

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

OCTOBER
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 1- Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

October 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

October 8 - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

October 12 - Benefit Breakfast
for Owatonna Area
Special Olympics
7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School

October 12 - Respect Life
Rosary March - 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery

October 23 - Fourth Degree
Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

October 31 - Halloween Party
St. Mary's School - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

November 15 - Major Degree
KC Hall

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 1
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for
**Owatonna Area
Special Olympics**
Sunday, October 12
8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
**Delicious food served hot
from the grill to your table!**
**Pancakes, French toast,
fried or scrambled eggs, ham, sausage,
breakfast potatoes, milk, and coffee**
Bring the kids for our Halloween special -
"Jack-O-Cakes"
\$5.50 - Presale \$6.00 at the door
Children free age 5 and under
Everyone welcome.

New Aid and Assistance Chairman

Please welcome Greg Nelson to the position as
the Aid and Assistance Chairman. Send
information on any persons in distress to Greg,
phone number is (507) 455-3976 and Greg's email
address is gnelfam@hickorytech.net.

MAJOR DEGREE

Saturday, November 15
KC Hall - 10:00 a.m. 1st Degree
12:00 p.m. 2nd Degree
3rd Degree to follow

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule - 2008-09

October 12, 2008	Owatonna Area Special Olympics
November 16, 2008	St. Mary's Home and School Association
December 14, 2008	Knights of Columbus Charitable Activities - Breakfast with Santa
January 11, 2009	St. Mary's Religious Education Program
February 8, 2009	Exchange Club Center for Family Unity
March 8, 2009	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 5, 2009	Serra Club

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 8
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
The speaker for our meeting will be
Mayor Tom Kuntz, IR candidate for State
Representative serving district 26A.
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 12, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred
Heart Cemetery, Council 945 will hold their annual
Respect Life Rosary March.
The Rosary March will be led by members of the
Msgr. Henry Speck, Fourth Degree Honor Guard
and the KC Chorus will provide music.
Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.
We encourage all members and their families to
attend.

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, Oct. 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

HELP NEEDED FOR KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

We are looking for help to plan the Kids'
Halloween party this year. Please contact
Joe Elbert (507) 279-4015 to help. If you
have a child who loves to attend this party,
please think of them when deciding if you
would like to help with this fun event.

We Need Your Help!!!

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek

Your Knights of Columbus has the Highest Possible Ratings

For the past several years, the Order has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean?

IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sale and service of individually owned life insurance, long term care insurance and annuity products. The IMSA logo, which we use in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.

To qualify for IMSA, we vow to:

- Conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness
- Provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service
- Engage in active and fair competition
- Provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- Provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- Maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with these Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.

The Knights of Columbus is one of only four life insurance companies doing business in North America that has the prestigious IMSA rating, the AAA Standard & Poors ranking and the A++ Rating by A.M. Best and Company. All three of these rankings are the very highest afforded by these independent institutions. You can trust the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Aaron Jelinek, General Agent, 507-281-2970

Visit The Order's Web Site At: <http://www.kofc.org>

Grand Knight's Message by Joe Elbert

Fall is here and we are about to experience the colors of the season. With the end of the growing season comes the harvest and the payoff for all the planning and hard work. Our membership drive works on the same principle; we plant the seed for knighthood, inform, grow or cultivate, and then on Nov. 15 we have our Major Degree. The Major Degree is a three part process in which the prospect can acquire 3rd degree status in just one day. We will also welcome members who have 1st degree or 2nd degree status to advance to the 3rd degree level. So, if you have been thinking of a Catholic friend who would benefit personally, make an effort to ask him to join our ranks and enjoy the good feelings that being a Knight of Columbus can have.

Our Knight of the Month is Francis Trenda. I would like to personally thank Francis for the many years of service and urge him to enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

Over the next couple of weeks, you may be approached by a Brother Knight to help with a fundraiser. The fundraiser is called Football Frenzy and it takes place the last 10 football games of the regular NFL season, and the donation is just one dollar per week. This is a really fun way to track your favorite teams and players and have a chance to win. Through the donations, our Council will benefit from approximately 25% of all ticket proceeds.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the many projects we have had this past month. Your giving to our faith community, as well as the community at large, is very much appreciated. These great works would not happen without the time and effort you all contribute. We are always looking to have new faces at our projects, so if you see something that appeals to you please give me a call at 507.279.4015. I will make sure to put you in touch with the correct person to get you involved in the project.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our Major Degree date is Saturday, November 15, 2008. We need help from all of our members to make this a successful Exemplification. Our goal for the year is 27 new members. Now is the time to start contacting prospective members. If you need any materials or help in signing up a member, contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102. The publication rack at the club has Form 100 and information brochures. New members are essential to our Council. It is our responsibility to invite new members into our Council. Our Council has accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and energy we can do more! Don't wait any longer, call or visit your prospective members today.

