

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL
2009

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

March 29 - KC Family Corporate
Communion - 9:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Church
April 1 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
April 3 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
April 5 - Benefit Breakfast for
Serra Club 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School
April 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
April 8 - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
April 10 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
April 17 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
April 18 - 23rd Annual Knight
of Knights Auction
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
April 18 - Fourth Degree
Exemplification
April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.
April 23 - Fourth Degree Meeting
Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
April 24, 25, and 26 - Tootsie Roll
Fundraiser

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

Benefit Breakfast for SERRA CLUB Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
Pancakes and French toast,
fried or scrambled eggs,
ham or sausage,
hashbrowns, milk, and coffee
\$5.50 - Advance \$6.00 at the door
Children age 6 and under free
Everyone welcome.
New Table Service -
Delicious food served hot from the grill to your table!

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, March 29 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church

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

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

April 18, 2009
Northland Inn
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Call Paul Schneider (507) 413-0451
for more information.



23RD ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTSAUCTION

St. Mary's School Benefit Auction
Saturday, April 18, 2009
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Silent Auction - 4:00 p.m.
Live Auction - 7:00 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)

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 8
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker will be Ashley Steele. Ashley is a
Nutritionist and will speak on eating habits.
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the KC Hall
\$8.00 for adults
Kids under six eat free

Fried or Baked fish (all you can eat),
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee

Beneficiaries

March 27	Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly
April 3	Birthright
April 10	Izaak Walton League

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 19, 2009
St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

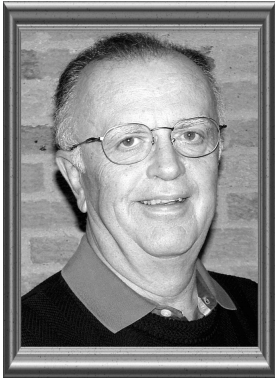
TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

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 24, 25, and 26
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.

Greg Salmonsens Retires As Financial Secretary



Greg Salmonsens

On March 13, Greg Salmonsens officially retired as the Financial Secretary for Council 945. Greg's career in this important position spanned over 30 years. He has been a member of the Owatonna Council since 1968, and served as the Grand Knight in 1975; he was named Knight of the Year in 1979.

Greg, and his wife of 44 years, Joan are both retired and enjoy spending time following their grandchildren's activities and are both avid golfers. Greg has also taken up a relatively new hobby of flying radio controlled airplanes. He presently is serving as the

President of the local club, the Owatonna R/C Modelers.

Stepping in to fill these "big shoes" is John Ahlberg. John Joined the Knights of Columbus in 1992 while living in Iowa. He and his wife Angie have four children; two of them attend St. Mary's School and two are students at Owatonna High. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

John is the Chief Financial Officer for Agristrand Biocomposites.



Smokin' In Steele

Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!

**BBQ Contest Garden Tractor Pull
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
Award Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast**

The Steele County Fairgrounds
Owatonna, MN

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 29, 30, & 31

Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

Blues Bands

Friday, May 29 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - *Plan B*

9:00 p.m. - Midnight - *Brandon Scott Sellner*

Saturday, May 30 - 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. - *Paul Mayasich duo*

4:00 - 5:15 p.m. - *Paul Mayasich duo*

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - *The Shufflin' Duprees*

9:00 p.m. - Midnight - *Scottie Miller & the ReUptake Inhibitor*

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 31 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

We need *volunteer* help for all of the different activities to make the Smokin' In Steele 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, Walt Spindler at (507) 451-7613, or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

More info in the May Key
or check out the website: smokininsteel.com



Grand Knight's Message by Joe Elbert

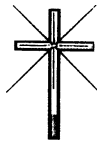
Greetings Brother Knights,

Spring is here according to the calendar, so it should start to warm up and we can put away the snow removal equipment. As the days become filled with more daylight hours, we will find the flowers starting to sprout and the trees will start to bud. The birds will be singing again and that will give a fresh look on life.

We have a few projects to get ready for. On March 29, we have Corporate Communion with a breakfast for KC members. March 31 is a spaghetti dinner at St. Mary's School for Cub/Boy Scouts. Easter is on April 12 this year, time for God and family. April 18 has two events, the Fourth Degree Exemplification and St. Mary's Night of Knights auction. The following Sunday, April 19 is Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 24, 25, and 26 is the KC Tootsie Roll Drive. With all of these activities we will need volunteers, so if you are called please check to see if you can find time to volunteer. It gives you a great feeling to help others.

Vivat Jesus

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 Tom Klecker is struggling with serious health issues. Leola McNearney, wife of deceased Brother Knight Earl McNearney is recovering from a knee replacement.

Brother Knight Jack Dillemath is recovering from a hip replacement.

Mary Meixner, daughter of Brother Knight Vernon Meixner is dealing with a very serious health issue.

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

Mary Meixner, Jan Bates, Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Helen Hafstad, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Thomas Klecker, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Lillian Mamer, Bob McDermott, Vernon Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkel, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Ann Schwab, Howard Snyder, Jeanne Snyder, Becky Walsh, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Leo Addabbo passed away on February 28.

