

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

OCTOBER
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

- October 4** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for Owatonna Area
Special Olympics
- October 7** - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- October 11** - Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.
- October 12** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- October 14** - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- October 22** - Fourth Degree Meeting
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- November 21** - Major Degree
KC Hall
1st Degree - 10:00 a.m.
2nd Degree - 12:00 p.m.
3rd Degree to follow

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for
**Owatonna Area
Special Olympics**
Sunday, October 4
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
**Delicious food served hot
from the grill to your table!**
Pancakes, French toast,
fried, scrambled, or Denver scrambled eggs,
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.

KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

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

MAJOR DEGREE

Saturday, November 21
KC Hall - 10:00 a.m. 1st Degree
12:00 p.m. 2nd Degree
3rd Degree to follow
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 11, 2009, 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.

All Third Degree Members Invited

Fourth Degree Exemplification -
October 17, Marshall, MN
Please contact Paul Schneider
soon for details.

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.

Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2009-10

October 4, 2009	Owatonna Area Special Olympics
November 15, 2009	St. Mary's Home and School Association
December 13, 2009	KC Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Great food, Music, & Santa
January 10, 2010	St. Mary's Religious Education Program
February 14, 2010	Exchange Club Center for Family Unity (Valentine's Day)
March 14, 2010	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 11, 2010	Serra Club

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (feast October 1) continues to be amazingly popular. She is a saint for our age. She died young and quite unknown, but her spiritual autobiography introduced her to the world.

Within a few years of St. Thérèse's death, the parish church of St. Joseph was built here in Owatonna. If you look closely at the shrine on the south side of the nave, the altar has the initials and a relic of Thérèse. At some point she was moved away and the BVM moved in. Her stature now adorns the old baptistery.

Thérèse had a vision of Our Lord as an infant prior to her entering the Carmelite convent. The experience impressed her with a hallmark of her spirituality: "By becoming weak and little for love of me He made me strong and brave..." Brave enough indeed to be simple and disposed to an early and a painful death. Brave enough to allow the Lord to work doubt and darkness into a faith that lights the darkness of our age.

"My little way is the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender," Thérèse summarized. We can read in her words the Lord's admonition that we become like children, that we not fear, and His own words from the Cross, "Into your hands I deliver my spirit."

Thérèse did not approach God from the stance of fear, but came to God whom she knew as a friend. But the Little Flower, as she came to be known, is more real and applicable to daily life than the sweetness of her statuary suggests.

Brother Knights, we would do well to learn from this happy soul.

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek

In the agent recruiting business, we often talk to our general agents about finding people who are "vocationally disturbed." That's a fancy insurance business term for finding people who are unhappy, uncomfortable or otherwise not pleased with their current job.

During the best of times, we know there are a number of men in this condition. Guys who work in a family business and it's not their family! Guys who have maxed out on compensation, but are doing more work. Guys who are part of companies where the workforce has seen reductions, and are now doing two or three jobs, and waiting for the next RIF.

Today, we are not living through the best of economic circumstances. Every day the newspaper has another story about companies closing, laying people off, or enduring some sort of crisis. While my prayers are that no member of the Order is affected by all of this, I know better. It's a fact of life.

For all of those in these stressful positions, I can offer you a conversation about the future. We don't ask for a commitment, nor do we offer one. We do offer the opportunity to sit and talk with someone about the possibility that a career as a Knights of Columbus field agent might be for you. Before you quickly move past this, understand that most of our agents have never sold life insurance products before they come to us. While your first reaction might be "not for me," think about it.

You control your own destiny. No layoffs. A protected market. The chance to blend your faith and your work (we open all of our business meetings with a prayer). Full training – at your location, at the Home Office, and online. Changing people's lives, for good. No limit in compensation. This really could be the opportunity you have been looking for.

As I said, we will not be looking to sign a contract with you on Day One. We have a process we go through, beginning with an informal initial interview, which allows us to get to know one another. We won't put you in the position if we don't think you can succeed.

