

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL  
2008

## 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 6:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 2** - Officer Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**April 6** - Benefit Breakfast  
for Serra Club  
7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
St. Mary's School  
**April 6** - Major Degree  
at Lourdes in Rochester, MN  
**April 7** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**April 9** - General Meeting  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
**April 12** - 22nd Night of  
Knights Auction  
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.  
**April 19** - Fourth Degree  
Exemplification  
Kahler Grand Hotel -  
Rochester, MN  
**April 24** - Fourth Degree Meeting  
Social - 6:30 p.m.  
Meal - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
**April 25, 26, and 27** - Tootsie Roll  
Fundraiser  
**May 30, 31, and June 1** - Owatonna  
Spring Into Summer Fest  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
Owatonna, MN

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 2  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, March 30 - 9:30 a.m.  
at St. Joseph's Church

All members and their families are  
invited to attend this Mass.  
Breakfast after Mass at the KC Hall.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, March 30, 2008  
St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.  
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

### MAJOR DEGREE

Sunday, April 6  
Lourdes in Rochester, MN - 9:30 a.m.  
Transportation will be provided - leave  
Owatonna KC Hall at 9:00 a.m.  
**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!**

### 22ND ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTS AUCTION

St. Mary's School Benefit Auction  
Saturday, April 12, 2008  
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.  
Live Auction - 7:30 p.m.  
Great Refreshments - Cash Bar  
Mystery Raffle Bucket Raffle Split the Cash Raffle  
"Buy It Now"  
\$5.00 Admission (Must be 21 to attend)

### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

April 19, 2008  
Kahler Grand Hotel - Rochester, MN  
Call Frank Conley (451-1742) or Glen Meger  
(451-1457) for more information.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 9  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker for the meeting will be Tom Wilker  
of the Owatonna Swim Association  
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### Serra Club BENEFIT BREAKFAST Sunday, April 6

7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School  
Pancakes and French toast,  
fried or scrambled eggs,  
fresh country sausage,  
breakfast potatoes, milk, and coffee  
\$5.50 - Presale \$6.00 at the door  
Children age 5 and under free  
Everyone welcome.

### TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

For people with Developmental  
Disabilities  
Collected funds are disbursed to local  
organizations, with the exception of a small  
percentage (5%), which helps fund the Fall  
Classic Special Olympic events held in the  
Twin Cities.  
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday - April 25, 26, and 27  
At these locations: Cabela's, Cash Wise, HyVee,  
Wal-Mart, & downtown  
Help us set a new record!  
To help, call co-chairmen  
Al Nelson at 451-0577, or  
Keven Boettcher at 455-0664.

### WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Application forms are now available at all  
Steele County High School Career Centers.  
Applications must be submitted by MAY 15 to:  
Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 945,  
Owatonna, MN 55060.

## Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

The weeks after Easter, before Ascension and Pentecost, give us an opportunity to confirm the grace we received during Lent and the Paschal Triduum. The basic grace we have all received through the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Holy Eucharist is the fundamental grace of redemption.

Hopefully, during Lent, many if not most of us have deepened our relationship with that grace of God through sacramental confession and the penitential practices of Lent.

Each of us may have asked God for some specific grace during Lent, and these weeks afterward give us an opportunity to deepen that asking and openness to receiving through the practice of virtue.

Consider for a moment the example of the man born blind in the Gospel of John. Jesus asks him what he wants and the man responds that he might see. He does see physically, but through the interrogation of the authorities he comes to see more deeply through the eyes of faith. After he is expelled from the synagogue, Jesus himself draws the man once blind to a deep confession of faith and he worships our Lord.

Our progress in grace is an experience of the Cross and the Resurrection. Whether the grace is general or a specific favor, our acceptance of the grace deepens our faith and our love and confirms us in hope.

Happy Easter.

## Eucharistic Visitation and Adoration

As part of their Pastoral Plan, St. Joseph Parish Community has begun a project to eventually make Eucharistic Visitation and Adoration available to all, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. However, for their beginning efforts, they will initially have Continuous Adoration from Monday at 8:00 a.m. through Saturday at 7:00 a.m. They invite members of Owatonna Council 945 to join them as a visitor to Christ in the Eucharist whenever you can, or as an Adorer who has signed up to spend the weekly hour you designate praying before the Eucharist. They are especially in need of Adorers between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., and they are hoping that the members of Council 945 could help with these times. If you can help by signing up for one of these hours one day a week, please contact John Connor at 455-1401.

## Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there are more than one million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those one million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month, or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF, General Agent  
PH: 507-281-2970 www.kofc.org

## Grand Knight's Message by Al Nelson

March was quite a month. On March 9, we had a Benefit Breakfast for the Music Boosters. We served about 450 people, which was a nice increase from the past months. On March 15, we had a spaghetti dinner for Seminarian Jason Kern. We served about 60 people. We will give him \$500. I would like to thank Tom Burke for the great job of putting this benefit together.

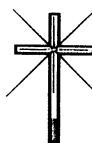
The Tootsie Roll drive is on April 25, 26, and 27. Please support this program.

The Major Degree is on April 6 at Lourdes in Rochester. If any questions, please contact LaVerne Klecker.

Give your kids or grandkids a hug for Easter.

Thanks to all Knights for their time and energy during this year.

## Aid & Assistance by Leola McNearney



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:***

Dorothy Mulert, mother of Brother Knights David and Larry Mulert, recently hospitalized.

Brother Knight Thomas Klecker is home recovering from surgery.

Brother Knight Al Jirele recovering from surgery.

Darlene Mumm, wife of Brother Knight John Mumm, recently hospitalized in Denver, CO.

Eileen Pfeifer, sister of Brother Knight David Pfeifer, coping with a health problem.

LaVonne Brunner, wife of Brother Knight James Brunner, coping with a health problem.

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

*Jan Bates, Tim Beyer, Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Cathy Frazier, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Helen Hafstad, Marcella Jenö, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Bernadine Klecker, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Lillian Mamer, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Robert 'Bob' Rettenmaier, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Ann Schwab, Delores Seykora, Jerome Seykora, Howard Snyder, Jeneanne Snyder, Jerry Weber, Jim Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### IN MEMORY

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

John M. Spindler, relative of Brother Knights Walt Spindler, Brian Fisher, Gary Fisher, Steve Fisher, Terry Fisher, and Ivan Snorek passed away on February 23.

Donald Dillemath, brother of Brother Knights Jack and Paul Dillemath, passed away on February 28.

Abby Taylor, granddaughter of Brother Knight Jay Taylor, of the Bloomington Council, passed away on March 20.

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Leola McNearney at 451-6648.**



## February 23 - KC Night at Express Game

The Southern Minnesota Express Junior A hockey team came to Owatonna in 2005. Since their arrival, the Owatonna KCs have sponsored a part of the game to donate money to the Steele County Food Shelf. For each shot on goal by the Express, on their home ice, the KCs donate \$1.00 to the Food Shelf.

For the 2007 – 08 season this amounted to \$953.00. Total donations from the previous two seasons exceeded \$2,000.00

The Express season finale at the Four Seasons Centre was held on February 23 and the KCs were honored to present the colors while the KC Chorus gave a stirring rendition of our National Anthem. During the first period break, a check was presented to the Food Shelf (see accompanying photos).



LaVerne Klecker presented a check for \$953.00 to Scott Limberg for the Steele County Food Shelf.



KC Chorus - Chorus members singing the National Anthem are, in the back row from the left: Tom Gebur, Matt Jessop, LaVerne Klecker, Dan Walsh, and Steve Dornquist. In the front row: Lloyd Manns, Lee Staupé, John Carlson, O.J. Havelka, Mark Nelson, and Ludwig Wencl. The chorus director is Stephen Nelson.



Color Guard members (left to right) Pete Schneider, Joe Elbert, Dennis Kelm, Ray Willmott, and Walt Spindler.

### Spaghetti Supper a Success!!

Another very successful Spaghetti Supper was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, March 18th with the Cub and Boy Scouts of Owatonna the beneficiaries. My crew again did an excellent job and we served 375 in 2 hours. Thanks to the Scouts and their leaders for all their help. We raised over \$1,100 for the Scouts and around that same amount for Council 945.

Grand Knight Al Nelson thanks the following Knights for their help in this fundraiser:

Jim Gleason	Tom Elbert
Mark Cunningham	Gary Fisher
LaVern Soukup	George Lambaere
Brian Carlson	Dave Wunderlich
Tom Standke	LaVerne Klecker
Ron Wolf	Al Nelson
Joe Elbert	Steve Reller
Steve Fisher	Gerry Gunderson

On another note, our spring I-35 cleanup will be held on Thursday, May 8th! Happy Spring!!

