

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MARCH
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 4 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
March 6 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 8 - Benefit Breakfast
for St. Mary's Music Boosters
8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
St. Mary's School
March 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
March 11 - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
March 13 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 20 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 26 - Fourth Degree Meeting
Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
March 27 - Lenten Fish Dinner
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
March 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Catholic Church
9:30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 4
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S MUSIC BOOSTERS BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 8
8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

Music throughout the morning by
St. Mary's 7th & 8th grade Choir & Band

A KC breakfast guest writes,
*"Best breakfast in town, food & service was
Excellent! Can't wait for the next one!"*

- * Pancakes
- * French toast
- * Fried or scrambled eggs
- * Ham or sausage
- * Hashbrowns
- * Milk and coffee

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

\$5.50 - Advance sale, \$6.00 - At the door,
Kids under age 6 eat free

Everyone Welcome!

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.

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule - 2009

March 8 St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 5 Serra Club

Go Huskies!

Complimentary chili bar following all Friday Girls'
and Boys' basketball games.

Make Plans Now

Fourth Degree Exemplification
Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, April 18, 2009

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker will be Philomena Seykora. She will
speak on First Aid procedures.
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

Feb. 27	Catholic Daughters
March 6	St. Mary's REP/CYO
March 13	Healthy Seniors
March 20	Compassionate Friends
March 27	Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly
April 3	Birthright
April 10	Izaak Walton League

St. Patrick's Day March 17

Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal
Served in the Lounge - \$7.00
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (or until we run out)

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

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

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

March Madness

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

"Ash Wednesday" A Wake-up Call by The Rev. Margaret Jones

What is the meaning and purpose of Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is a wake-up call. Ash Wednesday hits us squarely between the eyes, forcing us to face mortality and sinfulness. We hear Scripture readings that are urgent and vivid. We have black ashes rubbed into our foreheads. We recite a Litany of Penitence that takes our breath away, or should. It is a tough day, but take heart! This is one religious day that won't fall into the clutches of retailers. There aren't any Hallmark cards celebrating sin and death; no shop windows are decked out with sackcloth and ashes.

On Ash Wednesday we come to church to kneel, to pray, and to ask God's forgiveness, surrounded by other sinners. Human sin is universal; we all do it, not only Christians. But our church tradition sets aside Ash Wednesday is a particular day to address sin and death. We do this mindful that "God hates nothing God has made and forgives the sins of all who are penitent." We are ALL sinners, no better and no worse than our brothers and sisters. This is not a day to compete ("my sins are worse than yours are"), but to confess.

Ash Wednesday is the gateway to Lent. We have forty precious days to open ourselves up most particularly to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us, and loves us. We have forty days to face ourselves and learn to not be afraid of our sinfulness. We are dust, and to dust we shall return, but with God's grace we can learn to live this life more fully, embracing our sinfulness, allowing God to transform us.

Grand Knight's Message by Joe Elbert

Greetings Brother Knights,

Now that the days are getting longer, the average temperature rises also. We can use this as an indication of Spring with a fresh green look for nature.

On February 8, we had a very good benefit breakfast for the Exchange Club. Again we had a good turnout of volunteer workers who get a well deserved thank you.

February 27 will be the first Lenten Fish Dinner at the KC Hall.

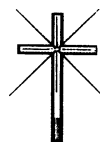
On April 6, St. Joseph Parish will be hosting the Diocesan Chrism Mass at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Mass, there will be a reception. The Knights of Columbus have been requested to help serve guests. If you can help, please contact Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or Mark Cunningham at (507) 451-6103.

April 18 is the date for the Fourth Degree Exemplification. The location is the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Interested Third Degree members can contact Paul Schneider at (507) 413-0451.

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 Jack Dillemath had hip replacement surgery.

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

Jan Bates, Katie Cashman, Lois Doyle, Mary Foersch, 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 Pirkl, 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:

Betty Reyant, wife of Brother Knight Richard Reyant passed away February 1.

