

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 1** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

**September 7** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

**September 8** - General Meeting  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

**September 12** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
for St. Isidore School  
---- Serra Club

**September 12** -  
K of C Family Picnic  
Jaycee Park - 3:00 p.m.

**September 23** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**October 10** - Respect Life  
Rosary March  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

**October 11** - America Needs  
Fatima Rosary Rally  
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.

**October 22 & 23** - Fourth  
Degree Exemplification

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 1  
KCHall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION Sunday, August 29 - 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church

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

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST St. Isidore School

#### Serra Club

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

(advance tickets available from each group)  
Now, more sensational breakfast choices!

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

### SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge  
Friday, September 10

Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Delicious marinated steaks or windsor chop,  
served with salad, roll, and baked potato.

### I-35 CLEAN-UP

The fall I-35 cleanup will be held on Thursday,  
September 16th. Meet at the parking lot of First  
Supply 151 Park Drive at 4:45 p.m. Call Jim  
Gleason at 676-0271 if you'd like to help.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 8

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Tim Rice will be speaking on the Supreme  
Convention that was held in Washington, DC.

Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 10, 2010  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

The Rosary March will be led by members of the  
Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard  
and the KC Chorus will provide music.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

We encourage all members and their families  
to attend.

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 16, 2010  
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.

October is Rosary Month.



### K OF C FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, September 12  
Jaycee Park - 3:00 p.m.

Jaycee Park has been especially chosen to  
encourage more families to take part this year. There  
is a playground for the younger children. There will  
be a kickball game for kids ages 5 and up (the game  
will start at about 3:30 p.m.). A volleyball will be  
available for those who wish to play. So bring the  
whole family, and bring an appetite for fun and food.  
Please bring a dish to pass.

### BABY BACK RIB DINNER

Prepared On Our Smoker

Served in the Lounge - Friday, September 17 and 24

Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meal will feature the

**Best Ribs You Have Ever Tasted,**

served with French Fries, Coleslaw, and Dessert  
for \$9.35 plus tax

## Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to go as fall activities gear up. It is a pleasure to serve as your chaplain. I came to the Knights of Columbus fairly late in life. My father was not a member and I did not join until I was in Austin serving as pastor of St. Edward's. It has been a great blessing to be associated with the Knights.

At my installation as chaplain, I spoke about my own memories of the Knights of Columbus as a young person. I remember two things very distinctly. The first is the signs that were seen on store doors throughout St. Cloud stating that the store would be closed on Good Friday afternoon. This effort by the local Knights was a great witness to the centrality of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) in the life of the Church.

The second memory was the participation of the Knights in the Corpus Christi procession which made its way through St. Cloud from Mass near the hospital to Benediction at the Cathedral High School activity field. I am sure that the Knights helped in the organization of this public witness to the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. Based on that youthful experience, I have been thinking about the viability of holding a Corpus Christi procession here in Owatonna. We'll see what comes of it.

I thank you for your warm welcome – as a pastor and as chaplain. I look forward to our continued collaboration in building up the Church and Catholic families here in Owatonna.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Star Council would be a great achievement for our Council this year. To make Star Council we need 35 new members, for our Insurance goal for this year, we would need 17 new insured members.

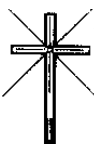
The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Keep in mind we are having a Major Degree in November. The date for this Major Degree is Saturday, November 20. More information will follow in a later edition of *The Key*.

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.

## 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, 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 Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.*

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

## Prospective Fourth Degree Member Information Picnic

Thursday, August 26 Gainey Park - Meal - 6:30 p.m.

## Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquist

Dear Knights:

What a busy time this is for me! Hope that your summer is not slipping by as mine is. You don't really know who your good friends are until you need them, and I have found many good friends in the Knights of Columbus members.

I could tell you about the Fair, or the Rosary March in October, the Rosary Rally in October, or many other things, but you can read all about these things and more in this issue of *The Key*.

I should bring special mention that the KC picnic is to be held at Jaycee Park. (Still on September 12 Starting at 3:00 p.m.) We are trying to get more involvement in the KC Picnic than we have been having. Please tell some of your Knight friends to bring themselves and their families. I believe, with Steve Nelson at the helm of this project, we will have tremendous participation from the members and their families.

Your friend and leader, in God we trust.

### 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 are October 2 – October 5, returning on October 6. 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).