So if you are feeling a little "vocationally disturbed" these days, drop me an email and I will have someone call you. It's just a conversation. Maybe I can help you... thomas.smith@kofc.org comes straight to me. I look forward to hearing from you. Or contact your General Agency directly at 952-513-8784 or email aaron.jelinek@kofc.org

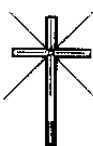
Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. There are more than 132,000 members of the Father McGivney Guild.

The purpose of the Guild is to inspire greater personal holiness and cooperation with God's grace by disseminating information about Father McGivney. "The Guild's goal is to spread the good word about Father McGivney's holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory and to seek his intercession before the throne of God," said Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, guild director and postulator of Father McGivney's cause for canonization.

The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild, which is free, is open to all individuals and households, but not groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. To join the Guild, go to www.fathermcgivney.org.

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 Elbert, wife of Brother Knight Tom Elbert had heart surgery, she is home recuperating.

Brother Knight Dennis Kelm had surgery on his knee.

Brother Knight Pete Schneider had knee replacement surgery.

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, Thomas Klecker, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, 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:

Patricia McEnaney, wife of Brother Knight Dr. James McEnaney, passed away on September 5.

Brother Knight Paul Mathews passed away on September 18.

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

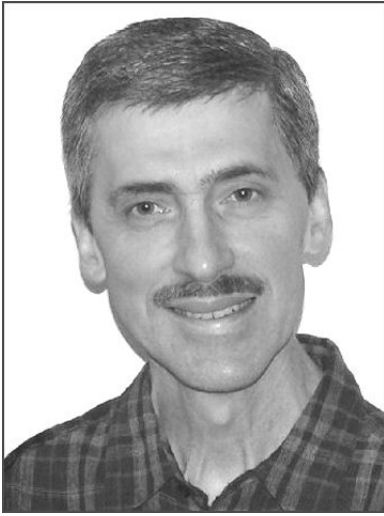
Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 21. Everybody bring their new prospective members to the Owatonna KC Hall by 9:30 a.m.

We have five candidates who have already filled out their Form 100 and our goal for this exemplification is to have ten to twelve new candidates for our Council. Anyone who knows of someone who would like to join, and is **just waiting to be asked**, let me know and I will help you get them signed up.

Any members who have sons or grandsons that are 18 years of age or older, that are currently not a member, this is your opportunity to have them become a Brother Knight.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.



SPECIAL THANKS TO TOM KLECKER!!

Every successful organization has people who operate behind the scenes and are not all that visible to members or the public. Council 945 is no exception to this rule. In this issue and the next issue of The Key, you will find stories on two individuals who fit this description. They receive very few accolades and in the words of Larry the Cable Guy, they simply, "Get 'er Done!" These articles will recognize their good work and also serve as a thank you for their dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

Minnesota's charitable gambling laws and the myriad reports that must be filed are no simple task to keep track of. Council 945 is fortunate to have a gambling manager who is well versed in the complexities of operating a charitable gambling program.

Tom Klecker has served as Council 945's Gambling Manager since 1989. In this 20 year span Tom has seen numerous changes in the laws. Many times these changes require filing of new or revised reports and also impact the guidelines for allowing the donation of charitable gambling funds to the various beneficiaries of these funds.

During this 20 year span Tom has seen total donations of charitable gambling funds top \$1 million.

To fill this most important position, he must be licensed by the State of Minnesota. This licensing process includes attending classes conducted by the Minnesota Charitable Gambling Board.

Tom joined the KCs in 1973 and has been very active, having received the Trustee's Service Award in 1987. He served our Council as Grand Knight in 1988 and was named Knight of the Year in 1991, and Knight of the Month in 2006.

Tom and Teresa, his wife of 32 years, are the proud parents of 3 children; Jennifer who is 27, Josh 24, and Melissa age 13. The Kleckers are members of Sacred Heart Parish where Teresa is the administrative assistant and Tom serves as an usher and manages the church video system. In the past he has served on the Parish Council and also on the CEMF board.

Recent health issues have interrupted his work at SPX Corporation (OTC) where has been employed for 34 years as a mechanical product engineer.

Mark Cunningham, Columbian Center Manager, had this to say about Tom, "When Tom files his reports with the State of Minnesota, I can rest assured that all the 'Is' will be dotted and the 'Ts' will be crossed."

