

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
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 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 2 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

December 2 - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
SeniorPlace - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

December 6 - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
KC Hall - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

December 9 - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

December 13 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast
Breakfast Extravaganza
Breakfast with Santa

January 23 - 6th Annual Chili
Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 2
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 13
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

Table Service - Delicious food served hot from the grill to your table!

Pancakes, French toast,
fried, scrambled, or Denver scrambled eggs,
ham or sausage, hashbrown, milk, and coffee
\$5.50 - Advance Sale \$6.00 at the door
Children free age 5 and under
Everyone welcome.



JUSTIN McGUINN

Justin will be performing at the KC Lounge
Saturday, December 12 - 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Justin's solo act will include everything
from Rockabilly to Classic Rock.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept. 14 thru Dec. 28,
weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza and
a bucket of beer.
Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, &
3rd - \$25
Serving "Build Your Own Tacos"
Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game.

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, December 9
Program - 7:30 p.m.
by KC Insurance representative
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Holiday treats to follow meeting.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION Sunday, November 29 - 9:00 a.m.

at Sacred Heart Church
All members and their families are
invited to attend this Mass.
Breakfast will be served at the KC Hall after Mass.



6th Annual Chili Cook Off January 23

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 2
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SeniorPlace

Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778,
if you can help. Volunteers, please be at
SeniorPlace by 5:30 p.m.

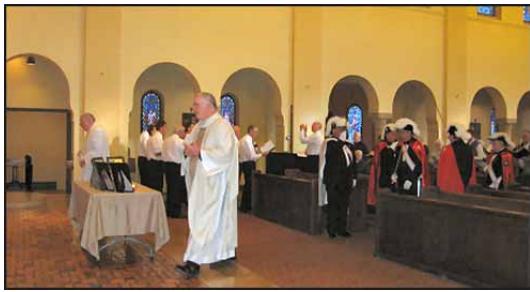
MERRY CHRISTMAS LOUNGE OPEN

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Owatonna Express Hockey Team
sponsoring New Year's Eve party
\$50.00 per person - receive one ticket for
6:00 p.m. game, complimentary tap beer and rail
drinks, food, and entertainment after the game.
Champagne and party favors at Midnight.
Rides home by your favorite Express player.
Call the Club for tickets.

Council 945 Deceased Members Memorial Mass



The annual Council 945 Deceased Members Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, November 7, at St. Joseph Church.

The Rosary was lead at 8:30 a.m. by Brother Knight Pete Schneider. Council 945 Chaplain Father Edward McGrath celebrated the Mass at 9:00 a.m. with concelebrant Brother Knight Father Edward Mountain. Deputy Grand Knight Steve Dornquast delivered the welcome message and District Deputy Tim Rice handled the readings and petitions. Past Grand Knight Jack Dillemath read the eulogies of our deceased members while Father McGrath and Greg Nelson, Aid & Assistance Director, presented "Resolution of Respect" certificates to the families of deceased members at the conclusion of Mass, with the Chorus softly singing "Jesus Remember Me." The seven Brother Knights remembered in this impressive ceremony include: *Robert Rettenmaier, John (Jack) Mracek, Eugene Lenard, Leo Addabbo, Vernon Meixner, John Deml, and Paul Mathews.*

The KC Chorus, under the direction of Stephen Nelson, provided inspirational music and the Msgr. Henry Speck Honor Guard participated. Mary Carlson was the accompanist. Chorus members in attendance were: John Carlson, Steve Dornquast, Tom Gebur, Otto Havelka, LaVerne Klecker, Gerald Lynch, Lloyd Manns, Sam Nelson, Mark Nelson, Dan Walsh, Ludwig Wencl, Chuck Walerius, Peter Schneider, and Lee Staupé.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard members in attendance included: Dick Kay, Dennis Kelm, Frank Schiller, Walt Spindler, and Eric Wandersee.

Past Grand Knight Frank Conley commented, "We are very pleased to see the large increase in attendance at this moving and respectful program. Saturday morning appears to be a more convenient time and we hope attendance will continue to improve each year. It is very important that we take time to remember all Brother Knights and their family members who have gone before us."

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF

DO YOU HAVE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE?

You have it pretty good right now, don't you? Some minor worries about your investments, 401Ks and IRAs, but you feel confident and you really feel you can handle it and everything will work out. You and your family are enjoying life. But how long will those carefree days last?

