

Owatonna



Council 945

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COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South
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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 Wednesday 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.
St. Vincent DePaul Society
and K of C Council 945
March 7 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 9 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Grandparents for Education
March 12 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 14 - General Meeting
KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m.
March 16 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol and
Relay For Life
March 18 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for St. Mary's Music Boosters
March 23 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly &
Sacred Heart Music Ministry
March 28 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 30 - Benefit Lenten
Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Izaak Walton League

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 14
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Jen Swanson,
St. Mary's School principal.



Join us on April 7th for the
Knights of Columbus Council 945
"Celebration of Life
and Service"

(Formerly the Awards Banquet)
Social Hour: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Dinner: 5:45 p.m.
Awards: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 7:00 p.m.

Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking,
Baltimore Raven keynote speaker.
Topic: Teamwork, values, and faith
Tickets: \$25/individual or \$40/couple,
limited number of tickets available.
Contact Dan Sawyer (507) 451-2185 or
Mark at the KC Hall to buy tickets.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2017-2018

March 18 St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 8 St. Vincent DePaul Society &
Hospitality House
May 6 Owatonna Clay Target Team

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for St. Mary's Music Boosters

Sunday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
\$6.50 Advance, \$7.00 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.

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.

2018 Beneficiaries

March 2 St. Vincent DePaul Society & Kof C Council 945
March 9 Grandparents For Education
March 16 Civil Air Patrol and Relay For Life
March 23 Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly & Sacred Heart Music Ministry
March 30 Izaak Walton League



Snowflakes Poem written by Christine Fitzgerald

*Sometime if this winter you go
Abroad to see the falling snow -
You will find to your surprise
That a trillion flakes will greet your eyes.
Swirling, dancing in the day,
Who could make them quite this way?
Each one new, six sides on all,
Each reflects light as they fall.
No two ever found alike
With lace and rays and sculptured spike.
Here one moment, then they melt,
But what a silent scene is felt!
Discern in those dear tiny flakes
The face of God who nature makes
To please His children and show His love
To all the world from heaven above.*

Easter Joy written by Joanna Fuchs

*Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.*

*Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.*

*He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.*

*Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.*

*Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.*

*So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!*

Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Dear Brothers,

Now that we are into the full swing of Lent and Easter is right around the corner, we should be continually reminding ourselves that Jesus, our Savior, died for us on the Cross. How do we "repay" him for the unbelievable sacrifice he made for us? That is a question each person must answer for themselves. How can I, as a Catholic person, further my own faith by helping others? We, as the Knights of Columbus, work as part of God's plan to help others and make this world a better place for all. Thank you for all that you do for others. Jesus is watching over us and I believe that he would be pleased with the work we do. Let's keep it rolling and continue to help those in need.

Vivat Jesus!

FIRST DEGREE TEAM



This is the new uniform the First Degree team is wearing now. From left to right are: John Ahlberg, Walt Spindler, Gerry Gunderson, Tim Rice, and Chuck Wencl.

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 start September 29 - you could have a 4-day trip - or make a whole week of it. 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). Would be glad to have you along.



Celebration of Life and Service
(Formerly Known as Annual Awards Banquet)
Guest Speaker: Matt Birk
April 7, 2018 Columbian Center-see insert for more details
Space Limited - Sign up Now!

The Breakfast Crews Are Kept Busy With Two Breakfasts

St. Mary's school was bustling on January 28 to kick off Catholic School Week. The breakfast served in the cafeteria was a good start for the event. The cooks served up over 400 meals to the hungry patrons. As usual, SMS received all the (free-offering) proceeds for the event. THANKS to all who attended this fine event and also to the Saturday prep team for setting up the cafeteria and prepping the food: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks also to the Sunday kitchen staff: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerdts, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Will Pieper family, Greg Robillard, Dan Sawyer, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Rick Wittrock, Ron Wolf, and Dan Wolfe.*

The second event to report was held February 11 – 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 about 250 happy customers.

