

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH
2015

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

Febr. 27 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent DePaul &
Parent Provider Connection
March 4 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 6 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
KC 945 Charitable Activities
March 8 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
March 13 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
Assembly & St. Isidore School
March 16 - First Degree
Exemplification - KC Hall
Candidates be at Hall at 6:30
March 20 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Medford KC and Catholic Daughters
March 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 27 - Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Birthright & Compassionate Friends

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 4

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 8, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUNGE OPENING AT NOON ON SATURDAYS IN MARCH

Slider Saturday Specials

Serving 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Burger and fries - \$5.00

Burger Happy Meal - \$7.25

Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog and fries - \$4.50

Whistle Pig Happy Meal - \$6.75

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, March 16 at the KC Hall in Owatonna
beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Candidates, please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11

Program - 7:30 p.m.

by Guest Speaker from Habitat for Humanity

Door Prizes Awarded



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 - \$9.00, \$10.00 at the door

Kids under six eat free

All you care to eat.

2015 Beneficiaries

February 27 Parent Provider Connection &
St. Vincent DePaul
March 6 KC 945 Charitable Activities
March 13 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree
Assembly & St. Isidore School
March 20 Medford Knights of Columbus and
Catholic Daughters
March 27 Birthright & Compassionate Friends
April 3 Izaak Walton League

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, March 29 - 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.

A light breakfast will be served
after Mass at the Church.

K OF C FISHING BANQUET

Saturday, March 28
Social - 5:30 p.m. Meal - 6:30 p.m.
Awards and program to follow.
Call Mark at the club (507) 451-6103
for additional information.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Attention Men!

As Knights, we know that our founding principle is charity, the greatest of all theological virtues. Charity helps us as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and brothers to help others, especially our own family. If you see qualities such as integrity, enthusiasm, dedication, and motivation in your son, grandson, son-in-law, or nephew, why not help them by suggesting they speak with me about the full-time, professional career opportunities that are available for an agent in your area. Here is what an agent can expect:

- He will be in business for himself, but not by himself.
- He will have the opportunity to earn a professional income.
- He will have flexible work hours, once he is established.
- He will have the opportunity to advance to management.
- He will have a dedicated, captive market of brother Knights to serve.
- He will have professional training and education.
- He will have access to a full-slate of benefits, including health, dental, 401(k), and a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan.
- He will work for a Fortune 1000 company with 134 years of experience and has the highest financial strength ratings in the industry and 14 years of consecutive, record growth with nearly \$100 Billion of life insurance in-force.

It never hurts to discuss this career opportunity. If it is not right for him, it just may be right for someone they know.

Fraternally,

Luke Rennie, FICF
General Agent
507-417-4169

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...

John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marllys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ron Schleif, Rita Schiller, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

Please remember in your prayers all of our sick and injured Assembly members and family members.

If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at (507) 676-1748.



Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Dear Brother Knights,

It is now March and we are now well into the season of Lent. It is a season that always brings back fond memories of my days in grade school at Annunciation Catholic School in Wisconsin. After almost a half century, I still have vivid memories of all the ceremonials we participated in during the Lenten season, serving at all the Holy Week masses, going thru the Stations of the Cross, the solemnity of Good Friday, and the anticipation and joy of Easter Sunday. I can still picture the pancake and fish stick Friday dinners and recall the candy that was foregone for 40 days until you found that Easter basket Sunday morning.

Each year since, I have approached the Lenten season with the same childhood anticipation. However that anticipation comes with a broader understanding of the Lenten season as a time of religious renewal. I still practice the same form of sacrifice, and if you know my craving for all things chocolate, going without that wonderful flavor is still difficult. Prayer, fasting, and sacrifice have always been a part of my Lenten experience growing up but the giving of alms, showing support for those less fortunate is the other important aspect of the Lenten experience that I have come to embrace. Reaching out to others in need and sharing the gift of friendship and generosity. It is Charity, the very first tenant of our order. It's one of the great things about being part of the Knights of Columbus, we are presented with many such opportunities throughout the year to give support to worthy causes and those less fortunate.

