

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH
2017

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 1 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 3 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Owatonna Catholic Daughters
of the Americas
March 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 8 - General Meeting
KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m.
March 10 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Society
and Grandparents for Education
March 12 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 17 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Council 945
& Civil Air Patrol
March 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 24 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Medford Knights of Columbus &
& Catholic Daughters
March 31 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Compassionate Friends &
Relay For Life

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 1
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 8
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Brother Knight Sheriff Lon
Thiele. He will be speaking on what is happening
in the Sheriff's dept.



WE WANT YOU!

To join us on April 8th for the
Knights of Columbus Council 945
"Celebration of Service"
(Formerly the Awards Banquet)

A night you won't want to miss!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Social 5:00 pm
Delicious Prime Rib Dinner

Celebration of Service program to follow
featuring our guest of honor, retired infantry
Command Sergeant Major Harry Kerr.

*Sergeant Major Kerr was decorated for combat
valor, meritorious service and combat wounds for his
service in the US Marine Corps in Vietnam.

\$35 per couple - \$20 individual

Seating is limited

RSVP to Mark at the KC Hall
by March 31st at 451-6103

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 12, 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 - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

March 12 St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 9 St. Vincent DePaul Society &
Hospitality House

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, & coffee

Presale tickets -\$10.00, \$11.00 at the door - Kids under six eat free

All you care to eat.

2017 Beneficiaries

March 3 Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas
March 10 St. Vincent DePaul Society & Grandparents for Education
March 17 Knights of Columbus Council 945 & Civil Air Patrol
March 24 Medford Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters
March 31 Compassionate Friends & Relay For Life
April 7 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree & Hospice House
April 14 Izaak Walton League



Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

Dear Brother Knights,

What great weather we enjoyed in February. I hope March holds more of the same.

March also brings us Lent. A time of sacrifice, giving, and renewal. Sacrifice can be giving up something we enjoy, fasting, and not eating meat on Fridays. Giving or Charity is the guiding principle of the First Degree, one of the cornerstones of the Knights of Columbus. Renewal of our faith by the reminder of what Jesus gave up for us.

Along with Lent is the beginning of the Fourth Degree fish dinners. Our Council is the beneficiary for the fish dinner on March 17th. I have tickets for those who would like to sell for us or would like to buy. We will also need workers.

Tony David is our chairman for the Tootsie Roll drive. Please volunteer when called. We have lots of slots to fill. All the money raised is given to special needs programs. Please do what you can to make this a successful event.

I do not mean to sound like a broken record but we need new members. Growing our Council is so important to maintain all our charitable work. Please ask friends, neighbors, or relatives. If you need assistance recruiting a member, please ask LaVerne Klecker or myself.

Vivat Jesus

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

BAR TRIVIA

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

MARCH MADNESS

Stop by the Club and catch the NCAA hoops action. Chances to win great prizes. Stop by the Club for details. Picks need to be made by March 15. Starts on March 16.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, March 18

Justin and Jason Ploof will be performing classic old school music in the Lounge from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.



*Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers
Miles and miles of Irish smiles
For golden happy hours
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too
And a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through*

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath



I hope everyone is having a great start to 2017! I was blessed to be able to visit the home office for the Knights of Columbus from January 22-27. I was able to visit the Knights of Columbus Museum and see beams from the World Trade Center and attend Mass at St. Mary's, the parish that Fr. McGivney started the Knights of Columbus nestled into the campus of Yale University. I was able to learn many great things about the order and the insurance program that I look forward to sharing with everyone.

We are in the midst of a membership contest that will be running through the end of June. Below are details on the contest.

I will give \$100 to the member who gets me the most signed Form 100's by the end of March – must recruit at least 3 new members

I will give any member a \$15 gift card to the place of their choosing for every member they bring in that becomes an insurance member

Application must be signed prior to March 31, 2017.

New Member Annuity not included in this contest

Remember that we are an organization that was created "By Brother Knights, For Brother Knights". Help our Council achieve Star Council again and bring men into the only order that allows men to be better sons, better fathers, and better Catholics.

Chris Retterath, NSSA®

Field Agent – Council #945 & Council #2768
320-266-8962

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning a First Degree Exemplification in March at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 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.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues. **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.

“Celebration of Service”

(Formerly the Awards Banquet)

A night you won't want to miss!! Share the great work we do as a council with your fellow Brother Knights. We are all in this together.

Save the date: Saturday, April 8th!

- Social 5:00 pm
- Delicious Prime Rib Dinner
- ***Celebration of Service*** program to follow featuring our guest of honor, retired infantry Command Sergeant Major Harry Kerr.

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Check Presented to Kathleen Segna, Principal at St. Mary's School



Grand Knight Gary Sanford presented a check to Kathleen Segna, principal at St. Mary's School, for a commitment that the KC's had made at the Night of Knights Auction for \$25,000. This was presented at the General Meeting which was held on Wednesday, January 11.



Contest of Champions

Past Grand Knight Dave Lax received Council award for Contest of Champions Net gain of 38 members for year 2015-2016 from District Deputy Randy Balausky. This presentation was held on January 31 at the KC Hall in Owatonna.

K of C Free Throw Contest



Pictured are the winners of the Free Throw Contest, Jeff Pumper, and Grand Knight Gary Sanford.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 held a Free Throw shooting contest with 10 boys and girls from Owatonna, ages 9 to 13, named local champions of the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 sponsored the local competition at St Mary's School. All youngsters ages 9 to 13 were eligible to participate.