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

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A “Special Thank You” goes out to *Ron Wolf* for some “overtime” work recently done.

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 on the schedule is February 25 for the 4-H Purple Ribbon Club and the one following on March 12 will be held for the St. Mary's Music Boosters. The students deserve our support. Take advantage of these opportunities to support fine groups of youth here in 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: Roy Koenig, Special Olympics board member; John Hammer, Smokin' In Steele Entertainment Coordinator; Tony David, Special Olympics board member and coach; Olympian Lezlie Gustafson, Walt Spindler, Smokin' In Steele Registration Chairman, and Joe Elbert, Smokin' In Steele General Chairman. The Polar Plunge was held at Lake Kohlmeier on Saturday, January 27.

K of C Free Throw Contest

Congratulations to all of our participants in the Knights of Columbus free-throw contests held at St. Mary School. Both the local and the district competitions were held at the school. Winners will advance to the regional competition in March in Rochester. A big thank you goes out to Jeff, Shari, and Sam Pumper for leading the free-throw contest over the past few years.



Pictured are the winners of our local competition, Grand Knight Nic Matejcek, and Past Grand Knight Gary Sanford.



Pictured are participants that won their district category to advance to regional competition, Grand Knight Nic Matejcek, Past Grand Knight Gary Sanford, and Jeff Pumper.

14th Annual Andrew Lawrence Chili Cook-off Held January 27

Wow! Can't believe our 14th Annual Chili Cook-off has already come to a close. We would like to thank all of our chefs, volunteers, friends, family, and those who have donated!! We cannot say thank you enough for all the support you have given us and we would not be able to do these without you!!

We had 45 different chilies served, with almost 700 guests in attendance. The event raised \$8,500 for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Here are the winners from Saturday night:

The People's Choice Awards were awarded to the chilies that received the most votes from our guests - People's Choice White Angela Sager and People's Choice Red Reed Willenborg.

The Chef's Choice Awards were awarded to the chilies that got the most votes from our chefs - Chef's Choice Red Dan Wolfe and Chef's Choice White Nic Matejcek.

The Grand Champions category has all previous year's winners entered into their own class and are awarded to the chilies with the most votes from our guests - Grand Champion White Ron Kubicek and Grand Champion Red Mark Kearin

Owatonna's Best Chili Award is awarded to a restaurant's chili that receives the most votes from our guests and chefs - Costas Candies & Restaurant

Fame Awards Flame Award goes to the hottest chili - Todd Bergland

Thank you again to everyone for another successful year! – The Lawrence Family



Nic Matejcek family receives their award from Marie and Jennifer Lawrence.



A most beautiful quilt representing all of the years that the Chili Cook-off has been held.



Dan Wolfe receives his award from Marie and Jennifer Lawrence.



Mark Kearin receives his award from Marie and Jennifer Lawrence.



Randy Balauskys getting ready to serve up some of his chili.



Wade Schroeder waiting for some new patrons.



Tom Burke and LaVerne Klecker and friends serve up some fantastic refreshments.



Troy Titus and Tom Docksey welcome patrons as they come in to sample a taste of all the delicious chilis.



Council #945 Celebration of Life and Service- 2018

(Formerly Known as Council Annual Awards Banquet)

Featured Speaker – Matt Birk

Brother Knight from Council West St. Paul Council #4184, Nationally recognized speaker, former Minnesota Viking and Baltimore Raven and Pro-life advocate

Details:

Date: Saturday, April 7

Time: Social hour 5 – 5:30 PM, 5:45 Dinner & Council Awards, 7 PM Matt Birk Speaking

Location: Columbian Center, KC Hall

Cost: \$25 individual/\$40 couple or Father/Son

Dinner: Prime Rib Dinner, salad and potato included. Cash bar.

Space Limited – Current members and guest only. See Mark at the hall or Dan Sawyer (507)451-2185 to secure your tickets.