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ & BLUES MAKES DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2009 Smokin' In Steele BBQ & Blues generated \$2,786.00 for the athletes of the Owatonna Special Olympics. Owatonna Knights of Columbus 945 and contestants want to thank all who supported the event.



A pizza party is enjoyed by the Special Olympic participants, Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence and Event Chairman, Joe Elbert.



Special Olympics representative, Roy Koenig, accepts the check from Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence and Event Chairman, Joe Elbert.

KC Foodstand & Grandstand workers enjoy fun and fellowship - but rain dampens income



2009 Knights of Columbus foodstand.

The KC Fair Foodstand and Grandstand workers made a great effort but the weather did not cooperate during Fair week. Two days of rain took almost all the profit out of the Foodstand and Grandstand concession sales.

“The Foodstand arrangement was excellent. We had a great menu and the workers served hot and delicious brats. The rain just killed most of the sales for two days and we couldn’t recover that much loss. Then, competition from the out-of-town foodstands is tougher every year. We appreciate the good support from people who realize that the profit from the KC Foodstand supports local charitable activities and does not leave town on Monday morning after the Fair closes,” commented co-chairman Frank Conley.

Thanks to Joe Elbert for his special craftsmanship in building the handwashing station for the foodstand. Tom Burke had the design based on his experience in Desert Storm and worked with Joe to build the station.

Thanks to the daily captains for their extra work in opening, running, and closing the stand each day. They are: Dennis Kelm, Mark Kearin and Dave Wunderlich, Tom Burke, Joe Elbert and Keven Boettcher, Tim Chicos, and Al Nelson. And thanks to co-chairmen Al Nelson and Frank Conley for their effort with the Foodstand. The weather will be better next year!



Foodstand assembly/disassembly crew: Will Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Tom Burke, Al Nelson, Alex Pieper, Steve Dornquast, and Eric Wandersee.

The 2009 Grandstand program started with a Motorcross event. Council 945 supplied the manpower for this event to sell beverages to the attendees on Tuesday night. We were scheduled to work also on Thursday night, but the weather turned to rain and the event was cancelled. Over \$300 was the amount that Council 945 received from the 2009 Grandstand events. Thank you to all who helped, it is always an enjoyable time and hopefully all who worked had a great time. We can only hope for better weather next year.

This is a list of the foodstand and grandstand workers:

John Ahlberg
Ardie Bahe
Conrad Bahe
Randy Balausky
Tammy Balausky
Tim Biegert
Keven Boettcher
Bill Bunkers
Tom Burke
Marv Chevalier
Tim Chicos
Frank Conley
Arlene Crotty
Neal Crotty
Tom Docksey
Mark Edel
Joe Elbert
Linda Elbert

Tom Elbert
Dan Filzen
Gary Fisher
Steve Fisher
Ron Helm
Jim Gleason
Jack Graff
Karen Graff
Steve Graff
Gerry Gunderson
Al Jirele
Mark Kearin
Dennis Kelm
LaVerne Klecker
Linda Klecker
Paul Klinkner
Tom Knight

John Kriesel
Tom Kubista
Bill Lawrence
Kurt Lindenbaum
Duane Ludewig
Karen Ludewig
Brent McCulloch
Ann McKernon
Mike McKernon
Al Nelson
Jeff Otto
Will Pieper and family
Dan Reiter
Steve Reller
Steve Roden
Greg Salmonsens
Joan Salmonsens

Ben Schneider
Jackie Schneider
Paul Schneider
Pete Schneider
Sadie Schroeder
Wade Schroeder
Lyle Snider
Laverne Soukup
Tina Soukup
Tom Soukup
Curt Supalla
Dale Tracy
Robert Vosejпка
Joe Wagoner
Eric Wandersee
Jim Wencl

John Wheeler
Jim Wiggins
Ray Wilmott
Ron Wolf
Dave Wunderlich
George Zwack

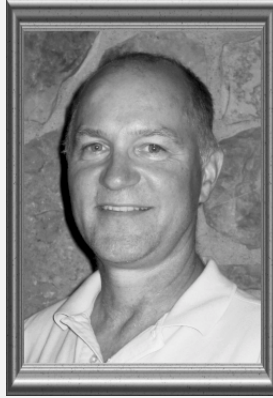
2009-10 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Ed McGrath
GRAND KNIGHT: Bill Lawrence - 451-2075
Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Dornquast
Chancellor: Randy Balausky
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 Dornquast
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



Paul Schneider

Council 945's Knight of the Month for August is Paul Schneider. The announcement was made at the regular September Council meeting by Past Grand Knight Frank Conley.