### DESSERT ANYONE?

Why not sign up to have your favorite dessert in a People's Choice Contest. I am looking for about 20 people to donate a dessert for the Friday Night Dinner for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in October. I am sure all of the desserts donated will be wonderful...but a little competition could be fun. The judges for the event have not yet been determined. No monetary winnings will be handed out, although the winner will have bragging rights along with their name and dessert announced in the Sextant and *The Key*. Thank you in advance for donating the dessert, it will help us out so much in keeping our cost of the meal down. It's easy to sign up. Just email me Renae Jenko @ drjeno@hughes.net or call me at 451-0625 to pre-register. Once you sign up, I will email you back with more details.

### BRITISH PUB QUIZZES (Trivia)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9 thru Thursday, December 23.

Get your team of one to four persons together.

Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

Season winners receive \$100.00 cash. No entry fee required.

### 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.

### VIKINGS GAMES

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

### HUSKY FOOTBALL

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

## 2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. John Sauer  
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Randy Balausk  
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 Balausk  
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: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



Tony Nguyen

Owatonna's Council 945 is honoring Tony Nguyen as the July "Knight of the Month." Tony joined the Owatonna Knights of Columbus about a year ago.

Whatever the cause or project, Tony's been willing to lend a helping hand, whether it's helping out at the monthly breakfasts, working the beer garden at the fairgrounds, or pitching in for Smokin' in Steele. He says he enjoys the work, and enjoys helping the many causes taken up by the Knights of Columbus.

Tony says he joined the KCs because he recognized the good that the organization does.

Tony has been employed at SPX for the last 26 years as a machinist. He is a native of Viet Nam, and says he has found Owatonna to be filled with welcoming and good people. Tony and his wife Yen, along with

daughters Mary and Lisa, are members of Sacred Heart Church. His hobbies and activities include fishing, walking, and biking.

Congratulations to Tony Nguyen, Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 Knight of the Month!

## Joe Elbert Installed as District Deputy



Joe Elbert

Brother Knight Joe Elbert was installed as the District Deputy for District 32 on July 10, 2010, at the Mid-Summer meeting of the Minnesota State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The installation was held at the Bloomington Marion Knights of Columbus hall in Bloomington, Minnesota. Elbert's appointment was approved by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the recommendation of Minnesota State Deputy Ricardo Acevedo. District 32 is comprised of the Councils in Blooming Prairie, Medford, Owatonna, and Waseca.

Joe has been a KC member for 36 years and has been an active member of the Order both in project involvement and in assuming a number of leadership roles. He served as the

Faithful Navigator of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly for two years, 2000 to 2002. In addition, he progressed through the officer chairs and assumed the role of Grand Knight of Council 945 in 2008.

He has been involved in numerous projects and for the past three years, has headed up the high profile, Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest. Joe is a very active member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly honor guard having received the Top Sword Award three years. This is a recognition for participating in honor guard events.

Joe's experience, leadership, and guidance will be an asset to the Councils of District 32.

Congratulations to Joe Elbert on his new position.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2010 - 2011

September 12, 2010	St. Isidore's School & Serra Club
October 10, 2010	Owatonna Area Special Olympics
November 14, 2010	St. Mary's Home and School Association
December 12, 2010	KC Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Great food, music, & Santa
January 9, 2011	St. Mary's Religious Education Program
January 30, 2011	St. Mary's School Open House
February 13, 2011	St. Mary's School Building Fund
March 13, 2011	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 11, 2011	Birthingright & Respect for Life

### Help Us Communicate with You

Please help us complete our member email list.

If we do not have your email address, please send it to [kofc945@smig.net](mailto:kofc945@smig.net)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council No. 945  
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Owatonna, MN 55060

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**KC Family Corporate Communion**

**Sunday, August 29**

**St. Joseph's Church - 9:30 a.m.**

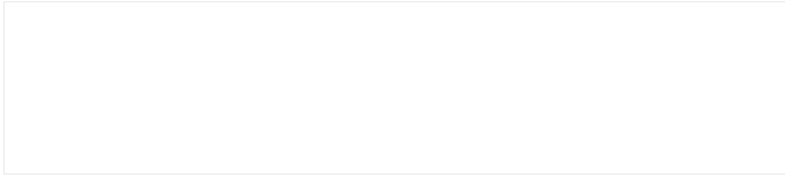
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**Benefit Breakfast**

**for St. Isidore School ----- Serra Club**

**September 12 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**St. Mary's School**



**SEPTEMBER 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meetin g - 8:00 pm	<b>9</b> British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am- 12:30 pm for St. Isidore School ----- Serra Club  K of C Family Picnic 3:00 pm Jaycee Park	<b>13</b> Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	<b>14</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> Baby Back Rib Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	<b>21</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Fourth Degree Meeting - 7:30 pm  British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm	<b>24</b> Baby Back Rib Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	<b>28</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> British Pub Quiz KC Lounge 6:30 pm		