Matt Birk grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, and attended Catholic elementary and high school. He was a Cub Scout, a member of the National Honor Society, and played “pretty much every sport there was to play.” After high school, Matt attended Harvard University and earned a degree in Economics. While playing for the Harvard Crimson, he received several football honors, including All-Ivy League and Division I-AA All-American.



Matt was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the sixth round of the 1998 draft. Appearing in 228 career games, including 18 playoff contests, Matt spent 11 seasons with Minnesota and 4 more with the Baltimore Ravens. He was named the 2011 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year for his off-the-field service, as well as his playing excellence.

Matt has a passion for children and education, and has focused a great deal of his energy on promoting literacy among the youth in his communities. In 2002, he created the H.I.K.E. Foundation (Hope, Inspiration, Knowledge, Education) in Minnesota. It has grown greatly since then and its initiatives reached over 100,000 children in the Baltimore area in 2012.

In February 2013, after a 15-year career in the NFL and a Super Bowl XLVII win with the Baltimore Ravens, the six-time Pro Bowl Center announced his retirement from playing football. Since his retirement, Matt has served the NFL in a variety of capacities. Currently a special advisor, he sits on the Board of Directors of USA Football, the sport’s governing body. Much of Matt’s work focuses on growing and developing the game at all levels.

Today, in addition to his work for the NFL, Matt Birk is inspiring, teaching and motivating audiences across America as a national speaker. He speaks on the topics of Leadership, Teamwork, and Achievement.

Matt resides in Minnesota with his wife Adrianna and their eight children.

2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Connolly
 Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer
 Chancellor: Tom Jirele
 Advocate: Lee Jardine
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Open
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Tony David
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 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Gary Sanford

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Sawyer (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: Dave Lax
 Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
 Gambling Manager: Randy Balausky (PGK)
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 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Ryan Heydon

This month our honored Knight is Ryan Heydon. Ryan joined our KC Council in August 2016 and was sponsored by Brother Knight Lynn Becker.

Ryan was born and raised in Owatonna. After graduating from Owatonna High School, Ryan enrolled in Riverland Community College where he received an Associate Degree in Music. Ryan's interest in music continues as he has become an active member of our KC Chorus and also sings as a church cantor at his parish of St. Josephs. Another significant area of interest for Ryan is aviation. Ryan's uncle was a pilot who got Ryan interested in flying at an early age. Ryan is currently a student pilot working on achieving his pilot's license. He has also been active with the local Civil Air Patrol, 1 of 24 squadrons in Minnesota, for the past five years. Ryan currently serves as a Squadron Commander. Ryan also works full-time as a

press break operator with Northern Tool and Equipment in Faribault, Minnesota. In addition to becoming an active member of our Council, Ryan has spent 13 years working along with Dan Bauer and serving as a Youth Mentor with the Catholic Youth of Owatonna. Ryan said he enjoys the camaraderie, friendship, and support he has received from his fellow Knights during his time with the our Council. We certainly appreciate Ryan's supportive work within our community, our parish, and our Council and we are very pleased to salute him as our Knight of the Month for January.

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 KC's prayers and good wishes go out to:

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Steve Wiese.

IN MEMORY

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

Elizabeth Goettl, mother-in-law of Sir Brother Knight Rick Wittrock, passed away on Feb. 13.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 6. This would be an opportunity for any First Degree members to become a Third Degree member. We still need additional members to make Star Council goal for this fraternal year. 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.

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 14. Starts on March 15.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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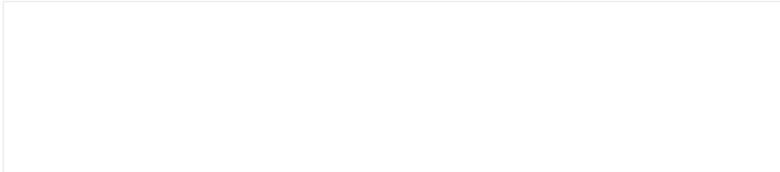
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St. Mary's School Music Boosters
March 18, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners
Every Friday during Lent
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