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

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek

Still Standing Strong

By: Thomas P Smith JR. Executive VP, Agencies & Marketing

As 2009 kicks off, take a good, hard look at the last year in review. It's been interesting, hasn't it? With the difficulties of the automotive, high tech, financial services, housing and pharmaceutical arenas, consumers face significant challenges when deciding how and where to safely place their money.

These economic trends hit North Americans squarely in their financial solar plexus. As cash flows constrict, "typical consumers" may consider risky financial options. They may push for speculative investments in order to generate emergency cash; cancel their life insurance to get at their cash values, leaving their children unprotected should they die; or pull money out of their annuities even though it triggers a taxable event, surrender penalty, or both. For more than 126 years, the Knights of Columbus has offered its members financial stability through conservative portfolios of life insurance, long-term care insurance, and annuity products. Since its founding in 1882, the Order's primary mission has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of a family's provider.

According to a 2008 Standard & Poor's rating report, "The Knights of Columbus insurance program has a stable outlook. Its capitalization is expected to remain extremely strong, and liquidity is expected to remain extremely strong."

The Knights also received an A.M. Best Company rating of A++ (Superior) for the 33rd consecutive year. The Knights of Columbus is one of only five insurance providers in North America to receive the highest ratings from both Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical business practices.

For consumers, best practices include doing your research and working with those you trust. If you want a stable and secure insurance company to provide for your family's future, you have found it with the Knights of Columbus.

Contact your insurance representative, Aaron Jelinek, General Agent (952)513-8784 or email: aaron.jelinek@kofc.org

K of C Chorus Notes

The Council 945 KC Chorus is preparing for the new season, with performances scheduled at the Memorial Day Four Seasons ceremony, Historical Society Extravaganza, Litomysl Summer Festival, and two events at the Steele County Fair. The Chorus will also participate in our Council installation and awards banquet, KC Memorial Mass, and Corporate Communion Masses.

Mona Rose has been our dedicated and excellent piano accompanist for the last eight years. Mona now needs to commit her time to St. Joseph's Choir. We appreciate her wonderful musical work with the KC Chorus.

So, the KC Chorus now needs the help of a piano accompanist. This is a perfect time to join the KC Chorus. If you have been blessed with vocal or instrumental musical ability, consider joining. Please contact Director Stephen Nelson at 455-0881 or any Chorus member for more information.

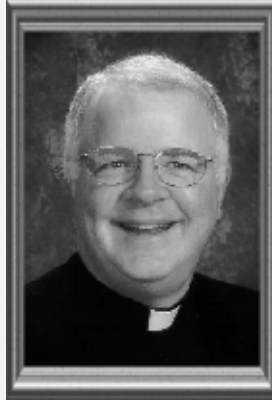
2008-09 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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



Fr. Edward McGrath

Council 945's Knight of the Month for January is Brother Knight, Fr. Edward McGrath. The announcement was made by Grand Knight Joe Elbert at the regular February Council meeting. Fr. McGrath joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983 and presently serves as the Chaplain of Council 945.

Father grew up and attended elementary school and high school in rural Polo, Illinois. His parents were both veterans of World War II. They were farmers and Father Ed and his sister still have fond memories of the farm and the surrounding neighborhood and family network that time, death, and distance have diminished somewhat. As a youth Father worked for farmers, but he says, "I was not a very good farmer, but God had other plans for me."

He graduated from St. Mary's University in 1976 and attended St. Paul Seminary. He was ordained in 1980. Father McGrath has worn many hats during his priestly career. Due to space limitations here is a listing of some of

his positions and duties: faculty member at Lourdes High School; Chaplain at Assisi Heights; Spiritual Director for the Immaculate Heart of Many Seminary; instructor at Cotter High School.

In 1989, he was assigned to graduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned a Licentiate in Canon Law. After returning to Winona, he became Chancellor and Adjutant Vicar Judicial and was the Spiritual Director for the Seminary.

Besides his present assignment at St. Joseph's in Owatonna and his various duties in Winona, Father has served in a number of towns across Minnesota including; Adrian, Ellsworth, Dodge Center, Kasson, Minneiska, Oak Ridge, and Rollingstone.

While in Winona, Father McGrath served as the Chaplain for the Winona Council. He remembers fondly the nice dinner meetings which they had

Father has always had a warm spot in his heart for the Knights of Columbus and this is what he has to say about his present Council, "Here in Owatonna, the Council has a great tradition and heritage that I trust will grow and deepen. In these difficult economic times, as with any personal, family or community challenge, the values of faith and fraternalism will serve us, our parishes, and the wider community well. I am grateful for the fraternity of the Knights of Columbus."

When asked about his heritage, he said, "I am thoroughly Irish and I love things Irish; Unashamedly Roman, I love the Church, the history, and the City that is Rome."

Congratulations to our January Knight of the Month, Father Edward McGrath!

Council 945 supports the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity for the prevention of child abuse

St. Mary's School cafeteria was busy with diners on Sunday, February 8 for the Exchange Club benefit breakfast. The Knights of Columbus provided the excellent food, and the Exchange Club members provided advance ticket sales and hard-working dining room helpers. Successful advance ticket sales helped the breakfast raise over \$1,400 for the Exchange Club. Vicki Skala from the Exchange Club commented, "We appreciate the support we receive from the Knights of Columbus. Our group enjoys working with the Knights."

Our Breakfast Team members are amazing with their dedication and excellent cooking skills. They do an incredible job. These are the Sunday breakfast team members: **Scot Berkley, Tim Biegert, Brian Carlson, Frank Conley, Tim Chiccos, Steve Dornquist, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Joel Garten, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Dennis Kelm, Jim Kaplan, Doug Kloos, LaVerne Klecker, Todd Koan, Will Pieper & family, Dave Pfeifer, Frank Schiller, LaVern Soukup, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlich.**

The Saturday prep team included: **Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquist, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Dennis Kelm, Tom Knight, Tom Kingsley, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Walt Spindler, and Ron Wolf.** We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

Proof of their excellent work is obvious in this note from a breakfast guest at the last breakfast, "We enjoyed the breakfast greatly. New way of serving is great also!"

St. Mary's Music Booster benefit breakfast is Sunday, March 8. This breakfast will feature the beautiful music of St. Mary's 7th and 8th grade band students, and St. Mary's Liturgy band and choir. **Treat your family to a great breakfast. Your participation is important and is appreciated. Mark your calendar today!!**

Career Opportunity with the Knights of Columbus

Due to tremendous growth in this area, the Knights of Columbus has a career opportunity available as a financial advisor. An unlimited income potential with excellent benefits and training are available for the right person already a member of the Knights or eligible to join. Contact Aaron Jelinek, Knights of Columbus, General Agent at 952-513-8784 or email aaron.jelinek@kofc.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council No. 945
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



KC Family Corporate Communion

Sunday, March 29

St. Joseph Catholic Church - 9:30 a.m.

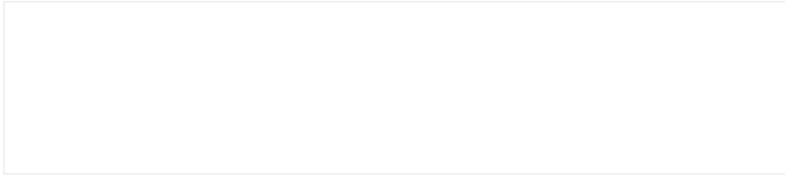
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Benefit Breakfast

St. Mary's Music Boosters

March 8 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

St. Mary's School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	4 Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	5	6 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	7
8 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 - 12:15 pm for St. Mary's Music Boosters	9 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	10 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	11 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	12	13 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	14
15	16	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm St.Patricks Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal KC Lounge 5:30 - 6:30 pm	18	19	20 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 pm KC Hall	21
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