

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
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

September 2 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
September 9 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
September 20 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for SERRA Club
September 24 - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 26 - Fall Fishing Trip
October 10 - America Needs Fatima
Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October 18 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's REP
October 18 - Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 2

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the

SERRA Club

Sunday, September 20, 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,
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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 9

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Our speakers will be Tom Sager and Peter Grams
who will talk about the school bond issue we are
to vote on this fall.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, August 30 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church

All members and their families are invited
to process in and be seated together at this Mass.

LAST SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 11 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.

KC BBQ RIB NITE

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 25 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal will feature the
Award Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw

FALL FISHING TRIP

Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE
corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
Sept 26 - 29
For more info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUNGE OPENING AT NOON ON SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER



Slider Saturday Specials

Serving 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

More info on menu and prices in October **Key**



Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers - even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF
507-417-4169

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our goal is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future. Before your son or grandson heads back to school, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. 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.

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.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. Statements have been sent out for the 2015 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

HELP NEEDED

*If anyone is interested in writing the Knight of the Month article that appears in **The Key**, please contact Dave Lax at (507) 456-1575.*

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

This time of the year is real hard to stay focused. The hot weather, summer near the end, the Steele County Fair, and some of the projects of summer that should have been completed already, have not even been started. We also together as a Council, need to recruit membership. I ask that you all help with this very important growth task. I want to thank all of you in advance for all you do. We also need to spend quality time with our families before the fall school year starts. I wonder where the summer has gone?

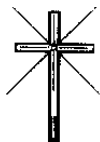
The KC pancake breakfasts will be starting in September and we do not know where we will be holding them, as the Saint Mary's school will be closed due to floor structural problems in the classroom areas. Our hope is the cafeteria area, which is not affected by that type of floor truss system, will be safe and approved for use. The school will not be able to conduct classes as usual and are trying to work out details and have all classes at Pillsbury. As soon as we know all details, everyone will be informed. My only hope is that wherever we hold them, all of you will continue to volunteer your time as the Council and the beneficiaries are counting on our help.

How is everyone doing on signing up a new member? Need a form 100? A Major Degree is coming up this fall in Faribault. Get'er done! Sign up that new member.

In closing, on August 14th, it was the 125th Anniversary of the death of Our Founder of the Knights of Columbus the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Remember him in your prayers and thank Him for his great service to God and those in need.

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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Brother Knight Mike Goddard is recovering from back surgery.

Sister Franchon Pirkel who is recovering from an injury sustained in a fall.

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

Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Alex Gathje, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, 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 Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

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



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 Balausk (PGK)
 District Deputy: Randy Balausk (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Kevin Herzog

Kevin Herzog is no stranger to Council 945. He became a member of the Knights of Columbus on November 23, 2003. And, yes, he was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker. When asked why he joined, he said his Dad was an active member and he saw firsthand the enjoyment his father shared with him.

Kevin is employed by Gramse Plastering in Faribault, and has worked there for 31 years. His happy demeanor is because his wife Mary of 35 years, has been his life and inspiration. Kevin and Mary have three adult children, son Joe, whom he sponsored as a member, daughters Rachel and Elizabeth. He says his pride and joy are his three grandchildren, Ben, Grace, and Isla.

Kevin has been involved with the I-35 clean-up project, Smokin' in Steele, and is always willing to lend a helping hand around the club when asked. Kevin likes to golf, fish, and loves to water fowl hunt in North Dakota. Personal enjoyment for

Kevin is gardening, and he loves to watch tomatoes grow. He also loves to play league volleyball, his team is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Family is top priority for Kevin, as his whole family, for the first time, in a long time spent an entire week up north near Alexandria vacationing and just having fun. He and his wife Mary are members of Sacred Heart Church where Mary is involved with many Ministries. Kevin has also shared that friends of his from other Councils in Minnesota who visit have told of how the Owatonna Council has so much to be excited about because Council 945 has great structure and support and help from its members.

Congratulations Kevin Herzog, Council 945 July Knight of the Month!

Tootsie Roll Picnic at Gainey Park - Wednesday, August 12

On Wednesday, August 12, the traditional Tootsie Roll Picnic was held at Gainey Park to distribute the checks to the worthy organizations. A wonderful meal of brats, sweetcorn, beans, chips, bars, and beverages was enjoyed by all. It was a beautiful evening and the turnout was great.



Cedardale Homes receives their check. From left to right are Faithful Navigator Jerome Spindler, Angela Forcelle, Grand Knight Dave Lax, and Mike Fuller.



Special Olympics receives their check. From left to right are Faithful Navigator Jerome Spindler, Grace Merxbauer, Tony David, and Grand Knight Dave Lax.



Steele County Services receives their check. From left to right are Faithful Navigator Jerome Spindler, Grand Knight Dave Lax, and his granddaughter.



A large number of hungry KCs turned out for the wonderful picnic.



Faithful Navigator Jerome Spindler and Lynn Becker (comradarie at its finest).



Eric Wandersee looks very happy at the wonderful food that he received.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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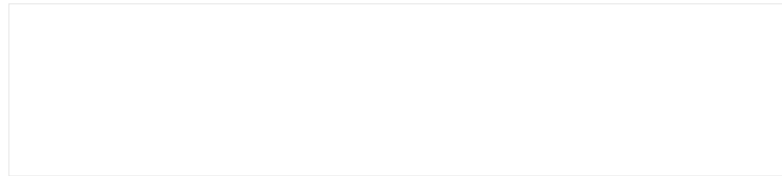
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Benefit Breakfast
for SERRA Club
Sunday, September 20 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 30 KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church 9:30 am		1 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	2 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	9 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	10	11 Summer Steak Fry KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12
13	14 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	15 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	16	17	18	19
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