

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER  
2012

## 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 5** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**September 9** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
for SERRA Club  
**September 10** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**September 12** - General Meeting  
First Degree Exemplification  
7:00 p.m. - Meeting to  
follow Exemplification  
**September 16** - K of C Family  
Picnic - Morehouse Park - 2:00 p.m.  
**September 17** - Constitution Day  
Program - KC Hall  
Social - 6:30 p.m.  
Meal - 7:00 p.m.  
**September 27** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**September 30** - KC Family  
Corporate Communion  
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.  
**October 14** - Respect Life  
Rosary March  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 5  
KCHall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST SERRA Club

Sunday, September 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.

### KC Family Corporate Communion

Sunday, September 30 - 9:00 a.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church

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

Breakfast to follow Mass at the KC Hall.

### Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

We will be hiding 6 KC membership numbers  
someplace in the newsletter. Find your number  
and collect two free drinks at the KC Club Room.  
Simply present your membership card and show  
the bartender your number in *The Key*. There is a  
copy of *The Key* posted on the bulletin board.  
You will receive two complimentary drinks.  
Winners' names will be published in the next  
edition of *The Key*.

**Smokin' in Steele Appreciation**  
Saturday, September 8 - 6:00 p.m.  
KCHall

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 12  
KCHall  
First Degree Exemplification - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting to follow Exemplification.

### KC BBQ RIB NITE

Served in the Lounge  
Friday, September 14 & 21  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Meal will feature the  
*Award Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs*  
served with French Fries and Coleslaw



### Constitution Day Program - September 17

All Knights, their spouses and guests are invited  
to a celebration of Constitution Day ... the  
birthday of the government of the United States  
of America.

It will be held on Monday, September 17, at the  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 820 South Elm Ave.  
There will be a social time beginning at 6:30 pm  
with a spaghetti dinner being served at 7:00.

Entertainment will be provided by the Knights of  
Columbus Chorus. We have two speakers lined  
up for this event. Chloe Schroeder who won the  
VFW local, district, and state competition with her  
essay, "Are You Proud of Your Country" and  
Teresa Collett, well known attorney and authority  
on our constitution. Teresa is a professor of law at  
St. Thomas University. 1269610

We are requesting a donation of \$5.00 per plate to  
help defray the expense of the meal. We ask that  
those planning to attend RSVP to Glen Meger at  
451-2362. This is sponsored by the  
Fourth Degree Assembly.

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, September 12  
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
New members be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.  
**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!**

## Thank You Knights

### *Catholicism, the Series*

Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are grateful for the gift of \$1,000 from the Knights for the "Year of Faith." Beginning in October, both parishes will be offering the Catholicism Series by Fr. Robert Baron. The donation will help to purchase additional DVD sets and off-set the costs of workbooks and refreshments.

With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition. Filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries, the Catholicism DVD series is on-location and in the streets illustrating the splendor of the global Church.

Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world's great and most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

Watch the bulletins at Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, Holy Trinity, and Christ the King this fall for more details on the "Year of Faith" and the Catholicism Series.

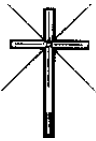
### *Bread for Your Soul*

Sacred Heart is grateful to the Knights for the donation of \$250 for our Bread for Your Soul faith luncheons held the second Tuesday of the month from September through April. The donation will help to off-set the costs for the luncheons, that are offered free of charge.

The first luncheon is September 11 and will feature Raymond DeSouza, Evangelization Director for the Diocese of Winona. October will feature Richard Aleman from the Minnesota Catholic Conference to discuss the Marriage Amendment and Catholic teaching on marriage. November will feature Fr. Mike Cronin on Catholic Funeral Planning and December will be Fr. John Sauer discussing the Nativity. 3242669

All lunches run from 11:30 - 1:00 and are held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. An RSVP is required to plan the food accordingly. Details are available in the local church bulletins.

## 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:*

*Carol Spindler, wife of Brother Knight Leo Spindler, is having surgery.*

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

*Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Father James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, 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:**

*Brother Knight Richard Haberman passed away on July 23.*

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

## Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

Summer is winding down and what a summer it has been. As we dig our sweatshirts back out we also begin planning and looking forward to the start of school, fall harvest, fall sports (Skol Vikings!), and other autumn favorite activities and events.

An important event coming this fall is the upcoming presidential election and two important Minnesota ballot initiatives. The Minnesota marriage amendment is a specifically hot button topic this election as both sides of the issue are gearing up early to get their message out. The opponents of the amendment talk about equality and bigotry while the supporters of the amendment talk about the importance of family structure and the definition of a family. I am hearing a lot of opinions on the matter but few people seem to be talking about the facts. I will share some thoughts on the opinion side of the vote in the October newsletter but for now, here are some simple facts every voter needs to be made aware of during the upcoming election.

1. From the verbiage used on the ballot to the structure of the vote itself, the entire process can be confusing to anyone.