Paul was born in Albert Lea, and moved to Owatonna with his family when he was 2. He joined the KCs in December of 1980. When asked about his favorite KC projects, he mentioned that he enjoys working at the KC fair stand and also helping with the Tootsie Roll Drive. In reflecting back, he said he really misses calling bingo on Sunday nights, a job he performed for 15 years. He also enjoyed working at the old KC diner building which was located across from the Four Seasons.

Paul joined the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly – Fourth Degree in April of 1994. He is presently serving as their Faithful Navigator. He was recently recognized by the assembly as their “Top Sword,” recognition for participating in the most number of honor guard events.

A 1974 graduate of Marian/St. Mary's, he attended Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights where he studied law enforcement. He retired from the Owatonna Police Department after a career spanning 27 years. He was a patrol officer for the first 15 and then his final 12 years he was a police investigator.

Paul and Jackie, his wife of 28 years, are members of Sacred Heart Parish. They have 2 boys, Michael who is 25 and Aaron is 22.

When asked about his leisure time activities, Paul said he is a big sports fan. He has enjoyed traveling around the state watching his boys play hockey. However, he is not just a spectator as he is an avid golfer and runner. His non-sports interests includes working on home construction projects and looking for treasures with his metal detector.

Congratulation to Paul Schneider, our August Knight of the Month!

New Benefit Breakfast selection is an instant hit!

The first benefit breakfast of the season got off to a great start with the addition of a new delicious menu item. The Denver scrambled eggs prepared by breakfast chef Tom Burke for the Corporate Communion breakfast on August 30 was so popular that it will be added to the regular breakfast menu.

“The Denver scrambled eggs are great, please leave them on the menu,” was heard quite often by our servers from our guests. Long-time breakfast cashier Bill Foreman also remarked that there were many positive comments about the fast service and excellent quality of the food. Our breakfast team always works hard to serve the best possible breakfast.

Council 945 continued its strong support for Catholic Education with the benefit breakfast held for St. Isidore's School on September 11. Tina Kubicek reported that over \$500 was raised. The families from St. Isidore's School 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, Lyle Snider, Tim Rice, John Oberstein, Tom Kingsley, Tom Knight, LaVerne Klecker, Al Jirele, John Henry, Bob Grebe, and Frank Conley.*

The Sunday team included: *Dave Wunderlich, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Lavern Soukup, Will Pieper & Family, Dave Pfeifer, Al Nelson, Todd Koan, Doug Kloos, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Bill Foreman, Steve Fisher, Joe Elbert, Steve Dornquast, Frank Conley, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Burke, and Keven Boettcher.*

If we missed your name, please accept our apology and bring it to our attention. The work of all team members is appreciated. Volunteers are needed to work on our special cleanup team starting at 11:30 a.m. We also need several volunteers to help with breakfast advertising, street signs, and posters. Please call Frank Conley at 451-1742 for more information.

Don't miss our next breakfast on October 4 for Owatonna Area Special Olympics.

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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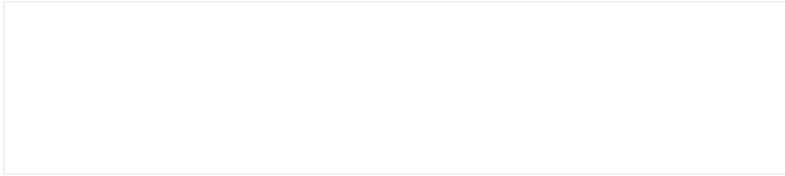
Respect Life Rosary March

Sunday, October 11
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

Benefit Breakfast

for Owatonna Area Special Olympics
October 4 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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25	26 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	28	29	30	31 Halloween Halloween Party St. Mary's School 6:00 - 8:00 pm