Lent provides an opportunity to renew our commitment to this principle. It can be volunteering our time and talents for causes that we never seem to find the time to do in our busy lives or something as simple as a random act of kindness. Let's not forget that Charity begins at home. As Brother Knights, we should be looking for ways of providing charity, support, and comfort to fellow Knights and their families in times of need. When we know about Brother Knights facing difficult times, it is heartwarming to see many fellow Knights stepping up to provide aid, assistance, and prayer. With over 600 members in our Council, however, we may not always know about difficult situations that a member may be facing. And while it may not always be easy to ask for help or reach out for support, I encourage all members who are facing personal struggles, to reach out and lean on the support of your Council brethren and the Knights of Columbus organization. Our Order was founded by Fr. McGiveny for that very purpose, to provide aid and support for Catholic men and their families. So to my fellow Brother Knights, I ask that you please let me or others in our Council know how we can help support you or your family in times of struggle. I urge all of you to actively look for ways to reach out and support a fellow Knight this Lenten season and continue this mission throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014-2015

April 19 St. Vincent DePaul Society

March Madness

Stop by the Club and catch the NCAA hoops action. Chances to win great prizes. Stop by the Club for details. Starts on March 19.

Bar Trivia

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia, every Saturday at the KC Hall in March at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

11th Annual Chili Cook-Off a Success!

by Bill Lawrence



Pictured here from left to right: Dustin and Mary Reese, Megan Rosenau, and Jerome Spindler.

Another successful chili cook-off was held on January 17, raising almost \$8,500 for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund. Over 700 guests attended and sampled chilies from a variety of local chefs and restaurants, including recipes from several Knights. Those Knights that participated, along with their chili were Randy Balausky (PGK), Joe Elbert (PGK), Mark Kearin, Ron Kubicek, Kurt Lindenbaum, Dustin Reese (PGK), Tom Docksey, Dave Effertz, Dave Fandel, Lance Granquist, Pat Lehman, Tom Sager, Ryan Sanford, Wade Schroeder (PGK), Jerome Spindler, and Grand Knight Dan Wolfe. In fact, several Knights won their class, including #9 Grand Champion Mark Kearin in the red chili category and #10 Dustin Reese (PGK) in the white chili category. Also winning were #32 Ryan Sanford with his white chili and #19 Jerome "Spinny" Spindler with his red in the Chef's Choice category. Other winners include #34 Mary Reese in the People's Choice Red category, and #35 Megan Rosenau in People's Choice White. In the Restaurant Class, Costa's Restaurant won for Owatonna's Best Chili, and #23 Jason Schroeder won the Flame Award sponsored by Fame Awards for the hottest chili.

Since May, 2008, the scholarship fund has granted 32 scholarships totaling \$32,000. This year, the fund plans on granting five (5) additional \$1000 scholarships in May 2015 at the Fine Arts Presentation at the Owatonna High School. Applications are available at Sacred Heart, St. Josephs, Holy Trinity, and Owatonna High School, and are due March 1.



Pictured here at The Polar Plunge at Lake Kohlmier is a group of Special Olympians, Tony David (Special Olympics representative), along with Joe Elbert and John Hammer of the Smokin' in Steele Committee.

Smokin' in Steele presents check to Special Olympics

January 31, 2015, on behalf of Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 and The Smokin' in Steele committee, a check in the amount of \$8,000.00 was presented to the SIS designated benefitted local charity, the Owatonna Chapter of The Special Olympics. The funds were raised through the many events held at Smokin' in Steele BBQ and Blues in 2014.

Smokin' in Steele BBQ and Blues is a Kansas City BBQ Association sanctioned state competition and regional festival produced by Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945. Along with the competition, there are events for the whole family including a Backyard amateur cook off, harmonica lesson for kids, a 5K Fun Run, Antique Tractor Display and parade, LIVE music, a Kid's 'Q' competition, a Hot Rod Garden Tractor Pull, and food/ beverage vendors. The eighth annual event will be held May 29-May 31 at the Steele County Fairgrounds. This is but one of many events sponsored by Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 to support and give back to our community.

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 26 – 29, returning on the 30th.

Fishing has been good 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).