Eucharistic Visitation and Adoration

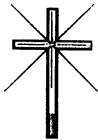
Members of the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 and their families are invited to visit Christ as an Adorer during Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's Church. They are especially in need of Adorers between Midnight and 6 AM. If you would like to spend an hour a week with Christ, please call Brother Knight John Connor at 455-1401.

St. Michael's Medal

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military? Do you know that you can request a St. Michael Medal for them from the State Chaplain? All you need to do is send the name, rank, branch of the service, and address to Tim Rice, 835 Riverwood Place, Owatonna, MN 55060 or email at tarman1@charter.net.

State Chaplain Fr. Ron Huberty will send them a St. Michael Medal and holy card. The recipient doesn't need to be a Knight. Please send in the names of your military friends and relatives who would like to receive a medal.

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:

Joyce Pribyl, widow of Brother Knight Sil Pribyl, is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Shirley Bachand, wife of Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, John Bachand has some serious health problems.

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

Jan Bates, Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Helen Hafstad, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Bernadine Klecker, Thomas Klecker, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Lillian Mamer, Vernon Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkel, Robert 'Bob' Rettenmaier, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Ann Schwab, Howard Snyder, Jeneanne Snyder, Jerry Weber, Rowneel Weber, and Irene Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Darlene Costello, mother-in-law of Immediate Past State Deputy Larry Mottl M.D., who passed away.

If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at 451-3976.

Two thrilling performances by KC Chorus at 2008 Steele County Free Fair

The KC Chorus proudly represented Council 945 at two events during the 2008 Steele County Fair. The weather and the Chorus were perfect at the flag raising ceremony for the Fair opening at Fair Square on Tuesday evening, August 12. Fair-goers appreciated the patriotic songs before the flag raising.

Friday evening the Chorus returned to the Village of Yesteryear stage for a half-hour performance of patriotic and folk songs. Laura Resler, Director of the Steele County Historical Society wrote about the KC Chorus performance in a letter of appreciation to Council 945, "We had a great time as did our visitors. It was great having you back again! You've certainly become one of our favorites at the Village! What a beautiful sound and repertoire you have."



KC Chorus members who performed at the flag raising ceremony are pictured here, left to right: O.J. Havelka, Steve Dornquast, Ludwig Wenc, Mark Nelson, Wayne Kubicek, John Carlson, Lloyd Mans, Lee Staube, Pat Rose, Dan Walsh, Director Stephen Nelson, Tom Gebur, LaVerne Klecker, Don Boesen, Chuck Walerius, and Matt Jessop.

New Benefit Breakfast Season brings improvements!

The Benefit Breakfast Committee is as always open to suggestions and is looking for ways to improve food quality and service. This year there is a new method for serving breakfast. It is similar to the method successfully used at the KC Lenten Seafood Dinners. Instead of the serving line, our breakfast guests are now able to immediately take a seat at their table, place their order with a server, and have breakfast served hot from the grill. This eliminates the need for our guests to stand in line, makes it possible to do custom orders, and to serve food hot from the grill. The Committee also reported that ham will be added to the breakfast menu, in addition to sausage. This excellent breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Council 945 continued its strong support for Catholic Education with the benefit breakfast held for St. Isidore's School on September 14. Approximately \$650 was raised. The St. Isidore's School families always do a great job with advance ticket sales and dining room help.

Thanks to these Brother Knights for their fine work.

The Saturday prep team included: Ron Wolf, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Ray Willmott, Walt Spindler, Lyle Snider, Tim Rice, John Oberstein, Al Nelson, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Al Jirele, John Henry, Joe Elbert, Frank Conley, Gerry Barry

The Sunday team included: Eric Wandersee, Dave Wunderlich, Lavern Soukup, Eric Tucker, Will Pieper & Family, Dave Pfeifer, Al Nelson, Mark Kearin & Sons, Terry Kuck, LaVerne Klecker, Ron Heim, Roger Green, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Joe Elbert, Steve Dornquast, Frank Conley, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Burke & Sons

If we missed your name, please accept our apologies and bring it to our attention. The work of all team members is appreciated. We need volunteers to work on our special cleanup team from 11:30 to 1:30, after breakfast. We also need several volunteers to help with breakfast advertising, street signs, and flyers. Please call Frank Conley at 451-1742 for more information.