- a. If you support same sex marriage you would vote "NO"
- b. If you support marriage being defined as between a man and woman only, you would vote "YES"

2. The vote is to decide if the state of Minnesota should create a constitutional amendment reaffirming the current law that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Because same sex marriage is not currently legal in Minnesota, no rights that anyone currently have will be taken away from them with an amendment. 3005564

3. The amendment is intended to avoid having the issue decided in the court system; potentially by a single judge. The amendment instead allows the people of Minnesota to decide the matter. Although it still is not completely immune from judicial review in the future, the chances of it being changed go down considerably with the passage of an amendment.

4. The voting rules are set up in such a manner that if you vote on the rest of the ballot but choose not to vote on the marriage amendment, your ballot will automatically be considered a "NO" vote which is to mean you will be supporting same sex marriage.

While it would be irrational to think all of the council's KC members think alike, it should be reasonable that all of us know and understand the issue before we vote in November. Please plan to take the time to vote on the issues this year, define your position before you vote and understand how the voting rules are set up so you can make your vote accurately and make it count for your convictions.

Vivat Jesus

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning a First Degree Exemplification on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Anyone who has a prospective member, this would be a good opportunity to get them signed up.

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 Exemplification on November 24 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 1890805

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.

**2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Edward McGrath  
 Grand Knight: .. Wade Schroeder (507) 573-1586  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Dustin Reese  
 Chancellor: ..... Dan Wolfe  
 Advocate: ..... Dave Lax  
 Warden: ..... Gary Sanford  
 Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
 Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Scot Berkley  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Bill Lawrence  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Steve Dornquast  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Randy Balausky

**DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN**

Program Director: ..... Dustin Reese  
 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**



*Kevin Sedivy*

Kevin Sedivy is the Council 945 Knight of the Month for July.

Kevin wears multiple hats in the community including a fireman’s helmet when he is on duty as a full-time Fire Commander at the Owatonna Fire Department. He spends much of his time educating the community including visiting many of the local schools to talk to youth about fire safety. He also works as a Safety Permit Manager for Oldcastle Materials and taking care of his larger than usual yard which includes a small private lake.

Kevin and his wife Lavonne make their home in Medford Minnesota with their three teenage daughters Jessie, Nikki, and Becca.

Kevin joined the Knights of Columbus as a third degree Knight in 2008, sponsored by Bill Lawrence. Kevin enjoys working with the Knights and the fellowship with others the most. Kevin admits, “I like to be involved in

events where there is food mostly.” This explains why some of the activities he is involved in include the Campaign for the developmentally disabled (formally known as the Tootsie Roll drive), Smokin’ in Steele blues and BBQ competition, the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Chili Cook-off, and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

**Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC**

I recently heard a comment which is now engrained in me: **“I can’t come back and fix it. When I’m dead... I’m dead for a long, long time.”** The person who said these words was... pardon me... dead on! I remember someone jokingly said, when reflecting on the amount of life insurance (or usually lack of) most people have, **“He must not plan on being dead very long.”**

Not having enough life insurance is like insuring only half your home, rationalizing that in a fire or tornado only half the home will be lost. Of course you wouldn’t dream of doing that. Yet, most do exactly that with the amount of life insurance they carry compared to their economic value to their family. And, when you consider the chances of losing your home to fire vs. all the risks we insure (death, disability and long-term care)... from a probability standpoint, insuring your home would be far down the list. Yet...how many of you would sleep one night without homeowners insurance? 4142075

You would be surprised how many people I speak with every year who wish...no...agonize... over the fact they should have bought

more permanent life insurance when they were younger and their health was good, but chose not to. Virtually 100% of the time, they say whatever reason they used not to do it now seems foolish & absurd. If only I could bottle their emotion and comments to carry with me to share with those who say they don’t need it, can’t afford it or they’ll do it next year or when it’s more convenient or when the Vikings win the Super Bowl. I hope you will consider this food for thought and do something about it...now, while you still can. **I can help and can be reached at 213-9410.**

**P.S. For those who currently have a Knights of Columbus annuity contract** and have or will have additional dollars to contribute, please take advantage of the guaranteed high interest rates available in these contracts. Compared to just about everything out there you can’t beat the interest and safety. Call me for more information. 2063863

**HUSKY FOOTBALL**

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

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE**

Every Monday starting Sept.10 thru Dec.17, 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.



**K of C FAMILY PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 16  
 Morehouse Park - 2:00 p.m.**

It’s time for the annual KC Family Picnic!  
 Food: The KCs will be providing the main meal – Brats, Hot dogs, Burgers, and Beverages.  
 Families: Please bring a dish to pass – salad, vegetable, or dessert

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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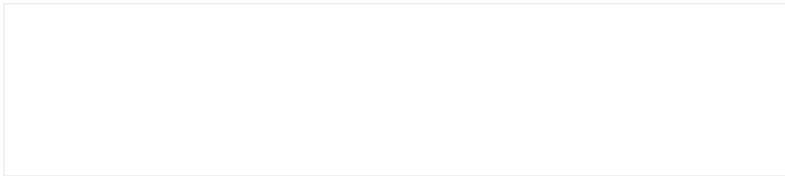


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 for SERRA Club  
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