

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH
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

March 2 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Healthy Seniors
March 7 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 9 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
Assembly
March 11 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 12 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 14 - General Meeting and
First Degree Exemplification
First Degree - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
March 16 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Birthright & Compassionate Friends
March 22 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 23 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's REP/CYO
March 30 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Steele County Special Deputies

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 11, 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.

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 17
Serving our famous Corned Beef & Cabbage
meal from 6:00 p.m. till gone - \$8.00 per person

March Madness

Stop by the Club and catch the NCAA hoops
action. Chances to win great prizes. Stop by the
Club for details.

Annual K of C Fishing Banquet Saturday, March 31

Social - 6:30 p.m. Meal - 7:00 p.m.
Program and speaker to follow.
Call Mark at the Club for details.

Justin McGuinn will be performing in the lounge.

Saturday, March 3
KC Hall - 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Relive your past as he plays timeless classics.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 14

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Dana Petricka, FOCUS Missionary, Indiana University
- Purdue University Indianapolis will be our speaker.
Dana will give us an update on her missionary work as
well as stories from the Super Bowl held
in Indianapolis.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, March 14

Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASKA FRIEND TO JOIN!



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 - \$8.50, \$9.00 at the door

Kids under six eat free

Super-size meal option, available at the door with
any ticket.

2012 Beneficiaries

February 24 Catholic Daughters
March 2 Healthy Seniors
March 9 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth
Degree Assembly
March 16 Compassionate Friends & Birthright
March 23 St. Mary's REP/CYO
March 30 Steele County Special Deputies
April 6 Izaak Walton League

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*.

How to practice Lent



We should view the season of Lent as an opportunity to reflect on the significance of Christ's death, examine our hearts, and confess our sins. It can be a time of spiritual cleansing and renewal. It is not a "law" that we must follow, and there is a great variety of practices that we can try out. Based on the historic practice of Lent, try doing something in each of these three categories:

1. Fasting

Give up something for God. Fasting is not a means to "earn" something from God, but rather a way to learn to curb your appetites and focus more completely on God. There are many varieties of fasting:

Partial fast, give up some but not all foods (e.g. give up meat, sweets, etc.)

Complete fast, give up all food and take only water and juice. Not recommended for people with health issues.

Non-food fasts, give up TV, computer games etc.

2. Prayer and Meditation

Read over the Gospel accounts of Christ's arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Reflect on His suffering and the tremendous love that it represents. Reflect on your own sin and what it cost Him. Take out some time for prayers of confession and repentance. Do some spiritual "house cleaning." Consider going to Eucharistic adoration on a regular basis. 3333558

3. Giving to the poor

Use the money that you saved by not eating to help the poor. Consider doing some volunteer work.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning on holding a First Degree Exemplification on March 14 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. All candidates be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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.

If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's we'd grab ours back.

Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

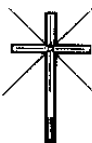
Sometimes we don't really sit down and appreciate the good things that we do for others, we take it for granted that "this is what we do." We should all pat ourselves on the back just this once and say to ourselves "Thank you Lord, I have served you and I feel good about it!" I have witnessed many great things that The Knights have done these past few months for all those we serve. The most touching, though, is our recent contribution to the Special Olympics. The picture that you will see in this edition of *The Key* reflects many, and I mean many; special people who are so very greatly appreciative of our donation, you can see it by the expressions on their faces. However, as touched as I was with all those many special people who were affected, it was the one father, who came up to me, shook my hand, and with a tear in his eye said "Thank You! You have changed our lives, and we will forever be grateful." It was because of our contributions to enable the Special Olympic programs to continue to exist that his daughter found a reason to be excited about life! That is what we do and I thank each and every one of you who during the years make it a possibility to be excited about life! 3452342
GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

As you know, we are in the middle of tax preparation season, which means many of you are thinking about how to reduce the amount of taxes paid. One of the very best ways to do this is through an IRA. Many Knights are not aware your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company has an excellent vehicle for those IRA dollars. You can choose between a regular IRA and the very popular Roth IRA...either way you can rest assured those dollars are safe and working hard for you and your retirement. Give me a call so I can show you how easy it is to either set up a Knights of Columbus IRA or put additional dollars in your existing account. 3901993

Also, be sure to take a look at the enclosed flyer detailing our upcoming seminars on March 20 at St. Joseph Church. Our guest speaker is a legal expert in this field and I assure you the informational meeting will be of benefit to virtually every member. As always I can be reached at 507-213-9410. Have a great month!
Kevin Gallagher LUTCF, FIC

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...