Jim Gleason, Community Director

### Successful Spaghetti Supper for Seminarian Kern

On Saturday, March 15, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a spaghetti supper for Seminarian Jason Kern at Joseph Hall.

I would like to thank these Knights for their time and energy for helping:

Al Nelson	Will and Stephanie Pieper	Ron Heim
Tom Burke	and children	LaVerne Klecker
Doug Kloos	Dennis and Becky Kelm	Mark Phillips
Steve Fisher	Frank Schiller	Bill Foreman
Tom Elbert	Joe Elbert	Eric Wandersee

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

#### Join the Tootsie Roll Drive on April 25 – 27

Spring is in the air and it is time to spring into action with our annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the benefit of people with developmental disabilities.

Keven Boettcher and Al Nelson have volunteered to co-chair this most worthwhile program, with the help of the following captains: Keven Boettcher, Jim Gleason, Steve Graff, Jim Kaplan, Al Nelson, Will Pieper, and Terry Kuck. As in past years, this weekend is dedicated to this effort by KCs across the state of Minnesota. Tootsie Rolls are handed out at area businesses and recipients are given the opportunity to make a free-will donation. Collected funds are disbursed to local organizations with the exception of a small percentage (5%) which helps fund the Fall Classic Special Olympic events which are held in the Twin Cities. Local participants are eligible and encouraged to attend the Fall Classic. Our goal for 2008 is \$7,100.00. Ninety-five percent of the net proceeds will be presented to Cedar Valley Services, Owatonna Special Olympics, Owatonna Park & Recreation – Adult Special Recreation, and Rainbow Residence.

The Toostie Roll locations for 2008 include Cabela's, Cash Wise Foods, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, and downtown Owatonna (post office, etc.). Again this year, there will be a picnic for Tootsie Roll workers. At that time, checks will be presented to the beneficiaries.

We would ask each member to see if he can carve out some time to help with the 2008 Tootsie Roll Drive.

To volunteer, please call: Keven Boettcher at 455-0664 or Al Nelson at 451-0577.

# OWATONNA SPRING INTO SUMMER FEST

## The Steele County Fairgrounds Owatonna, MN

**May 30, 31, and June 1, 2008**

We need *volunteer* help for all of the different activities to make the Spring Into Summer Fest a HUGE success. Please volunteer to help, if you are contacted to help, please say "YES." If you do want to volunteer, please contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102 or Joe Elbert at (507) 455-1428.

*New this year >*



State  
Championship  
barbeque  
contest as  
proclaimed  
by Gov. Tim  
Pawlenty

### Saturday, May 31

### Friday, May 30

Smokin' In Steele  
Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS)  
Sanctioned Barbeque Contest

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Tim Sigler and the Lucky Town Band  
Beer Garden  
(Must be 21)

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Carnival

Smokin' In Steele  
KCBS Sanctioned  
Barbeque Contest

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Garden Tractor Pull

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Carnival

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Car Display

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Dazy Head Mazy Band  
Beer Garden  
(Must be 21)

### Sunday, June 1

KC Delicious Breakfast  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Carnival



Coordinated by the Knights of Columbus Owatonna  
Council 945



## 2007-08 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Ed McGrath  
 GRAND KNIGHT: ..... Al Nelson - 451-0577  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Joe Elbert  
 Chancellor: ..... Bill Lawrence  
 Advocate: ..... Steve Dornquast  
 Warden: ..... Open  
 Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Outside Guard: ..... Tom Burke  
 Financial Secretary: ..... PGK Greg Salmons  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Scot Berkley  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Dave Jen  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Brian Fisher

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Joe Elbert  
 Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Open  
 Church Director: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Community Director: ..... Jim Gleason  
 Council Activity Director: ..... PGK Kevin Rane  
 Family Director: ..... Open  
 Health Director: ..... Dr. Mark Nelson  
 Recruit Director: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Youth Director: ..... Will Pieper  
 Membership Director: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 Aid & Assistance: ..... Leola McNearney  
 Lecturer: ..... Mark Cunningham  
 Historian: ..... Open  
 Retention Chairman: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 KC Chorus Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Building Comm Chairman: ..... Tom Elbert  
 Gambling Manager: ..... PGK Tom Klecker  
 District Deputy: ..... PGK Tim Rice  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Benefits Advisor: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



Tom Burke

Council 945's Knight of the Month for February is Tom Burke. The announcement was made at the regular March Council meeting by Grand Knight Al Nelson.

