

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
2016

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 7** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- September 11** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for SERRA Club
- September 12** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- September 14** - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- September 22** - Fourth Degree Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- October 1** - Fall Fishing Trip
- October 15** - America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
- October 16** - Respect Life Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the
SERRA Club
Sunday, September 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

Mondays in September
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.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help with I-35 Clean-Up Project
Thursday, September 15, 4:45 pm.
Call Jim Gleason at 676-0271 to sign up.
Meet in the parking lot at
151 Park Drive (First Supply).
Refreshments at the Hall after the clean-up.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14
Program - 7:30 p.m.

LAST SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 9 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 23 & 30 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)
October 1-5
For more info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 15 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 16
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Stop at the Club to catch all the Minnesota
Twins action. Play Taters For Toppers for
chances to win free drinks.

**"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always
say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often
as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire
of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer
shakes the Heart of God, it obtains
necessary graces!" -St. Padre Pio**

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

The hard work and generosity are paying off. Thanks, in part, to a significant contribution from the Knights of Columbus, the St. Mary's building is ready for occupancy. It was just over a year ago that we learned of the problems with the floor system and made the move to Pillsbury. Lots of planning and work went into the project and we are now celebrating the success. I hope you have a chance to stop over and see the results if you have not already done so. The school looks very nice and we are delighted with the results.

We are so blessed to have strong faith formation programs here in Owatonna. As the academic year starts, both St. Mary's and the Religious Education Program are welcoming students for a new year of prayer and learning.

The National Catholic Education Association is the principal professional group for Catholic schools and teachers. In the keynote, Dr. Dale Hoyt identified eight traits that Jesus exhibited that teachers can use in their development as disciples and as teachers. As I read them, I thought that they really apply to any area of leadership in the Church.

First, self-awareness. Jesus knew who he was and why he had been sent. Who did God create you to be?

Second, what Dr. Hoyt called professional development. For Jesus, this was rooted in the Scriptures. For us it is in prayer, reflection and deepening our understanding of our faith.

Third, the framework for Jesus' leadership was that he wanted to show God's love. He knew the people he was reaching and the disciples he was working with. Who do we touch and how do we communicate the love of God?

Fourth, Jesus issues an invitation to leadership. What gifts has God given you that he is asking you to share? We call this stewardship and it is not only about financial giving but is about using our gifts for the building of God's Kingdom.

Fifth, Jesus was a servant leader. He did not follow his own will but the will of His Father. Do we look for the Father's will as we seek to lead?

Sixth, as a leader, Jesus offers forgiveness. It is easy to get caught up in the drama of the moment and carry hurt with us. Can we forgive when we have been hurt or marginalized?

Seventh, Jesus had a sense of humor. Medieval theologians debated whether Jesus laughed! Many of his teachings and parables have a humorous spirit. Do we take ourselves too seriously?

Finally, Jesus sought a balanced life. Before an important decision or moment in his life. Jesus can be found in prayer. And he called his disciples to a quiet place more than once. Do we make sure that we are balancing faith, family, work, and service?

Although these traits were directed at teachers as leaders, they sure spoke to me about my own ministry. I hope they help us develop into the servant leaders that God intends us to be.

Thanks for all you do!



Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

I hope everyone enjoyed the Steele County Fair. It is always an exciting time of year in Owatonna.

I would like to welcome our three new Brother Knights who joined our Council on August 1. Everyone please welcome them when you get the opportunity to meet them. I also want to thank Bill Lawrence for his assistance in organizing the August 1st Exemplification.

August was a busy month for our Council. We had the Tootsie Roll drive funds distribution at our general meeting. I was proud to represent the Knights of Columbus in a very worthy cause. I hope everyone got the opportunity to read the article in the Owatonna Peoples Press.

We had the Brat Stand at the fair, I appreciate the huge commitment our chairman Tom Burke make to the KC's for this event. Also thank you to all the day captains and volunteers who give their time and effort to make this a success.

We were fortunate to have three nights of beer sales in the grandstand. Great job Joe Elbert and LaVerne Klecker, thank you both for co-chairing the beer sales and thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort.

September we start our KC breakfast schedule for the year. Please look at the dates in *The Key*.

Please assist our Membership Director, Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker, in his pursuit to bring in more Catholic men into our Council. We need to continue our growth to do great things.

Vivat Jesus

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our three new members who joined our Council on August 1. Thank you to the First Degree Team for participating in our First Degree Exemplification. It was a very good experience.

Our goal again this year is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. We have our Major Degree scheduled for November 19. 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 2016 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON AUGUST 1



Tim Foster is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at CashWise Foods as frozen foods manager. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight David Fandel.



Ryan Heydon is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Jostens in sales and service. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight Lynn Becker.



Michael Pfeifer is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a student at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, majoring in computer science and works on the family farm. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Mark Pfeifer.

TRAINING FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS



Grand Knight Gary Sanford and Deputy Grand Knight Nic Matejcek attending the Fast Start Training in Rochester on July 19.

DEGREE TEAM PARTICIPATED IN EXEMPLIFICATION ON AUGUST 1



From left to right: Bill Lawrence, Walt Spindler, Chuck Wencl, Tim Rice, John Ahlberg, Gary Sanford, and Lynn Becker.

COUNCIL 945 HELPS AT CABELA'S SUMMER BASH ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6



Tony David helping take a fish off the hook for a happy fisherman.



LaVerne Klecker helping a young fisherman.



A happy little fisherwoman displaying her catch.

OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIVE MONEY TO LOCAL GROUPS



Past Grand Knight Dave Lax and Grand Knight Gary Sanford distribute funds to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients.

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus distributed money this week from their spring Tootsie Roll fundraiser. The money helps four groups that assist people with special needs.

