

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 1 - Red Kettle Drive
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

December 2 - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
KC Hall - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

December 5 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

December 5 - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
Senior Place - 6:30 p.m.

December 9 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for KC Christmas Holiday
Breakfast Extravaganza

December 10 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

December 12 - General Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Program

December 30 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.

February 2 - 9th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Have a Very Merry
Christmas and Safe
New Year!!**

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 5
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Breakfast with Santa -

Treats for the kids - bring your camera

*Christmas Carols by the
KC Chorus - 9:00 a.m. to noon*

Sunday, December 9
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

"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, December 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.
Breakfast to follow Mass at the KC Hall.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOUNGE OPEN

Christmas Eve Club Hours - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Stop by the Club for your Christmas treats.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Serving Chili or Oyster Stew for \$3.00
December 31, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the KC Hall
Complimentary Champagne and party favors
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, December 12

Program - 7:30 p.m.

by KC Insurance Field Agent,
Kevin Gallagher.

Door Prizes Awarded

Holiday treats to follow meeting.

MAJOR DEGREE

Saturday, November 24

First Degree Exemplification

Owatonna KC Hall

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Second & Third Degree Exemplification

Time: 11:00 a.m.

New members be at the Hall at 9:00 a.m.

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

9th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

February 2, 2013 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

National Guard Armory

2323 West Bridge Owatonna, MN

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.

Wednesday, December 5 - 6:30 p.m.

SeniorPlace

Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.

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.

GO VIKES

The Lounge will be open for all
Sunday Viking games. 2091088

TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play
trivia, every Saturday at the KC Hall in
December at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a
\$25.00 bar tab.

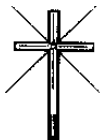
Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Everybody bring their new prospective members to the Hall at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who knows of someone who would like to join, and is **just waiting to be asked**, let me know and I will help you get them signed up. Second and Third Degree will follow immediately after the First Degree at 11:00 a.m. All First Degree members, this is an opportunity to become a Third Degree member. Any members who have sons or grandsons who are 18 years of age or older, and are currently not a member, this is your opportunity to have them become a Brother Knight.

If you need any help signing up a new member or if you have any questions about either of the above Exemplifications please contact me at 451-4102 or 456-6738.

If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

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 Chris Nikolai, son of Brother Knight Randy Balasky is recovering from surgery.

Past Grand Knight Don Loeb is dealing with health issues.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Wilbert Hunt, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Carol Spindler, 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:

Patricia Matejcek, mother of Brother Knight Nic Matejcek passed away on November 1. Patricia was a Visitation Minister, Eucharistic Minister, and Religious Education teacher at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Mankato. She was recently awarded the Bishop's Medal of Honor for her 40+ years of service to the Winona Diocese.

Mary Ann Lammers passed away on November 4. She was the widow of the late Brother Knight Francis "Heine" Lammers who died in 1998 and the mother of Brother Knight Greg Lammers.

Andrew Miller died on November 10. Andrew was the father-in-law of Brother Knight Bob Weber and the uncle of Brother Knights Dan Warner and LaVerne Klecker.

Rudolph Stursa, father of Brother Knight Dan Stursa passed away on November 12.

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

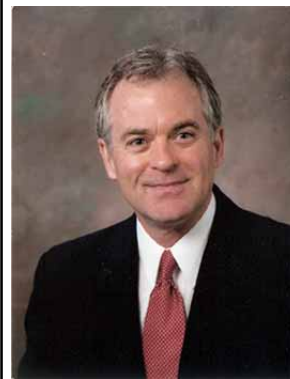
Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

Fellow Knights, It's hard to believe Christmas is just a few short weeks away and 2012 is soon to be only a memory. Christmas is a time for family and friends; a time for us to visit or hear from loved ones and, in some cases, friends and family we seem to only reach out to and hear from over this special holiday each year. Christmas is a special time for us to spend some time with our children, grandchildren, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, and other loved members of our family. It is a time to express how much we care for them and to share some time together in person or in thought.

With the Christmas season comes the holiday shopping, the crowded stores and as consumers we are often caught between the desire to give gifts worthy of the love we have for our family, (and not appear cheap in some cases,) while fighting to minimize the commercialization of Christmas. I find myself caught between trying to celebrate a Christian Christmas by offering salutations of "Merry Christmas" and not being personally offended by the overabundance of the "Happy Holidays" we hear at the cash registers we are pouring our money into. Despite the perceived constant secularism of the season, I still find it appropriate to respond to those who greet me with me "Happy Holidays" with a hearty "Merry Christmas," despite my fear of offending anyone in the process. It's important to note that I am not offended by the greeting of "Happy Holidays," but I also don't want to be offensive if I respond to them with "Merry Christmas". I justify it by the knowledge that if I said what was really on my mind, and stated, "I hope you have a great celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior who was born of the Virgin Mary in order to die for our sins and save mankind," I might be pushing the limit... Based on that, I think "Merry Christmas" is really a nice compromise and should not offend anyone. I encourage everyone to do the same and to also take some time out of their life to visit someone they have been meaning to visit for a long time but never seem to have the time to do so; wish them a Merry Christmas when you are done with your visit.