Tom, a native of Santa Cruz, California, joined the KCs as a Third Degree member in November 2003. In April 2007, he became a member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly – Fourth Degree. When asked about his favorite KC project, he said working on the benefit breakfasts, and in fact, any project that involves preparation and serving of food.

He and his wife of 22 years, Sue, are members of Sacred Heart Parish and they have three children: Tabatha who is 21, T. J. is 15 and a freshman at Owatonna High School, and Tyler, 13, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Mary's School

Tom graduated from Soquel High School and is a veteran of the U.S. Army – Airborne. He served 11 years as a cook and saw a lot of the world with assignments in Germany,

Hawaii, Kentucky, California, and Kansas. He also served in "Operation Desert Storm" in Iraq. It was during his years in the service that he gained his *culinary prowess*.

He is presently employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Waseca, and is in his 16<sup>th</sup> year of employment with them. Tom's title is Supervisor for inmate systems management.

When asked about his leisure time activities, he said he likes boating, fishing, and golfing when the weather is nice. When it's not so nice, he hibernates by watching TV and playing Xbox. His kids are also important in his spare time activities, having served as a coach as they were growing up. This coaching was through the YMCA and Park & Recreation programs. He enjoys watching the kids compete at whatever sport they are playing at the time. His sports involvement is not just as a spectator, he also likes playing softball and volleyball.

Congratulations to our February Knight of the Month, Tom Burke.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

### Major Degree Scheduled for Sunday, April 6

Our Major Degree date is April 6, 2008, in Rochester, MN. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, just give me a call at (507) 451-4102. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. We have accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and renewed energy we can do more. 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. Transportation will be provided.

### I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project  
 Thursday, May 8, 2008, 5:00 pm.

Call Jim Gleason at 451-8473 to sign up.

Meet in the parking lot at  
 151 Park Drive (First Supply).

Refreshments at the Hall, after the clean-up.

### Spring Burger Baskets

Every Friday in April  
 Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Baskets include burger, coleslaw,  
 fries or onion rings  
 \$5.00 plus tax.

### March Madness

Stop at the Club to watch the NCAA hoop action  
 on our big screen. Chance to win great prizes.

## St. Mary's Music Boosters Breakfast a big hit!

Our congratulations to St. Mary's Music Boosters for a very successful advance ticket sale effort for the March 9 benefit breakfast at St. Mary's cafeteria. Their work and strong support by our dedicated breakfast patrons helped raise nearly \$1,600 for the Music Boosters. Beautiful music was featured throughout the morning by St. Mary's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students, and St. Mary's Liturgy band and choir.

Our excellent Knights of Columbus breakfast team always enjoys a busy morning. Thanks to the KC breakfast team on Sunday. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast.

*Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke & son Tyler, Tim Biegert, Brian Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Roger Green, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Brent McCulloch, Larry Mulert, Al Nelson, Will Pieper & family, Dave Pfeifer, Doug Phillips, Mark Phillips, Frank Schiller, Lavern Soukup, Dan Walsh, Eric Wandersee, Dave Wunderlich & daughters*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team:

*Gerry Barry, Bob Grebe, Bob McDermott, John Henry, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf*

*We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.*

April 6 is the date for the Serra Club Benefit Breakfast. Mark your calendar today! **Your participation is important and appreciated.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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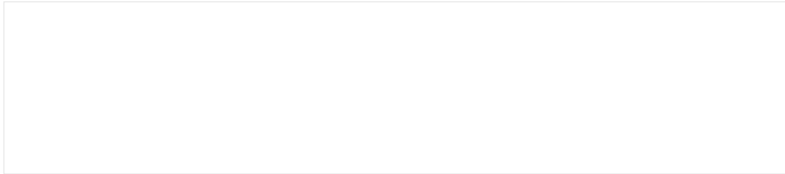
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Benefit Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 6**  
**for Serra Club**  
**St. Mary's School - 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Corporate Communion**  
**St. Joseph's Church**  
**Sunday, March 30 - 9:30 a.m.**

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Owatonna, MN  
Permit No. 202



<b>APRIL 2008</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		<b>1</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Spring Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Spring Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Fourth Degree Exemplification Rochester, MN
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Fourth Degree Meeting Social - 6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Spring Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm  Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	<b>26</b> Tootsie Roll Fundraiser
<b>27</b> Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>30</b>			