Frank Conley, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Jim Joachim, Harlan Kern, 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.

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

KC Membership Blitz

A coordinated membership blitz was held February 11 and 12 during Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Catholic churches. The Council wants to especially thank Brother Knights Rev. Ed McGrath, Rev. John Sauer, and Rev. Andrew Vogel who allowed member Knights to present the benefits of joining the Knights during the Mass. 2381176

Brother Knights Scot Berkely, Bill Lawrence (PGK), Steve Graff, and Wade Schroeder assisted Grand Knight Randy Balausky in sharing their personal appeal during Mass. Other Knights who helped out handing recruitment brochures after Masses were District Deputy Joe Elbert (PGK), Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Kevin Gallagher, John Ahlberg, Brian Carlson, Laverne Klecker (PGK), Chuck Walerius, John Schulz, Dan Wolfe, Steve Dornquast (PGK), Ron Wolf, Greg Salmonsén (PGK), Ray Willmott, Tom Gebur, George Zwack (PGK), Tom Burke, David Lax, Gary Sanford, Stacy Hannover, and Dave Wunderlich. Several candidates were identified and many new members are expected at the March 14 exemplification.



Recruitment brochure designed specifically for Council 945.



Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent, Kevin Gallagher answers questions of parishoners at the Church of St. Joseph.



Past Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence speaks to the congregation at Sacred Heart Church, explaining the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus.

Attention Knights and 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, March 20.

Morning Session: 10:00-11:30.

“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.

Evening Session: 7:00-8:30

“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 and tax planning issues for 2012 and beyond.

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

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

Special Olympics Receive Smokin' In Steele Proceeds



Pictured with the Owatonna Special Olympic athletes are representatives of the Owatonna Knights of Columbus as they present a check for over \$5,000.00, proceeds from last year's Smokin' In Steele barbeque and blues festival.

Front row left to right: Randy Balausky, Grand Knight, LaVerne Klecker, Faithful Navigator, John Hammer, Entertainment Chairman, and Joe Elbert, Event Chairman and District Deputy.

A recent basketball practice of the Owatonna Special Olympic athletes was the setting for the presentation of the proceeds by the Owatonna Knights of Columbus from last year's Smokin' In Steele barbeque and blues festival. 3500293

The two day event drew barbeque contestants from surrounding states as they competed for a share of the \$10,000.00 purse. In addition, a back-yard contest was held for the less serious cooks who competed for smaller prizes and mainly for bragging rights. New in 2011 were two new events; a Kids-Que where youngsters tried their hand at competition grilling and a bean bag toss competition.

A full slate of blues music was presented for the enjoyment of the large crowds who came to try the delicious barbeque prepared by award winning vendors.

Other attractions were the garden tractor pull and harmonica lessons for the kids. Another crowd pleaser was the surprise appearance by "Crunch" the mascot of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

All this activity enabled the Knights of Columbus to present Owatonna Special Olympics a check for over \$5,000.00. Event chairman, Joe Elbert, commented, "We're hoping to be able to increase the amount we raise for Special Olympics with the 2012 edition of Smokin' In Steele. This will be our 5th year of hosting this event."

This year's festival will take place June 1-2 at the Steele County Fair grounds.



40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Campaign is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- 40 days of prayer and fasting,
- 40 days of peaceful vigil,
- 40 days of community outreach.

We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion throughout America. We also pray it will provide healing for those who have suffered from an abortion or have played a role in providing abortion services.

While all aspects of 40 Days for Life are crucial in our effort to end abortion and provide healing, the most visible component will be a peaceful prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Rochester, Minnesota. Rev. John Sauer, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna has agreed to lead a group from Owatonna to Rochester on March 23 in a prayer vigil for 24 hours of prayer and community outreach. Our goal is to prayerfully, in a Christ-Like manner, provide other alternatives to those who are suffering and are afraid while facing an unplanned/unwanted pregnancy.