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

K of C Chorus Notes

This is a perfect time to join the KC Chorus. If you have been blessed with musical ability, consider joining. In addition to vocal talent, the Chorus needs a piano accompanist. Please contact Director Stephen Nelson at (507) 455-0881 or any Chorus member for more information.



HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER

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: John Ahlberg
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



Dustin Reese

Council 945's Knight of the Month for February is Dustin Reese. The announcement was made at the regular March Council meeting by Columbian Center Manager, Mark Cunningham.

In making the announcement Mark had this to say, "Our Knight of the Month is my right hand man when it comes to cooking and food preparation. He helps with all the Friday night dinners. We recently returned from a fishing trip to Lake of the Woods, which was attended by several Brother Knights and Dustin did just about all the cooking for the group. This year he took on a new responsibility and was the chairman for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. He coordinated the contest at both the Council and District levels."

Dustin, a native Owatonna, joined the KCs on March 29, 2001. When asked about his favorite KC project, not surprisingly, he responded, working on the Friday night meals at the KC Hall. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Following graduation from Owatonna High School, Dustin attended Minnesota State University – Mankato where he studied business management. He is employed by Alumacraft Boat Company in the customer service area and works in the warranty administration department.

Being single, Dusty has time to enjoy a number of leisure time activities, which include softball, curling, kickball, fishing and, of course, he really enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Mary!

Congratulations to our February Knight of the Month, Dustin Reese.

Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Cub/Boy Scouts of Owatonna

St. Mary's Cafeteria
Tuesday, March 31 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
If you would like to help, contact
Jim Gleason at 451-8473.

Fishing Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 4
5:00 - Social
6:30 - Meal
Program and awards to follow.
Call Mark at KC Hall for more details.

Spring Burger Baskets

Friday, April 17
Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Baskets include burger, coleslaw,
fries or onion rings
\$5.75 plus tax.

I-35 Clean-Up

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
Thursday, April 30, 2009, 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.

Council 945 shows support for St. Mary's Music Boosters!

Congratulations to St. Mary's Music Boosters for a very successful advance ticket sale effort for the March 8 benefit breakfast at St. Mary's cafeteria. Their work and strong support by our dedicated breakfast patrons helped raise \$1,272.00 for the Music Boosters. Brother Knights Tim Holland, Eric Tucker, and their families, represented St. Mary's Music Boosters and coordinated the work of the young breakfast volunteers.

Beautiful music was featured throughout the morning by St. Mary's 7th and 8th grade band students, and St. Mary's Liturgy band and choir.

The excellent Council 945 breakfast team always enjoys a busy morning. Thanks to the KC Sunday breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast: *Keven Boettcher, Randy Balauskys, Scot Berkley, Tom Burke, Tim Chicos, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquist, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Bill Lawrence, Brent McCulloch, Al Nelson, Will Pieper & family, Dave Pfeifer, Glen Russell, Frank Schiller, Wade Schroeder, Lavern Soukup, and Eric Wandersee.* Thanks also to the Saturday prep team: *Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

Thanks to the work of Brother Knight Dick LaLonde, a very worthwhile charitable project has evolved, in which the Council 945 breakfast team supplies breakfast-to-go for the residents of the Hospitality House of Owatonna, a homeless shelter for men. Dick initiated the program and for the past two months has delivered the breakfasts to the homeless shelter at the conclusion of the Sunday KC breakfasts.

The Serra Club benefit breakfast will be held on April 5. Mark your calendar today! Your participation is important and appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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P.O. Box 945
Owatonna, MN 55060

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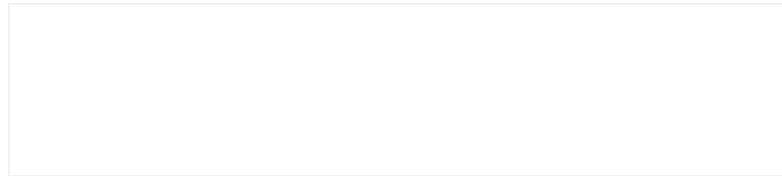
KC Family Corporate Communion

Sunday, March 29
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.

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Benefit Breakfast

For The Serra Club
April 5 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29 KC Family Corporate Communion St. Joseph's Church - 9:30 am			1 Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	2	3 Lenten Fish Dinner for Birthright 5:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	4 Fishing Awards Banquet KC Hall - Social - 5:00 pm Meal - 6:30 pm
5 Benefit Breakfast at St. Mary's School 8:00 - 12:15 pm for Serra Club	6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Diocesan Chrism Mass St. Joseph Church 7:00 pm	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	8 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	9	10 Good Friday Lenten Fish Dinner for Izaak Walton League 5:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Spring Burger Baskets 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	18 23rd Annual Night of Knights Auction St. Mary's School - 4:00 pm Fourth Degree Exemplification Northland Inn Brooklyn Park, MN
19 Divine Mercy Sunday St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 pm	20	21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	22	23 Fourth Degree Meeting Social - 6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30 pm	24 Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	25 Tootsie Roll Fundraiser Tom Klecker Fundraiser - 5:00 pm KC Hall
26 Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	27	28 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	29	30 I-35 Clean Up First Supply - 5:00 pm		