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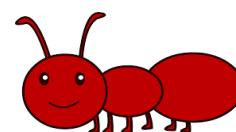
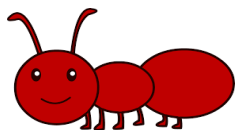


***Saturday, March 14
KC Hall***

***Picnic Style Meal Served in Hall
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.***

***Entertainment in the Lounge following
dinner - Enablers
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.***

***Complimentary picnic style meal for all
members and their spouse/guest who have
paid their 2015 dues, including paying them
that evening.***



2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe (507) 451-3935
Deputy Grand Knight: .. Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Chancellor: Gary Sanford
Advocate: Nicholas Matejcek
Warden: Thomas Burke
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Ben Lampinein
Trustee (3 year): PGK Randy Balausky
Trustee (2 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dustin Reese

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dave Lax (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director Tom Elbert
Director of Church Activities: Pete Schneider
Director of Community Activities: Open
Director of Council Activities: Open
Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
Gambling Manager: Randy Balausky (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Chris Prohaski

The January Knight of the Month has been around for the better part of a decade, and is often seen helping out around the KC Hall. Chris Prohaski joined at the urging of his father, the late Ben Prohaski. "My Dad said it was what I had to do, so I did it," Chris said. It became a good bonding experience with his father before his passing.

Chris hasn't looked back since, helping out with various projects around the hall, whether it's plowing snow, repair jobs, the fish fries, burger baskets, or even Smokin' in Steele. "I have a gas," he said. "I love it." To hear him talk about his time spent with the Knights would remind you of a class reunion. He said, "I graduated from Marian High School, and everybody I knew from back then is down at the hall."

Chris has been married to his wife Jill for over 23 years. Together, they have two daughters, and are members at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Chris is a member of the Fourth Degree.

Chris was self-employed for a number of years in the development and construction industries, but is now semi-retired. He says in his spare time, he still works, but enjoys fishing, spending time with his family, and watching sports.

Congratulations to Chris Prohaski, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

MILD WINTER WEATHER BOOSTS BREAKFAST'S SUCCESS

The reasonably calm and dry winter weather this year may have helped the two recent breakfasts. One near the end of January and the other in early February saw some nice financial results for the beneficiaries. The January 25 breakfast was a part of National Catholic Schools Week and was held in conjunction with a St. Mary's School open house. There was no presale of tickets - rather attendees made a free will donation for their meal. A total of 490 meals were served resulting in \$1,200 going to St. Mary's School.

The Saturday morning prep crew workers were: *Tom Barry, Tom Bremmer, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Terry Evans, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Roger Green, Lee and Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Will Pieper and son, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Ben Trom, Eric Tucker, Dan Wolfe, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The annual Valentine's Day breakfast was held on February 8. The hungry patrons came out for the KC signature breakfast featuring

three different varieties of omelets and the ever popular country breakfast. When the final numbers were tallied up, there were about 320 meals served which added \$1,000 to the Council 945 coffers for various charitable activities. This money is used for the benefit of the various causes and charities supported by the Council.

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We have many volunteers and try to name everyone. But, if we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is very much appreciated.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, March 16, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Please have all new candidates at the Hall by 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, please contact me. 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. If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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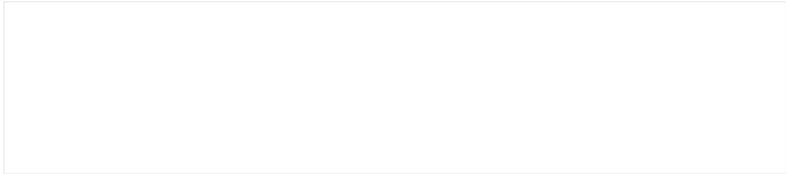


Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

Lenten Fish Fries
KC Hall 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Every Friday during Lent

K C Lounge opens at NOON on Saturdays
Food served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.
Stop in and try the Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog & fries or
the ever popular and delicious Burger baskets

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1	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5	6 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for KC 945 Charitable Activities 5:00 - 7:00 pm	7 K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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29 KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church 9:30 am	30	31 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm				