Owatonna



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to greater Council unity.



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

October 30 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast at KC Hall following Mass
October 31 - Halloween Party
St. Mary's School - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
November 2- Officers' Meeting

November 2- Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

November 5 - KC Memorial Mass Sacred Heart Church Rosary - 8:00 a.m. Mass - 8:30 a.m.

November 7- Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

November 9- General Meeting First Degree Exemplification 6:30 p.m.

November 13 - Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for St. Mary's Home and School Association

<u>November 17</u> - Fourth Degree Thanksgiving - Brick - Meger Funeral Home, fellowship hall 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 19 - Second and Third Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 10:00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, November 2 KC Hall Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Home and School Association

Sunday, November 13, 8:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School \$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 at the door Kids under six eat free All are welcome!

"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.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, October 30, 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

Breakfast will be served at the KC Hall after Mass.

All members and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Monday, Oct. 31 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. St. Mary's School



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 9

First Degree Exemplification - 6:30 p.m. KC Hall

Meeting to follow after Exemplification.

Saturday, November 19

Second & Third Degree Exemplification KC Hall Time: 10:00 a.m.

Please arrive at KC Hall by 9:30 a.m.

KC MEMORIAL MASS

In Memory of: John J. Graff, Gerald A. Kent, and Albert M. Seykora

All Brother Knights and families are encouraged to attend.

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday, November 5 8:00 a.m. - Rosary 8:30 a.m. - Mass

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.

Wednesday, December 7 6:30 p.m.

SeniorPlace

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

8th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



January 21, 2012 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

National Guard Armory 2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept. 12 thru Dec. 26, 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. \$1.50 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

It is becoming evident to me and to many others that we are in the midst of change which will be new to the vast majority of us. I do not have a crystal ball or the "smarts" to predict what the future holds. However...virtually everything I read (and I am careful of what I read) leads to this conclusion. A very recent article by an author whom I greatly respect concluded... "There is great danger ahead. The biggest bubble in history is about to pop and investors are racing toward that bubble rather than away from it". He also made an interesting observation that 80% of the wealth is in the hands of those over 70...many who lived through the Great Depression and WWII. Why do they hold 80%? First and foremost, they learned to save and keep that money saved. (Note the word used is "saved" not "invested".) And...they learned to live within their means and didn't buy things they couldn't afford or didn't need.

The vast majority of us are ill-prepared for what lies ahead. In a recent article, I referred to the amount of money the typical person will have accumulated and how long that will last. When you add the fact we're living longer, for most it won't be anywhere near enough. If you doubt the "great danger ahead," consider that today many astute financial planners are advising we have 100% of our pre-retirement income in our retirement years. With very real predictions of higher inflation (the silent destroyer) and higher taxes this is probably good solid advice.

So...what should we do? I think the 70 plus folks know the answer. It's really simple. We need to save more. For most, it won't be easy. But, I can assure you this...it will be a whole lot easier saving more now than trying to live on less later.

This is where I can help. Your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company provides "guarantees". We provide "bundles of money when needed most" and "peace of mind". I can help you take control of your financial future regardless of how our world behaves or misbehaves. I can help you do what you normally and probably will not do on your own. Let me help...

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF 213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a First Degree Exemplification on Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Everybody bring their new prospective members. 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 are having a Second and Third Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. candidates please report by 9:30 a.m. This is being held at our KC Hall. Anyone who is presently a First Degree member, this is your opportunity to become a Third Degree member.

If you need any help signing up a new member or if you have any questions about either of the above Exemplifications please contact me at 451-4102 or 456-6738.

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.

Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

John J. Graff - July 5, 1936 to November 24, 2010 Gerald A. Kent - October 13, 1948 to December 28, 2010 Albert M. Seykora - December 26, 1923 to July 23, 2011

In remembrance of these three brother Knights who have passed away this past year, we will be having a Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 5th at Sacred Heart Church. The liturgy will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Sir Knight, Fr. John Sauer as celebrant. There will be a rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 8:00 a.m. This is our time to join together with their families and give thanks for all that they have done for their families, friends, neighbors, community, and the Knights of Columbus. Please join us at this Mass.

It was nice to see all the people who attended the "America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally" in Central Park. It was a nice time to be able to pray in public and show that God is still an important part of our lives, and that we also live in such a great country, that we can pray openly without persecution.

Be sure to read the calendar in this issue of "*The Key*" there are many great events coming up that you will not want to miss!

Congratulations to Lynn Becker – October's "Knight of the Month."

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events and be sure to help support our benefit breakfast events. Also don't forget our KC hall activities. God Bless and be safe!

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 Frank Conley is dealing with some health issues.

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

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

INMEMORY

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

Alma Kriesel, mother of Brother Knight John Kriesel passed away on September 20.

Charles Mullenberg, step-brother of Brother Knight Tom Brick and Nancy Janke, our proofreader of **The Key**, passed away on October 1.

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



Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - November 5



The Owatonna Knights of Columbus memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5th at Sacred Heart Church. The liturgy will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Sir Knight Fr. John Sauer as celebrant. There will be a rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The memorial Mass is held each November and serves as a remembrance of those Knights who passed away since the previous year's Memorial Mass.

Those Knights are:

John J. Graff Gerald A. Kent Albert M. Seykora Everyone is invited to join the families of these Brother Knights as their memory is celebrated in this annual tradition.

Music will be provided by the Knights of Columbus Chorus under the direction on Stephen Nelson. A Fourth Degree honor guard will assist with the ceremony.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Central Park in downtown Owatonna was the setting for the second annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally which was held on October 15. Attendees approaching fifty in number, joined with Church Director Peter Schneider as he led them in praying the Rosary. The group was joined by Third Degree Chaplain Fr. Andrew Vogel and Fourth Degree Chaplain, Deacon Pat Fagan. A Fourth Degree honor guard displayed the theme banner during the praying of the Rosary. At the conclusion of the program, Chorus Director Stephen Nelson led the group in singing "God Bless America."

Thanks go out to all who attended and took part, and also to Steve Dornquast and the Nelson family who assisted with the set up of chairs and the bandstand.



A Fourth Degree honor guard displays the theme banner during the praying of the Rosary.



Fourth Degree honor guard members pictured left to right: Ray Willmott, Chuck Walerius, and LaVerne Klecker with Rosary leader and Church Director Peter Schneider.



Attendees pray the Rosary in remembrance of the sanctity of life.

Respect Life Rosary March - October 9

Beautiful weather greeted the participants in the annual Rosary March which was held on October 9, at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Approximately 100 marchers took part in this moving event which promotes respect for life. Deacon Pat Fagan and Chaplain Fr. Andrew Vogel took turns leading the Rosary as the marchers made their way through the cemetery. Refreshments were served following the march.



A Fourth Degree honor guard lines up to lead the Rosary March. Pictured left to right; Faithful Navigator LaVerne Klecker, Ray Willmott, Chuck Walerius, Honor Guard Commander Peter Schneider, Tm Rice, and Deacon Pat Fagan.



Honor guard members and marchers prepare to step off on the 2011 edition of the Respect Life Rosary March.

KC Food Stand and Grandstand workers enjoy helping at Steele County Fair



This is our Sunday night food stand team, from left to right: Lee Jardine, John Ahlberg, Randy Baulausky, Rob Jardine, and Paul Jardine.

A good combination of hard work and knightly fellowship made the KC food stand and grandstand beverage sales a success at the Steele County Free Fair. Food stand co-chairmen Tom Burke and Frank Conley echoed very similar comments when asked about the food stand operation this year, "We thank our dedicated and loyal customers. We enjoy seeing our repeat customers. We had one customer who came back everyday for our "Holy Mojo" sandwich. And our workers were absolutely the best. With competition from 125 other food vendors, we need to serve an excellent product. We did! The brats were perfectly prepared and the "Holy Mojo" is a thing of beauty to hungry customers!"

Special acknowledgement to our daily captains: Tom Knight, Tim Chicos, Tom Burke, and Dave Wunderlich; and special help in all areas from Mark Nelson. Give special thanks to Tom Burke, who literally lived in his RV at the fairgrounds to work at the food stand! Our sincere thanks to these outstanding food stand workers, and we hope everyone will help again next year!

John Ahlberg Randy Balausky Tammy Balausky Jim Brown Joan Brown Bill Bunkers Tom Burke Brian Carlson Shari Carlson Tim Chicos Frank Conley Mark Cunningham Tom Docksey Steve Dornquast Tom Eichten Joe Elbert	Tom Elbert Dave Fandel Pat Fagan Dan Filzen Gary Fisher Steve Fisher Lil Franken Karen Graff Steve Graff Ron Heim John Henry Lanny Huemann Lee Jardine Jim Joachim Dennis Kelm Tom Knight	John Kriesel Tom Kubista Duane Ludewig Karen Ludewig Ann McKernon Mark Nelson Tony Nguyen Jeff Otto Joe Plemel Del Point Jeff Pumper Steve Reller Tim Rice Dan Ruiter Greg Salmonsen Joan Salmonsen	Paul Schneider Pete Schneider Lyle Snider Lavern Soukup Joan Spindler Walt Spindler Lee Staupe Dick Thamert Jim Wencl John Wheeler Ray Willmott Dan Wolfe Ron Wolf Dave Wunderlich
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Grandstand beverage sales for the KC night was chaired by LaVerne Klecker and Joe Elbert. "Our workers made certain there were no thirsty people anywhere in the stands." said Joe Elbert. LaVerne worked with the night selection and together they worked on staffing. This was another example of our Council's incredible teamwork. Thank you grandstand workers:

Eric Anderson Randy Balausky Tammy Balausky Tom Burke Casey Connor	Julie Connor Steve Dornquast Joe Elbert Linda Elbert Tom Elbert	Steve Fisher John Green Becky Kelm Dennis Kelm Cory Klecker	LaVerne Klecker Linda Klecker Bill Lawrence Marie Lawrence Dave Lax	Nick Matejcek Gary Nelson Lori Nelson Tony Schiller Ron Wolf	Tim Ziemke George Zwack
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All proceed from the food stand and grandstand beverage sales go toward KC charitable projects.

KC Chorus completes another successful season

The KC Chorus started their season with a new membership drive, which added 3 new members. Director Stephen Nelson is constantly arranging and adding great new selections to their extensive musical repertoir, which currently includes about 10 religious, 10 patriotic, and 10 folk and popular songs.

The KC Chorus started singing together over 10 years ago, in 2001, and now includes these dedicated members: Lynn Becker, Don Boesen, John Carlson, John Degner, Steve Dornquast, Tom Gebur, Mike Goddard, Dennis Heimerman, Ryan Heimerman, Matt Jessop, LaVerne Klecker, Wayne Kubicek, David Lax, Lloyd Mans, Jim Nelson, Sam Nelson, John Nelson, Brandon Pofahl, Pete Schneider, John Schulz, Lee Staupe, Dan Walsh, Chuck Walerius, Music Director Stephen Nelson, Accompanist Mary Carlson, Administrator Frank Conley.

The Chorus proudly represented Council 945 at these performances:

St. Mary's Night of Knights Auction
Four Corporate Communion Masses
Memorial Day Parade Float
Council 945 Officer Installation Mass & Banquet
Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza
Litomysl Summer Festival

Waseca Polka Mass and Fall Festival

Council and Fourth Degree Officer Installations
KC Deceased Member Memorial Mass
Breakfast with Santa
Fourth Degree Christmas Party - Caroling
Christmas Caroling - Nursing homes

Steele County Free Fair - Flag Raising Ceremony and Steele County Free Fair

New members are welcome and invited to join. If interested contact Director Stephen Nelson at 455-0881.

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
Warden: Dan Wolfe
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard:Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
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 Ruiter
Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
Family Director:Stephen Nelson
Health Director:
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 DirectorStephen 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



Lynn Becker

The September Knight of the Month is all about helping others. Lynn Becker has been with Council 945 for about three years, and the concept of helping others is in harmony with his lifestyle.

Lynn is involved with the KC Chorus, but has also been seen helping out at the KC Breakfasts, Fish Fries, and the Flag Collections. But it was the music that first lured him in to this organization. While singing for the choir at St. Josephs, Lynn was approached by Chuck Walerius and LaVerne Klecker to join the KC Chorus. The music and the camaraderie appealed to Lynn, as it still does to this day. He says he likes what the KCs bring to his life and to others by "Being together with a group and helping others, whether it's singing at a nursing home or a special event." Lynn is a member of the Fourth Degree, and is the Assembly's Faithful Pilot.

Lynn is a native of Sauk Centre, MN, and moved to Owatonna 6 years ago. He works in Faribault at Lamperts in Contractor Sales. He has a vast background in construction, and even was the general contractor when he built his own home. Lynn and his wife of 6 years, Sonia, are members of St. Joseph's Church. They have one son. Sonia is from El Salvador, and the couple continues to give back to her native country. Together, they started the Jonathon Foundation, which helps establish scholarships for higher education students in El Salvador. To them, it is a life changer for the people in that poor country. "It makes you want to help change someone's life, and their family through education, so they can get a good job," he said. Lynn and Sonia are making it their mission to help get those young people out of poverty through education.

Lynn also enjoys a number of hobbies, but in general likes to be outdoors in his spare time. He says he likes camping, football, and golf.

Congratulations to the September Knight of the Month, Lynn Becker!

Special Olympics Breakfast Is Well Attended

The Special Olymics breakfast held on October 9 at St. Mary's School was well attended and we had great help with the dining room tasks, especially the Special Olympics athletes. 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: Tim Biegert, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Mark Cassen, Tim Chicos, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Mike Goddard, Steve Graff, Gerry Gunderson, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Jeff Otto, Lavern Soukup, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, and Dave Wunderlich.

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: John Henry, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ray Willmott, 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 KC Omelets and KC Country Breakfast continue to be 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 13. Mark your calendar today! Your participation is important and appreciated.



Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast

for St. Mary's Home and School Association Sunday, November 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, October 30
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