

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
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

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

September 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

September 9 - General Meeting
First Degree Exemplification
6:45 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

September 13 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Isidore's School

September 20 -
K of C Family Picnic
Morehouse Park
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

September 24 - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - Soc. - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

October 11 - Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 2
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

for
St. Isidore's School
of Litomysl

Sunday, September 13
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 or scrambled eggs, sausage,
breakfast potatoes, milk, and coffee**

\$5.50 - Presale \$6.00 at the door

Children free age 5 and under

Everyone welcome.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 9
First Degree Exemplification - 6:45 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



**K OF C
FAMILY PICNIC**
Sunday, September 20
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Morehouse Park Pavilion
Brats, brat burgers, and refreshments.
Families, please bring a dish to pass.
Join your fellow Knights and families
for an afternoon of fun.
Musical entertainment.
Mark your calendar!!
Come, enjoy, bring your family.

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.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, August 30 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph's Church

Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus
will participate.

Breakfast will be served at the KC Hall
after Mass.

All members and their families are
invited to attend this Mass.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

The fall I-35 cleanup will be held on Thursday,
September 17th. Meet at the parking lot of First
Supply on West Bridge at 4:45 p.m. Call Jim
Gleason at 676-0271 if you'd like to help.

THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS WELCOME

Fourth Degree Exemplification -
October 17, Marshall, MN
Please contact Paul Schneider at 413-0451 or
Frank Conley at 451-1742 for details.

KC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Four person Best Ball
Brooktree Golf Course

Sat. Sept 26 - Tee time 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Cost \$35.00

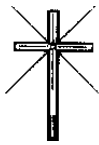
Price includes: Golf, cart, meal, prizes and lots
of fun!!

Meal will be served at the KC Hall at 6:00 p.m.,
with awards and prizes after dinner.

Dinner includes: Smoked Pork Chop, Baked
Potato, Salad, and Dessert -
(Guest dinner is \$10.00)

For more information talk to Mark at the Hall or
call Casey at 456-0271

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:

Joe Hagert, uncle of Brother Knight Tom Eichten has ongoing medical concerns.

Brother Knight Earl Wheeler had 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 Pirkl, 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:

Ann (Geurts) Rekkedahl, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Gil Mamer, passed away on August 19.

Andrew Geurts, cousin of Mary Mamer and Brother Knight Gil Mamer, passed away.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Bill Lawrence

Brother Knights

Another Steele County Free Fair has passed us by, with a chance to see the finest that our county has to offer. I hope everyone had a chance to visit the KC stand to have a brat and say hello to the Knights who volunteered. Hundreds of hours are spent planning, setting up, serving, and tearing down our booth, as well as serving at the Grandstand. Although the weather hampered attendance, the Knights continued to volunteer their time and raise money for local efforts. A huge thank you to all, especially Frank Conley and Al Nelson who served as Co-Chairs for this year's Fair.

August also meant we had our annual Tootsie Roll picnic. Once again, our volunteer efforts netted over \$6,000 that was given to local agencies and services that focus on developmental disabilities. We continue to support Cedar Valley Services, Rainbow Residence, Special Olympics, and the Therapeutic Recreation Department of the City of Owatonna in their efforts to serve the developmentally disadvantaged. Big thanks to our Co-Chairs Kevin Boettcher and Al Nelson for all their work, and special thanks to all those who helped with the food prep and clean-up at our last general meeting at Gaine Park.

Looking forward, on September 9, we have our 1st Degree Exemplification. This is another opportunity for you to ask that friend, family member, or neighbor to join the KCs. The first Benefit Breakfast will be held on September 13, benefiting St. Isidore's School of Litomysl. And on September 20, our annual Family Picnic will be held at the Morehouse Park pavilion. Sure hope you can make it. Vivat Jesus.

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek

FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS, BY BROTHER KNIGHTS

We all know and appreciate the good work the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and charitable causes. But did you know that our insurance program is an essential part of the Order?

Protecting families from economic adversity has been a key part of the Knights of Columbus mission since its founding in 1882. Our founder passed the hat to support the widows and children of Brother Knights who had died. We've grown into one of the largest individual life insurers in North America – with more than \$65 billion of individual life insurance in force. Moreover, contrary to some misconceptions, our insurance program is not directed in any way by a "separate company" and never has been.

Our insurance is available exclusively to members, their wives, and their dependent children. All field agents are Brother Knights. They work full-time for the Knights of Columbus serving the needs of you and your family. They are available at all times to answer your questions on life insurance, Long Term Care Protection, annuities, IRAs and other financial matters.

In this day and age, personal attention has become rare – but in the Knights of Columbus, we specialize in it. In fact, it's the Field Agent's job to get to know you and your family, and to make themselves available to you for assistance. We are different from other insurers – and that difference greatly benefits our members. Give your Field Agent a call and find out how the Knights of Columbus has been "Protecting Families for Generations."

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Aaron Jelinek 952-513-8784 - Email: aaron.jelinek@kofc.org

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

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.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Star Council would be a great achievement for our Council this year. We are getting a good start with five new members and to make Star Council we need 35 new members. Also, for our Insurance goal for this year, we would need 17 new insured members.

