

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
2014

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

- September 3** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- September 8** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- September 10** - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- September 14** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for SERRA Club
- September 25** - Fourth Degree Meeting - Flag retirement ceremony with brats and burgers to follow, at Albert F. Redding Education Center, 1546 58th. Street SW, Owatonna. 6:00 p.m.
- September 27** - Fall Fishing Trip
- October 11** - America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
- October 19** - Respect Life Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 3
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefitting the
SERRA Club
Sunday, September 14, 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.

FALL FISHING TRIP

September 27 - October 2
Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of
Lake Winnibigoshish)
For info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613)

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving potato salad and BLTs
every Tuesday in August
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge

THE BOYS OF SUMMER ARE BACK

Stop at the Hall to catch all the Twins action and
play *Taters for Toddlies* and guess the score to
win free drinks.

SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 5
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our Marinated Grilled Steaks, Windsor
Chops, or Chicken Kabobs
Served with salad, baked potato, & roll

KC BBQ RIB NITE

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 12 & 19
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal will feature the
Award Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept.8 thru Dec.22,
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.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 11 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 19
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL UNVEILS NEW WEB SITE

A new and improved web site has been developed to better communicate important news about your council and also give you an opportunity to volunteer for one of our many activities. There is even an inter-active feature that allows you to send a birthday greeting to your Brother Knights. Go to www.kofccouncil945.org and check it out.

Billy Graham

Billy Graham is now 92 years-old with Parkinson's disease.

In January, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.' So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the 20th Century.

"Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets for every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

"Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'"

"Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this:

"I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going. May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door. Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

And may each of us have lived our lives so that when our ticket is punched we don't have to worry about where we are going.

AMEN



Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

I write this column one day after participating in a 1st degree exemplification with four new Brother Knights. Pictures and information of these new Knights are in this Key and I encourage you to get to know their names and faces and offer them a welcoming greeting when you get to meet them, sooner than later, I hope. These four impressive young men, who came to us last night as "strangers," are now part of our Council brotherhood and they represent the future of our Council. But their future as active members is shaped by the support and encouragement they receive from us, their senior Brothers. It is incumbent upon all our membership to foster a spirit of friendship and inclusion for all our new members. It means getting to know each other on a personal level, sharing our positive experiences as Knights, the friendships we have made, and the charitable works we have helped to achieve. These new members cannot fully appreciate the success of our Council and the true benefit in joining until they can meet the membership that makes Council 945 one of the largest and most active Councils in the state of Minnesota.

I challenge all of you reading my message today to make an extra effort to meet and greet all our new Brother Knights, both recent and going forward. I want each of you to attend at least 1 exemplification ceremony in the coming months so you can show your thanks and support for these new members who have chosen to join our ranks. Come and renew your promises to embrace the virtues of the Knights of Columbus. Help us celebrate the new friendships we are about to foster, the new talents we are acquiring and the new enthusiasm we are gaining as a growing Council. But don't forget, we can't welcome new members if we don't actively work to encourage potential new members to come join the Knights of Columbus. If you have truly enjoyed your time and involvement as a Brother Knight, then it should be an easy step to offer the same opportunity for greater faith, fellowship, and fun to other Catholic men who have yet to make the same commitment.

So please assist our Membership Director, Brother LaVerne Klecker, in his quest to bring in more of these fine young Catholic men into our Council and help advance their success and satisfaction as active Brother Knights for years to come.

Vivat Jesus

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014-2015

September 14	SERRA Club
October 12	St. Mary's REP
November 9	St. Mary's Home/School Assoc.
December 7	KC Benefit Breakfast – Holiday Extravaganza.
January 11	Special Olympics/Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 25	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 8	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 22	St. Isidore School
March 8	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 19	St. Vincent DePaul Society



Scott Balzer is a member of Christ the King Parish. He is employed with Balzer Dairy and also farms with his father. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Robert Jardine is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Bosch and HyVee. He will be attending the University of St. Thomas. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Lee Jardine.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Four New Knights Exemplified on August 18



Joseph Nelson is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He will be attending the University of Notre Dame. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Stephen Nelson.



Benjamin Trom and his wife Libby have one son, Cole They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Cybex. He was sponsored by his father-in-law, Brother Knight Lee Jardine.