Don't miss our next breakfast on October 12 for Owatonna Area Special Olympics.

THANKS, I-35 CLEAN-UP CREW!!

It was another beautiful evening for our I-35 Clean-up on Thursday, September 4th and my crew was ready to hit the ditches! Maybe more people are "going green" as the clean-up went very well and we finished early. My thanks to Dave Card, George Lambaere, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Bob Hardcopf, Mark Nelson, Tom Standke, Randy Balausky, Ron Wolf, Terry Kuck, Kevin Herzog, Frank Evans, Joe Elbert, and driver Al Jirele. Thanks to Partners Custom Homes for the use of their van and to First Supply for use of their parking lot. And, a big thank you to Pam and Jim for their hospitality at the hall. Our spring clean-up will be next May.

Jim Gleason, Community Director

Monday Night Football Challenge

Every Monday starting Sept. 15 thru Dec. 22, weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza and a bucket of beer.

Year-end winners receive: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50, & 3rd Place - \$25

Serving "Build Your Own Tacos"

Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game.

ANNUAL OLD TIMERS' PARTY

KC Hall in New Prague - October 21

Social Hour - 5:15 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

\$17.00 per person

Turkey, ham, dressing, rolls, kolacky, homemade pies.

Please contact Joe Elbert (507) 279-4015 if you are interested in attending this event..

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, Oct. 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's School

Lots of Fun, Games, Candy, Food.

Please bring an item for the Food Shelf.

Sponsored by: CashWise, McDonalds, The Knights of Columbus, KRFO, & HyVee

Go Huskies!

After all Huskies home football games, stop by the clubroom for complimentary Chili Dogs.

KC Foodstand & Grandstand Workers

Enjoy Fun and Fellowship

The 2008 Steele County Free Fair provided great visibility for Owatonna Council 945. The weather for most of the fair was excellent with good activity at the Foodstand. Good attendance at the grandstand events helped spur beer sales. The end result was plenty of camaraderie among Council members and also a nice profit to help with the charitable activities of the Council.

This is a list of the Foodstand and Grandstand workers. Please accept our apologies if we overlooked your name. Your help is certainly appreciated.



KC Diner, a long tradition at the fair.



KC Members, family, and friends volunteered their time to work at the Grandstand at the Steele County Fair. A fun time was had by all.

Ardie Bahe	Tom Elbert	Becky Kelm	Mike Meger	Joan Spindler
Conrad Bahe	Frank Evans	Dennis Kelm	Harlan Mussman	Walt Spindler
Randy Balausky	Greg Evans	Rachel Kelm	Al Nelson	Robert Vosejpka
Tammy Balausky	Joanne Evans	Kory Klecker	Will Pieper and family	George Wacek
Scot Berkley	LeRae Evans	LaVerne Klecker	Steve Reller	Joe Wagoner
Tim Biegert	Dave Fandel	Linda Klecker	Dennis Ringhofer	Darrell Weinzetl
Bruce Born	Gary Fisher	Sara Klecker	Mike Ritter	Judy Weinzetl
Danny Born	Steve Fisher	Doug Kloos	Greg Salmonsens	Earl Wheeler
Denise Born	Jack Graff	Herb Kotek	Joan Salmonsens	Jim Wiggins
Bill Bunkers	Karen Graff	Scott Kozelka	Frank Schiller	Ray Willmott
Tom Burke	Steve Graff	Tom Knight	Ben Schneider	Ron Wolf
Marv Chevalier	Amy Green	John Kriesel	Jackie Schneider	Dave Wunderlich
Tim Chicos	John Green	Bill Lawrence	Paul Schneider	Tim Ziemke
Frank Conley	Gerry Gunderson	Duane Ludewig	Pete Schneider	George Zwack
Jack Dillemoth	Bob Hardcopf	Karen Ludewig	Lyle Snider	
Steve Dornquast	Ron Heim	Brent McCulloch	Lavern Soukup	
Joel Dulas	Al Jirele	Ann McKernon	Tina Soukup	
Mark Edel	Drew Johnson	Mike McKernon	Tom Soukup	
Joe Elbert	Mark Kearin	Glen Meger		
Linda Elbert				