Your wife and family are your responsibility. Have you done anything to secure their future? Have you made any provisions to insure that they will be taken care of when you die?

You feel you are healthy today and you feel that there is no hurry to get the additional protection for your wife and family. You can always obtain it some other time, right? Wrong. Your health might change and you might not be able to obtain the additional protection needed.

We are all going to die some day. Are you ready? What if it happens tomorrow? What will happen to your wife and family? Plan for the future and protect your family's tomorrow.

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Grand Knight's Message by Bill Lawrence

Dear Brother Knights,

This is one of our busiest times as Brother Knights in Council #945. The Halloween party was a big success and special thanks go out to **Will Pieper & Family** for organizing it once again. The event is always popular for the kids, and we raised more than 275 lbs. of food and \$200 for the Steele County Food Shelf.

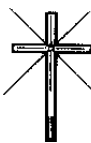
And although I missed it this year, I have heard from several that the Mass for Deceased Members was especially memorable. The new date and time allowed more people to attend. The next time you see **Frank Conley**, please extend a thank you for his coordination of this moving event.

Also in November, we had the Benefit Breakfast for St. Mary's Home & School, The Major Degree, and Coats for Kids. In December, we have the Richard Rohwer Christmas Party, the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza...quite a lot for our Council.

But as we enjoy this time of year, let us also celebrate the Advent season where we prepare for the coming of Christ. Simple things like praying the Rosary, displaying your Nativity Set, donating a gift for a needy child, volunteering, or lighting an advent wreath all can keep Christ in Christmas.

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:

Joyce Pribyl, widow of Brother Knight Syl Pribyl, is home recovering from shingles.

Brother Knight Robert 'Bob' Fischer is recovering from foot surgery.

Loretta Coufal, widow of Brother Knight Bud Coufal is residing at Sterling House.

Brother Knight Paul Illg is experiencing some health issues.

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

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

INMEMORY

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

Luverne Spindler, brother of Brother Knight Walt Spindler, brother-in-law of Brother Knight Ivan Snorek, uncle of Brother Knight Jerome Spindler, passed away on October 30.

Georgiana Edel, mother of Brother Knight Joe Edel, passed away on November 17.

Brother Knight Thomas Klecker, father of Brother Knight Josh Klecker, brother of Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker, son-in-law of Brother Knight Gilbert Herget, uncle of Brother Knight Kory Klecker, and brother-in-law of Brother Knight Joe Herget, passed away on November 19.

Brother Knight Hilaire Caron passed away on November 20.

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

Ho, Ho, Ho - Everyone Welcome!

*KC Christmas Holiday
Breakfast
Extravaganza*



**8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 13
at St. Mary's School**



\$5.50 advance tickets available at the KC Hall or KC Officers
\$6.00 at the door - (free under 6)

Music - Christmas Carols by the KC Chorus & others from
9:00 a.m. to noon.

Santa - Breakfast with Santa - Treats for the Kids
Bring your children or grandchildren to visit Santa
from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Santa will be available for pictures,
so bring your camera.

Fine Food - Table service & food hot from the grill:
Delicious pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage; fried eggs,
scrambled eggs, or Denver scrambled eggs;
hashbrown potatoes; milk, & coffee!

*Make the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast
Extravaganza a family tradition.*



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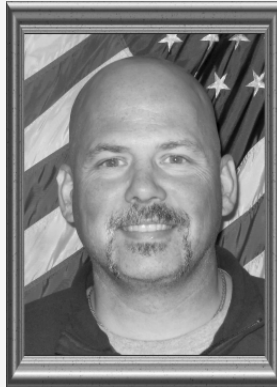
2009-10 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Ed McGrath
GRAND KNIGHT: Bill Lawrence - 451-2075
Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Dornquist
Chancellor: Randy Balausk
Advocate: Wade Schroeder
Warden: Dustin Reese
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Tom Burke
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Brian Fisher
Trustee (2 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (1 year): PGK Joe Elbert

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Steve Dornquist
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: Open
District Deputy: PGK Tim Rice
KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
Benefits Advisor: Aaron Jelinek

Knight of the Month



Wade Schroeder

Council 945's Knight of the Month for October is Wade Schroeder. The announcement was made at the regular November Council meeting by Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence. In making the announcement Bill had this to say, "Our Knight of the Month is a relatively new member of the KCs, but he hit the ground running. He has been involved in a number of projects and has stepped into a leadership role by starting up through the officer chairs." Wade was born in Fridley, Minnesota, and he joined the KCs in 2008. When asked about his favorite KC project he mentioned two, the Smokin' In Steele barbeque & blues event and the benefit breakfasts.