The groups receiving money are Cedardale Apartments, Owatonna Park and Rec Therapeutic Recreation, Owatonna Area Special Olympics, and Cedar Valley Services. A small portion of the fundraiser also benefits the state Special Olympics bowling tournament.

Cedardale Apartments is using the money to update their patio furniture. Therapeutic Recreations uses it to help pay for events and bus transportation for their teen club program. Owatonna Area Special Olympics uses the money in its general fund to pay for uniforms, facility rental and state participation fees. More than 100 athletes participate in the local Special Olympics chapter.

Knights of Columbus members handed out Tootsie Rolls in late April and early May at Hy-Vee, Cash Wise, Fareway Foods, Wal-Mart, and the post office.

LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL ON JULY 31



Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard from left to right: Tim Rice, Walt Spindler, Joe Elbert, Dennis Kelm, David Fairbrother, William Regan, Eric Wandersee, LaVerne Klecker, Ray Willmott, Gary Wandrey, and Lynn Becker.



The 45th anniversary of the Litomysl Summer Festival was held on July 31. The KC Chorus performed at the festival. The KC Chorus from left to right: Lee Staupe, Steve Heimerman, John Schulz, John Carlson, Jonathan Nelson, Tom Gebur, LaVerne Klecker, Dave Lax, Wayne Kubicek, Ray Bissen (Director), Lynn Becker, and Steve Dornquast.



RELAY FOR LIFE ON JULY 15

The KC Chorus performed at the Relay for Life on July 15. The KC Chorus from left to right: John Schulz, Jim Joachim, Lloyd Manns, LaVerne Klecker, Dan Walsh, Dave Lax, Tom Gebur, Steve Heimerman, Ray Bissen (Director), Lynn Becker, Lee Staupe, and Jonathan Nelson.

THANK YOU ALTAR SERVERS

Here are a few of the altar servers enjoying the River Springs Water Park on Friday, July 29. This was sponsored by Council 945 and hosted by Stephanie and Will Pieper.



2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793
Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
Advocate: Lynn Becker
Warden: Lee Jardine
Inside Guard: Tony David
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Open
Trustee (3 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dave Lax

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Nicholas Matejcek (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
Stand In KC Chorus Director Raymond Bissen
Building Director Tom Elbert
Director of Church 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)
Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Keith Martin

Our Knight of the Month, Keith Martin, joined our Council in March 2011. He follows in the footsteps of his father Allen Martin who has been a member since 1973. Keith also gives credit to our now retired KC insurance agent Kevin Gallagher for encouraging him to become an active member.

Keith is a lifelong resident of Owatonna and is the owner of Block Plumbing and Heating. The Martin family includes wife Wendy, sons Brody and Kollin and daughter Lilian.

Keith is a big hockey fan with both himself and his children all present or former players and of course he is a big supporter of the Minnesota Wild. Outside of work, Keith enjoys coaching his youngest son in youth football along with outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle.

Over the years Keith has been involved in a number of KC activities such as KC breakfasts, Steele County Free Fair, Smokin' in Steele, and working the Tootsie Roll Drive along with his children. Keith said the positive experience of being a member of the Knights of Columbus is that it has been a great way to get out and meet new people and has given him the opportunity to help the community. We thank Keith for his service to our Council and congratulate him as our latest Knight of the Month recipient.

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath

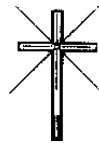
Recently a woman called me with a concern. She had recently received an inheritance and was looking for a safe place to put it and considered depositing into her Knights of Columbus non-qualified annuity. While this is a great idea, I wanted to learn more about her needs and wants before making a recommendation.

After visiting with her and her husband, I learned that her father's estate had been a mess after his passing and that after a long and drawn out probate period, she had finally received the money from a sibling who was in charge of the estate. Determined not to have that happen to her children, she was concerned about her accounts and what her options might be to pass along money to her children in the most efficient manner. As she did not need the money to live on, it was determined that a Single Premium life insurance policy would be the best product to leave her kids money with no income tax, no probate and each would get their share in a personal check mailed to them after her death. The other benefit is the extraordinary leverage she was able to get on her money because of her good health. Her \$50,000 premium, purchased a \$92,000 death benefit from day 1. This means that if, God-forbid, she were to pass away a month later, the policy would pay her children \$92,000 tax free- even though she only paid \$50,000. That leverage- that risk, is assumed by the insurance company based on her health and age.

If you have concerns about leaving money to your children or even your favorite charity in a safe and efficient way, give us a call and we'll see if this type of plan may work for you.

Call me at (320) 266-8962 to learn more about protecting your assets.

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 Dennis Ringhofer is recovering from surgery.

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Tom Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, 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 Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Majorie Vizenor, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Oscar Dalle passed away on July 26.

Barbara Conley, daughter-in-law of the late Brother Sir Knight Frank Conley passed away on July 30.

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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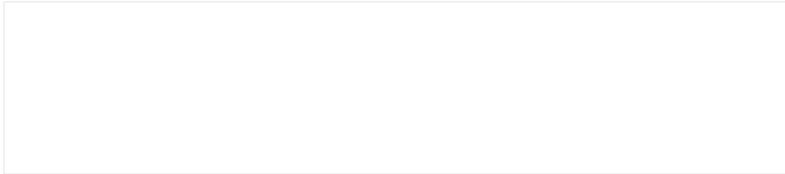
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
 for SERRA Club
Sunday, September 11 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

Nonprofit Organization
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 Owatonna, MN
 Permit No. 202

KC BBQ Rib Nite
Friday, September 23 & 30 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 KCLounge
Award Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
 served with French Fries and Coleslaw



SEPTEMBER 2016

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4	5 Labor Day	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 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10
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