Brother Knights can help make a life-saving impact by joining our vigil, manning the sidewalks, help with transport, etc... Please help by contacting Brother Knight Ted Leon at (507) 446-0994. Knights can help save lives! Please sign up to participate in our local 40 Days for Life vigil.

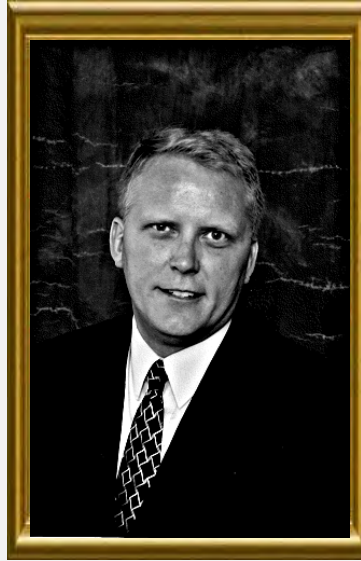
2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausky (507) 213-9862
Deputy Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder
Chancellor: Dustin Reese
Advocate: Steve Graff
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Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (2 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
Trustee (1 year): PGK Steve Dornquast

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Wade Schroeder
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
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Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
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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



Terry Evans

The January Knight of the Month is Terry Evans. Terry can be seen helping out at any number of KC events, including Smokin' in Steele, and the many benefit breakfasts.

Terry says he joined the KC's back in 1991 because he believes it's a good thing to support the Church and community, which is what the Knights do. Terry said, "When the Church needs something, the Knights are there." He became a member of Council 945 in 2008 when he moved his family from Waterloo, Iowa, to his native Owatonna.

He and his wife Jackie are members at Sacred Heart. Together, they have 3 children – Drew, Aubree, and Aaron. Terry is a member of the Fourth Degree, and says "there's always an opportunity to help the organization," which keeps him coming back to help the Knights.

Terry stays busy with the family business, Terry Evans and Associates in Owatonna.

When he's not adding up tax rolls or hours worked for the KC's, Terry likes to relax by

golfing, enjoying cars, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Congratulations to Terry Evans, our January Knight of the Month!

St. Mary's School Open House Breakfast



Breakfast attendees enjoyed candy Valentine hearts as an added treat.

Another successful breakfast was held on Sunday, February 12, benefiting the St. Mary's School. And similar to last year, St. Mary's teachers, staff, and parents held an Open House for all to view the new addition and to learn about Catholic education. Dozens of people toured the school, talked with teachers, viewed the new building addition, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by our outstanding breakfast team.

Thanks to our excellent Knights of Columbus Breakfast Team. The Saturday prep team included: *Gerry Barry, Bob*

Grebe, John Henry, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Jim Wiggins, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.

The Sunday team included: *John Ahlberg, Randy Balausky, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chiccos, Steve Dornquast, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Tony Ngyuen, Al Nelson, Jeff Otto, Doug Philips, Will Pieper and family, Wade Schroeder and daughter, Dick Thamert, Chuck Walerius, John Wheeler, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to our Sunday closers: *Brian Carlson, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Al Nelson, Will Pieper, Dick Thamert, Chuck Walerius, and John Wheeler.* Our next benefit breakfast on March 11, is for St. Mary's Music Boosters. Mark your calendar today!! Your support is very important. 2070409



Ron Heim makes sure the pancakes are just right before serving them to the hungry patrons.



Our exclusive table service allows attendees to visit and enjoy coffee or milk while their order is being prepared.

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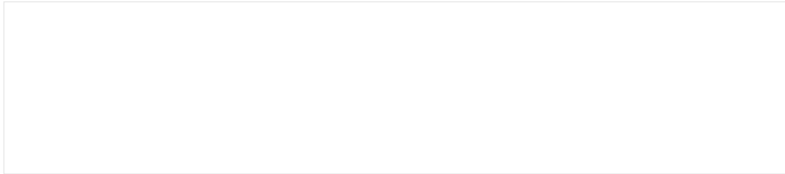
First Degree Exemplification

March 14, 7:00 p.m.
Be at the KC Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Benefit Breakfast

St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 11, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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25	26	27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	28	29	30 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner Steele County Special Deputies 5:00 - 7:00 pm	31 Annual KC Fishing Banquet KC Hall Social - 5:30 pm Meal - 6:00 pm