Music in Central Park - July 31



KC Chorus performed in Central Park in the new red shirts supplied by the Assembly and Council 945.

Litomysl Summer Festival - July 27



KC Chorus performed at Litomysl Summer Festival.

2014 KC COUNCIL 945 PICNIC

As is the custom, Council 945 held their annual pre-fair picnic on Wednesday, August 6, at Brown Park. At this event, attendees were treated to a sneak preview of the brats that will be served at the KC food stand during the Steele County Free Fair.

In addition, checks were distributed to the beneficiaries of the Fund Raiser For People with Developmental Disabilities (more commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive). Funds totaling \$5,600.00 were distributed to these organizations.



Cedar Valley Services representative, David Williams accepts a check from Jerome Spindler and Dan Wolfe.



Owatonna Special Olympic representatives, Tony and Sonya David accept a check from Jerome Spindler and Dan Wolfe.



Owatonna Park & Recreation - Therapeutic Services representatives, Wendy Reller, Mary Ann Wanous, and Dawn Paulson accept a check from Jerome Spindler and Dan Wolfe.



Cedardale Homes representatives, Mike Fuller, Dave Sellner, and Angie Forcelle accept a check from Jerome Spindler and Dan Wolfe.



This young man enjoyed climbing one of the walls at the waterpark.

2014 ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION PARTY

This year's Altar Server Party was held at River Springs Water Park on Tuesday, August 5. The servers were treated to free admission, two slices of pizza, and a drink. There were 40 attendees from three parishes. Sacred Heart, St. Joseph and Holy Trinity.



These three young ladies enjoyed being in the pool.

2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Open
 Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dave Lax
 Chancellor: Gary Sanford
 Advocate: Nicholas Matejcek
 Warden: Thomas Burke
 Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Ben Lampinein
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Randy Balausky
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Dustin Reese

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dave Lax (DGK)
 Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
 Building Director Tom Elbert
 Director of Church Activities: Pete Schneider
 Director of Community Activities: Open
 Director of Council Activities: Open
 Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
 Gambling Manager: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Aaron Jelinek - 952-513-8784

Knight of the Month



Jim Joachim

Our July Knight of the Month says, "it's hard to believe it's been 40 years already." That's how long Jim Joachim has been a member of Council 945. Yet, he's been an effective member all these years, and he's now getting the recognition he deserves.

Jim is a lifelong resident of Owatonna. He was recruited by LaVerne Klecker back in 1974. Since then, Jim's made it to a number of benefit breakfasts; brat stands at the fair, and Tootsie Roll drives. Jim also says he likes to participate in the monthly meetings, and he also sings in the KC Choir. He's been a member all these years because, he says, "I enjoy the fellowship and my fellow members."

Jim currently works for the Steele County SMART Bus system as a driver. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and woodworking. He's a member of Sacred Heart, and has three children. Jim has two grandsons, and has two more grandchildren on the way.

Congratulations to Jim Joachim, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our four new members. We are planning on having a membership blitz. Date will be announced. 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 22 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 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...

John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ron Schleif, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

INMEMORY

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

Mary Supalla, mother of Brother Knight Todd Supalla passed away on July 29.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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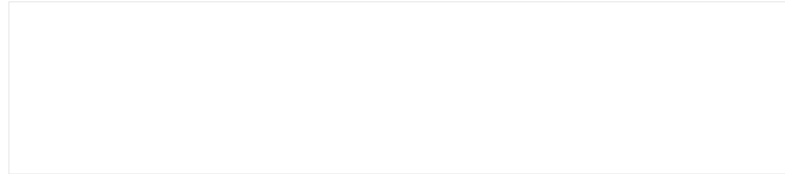
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Benefit Breakfast
for SERRA Club**
Sunday, September 14 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

General Meeting
KCHall
Program starts at 7:30 p.m.
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4	5 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	6
7	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	10 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	11	12 KC BBQ Rib Nite KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	13
14 Benefit Breakfast Benefitting the SERRA Club St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm	15 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	17	18	19 KC BBQ Rib Nite KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	20
21	22 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime Autumn Begins	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	24	25 Fourth Degree Meeting Flag retirement ceremony with brats and burgers to follow, at Albert F. Reding Education Center, 1546 58th. St. SW, Owatonna 6:00 pm	26	27 Fall Fishing Trip Cut Foot Sioux (off NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
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