Nine-year-old champions were Kennedy Schammell in the girls' bracket and Nolan Ginskey in the boys'. Savanha Hofbauer was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Jacob Ginskey was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Nevaeh Hofbauer was the girls' champion and Alex Stenzel was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Ella Hayes and Garrett Buryaska. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Catrina Herr and the boys' by Noah Hodgeman.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners competed in the district competition held on February 2nd at St. Mary's School with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

Two Breakfasts Keep The Crews Busy

St. Mary's school was bustling on January 29 to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The breakfast served in the cafeteria was a good start for the event. The cooks served up 470 meals to the hungry patrons. THANKS to all who attended this fine event.

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, John Deneau, Bob Grebe, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks also to the Sunday kitchen staff: *Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chiccos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Will Pieper family, Greg Robillard, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The second event to report was held February 12 – the annual KC Valentine Breakfast, with the proceeds going for the various KC projects held during the year. The tables were stocked with bowls of special candy treats carrying 'holiday Love messages'. The attendance was good with 336 happy customers.

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Thanks also to the Sunday kitchen staff: *John Ahlberg, Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tim Chiccos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Will Pieper family, Greg Robillard, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich family.*

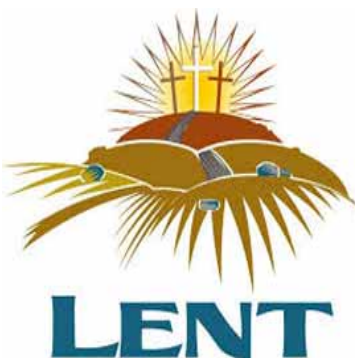
We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. Comments from satisfied patrons continue to pour in about the excellent food and service. If you haven't attended a breakfast recently, it's about time you give it a try. You'll be delighted

The next benefit breakfast will be held on March 12 for the St. Mary's Music Boosters. The students deserve our support. Did you hear the band at the Feb. 12 Breakfast? They sounded Great! Take advantage of this opportunity to support a fine group of the youth of Owatonna – and enjoy a great breakfast as well. Come join us if you're interested in helping out and having a good time doing it.

Smokin' In Steele Presents Check To Special Olympics at The Polar Plunge



Pictured left to right: Walt Spindler, Smokin' In Steele Registration Chairman, John Deneau, former Special Olympics swimmer; Grand Knight Gary Sanford, Tony David, Special Olympics board member and coach; Roy Koenig, Special Olympics board member; Snowflake (Sonya David) holding check, Melissa Hall, unified partner with Special Olympics athletes; John Hammer, Smokin' In Steele Entertainment Coordinator; and Joe Elbert, Smokin' In Steele General Chairman. The Polar Plunge was held at Lake Kohlmeier on Saturday, January 28.



***Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.***

2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
 Grand Knight: Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793
 Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
 Advocate: Lynn Becker
 Warden: Lee Jardine
 Inside Guard: Jerome Spindler
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Tony David
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dustin Reese
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Dave Lax

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Nicholas Matejcek (DGK)
 Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
 Building Director Tom Elbert
 Director of Church 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)
 Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



John Nelson

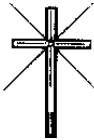
Our Knight of the Month for January is John Nelson. John joined our Council in November 2009. He was sponsored by his father, Brother Knight Stephen Nelson, and acknowledged he was also encouraged to join by LaVerne Klecker and Dave Lax from the KC Chorus.

John, along with his six siblings, attended St. Mary's School and Owatonna High School. After graduation, he attended the University of St. Thomas where he studied Math and Spanish. He later received his Master's Degree in Education from Notre Dame University, which helped place John in his first teaching job in a small river town in Louisiana. John said it was as much of a learning experience for him as it was for his students. John eventually moved back to Minnesota, and in 2013, married his wife Annie at the Cathedral in St. Paul. They have two young daughters Betsy and Violet. John and his family have recently moved back to Owatonna from St. Paul and he is currently a math teacher at Lourdes High School in

Rochester, where he also coaches the Jr. High football team.

Among his other interests, John enjoys the outdoors, canoeing, and time in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. John also enjoys music, which led him to joining his father as an active member of the KC Chorus. He has also been involved in other KC events such as the Tootsie Roll Drive and Smokin' In Steele. John said he appreciates the strong role that the Knights play in support of the church and its impact in the community, along with the brotherhood, and support it provides to member Knights and their families. Thank you, John, for lending your voice and talents to our Council and congratulations on being our Knight of the Month.

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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Sir Brother Knight Dave Lax is recuperating from surgery.

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

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, 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, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Leo Gebur, father of Brother Knight Tom Gebur passed away on February 1.

Brother Knight Tom Effertz, father of Brother Knight David Effertz passed away on February 9.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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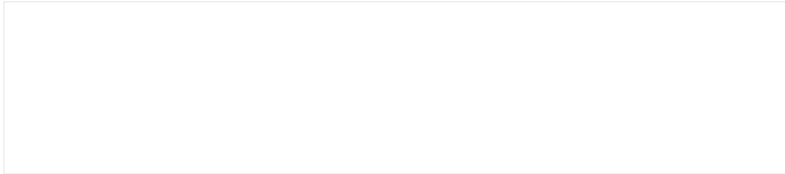
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

Nonprofit Organization
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Owatonna, MN
Permit No. 202

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



MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	2	3 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas 5:00 - 7:00 pm	4 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
5	6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	8 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	9	10 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for St. Vincent DePaul Society & Grandparents for Education 5:00 - 7:00 pm	11 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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19	20	21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	22	23 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	24 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Medford K of C & Catholic Daughters 5:00 - 7:00 pm	25 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
26	27	28 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	29	30	31 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Compassionate Friends & Relay For Life 5:00 - 7:00 pm	