

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

NOVEMBER
2010

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

October 31 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
October 31 - Halloween Party
St. Mary's School - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
November 3 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
November 6 - KC Memorial Mass
St. Joseph Church
Rosary - 8:30 a.m.
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
November 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
November 10 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
November 14 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's Home and
School Association
November 18 - Fourth Degree
Thanksgiving
Brick-Meger Funeral Home
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
November 20 - Major Degree
KC Hall - 10:00 a.m. 1st Degree
12:00 p.m. 2nd Degree
3rd Degree to follow
December 4 - Bell Ringing
for the Salvation Army

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 3
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, October 31 - 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church
All members and their families are
invited to attend this Mass.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Home and School Association

Sunday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

Now, more sensational breakfast choices!

"KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet
The Viking omelet
The Wild omelet

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.
\$6.00 - advance, \$6.50 at the door
Everyone is welcome.

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

MONDAY NIGHT

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday, starting Sept. 13 thru Dec. 27,
weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza, a
bucket of Coors Lite beer, and Coors Lite prizes.
Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100,
2nd - \$50, & 3rd - \$25
Tacos - 2 for \$3.50 served 6:30 p.m. thru half-time.
Happy hour prices and free
peanuts during game.
\$1.00 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 10
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

MAJOR DEGREE

Saturday, November 20
KC Hall - 10:00 a.m. 1st Degree
12:00 p.m. 2nd Degree
3rd Degree to follow

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Saturday, October 30 - Social - 6:00 p.m.
Program & Meal start at 7:00 p.m.

Comedian Del Pointe as Columbo

Serving: Shrimp Cocktail, soup, salad,
Chicken-To-Die-For, and Cheesecake

Tickets available at KC Hall for \$15.00. This event
will sell out, so get your tickets A.S.A.P.

This is a Halloween party. If you wear a costume, it
is encouraged to dress as a character, such as
Little Bo Peep, Three Stooges, Richard Nixon, etc.

KC MEMORIAL MASS

In Memory of:

Hilaire Caron, Dr. Jeffrey Hodapp,
William G. Reynolds, Lawrence Spindler,
and Vern White

All Brother Knights and families are
encouraged to attend.

St. Joseph Church - Saturday, November 6
8:30 a.m. - Rosary 9:00 a.m. - Mass
Coffee and rolls in Joseph Hall after Mass.

BRITISH PUB QUIZZES (Trivia)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9, thru Thursday, December 23.

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.

Wednesday, December 1 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SeniorPlace

Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.

VIKINGS GAMES

The Club will be open for all Viking games this
play-off bound season.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Church remembers those who have died. While much of contemporary society seems to be uncomfortable talking about death (except when it is splashed across the screens of the movie theaters), the Christian community reflects on death in light of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His experience has changed our perspective on death and has given us hope for a future of eternal life.

Some years ago, as Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago died, Newsweek magazine featured a cover story on the Cardinal entitled, "Teaching Us How to Die." The authors reflected on the life and very public death of this man. Even his dying became a moment of teaching and witness. He reminded us that death is a "transition from earthly life to life eternal." And while our heads might tell us that is true, we often live in fear of death. We fear the unknown, the possibility of an end to our existence. We are concerned with what happens to us – not as a physical body – but as a person, a human being with a soul, and a life which has meaning.

In his own death, Jesus experienced all that we do when confronted with the reality of death. He felt the darkness, the threat, the loneliness. He knew the powerlessness and suffering. What is unique and salvific is the response of Jesus in the face of his own death. In his struggle, Jesus accepts death. He places his hope in the Father, overcoming death itself. By his submission to God's will, Jesus begins to live fully with God. In speaking of the death of Jesus, Jesuit theologian Juan Alfaro states, "the very event of death, the disintegration of man's existence in the world, has become the personal meeting with God who 'gives life to the dead.'" There is really nothing in the human experience of death that would lead one to proclaim faith in eternal life with God. The insistence of the Christian community that we have such faith is a constant affirmation of our confidence in the power of the Risen Christ.

Take the opportunity to visit the graves of your loved ones this November. Pray for them. Pray for the grace of a happy death. But, above all, be confident that the power of Christ overcomes even death itself.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow...way too easy. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow easily becomes next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, please think twice about letting that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knight of Columbus member is at least given the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that makes sense and one that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. It's easy to think this can't happen to you. Think again. Keep in mind no one will ring a bell warning you your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance. Don't wait until it's too late.

I assure you, your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none...literally second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, something you and I can both be proud of.

I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights and family members have little or no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I'm at 213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org. Let's talk...I'd enjoy hearing from you.


Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquast

Dear Knights:

As I wrote last month, there was a lot going on in October. There are also a few things going on in November. The most important is the Exemplification (the installation of our new Knights into our organization) on the 20th of November. Please help recruit new members. This year, there is a special medallion given to each member who recruits a new member. If you have someone in mind, please call me at 455-1628 or Laverne Klecker at 456-6738. I won't tell you about the rest of the Key, you'll have to read it.

Thank you and may God Bless.

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:

Brother Knight Walt Spindler has been facing some health issues.

Brother Knight Gil Mamer had knee surgery at St. Mary's in Rochester.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Harley Janke, Erlis Kelzenberg, Jerry Kent, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rowell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Brother Knight Vern White passed away on October 9.

