

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

OCTOBER
2015

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

October 10 - America Needs Fatima
Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.

October 11 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's REP

October 12 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

October 14 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

October 18- Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

October 22 - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

October 24 & 25 - Membership Blitz
Sacred Heart Church and
St. Joseph Church
after all Masses

October 31 - Halloween Party
St. Mary's School - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

November 7 - KC Memorial Mass
St. Joseph Church
Rosary - 7:30 a.m. Mass - 8:00 a.m.

**KC Lounge open for all
Sunday Vikings games**

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 7

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the

St. Mary's REP

Sunday, October 11, 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.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept. 14 thru Dec. 28,
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.
\$1.75 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Every Friday in October, serving appetizers,
assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish
sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips,
and more.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14

Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be
State Representative John Petersburg

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

Saturday, October 10 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 18
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.



KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 31, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

October 24 and 25
Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph Church
after all Masses

KC MEMORIAL MASS

Honoring those Brother Knights
who passed away this year.

St. Joseph Church - Saturday, November 7
7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass

HAPPY HIPPIE HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 31
KC Lounge - 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Justin & Jason Ploof will be performing classic old
school music from the 60's and 70's. Since it is
Halloween, everyone dressed in tie-dyed shirts or
hippie garb will receive a comp drink.
Pretty Groovy!

K OF C LOUNGE OPENING AT NOON ON SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 10, 17, 24, and 31
Slider Saturday Specials
Serving 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.
Burger and fries - \$5.00
Burger Happy Meals - \$7.25
Whistle Pig Bacon Cheese Dog and fries - \$4.50
Whistle Pig Happy Meal - \$6.75



Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

In late September, Pope Francis visited the United States and Cuba. The original reason for his visit was to take part in the World Meeting of Families which is held every several years. This year it was held in Philadelphia. Pope Francis often speaks of the joys and challenges that families face in our world today.

During his apostolic journey to the Philippines, he said, "Resting in prayer is especially important for families. It is in the family that we first learn how to pray. And don't forget when the family prays together, it remains together. This is important. There we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God's greater family, the Church. In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family! That is why families are so important in God's plan for the Church!"

Thank you for the ways that the Knights are supportive of our families. Your example as men of faith and as spiritual fathers within your families is so important today.

September is also the time when school begins. As you know, St. Mary's School and the Religious Education Program have been displaced due to structural issues with the St. Mary's building. Staff, teachers, parents, and the whole community came together to create an alternate site so that the children could be welcomed at the beginning of the year. All of this happened in just a few weeks. Some of the staff created a logo that says, "St. Mary's Strong." This summer has been proof of the truth of that statement.

At the present time, we are assessing the work that will need to be done. Once school came into session we turned our energy to the refurbishment of the building. We will continue to share information as it becomes available to us. We believe that all of the classroom floors will need to be reinforced. We are getting a formal opinion, but have been told that the gym and cafeteria are safe for continued use. Although we are fairly certain of the costs associated with the move itself, we are not yet sure of the scope and cost of the repairs. Once we have some good numbers on that, we will be conducting a campaign to pay for the move and the repairs.

There are lots of rumors swirling around out there. Please double check your facts before you pass on incorrect information. We want to be as transparent as possible, but require time to get information ourselves. Mary has been a wonderful patron for our school and religious education program. We turn to her in our time of need, confident in the efficacy of her prayers.



Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2015-2016

October 11	St. Mary's REP
November 15	St. Mary's Home/School Assoc.
December 6	KC Benefit Breakfast – Holiday Extravaganza.
January 17	Special Olympics
January 24	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 14	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 28	Gymnastic Club & 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 13	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 10	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

Another change of season has begun with the fall colors showing us that harvest is right around the corner. The daylight hours have gotten less and less with the drop in temperature, the frost will soon be on the pumpkin. The pancake breakfasts are here, and give us a chance to all pitch in to help make them a great success once again.

I again ask all of you to please sign up a new member. We had a First Degree on Wednesday, September 2nd, with four new members. We are having a Major Degree on Saturday, November 21, 2015. As you know, a Major Degree is First Degree, Second Degree, and Third Degree, all the same day. It is right here in Owatonna. So mark your calendar, and sponsor those new members. Council 945 will also be having a membership blitz at both Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph Church on October 24th and 25th after all Masses. We will need all of your help with this, so contact me at 456-1575, LaVerne Klecker at 456-6738, or see Mark at the club, or any of the Officers of Council 945. We really do need your help! We also are having the Rosary March America Needs Fatima October 10th at Central Park and the Sacred Heart Cemetery Rosary March October 18th. We need leaders! See information here in *The Key*. Your participation is greatly needed.