We are planning on having a First Degree Exemplification at the KC Hall on Wednesday, September 9. Please be at the KC Hall by 6:45 p.m. Anyone who has a prospective candidate, let's get them signed up and bring them to the KC Hall. This is a perfect opportunity to get some new members started early in our new KC year.

Also keep in mind we are having a Major Degree in November. The date for this Major Degree is Saturday, November 21. More information will follow in a later edition of *The Key*.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4724 or my cell phone (504) 456-6738.

LAST SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge - Friday, August 28

Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Delicious marinated steaks or windsor chop, served with salad, roll, and baked potato.

BABY BACK RIB DINNER

Prepared On Our Smoker

Served in the Lounge - Friday, September 18 and 25

Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meal will feature the **Best Ribs You Have Ever Tasted**, served with French Fries, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert for \$9.35 plus tax.

KC Chorus Schedule for September 2009

KC Chorus will be entertaining on Sunday afternoon, September 20, at Morehouse Manor, Park Place, Infina, Countryside Senior Living, and KC Picnic.

2009-10 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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



Jim Kaplan

Council 945's Knight of the Month for July is Jim Kaplan. The announcement was made at the regular August Council meeting. When informed by LaVerne Klecker, his first thought was "Why me? I don't do very much."

Jim's hometown is Ellendale, Minnesota — just south of Owatonna. He graduated from Ellendale High School and went on to a two-year program at Austin Vo-Tech. He is a self-employed contractor — does all kinds of handyman chores, remodeling, fencing, and garage doors.

Jim and his wife Diane have been married for 29 years. They have been members of St. Joseph's Parish in Owatonna for 8+ years. He has been known to usher occasionally when called upon.

Jim and Diane are the proud parents of five children — Nick, Pete, Alicia (and her husband Adrian Chavez), Luke, and Adam. Nick, Adam, Alicia, and Adrian are all presently in the Air Force. Pete was in the Air Force for six years and is now a member of the Alaska Guard.

When asked about his favorite KC project, Jim said that he doesn't really have a favorite. He enjoys being able to pitch in wherever and whenever he can. He said he is really glad to be a help. Jim is a dedicated member of the KC Benefit Breakfast team, helping at every breakfast. He is a cheerful and ambitious worker in the kitchen and dining hall.

The Kaplans used to farm near Ellendale. They once moved three times in 12 months — but Jim says they are settled now. He enjoys some volleyball and fishing (and wishes he could do more).

We send our congratulations to Jim on being recognized as the July Knight of the Month and thank him for all the times he has pitched in to make Council 945 the wonderful Council it is.

The Owatonna Council #945 of the Knights of Columbus presented checks to four local agencies and services that focus on developmental disabilities in its annual Tootsie Roll Drive Picnic held on August 12. The Tootsie Roll drive, held in early May, generates dollars through donations from the public at various locations around Owatonna. The proceeds are then given to the local agencies. Owatonna Knights have continued to support the following agencies and services with the Tootsie Roll proceeds: Cedar Valley Services, Rainbow Residence, Special Olympics, and Therapeutic Recreation Department, City of Owatonna.

More than 110 Knights and their families participated this year, donating more than 400 hours, and raising more than \$6,300.00. Thanks to all who helped volunteer, and special thanks to our captains Brent McCullen, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Dave Wunderlich, Steve Graff, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Tim Chicos, and Terry Kuck, as well as our Co-Chairs Al Nelson and Kevin Boettcher. It is also important to mention the following businesses that help make this program a success: Cashwise Foods, Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, and Cabela's.

KCs donate Tootsie Roll \$\$\$ to local agencies



Pictured Above: KC Member and Tootsie Roll Captain Brent McCullen; Jim Karkhoff, Director, Rainbow Residence; Wendy Reller, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Department, City of Owatonna; Roy Koenig, Special Olympics representative, KC Member and Tootsie Roll Captain Tom Burke; Dave Williams, Director, Cedar Valley Services; and KC Member and Tootsie Roll Captain Tim Chicos.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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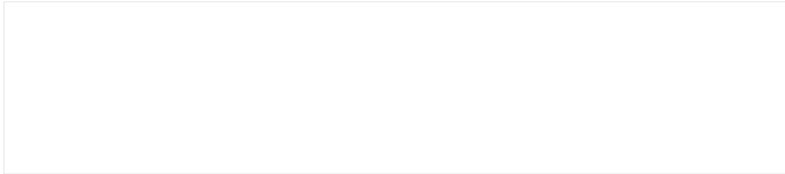
KC Family Corporate Communion

Sunday, August 30
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast after Mass at KC Hall.

Nonprofit Organization
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Benefit Breakfast

for St. Isidore's School of Litomysl
September 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School



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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	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	9 General Meeting First Degree Exemplification - 6:45 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	10	11	12
13 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am- 12:30 pm for St. Isidore's School of Litomysl	14 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	15 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Baby Back Rib Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	19
20 K of C Family Picnic 4:00 - 6:00 pm Morehouse Park	21 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	22 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	23	24 Fourth Degree Meeting Social - 6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30 pm	25 Baby Back Rib Dinner KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	26 Golf Tournament Brooktree Golf Course Tee time - 11:30 am Meal - 6:00 pm KC Hall
27	28 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	29 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	30			