He served in the United States Marine Corp from 1983 through 1987. He is currently a senior at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will receive his degree in business in March of 2010.

In addition Wade is employed at Crown Cork & Seal where he works as a Quality Manager.

Wade, and his wife of 19 years, Mary, are members of St. Joseph's Parish and they have four children; Sadie, Kendra, Chloe, and Anton. Mary is also a member of the Steele County Chapter of the American Dairy Association.

When asked about his other interests, Wade said, "I enjoy fishing, downhill skiing, bicycling, and hunting, especially my annual elk hunting trip each fall in Idaho.

Congratulation to Wade Schroeder, our October Knight of the Month!

Great Response for a Great Cause

Attendance was outstanding for St. Mary's Home & School Association's benefit breakfast held at St. Mary's School on Sunday, November 15. The advance ticket sales and member participation made the breakfast a success, with over \$1,435 raised for St. Mary's Home & School Association. The parents and students from St. Mary's who helped at the breakfast did a terrific job. Many thanks to all who participated and worked.

These brother knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *Eric Wandersee, Rick Whittock, Dave Wunderlich, Eric Tucker, LaVerne Soukup, Wade Schroeder, Curt Supalla, Dan Ruiter, Al Nelson, Brent McCulloch, Terry Kuck, Doug Kloos, Dennis Kelm, Todd Koan, LaVerne Klecker, Ron Heim, Roger Green, Tom Geber, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Joe Elbert, Frank Conley, Brian Carlson, Tom Burke, and Keven Boettcher*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for the food and dining area preparation work: *Ron Wolf, Jim Wiggins, Earl Wheeler, Lyle Snider, John Oberstein, Al Nelson, Tom Knight, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Al Jirele, John Henry, Bob Grebe, Jack Dillemath, Frank Conley, and Gerry Barry.* Thanks to all for an excellent job.

LaVerne Klecker commented, "The large breakfast turnout overloaded the capacity of our grills for a short time this morning. We'll work on that before the next breakfast so service time will be faster."

We extend our thanks to several people and businesses who have helped our breakfast project with donations. Brother Knight Casey Connor at Nelson's Marketplace has been a long-time contributor to our breakfasts and the "Smokin' In Steele" breakfast. Brother Knight Tim Biegert arranged a generous potato donation from Edling Farms, in Clear Lake, Minnesota. Our thanks to Casey and Tim for these donations.

Make plans now for the KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 13, 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 to noon. You'll also enjoy the delicious menu, with the popular Denver scrambled eggs, 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!

Red Kettle Drive

We have answered the call from the Salvation Army to help out in their Annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. On December 12, 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 Tom Docksey has agreed to chair the event and will be calling Knights to volunteer for 3-hour shifts at local hotspots around Owatonna. Please answer the call and help out in one of the oldest annual fundraisers of its kind. Tom can be reached at 507-455-5302.

GO VIKES

KC Lounge will be open for all Sunday football games in December.

GO HUSKIES

Following all Friday home girls and boys basketball games, stop by the KC Hall for our complimentary Chili.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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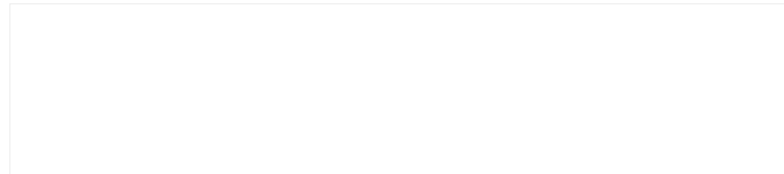
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
- Breakfast with Santa -
December 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School

KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, November 29 - 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	2 Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm Richard Rohwer Christmas Party SeniorPlace 6:00 - 8:00 pm	3	4	5
6 Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall 4:00 - 8:00 pm	7 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	9 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meetin g - 8:00 pm	10	11	12 Justin McGuinn KC Hall 8:00 - 11:00 pm
13 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Breakfast with Santa -	14 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	15 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	16	17 Fourth Degree Business Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 pm	18 Swiss Steak Meal KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	19
20	21 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	22 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS KC Lounge Closed	26
27	28 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	29 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	30	31 Owatonna Express New Year's Eve Party KC Hall	January 1 NEW YEAR	