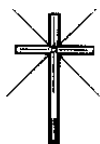
Have you done any Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy lately? Now would be a good time. Help someone in need, help the neighbor lady clean her yard, clean her gutters, and tell her that you appreciate her.

On the fun side, make sure you enjoy fall and all of its beauty. Spend quality time with your family. Also Vikings football, Twins baseball run for the post season, and all of that can happen by stopping at the club. Mark will give you his take on it all! You won't be too disappointed. All the adult refreshments are always cold.

If you see a Brother Knight, tell him Thank You for all he does. Thank You to Everyone of You, and all that You do.

Vivat Jesus

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:

Nancy Janke, proofreader of the Key, is home recuperating after suffering a heart attack.

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

Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Alex Gathje, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Kloczek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirk, Ray Pirk, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencil, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Dr. James McEnaney passed away on August 29.

Brother Knight Herbert Budig passed away on August 31.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MN 4th Degree Faithful Navigator Jerome Spindler



Brother Knights, The Fall Exemplification for the Fourth Degree will be held in Duluth, Minnesota, on October 31, 2015; it promises to be a great time. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn and Suites, which is where the Exemplification will be held. Third Degree Brother Knights who have not yet made the decision to join the highest degree in the Order, I encourage you to do so. To say I'm a Catholic American Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus is great.

Please contact Jerome Spindler at (507) 213-0079 or LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102 or cell phone (507) 456-6738 if you would like more information.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS

Four New Knights Exemplified on September 2



Anthony Ginnetti is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Allina Health Systems in Owatonna. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Richard Thamert.



Tony Ginnetti and his wife Cheryl have three children, daughter Alyssa and two sons Anthony and Aaron. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Cedar Valley Services. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Richard Thamert.



Cory Kopas and his wife Angie have one son, Callum. They are members of St. Michael's Parish in Prior Lake, Minnesota. He is employed at Cedar Chiropractic in Owatonna as a chiropractor. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Luke Rennie.



Kyle Olson is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Northern Power and Equipment in Faribault, Minnesota. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



PETER SCHNEIDER RECOGNIZED BY BISHOP QUINN

Brother Sir Knight Peter Schneider was honored by Most Reverend John Quinn Bishop of Winona. Peter was presented the Bishop's Award at the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church on July 19. This honor, received by pastoral recommendation, is conferred for dedication and untiring service to the Catholic Church. Congratulations to Peter on this well deserved recognition.



FAIR STAND PROFITS BENEFIT KC CHARITABLE CAUSES

Special Thanks to Brother Knight Tom Brick

For the 2015 edition of the KC Fair Stand, Brother Knight Tom Brick, owner of Owatonna Shoe, again offered a special incentive to fair attendees who purchased a "Holy Mojo" sandwich. Those buying the sandwich were presented with a coupon good for \$8.00 credit on a new pair of shoes. In addition, Tom included this promotion in advertising on the local radio station. It is reported that there were 275 sandwiches sold, which was a nice increase over last year's sales. Thanks, Tom, for helping raise funds for the charitable works of the Council.

Besides providing fairgoers with a delicious brat or "Holy Mojo" sandwich, the profits generated from the fair stand food booth go toward the numerous charitable programs supported by Council 945. The 2015 edition of the Steele County Free Fair saw good record attendance even with the rainy weather.

Fair Stand Chairman Tom Burke expressed his thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time to operate the stand for the six-day run of the fair. He added special thanks to the day captains; Randy Balauskys, Tim Chicos, Mark Kearin, Dave Lax, Al Nelson, and Gary Sanford.

2015 fair stand workers:

*John Alberg
Randy Balauskys
Tammy Balauskys
Tom Bremer
Andy Crowell
Terry & Jackie Evans
Tom Eichten
Steve Fisher
Karen Graff
Steve Graff
Lanny Huemann*

*Dale Janke
Greg Jensen
Becky Kelm
Dennis Kelm
Rob Kniefel
Tom Kubista
Duane Ludewig
Karen Ludewig
Jo Matejcek
Nick Matejcek
Mike Meger*

*Tracie Peterson
Dave Pfeifer
Jeff Pumper
Greg Salmonsens
Deb Sanford
Gary Sanford
Ryan Sanford
Abby Sawyer
Dan Sawyer
Jessica Sawyer
Sheila Sawyer*

*Tom Schmitt
Jim Schroeder
Wade Schroeder
Joan Spindler
Walt Spindler
Eric Tucker
Robert Vosejtka
Jim Wencl
Dennis Werner
Ron Wolf
Dan Wolfe*

Council 945 expresses appreciation to Dave Lax for his work in setting up the schedule and extra big thanks to Tom Burke who spends the week camped at the fairgrounds making sure the fair stand runs smoothly. Also, a big thank you to the Will Pieper family for set-up and tear down of the stand, and Wade Schroeder and Brian Carlson for being the money men.