Agnes Eichten, mother of Brother Knight Thomas Eichten, passed away on October 9.

Shirley Seys, sister-in-law of deceased Brother Knight Willard Strand and aunt of Brother Knight Dan Strand, passed away on October 15.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 20. Everybody bring their new prospective members to the Owatonna KC Hall by 9:30 a.m.

We have some candidates who have already filled out their Form 100 and our goal for this exemplification is to have ten to twelve new candidates for our Council. Anyone who knows of someone who would like to join, and is **just waiting to be asked**, let me know and I will help you get them signed up.

Any members who have sons or grandsons who are 18 years of age or older, and are currently not a member, this is your opportunity to have them become a Brother Knight.

We had a membership blitz at Sacred Heart Church on October 24. We are planning a membership blitz at St. Joseph Church the weekend of November 6 and 7. Anyone who would like to help with the membership blitz, please contact Steve Dornquast at (507) 455-1628 or myself at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
Chancellor: Wade Schroeder
Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
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

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Randy Balausky
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



Josh Klecker

The September Knight of the Month is also among Council 945's youngest members – but that doesn't mean his role for the Knights of Columbus is child's play. Josh Klecker is the Council's Gambling Manager. It's a position he's held for about a year - a position he took over once his father, Tom Klecker, became too ill to continue doing for the Knights of Columbus. It's a job that is key to the Council because of the money raised by charitable gambling.

Josh first joined the Knights of Columbus at the age of 18 with his father as his sponsor. After that, he studied Engineering Technology at the University of Wisconsin – Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. After graduation, he went to work at SPX, where he continues as a Facilities and Safety Engineer.

Josh says he enjoys being a member of the KC's because of the organization's many good works. "It gets me involved in the community and the Church," he says, adding that "It's a way to give back." His history of service doesn't end with the Knights of Columbus. He's an Eagle Scout and also serves on the Board for Owatonna Business Incubator.

Outside of his job at SPX and work for the KC's, he enjoys being outside. Josh says he enjoys outdoor activities that include fishing and canoeing, including taking trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Josh is a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Congratulations to Josh Klecker, Council 945's Knight of the Month for September!

Special Olympics breakfast precedes Fall Classic

The Special Olympics breakfast always has special significance for Knights of Columbus members because of the strong ties between the two organizations. The Special Olympics Fall Classic Bowling tournament, to be held on Nov. 12-14, and the Tootsie Roll fundraiser for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities are two events in which our Council is heavily involved. The Special Olympics breakfast held on October 10 at St. Mary's School was well attended and we had great help with the dining room tasks. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance.

The exceptional Council 945 breakfast team had a good work-out all morning. Thanks to our entire breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast and often work the entire morning: *Brian Carlson, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Terry Kuck, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Mark Kearin, Brent McCullough, Al*

Nelson, Lavern Soukup, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Rick Wittrock, and Dave Wunderlich.

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Knight, Tom Kingsley, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.* The extra effort by our breakfast closers is also greatly appreciated. We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

The new KC Omelets and KC Country Breakfast are a great breakfast value. You can treat your entire family to an excellent breakfast at a very reasonable price. Everything is included for one low price. We always receive comments from patrons about the excellent food and service. If you haven't attended a breakfast recently, this is good time to find out for yourself.

St. Mary's Home and School Association benefit breakfast will be held on November 14. Mark your calendar today! Your participation is important and appreciated.

Feel like singing?

The KC Chorus extends an invitation to all KC members who would like to share their vocal talents. The Chorus is very busy this Fall, with the Fourth Degree Exemplification Mass on Oct 23, Corporate Communion Mass on Oct. 31, KC Memorial Mass on Nov. 6, KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Dec. 12 and Christmas caroling at retirement homes. Come and join this exciting group.

December Key

In the December *Key*, we will be covering the following events: The Rosary March, The Rosary Rally, and the check presentation to Special Olympics.



**HAVE A BLESSED AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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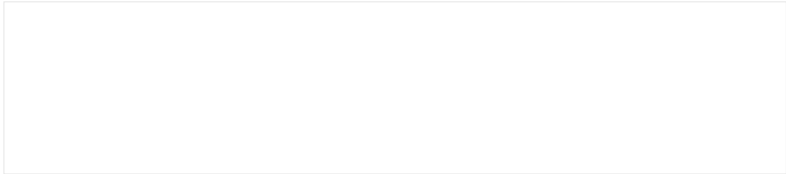


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 for St. Mary's Home and School Association
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 St. Mary's School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 31 KC Family Corporate Communion Sacred Heart Church 9:00 am Halloween Party St. Mary's School 2:00 - 5:00 pm	1 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4 British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	5	6 Deceased Members Mass St. Joseph Church Rosary - 8:30 am Mass - 9:00 am
7	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	10 General Meeting Meeting - 7:30 pm	11 British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	12	13
14 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Mary's Home and School Association	15 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	17	18 British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm Fourth Degree Thanksgiving Brick-Meger Funeral Home 6:30 - 8:30 pm	19	20 Major Degree KC Hall 10:00 am - 1st 12:00 pm - 2nd 3rd Degree to follow
21	22 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	24	25 Thanksgiving KC Lounge closed	26	27
28	29 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	30 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm				