

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

OCTOBER  
2011

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**October 5-** Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 9** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
for Owatonna Area  
Special Olympics  
**October 9** - Respect Life  
Rosary March  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.  
**October 10** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**October 12** - General Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 15** - America Needs  
Fatima Rosary Rally  
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.  
**October 18** - Ed Roster Knights of  
Columbus Social and Dinner Night  
New Prague KC Hall  
**October 27** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**October 30** - KC Family  
Corporate Communion  
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.  
**October 31** - Halloween Party  
St. Mary's School - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 5  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Our program will be Tom Barry. He will speak on  
Scouting in Steele County.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST

#### Owatonna Area Special Olympics

Sunday, October 9, 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.

### ED ROSTER Knights of Columbus Social and Dinner Night

Formerly Old Timers Party  
October 18<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 5:15 Social, 7:00 Dinner  
New Prague K C Hall \$17.00  
Home cooked meal of ham, turkey, dressing,  
rolls, kolackys, and home made pies.  
Contact Greg Salmonsens 451 5695.

### BLUES NIGHT

Friday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Featuring Scottie Miller See You There!

### RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 9  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 15  
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.  
October is Rosary Month.

### TAKE A TRIP DOWN OWATONNA MEMORY LANE

Serving Ala Jerry Burgers  
Friday, October 7 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Meal will be prepared by Jerry's former  
proprietor David Jensen.  
All proceeds to benefit Alzheimer's Association.  
\$7.50 per person.

### 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.

### HUSKY FOOTBALL

Free chili dogs at the KC Lounge after every  
home football game.

### 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

### 8th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 21, 2012 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
National Guard Armory  
2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

## Reflection - When Your Hut's On Fire



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?'

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

### The Moral of This Story:

It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

## Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

I would like to share with you something I've known a long time but something that is becoming clearer and more absolute to me as time passes. It is something I see and hear more and more from the people I work with as well as something I see in myself the older I get.

I just read an article in which the central point reflects the belief that most people will need more life insurance when they reach age 65 than when they're 35. I have long observed most people have the false belief that just because the kids have left the nest and their mortgage is paid or almost paid off that the need for life insurance diminishes. The needs are still there...they're just different. And with the frightening and very real issues our economy is now facing (higher taxes, inflation, people living longer, government entitlement programs being cut or eliminated completely, etc.) all point to the need for adequate life insurance...at all ages. I've yet to meet a 65 year old who wishes they had not purchased as much permanent life insurance as they did when they were younger...and doubt I ever will. They all lament how they wish they had bought more. Every time.

When you consider that 50% of all 65-year olds will live to 91 and 10% will make it to 99 it begs the question..."What will they live on?" Most will have exhausted their retirement accounts long before they die.

We have products specifically designed to address these issues and they're the best-of-the-best. If you don't take control of your financial future I can assure you—no one else will. Remember...there will come a time when it's too late...the time to act is now. Don't make this opportunity a missed opportunity. I can help. Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF 213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

### Fall I-35 Cleanup

As always, it was another gorgeous evening on Thursday, September 8, for our Fall I-35 Cleanup. Our regular veteran team of pickers cleaned our stretch of I-35 in record time. My thanks to Kevin Herzog, Driver Al Jirele, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Curt Supalla, Tom Standke, Keven Boettcher, Joe Elbert, Dale Tracy, Randy Balausky, Ron Wolf, and Bob Hardcopf. Thanks also to Owatonna Bus Company for use of the van, First Supply for use of their parking lot, and the crew at the KC Hall for the hospitality afterwards. Enjoy the fall. Jim Gleason, Community Director

## Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

This past week, at the General Meeting, we gave away the Tootsie Roll checks; it was nice to hear where the funds go and what they are used for. You all should be proud of what the Knights of Columbus does for our community. It seems that everywhere you go there is mention as to the wonderful things the KC's do. Thank you all for your hard work!

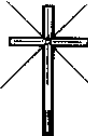
These next couple of months will be busy with Rosary March, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree ceremonies and much more. Be sure to read the rest of **The Key** for important dates. (I know you only open it up to see what I have to say.)

Winter is coming I fear too fast, and the year is going as fast. We have had four new members join to date, and we need another 31 to meet our star council requirements. Those of you who have anyone in mind, or know of a Knight who is not currently active, please take the time to get them involved again.

Please help support our KC breakfasts held at St. Mary's. The crew does a great job at being sure a top notch breakfast is served.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the next couple of months, be safe and 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.

**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, Mary Ann 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 Pirk, 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.*

### IN MEMORY

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

*Ramona Meyer, daughter of Brother Knight Eugene Spindler, sister of Brother Knights Norman, Jerome, and Dale Spindler, and niece of Brother Knight Walt Spindler passed away on June 24.*

**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 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. Anyone who is presently a First Degree member, this is your opportunity to become a Third Degree member.

We are having a membership blitz at both parishes in Owatonna on October 30. Anyone who would like to help with the membership blitz, please contact Randy Balausky at (507) 213-9862 or myself at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

## 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 Dornquist

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Wade Schroeder  
 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



Mike Goddard

The August Knight of the Month is from the Sunflower State of Kansas, but says he's only a phone call away to lend a hand. Mike Goddard grew up in Hoisington, Kansas, but moved to Owatonna back in 2008, and quickly gained friends and an extended family when he became involved in Council 945.

You could say that being a Knight is in Mike's blood. His Great-Grandfather and his Grandfather were both Grand Knights at their Council. Mike says he joined in 1997 at the urging of his Godfather, and when he moved to Owatonna, he saw it as a great way to meet people. And the people, he says, are the best part about being a Knight. "One of the best things about being a Knight is the brotherhood. They care about your well-being, your family, and they take the time to

get to know you. It's a huge sense of family."

Speaking of family, Mike and his wife Stacy are expecting their 8th child (Boy #6) in the beginning of October. They are members of Sacred Heart. Mike enjoys spending time with that family, teaching his boys Mixed Martial Arts, and playing Guitar Hero with them. Other hobbies include building "rat rods," which is a custom hot rod car, Scuba diving, and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Mike also is the proud owner of three college degrees – having diplomas in Electrical Science, Criminal Justice, and Automotive Computer Technology. Mike works at NCS Pearson, but says he's more than happy to answer the call when his help is needed. He enjoys working at the KC Breakfasts, Smokin' in Steele, and sings in the KC Chorus.

Congratulations to Mike Goddard, the Council 945 Knight of the Month!

## 2011-12 Benefit Breakfast Off To Fast Start

The KC breakfast team members were back in great form for the start of the new breakfast season. The first breakfast was held for the SERRA Club on September 11 at St. Mary's School. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance. SERRA club members assisted with the dining room duties.

The excellent Council 945 breakfast team was at their best preparing the delicious new menu. Thanks to the KC Sunday breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast: *John Ahlberg, Tim Biegert, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquist, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine & family, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Mark Kearin, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Jeff Otto, Mark Pfeifer and son, Tom Schmitt, Lavern Soukup, Dick Thamert, John Wheeler, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Gerry Barry, Bob Grebe, Tom Kingsley, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.* The extra effort by our breakfast closers is always appreciated. We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

The KC Omelets and KC Country Breakfasts continue to be popular with our breakfast patrons. The breakfasts provide a way to treat your entire family to an excellent breakfast at very reasonable price. There are no add-ons. 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.

**The Owatonna Area Special Olympics benefit breakfast will be held on October 9. Mark your calendar today!** Your participation is important and appreciated.



Making sure the kitchen runs smoothly. Pictured, left to right: Tom Burke, Dave Wunderlich, Dennis Kelm, and Steve Fisher.



Smiling faces serving up delicious breakfast fare. Pictured, left to right: Ron Heim, John Wheeler, and Mark Kearin.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council No. 945  
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 Owatonna, MN 55060

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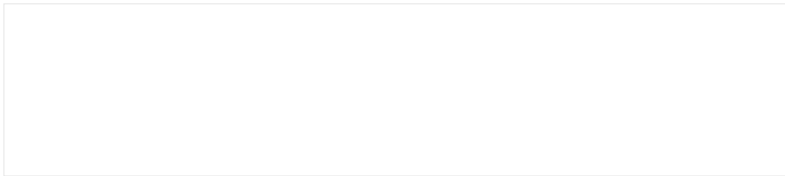


**Benefit Breakfast**  
 for Owatonna Area Special Olympics  
**Sunday, October 9 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

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**KC Family Corporate Communion**  
**Sunday, October 30**  
**St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.**

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	<b>4</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>6</b> British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> Trip Down Memory Lane - 5:30 - 7:30 pm  Blues Nite Scottie Miller KC Hall 7:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for Owatonna Area Special Olympics  Respect Life Rosary March Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 pm	<b>10</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	<b>11</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Central Park - 1:00 pm
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