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 fair officials on the night selections, Battle of the Bands on Wednesday night and the Tractor Pull on Friday night, and together they worked on staffing. This was another example of our Council's incredible teamwork. Thank you grandstand workers:

*Eric Anderson
Randy Balauskys
Tammy Balauskys
Tom Deetz
Linda Elbert
Joe Elbert
Tom Elbert
Steve Fisher
John Green
Tom Jirele
Kory Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
Linda Klecker*

*Nancy Louis
Keith Martin
Joanne Matejcek
Nick Matejcek
Pat McGrath
Stephanie Pieper
Bailey Sanford
Deb Sanford
Gary Sanford
Dan Sawyer
Jerome Spindler
Eric Tucker
Dan Wolfe*



The grandstand beverage crew take a break for a photo op.

All proceeds from the food stand and grandstand beverage sales go toward KC charitable projects.

**STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR
GROW, SEW, AND SHOW IT IN 2016**

2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Deputy Grand Knight: Gary Sanford
Chancellor: Nicholas Matejcek
Advocate: Open
Warden: Lynn Becker
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Dan Sawyer
Trustee (3 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dan Wolfe

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Gary Sanford (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruiter
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director: Stephen Nelson
Building Director: Tom Elbert
Director of Church Activities: Pete Schneider
Director of Youth Activities: Will Pieper
Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
Gambling Manager: Randy Balauskys (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balauskys (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Tom Kubista

Our August Knight of the Month is Tom Kubista. Tom joined the KC's back in 1987 and pancake breakfasts became one of the first activities that he and his family became involved in since they lived right across the street from St. Mary's school at the time, so they just had to cross the parking lot. Tom said they enjoyed getting involved in many family activities when he joined the Knights and the breakfasts were a good way to get to meet other members. Tom has been involved in a number of KC events during his membership and recalls working at the fair food stand for many years.

Tom and his family are members of Sacred Heart Church. He and his wife Jane have two grown sons living in the Twin Cities; a daughter attending St. Mary's University in Winona and their youngest son Mark who is a junior in high school.

Tom has recently retired after a 30-year career working for Caterpillar Company. These days, he drives bus part-time and continues to be an active volunteer leader with the KC's sponsored scout troop in Owatonna. Tom said being a member of the Knights of Columbus has helped him to live his faith through the charitable works he has been involved with through the Council and all the while having a lot of fun in the process. We thank Tom for his many years of service and support to our Council and community and congratulate him on being our Knight of the Month recipient.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging. A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future. Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF 507-417-4169

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our four new members who joined on September 2.

We are planning on having a membership blitz on October 24 and 25 at both parishes. If anyone is interested in helping at the membership blitz, please contact me.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 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.

Keep in mind we are having a Major Degree Exemplification on November 21 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. This gives our candidates the opportunity to receive all three degrees, and any first degree knight can complete his second and third degree.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid we need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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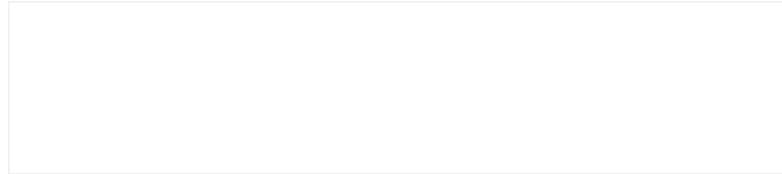


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Respect Life Rosary March
Sunday, October 18 Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

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				1	2 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	3
4	5 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	8	9 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	10 K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday 12:00 - 1:30 pm Public Square Rosary Rally America Needs Fatima Central Park - 1:00 pm
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18 Respect Life Rosary March Sacred Heart Cemetery-1:00 pm	19 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	21	22 Fourth Degree Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 pm	23 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	24 K of C Lounge Open Noon Slider Saturday 12:00 - 1:30 pm Membership Blitz at all Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph
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