2008-09 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Ed McGrath
 GRAND KNIGHT: Joe Elbert - 455-1428
 Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Lawrence
 Chancellor: Steve Dornquist
 Warden: Tom Gebur
 Advocate: Ben Schneider
 Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
 Outside Guard: Tom Burke
 Financial Secretary: PGK Greg Salmonsens
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Scot Berkley
 Trustee (3 year): PGK LaVerne Klecker
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Brian Fisher
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Al Nelson

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Bill Lawrence
 Adv/Publicity Director: Open
 Church Director: Pete Schneider
 Community Director: Jim Gleason
 Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
 Family Director: Open
 Health Director: Dr. Mark Nelson
 Recruit Director: PGK Mark Cunningham
 Youth Director: Will Pieper
 Membership Director: PGK LaVerne Klecker
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 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



Francis Trenda

Council 945's Knight of the Month for August is Francis Trenda. The announcement was made at the regular September Council meeting by Columbian Center Manager, Mark Cunningham.

Francis, a Life Member, joined the KCs in April 1964. He is an Owatonna native and attended country school. When asked about his favorite KC project he mentions remembering well working at the old Knights of Columbus diner at the Steele County Free Fair. This is not the diner most of us think of when we hear the KC diner – on the East side of Elm Avenue across from the Four Seasons. This was a diner located at the present site of the Four Season Centre.

He is a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Parish having been baptized there in 1927 by Father John Pivo and

made his first Holy Communion there in 1936. Francis has remained single his entire life. He has three brothers; Ray, Stan, and Don all of Owatonna, and two sisters, Donna who lives in Maryland, and Martha who passed away six years ago.

Francis retired from G.T.A. Feeds in 1992 after working there for 23 years. He went on to say that he was involved in the construction of the G.T.A. building as he was employed by Hogensen Construction, the building contractor. After its completion he was hired by G.T.A. He also mentioned that while he only went to country school, he got additional education by the various jobs and types of work he has performed throughout his life. After his retirement, he took on the job of custodian for the Columbian Center (Knights of Columbus Hall), a position from which he recently retired after 17 years of service. In announcing his Knight of the Month recognition, Mark Cunningham had this to say, "Francis was very meticulous about his job and a dedicated worker. Vendors would come in the hall and comment that this is one of the cleanest places they deliver to in all of Owatonna!"

When asked about his leisure time activities, Francis said he used to enjoy bowling in the Senior League, but had to give that up. He now enjoys watching the Twins and Vikings on television.

Congratulations to our August Knight of the Month, Francis Trenda.

Headline Bistro

Because Catholics Need to Know

Knights of Columbus launches news and information site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus this week launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere:

Headline Bistro.

Headline Bistro is a website that provides a quick digest of daily news sources around the world that contain news of interest to active Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, national politics, or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended reading from the world of books. The web address is: www.headlinebistro.com.

You can also sign up for a daily e-mail that will give you the day's top headlines. If you're already a subscriber to our other e-mail updates, just enter your e-mail address in the sign-up box and add Headline Bistro to your preferences.

Tell all your Catholic friends about Headline Bistro!

Looking Back

This is a new feature we are adding to our newsletter *The Key*. As space permits we plan to publish items of historical interest to our readers. Watch for future photos and stories as we look back on the great 104 year history of Owatonna Council 945.



Father Henry Speck, Chaplain #945, presenting "Knight of the Year" award to Bob Doyle on Feb 12, 1961. The main speaker was Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Frank Gallagher(seated). The initiation banquet was at Columbian Center and dance was at the Monterey Ballroom.

***Don't let your worries get the best of you;
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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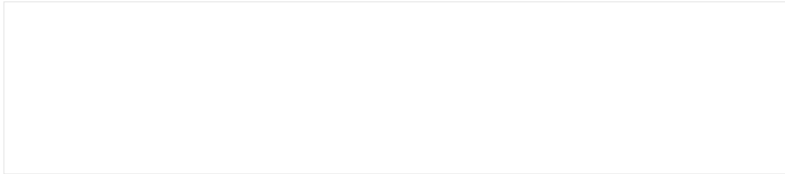
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