Merry Christmas to you and Viviat Jesus! 1898457

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher



Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF
213-9410

Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

Life Insurance
IRA'S (Regular & Roth)
Annuities
Long Term Care
Income Replacement

I will be giving a Knights of Columbus Insurance update at our general meeting on December 14. There will also be door prizes. I hope to see you there. 3754191



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Red Kettle Drive



We have answered the call from the Salvation Army to help out in their Annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. On December 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., member Knights will staff kettles across all of Owatonna in the Salvation Army's annual drive. Brother Knight Bill Lawrence has agreed to chair the event and will be calling Knights to volunteer for two hour shifts at local hotspots around Owatonna. Please answer the call and help out in one of the oldest annual fundraisers of its kind. Bill can be reached at 507-390-2210.

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
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Advocate: Dave Lax
Warden: Gary Sanford
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Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
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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 (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: Josh Klecker
District Deputy: Joe Elbert (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Nic Matejcek

Nic joined Council 945 back in August of 2011 and was sponsored by Tom Elbert. Nic said, "I'd been thinking about it long before Tom asked me." He's been an active part of the organization since.

Nic is a native of Mankato, where he graduated from Loyola High School and Mankato State University. He and his wife JoAnn have four children, and they are members of Sacred Heart Church. Nic spends time with his family, and has been an active volunteer for the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack, having been an integral part of the Cub Scouts' hallmark event - The Blue and Gold Banquet. However, he's also been a key part to the Cub Scout rain gutter regatta event, as well as Boy Scout fundraisers and service projects like the Andrew Lawrence Chili Cook-off.

Between his daily work commute to Kasson, his family, and time spent volunteering, Nic still likes to spend time watching sports - especially when his kids are playing. He's also an avid hunter.

Congratulations to Nic Matejcek, the October Knight of the Month!

The October Knight of the Month is someone who has dedicated himself to helping others. As a history teacher at Kasson-Mantorville High School, Nic Matejcek knows the value of serving others. After all, Nic has spent the last 14 years bettering young people through his time spent with them. He is an assistant football coach at K-M, and also announces the varsity K-M football games. He enjoys refereeing basketball games for Owatonna's Kids First program, and has also appeared behind the plate to umpire baseball games in both Owatonna and Kasson.

Despite all of this activity, Nic still finds time to dedicate to the Knights and their many projects. Nic has helped out at Smokin' in Steele and the KC Hall Dinners. To him, it's a lot of fun - despite his very busy schedule. When talking about the KC's, he says there's a lot the organization does, and that it's "very rewarding to be a part of a great organization."

St. Mary's Home & School Benefit Breakfast Heats up as Temperature Drops

The sudden change in weather did not dampen the spirits or the appetites of the attendees for the St. Mary's Home & School Association benefit breakfast which was held on November 11. Good advance ticket sales and participation resulted in a very successful benefit with approximately 475 meals being served.

The parents and students from St. Mary's did a terrific job helping with the dining room. 4337881

These brother knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *John Ahlberg, Randy Balausky, Kevin Boettcher, Tom Burke and son, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lax, Tony Nuygen, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper and family, Dan Ruitter, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolf, and Dave Wunderlich.*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work: *Gerry Barry, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.* Thanks to all for an excellent job. 3608299

Make plans now for the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 9 at St. Mary's School. Bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa from 9:00 to noon. Santa will have treats for the kids and will be available for pictures, so bring your camera.

Our KC Chorus will be there caroling from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You'll also enjoy the delicious menu and table service. Just come in, sit down at a table, (no more standing in line!) order your breakfast, and have your food served hot to your table!

Knights Provide Coats for Kids

With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council #945 to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program. 643780

These high-quality coats will be available right after Thanksgiving and come in a variety of sizes (4-16 for girls, 4-18 for boys), styles and colors. If you would like to order a coat for someone in need, please send an e-mail to william.lawrence@crowncork.com, or contact a KC Member. Bill can also be reached by cell at 507-390-2210.

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*. Winners' names will be published in the next edition of *The Key*.

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Second and Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.

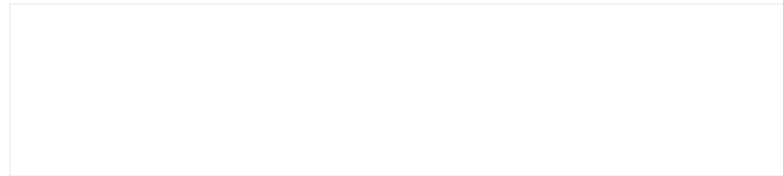
Benefit Breakfast

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St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Red Kettle Drive 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
2 Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall 5:00 - 8:00 pm	3 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	4 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	5 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm Richard Rohwer Christmas Party Senior Place 6:30 pm	6	7	8 Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
9 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for KCChristmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza	10 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	11 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	12 General Meeting 7:30 pm program, by KC Insurance Field Agent Kevin Gallagher	13	14	15 Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
16	17 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	18 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22 Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
23	24 Christmas Eve Lounge open 1:00 - 5:00 pm	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29 Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
30 KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church 9:30 am	31 New Years Eve KC Hall - Chili or Oyster Stew 6:00 - 7:00 pm					