a clear path to follow him, not always the easy path, but a clear one.

If you need someone to help you on this path, try talking to one of our Priests— Father Sauer, Father McGrath, or Father Vogel. They have a wide range of experience and varied backgrounds, but all share the common purpose ... helping you on the path to Christ.

Let me urge you to take part in the approaching Lenten services as well. The weekly stations of the cross, the communal reconciliation service on April 8th at Sacred Heart Church, and the Easter Triduum which begins on Holy Thursday. These are excellent opportunities for us to prepare for that glorious Holy Day of Easter.

May God bless

P.S. - KC polo shirts are for sale, I will be taking orders until March 12th. The shirts are available in several colors, please call 455-1628 (Steve Dornquast) and I will meet you or take the order over the phone.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

In a past article, I made mention of your Knights of Columbus Life Insurance Company's ultra strong financial strength evidenced by our A++ rating from A M Best over the past 35 consecutive years and our AAA rating from Standard & Poor's for the past 18 consecutive years. **Both are the highest possible ratings possible and we are truly the envy of the industry.** One other rating, given to but a select few, is certification from IMSA...the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association.

Simply, it means **your trust in the Order is well-placed.** IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sale and service of our individually owned **life insurance, long-term care and annuity products.** The IMSA logo, used in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.

To qualify for IMSA, we agree to:

Conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness.

Provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service.

Engage in active and fair competition.

Provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose and honest and fair to content.

Provide fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes.

Maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with IMSA's Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. **When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.**

I always appreciate the opportunity to share thoughts with you each month and you taking the time to read them. If you have comments or questions I would be happy to hear from you. I'm just a phone call away at **213-9410** or you can email me at Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org.

Think Spring!!

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF

P.S. If you are thinking of contributing to an IRA (Regular or Roth) for 2010 or 2011 and/or want a safe place to put your existing IRA funds, with a current guaranteed minimum interest rate of 3%, call me for details. I think you'll like what we have to offer.

2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
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Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
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Outside Guard: Chuck Walerius
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (2 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (1 year): PGK Bill Lawrence

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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



Lloyd Mans

The January Knight of the Month is Lloyd Mans. Lloyd has been a very active member of the KC Chorus for the last four years, receiving the OAK (Owatonna Active Knight) Award each year in the 100+ hour bracket.

Lloyd is a retired music teacher in Blooming Prairie. He brings that knowledge, skill, and passion for music to the chorus. "His enthusiasm is inspiring to every member and he drives us all to a better performance," says Owatonna KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson. He continues by adding, "His dedication is second to none. It is only on the stormiest of days that he forgoes the half hour drive from Blooming Prairie to practice on Saturday mornings."

Lloyd is much more modest about his commitment to perform and practice at 7:30 on those weekend mornings. "I enjoy singing with the group. I just enjoy the music. I don't enjoy getting up that early, but I enjoy singing."

What makes his contributions even more notable is that Lloyd isn't even a member of Council 945 in Owatonna. Lloyd joined Council 4323 in Blooming Prairie four years ago and has been happy to contribute his time to the KC Chorus, if for no other reason, the enjoyment of the music. That, and as he put it, "because we don't have a chorus here in Blooming Prairie."

Lloyd has 7 grown children and 10 grandchildren. He lost his wife, Rita, to cancer 8 years ago. He stays busy by helping out at his brother Knights in Blooming Prairie on occasion, and also directs the choir at his home parish of 43 years, St. Columbanus. He is also very involved with the Steele County Historical Society. He's on the Board of Directors there, and can be seen giving tours at the Village of Yesteryear during the summer months. Lloyd is also President of Blooming Prairie's "Friends of the Library" group.

In addition to his love of music and history, Lloyd is a student of genealogy. In fact, he's written three books on his family's history.

Congratulations to Lloyd Mans, the January Knight of the Month!

Record attendance for St. Mary's School Open House Breakfast

St. Mary's School Open House held on Sunday, January 30, was a success in every way. A large number of people toured the school, talked with teachers, viewed the new building addition, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by our outstanding breakfast team. Breakfast attendance increased by 60% over last year, with \$769.00 raised for St. Mary's School.

Thanks to our excellent Knights of Columbus Breakfast Team. The Saturday prep team included: *Jerry Barry, Frank Conley, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Tim Biegert, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Frank Conley, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Joel Garten, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Lee Jardine with sons Paul & Rob, Terry Kuck, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Mark Pfeifer, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Doug Phillips, Mark Phillips, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Curt Suppala, Eric Tucker, and Dave Wunderlich.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies.

Thanks to our Sunday closers: *Frank Conley, Al Nelson, Mark Pfeifer, John Wheeler and Chuck Walerius.* We still need several more closers. Consider joining this elite group!

Our next benefit breakfast is on Feb. 27 for the Owatonna Exchange Club for the Center for Family Unity. The breakfast on March 13 is for St. Mary's Music Boosters. Mark your calendar today!! Your support is very important.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

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 (507) 451-4102. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. We have 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 2011 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.

Cub, Boy Scouts, and OHS Close Up Spaghetti Supper

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 will hold a Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Cub and Boy Scouts of Owatonna and the OHS Close Up program on Tuesday, March 22nd, at St. Mary's Cafeteria. Serving is from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 each, with children under 6 FREE and are available from Cub and Boy Scouts, Close Up members, and at the door.

Jim Gleason, Knights of Columbus Community Director

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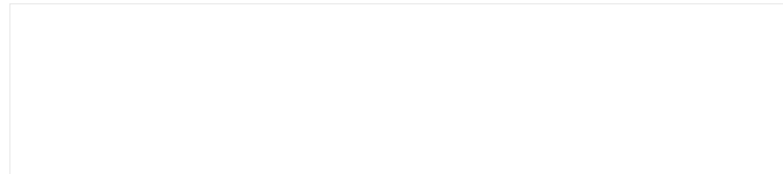
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St. Mary's School

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St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 13, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School



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