

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

APRIL  
2010

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 2** - Benefit Lenten Fish Fry  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Izaak Walton League
- April 7** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- April 11** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Serra Club
- April 11** - Divine Mercy Sunday  
St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.
- April 12** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- April 14** - General Meeting  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- April 17** - 24th Annual Night of  
Knights Auction  
St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m.
- April 22** - Fourth Degree  
See Sextant for Meeting  
Information
- April 23, 24 & 25** - Tootsie Roll  
Fund-raiser

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 14  
First Degree Exemplification - 7:30 p.m.  
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### Serra Club Benefit Breakfast

Sunday, April 11, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School

Now, more sensational breakfast choices!

#### "KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese  
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,  
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers  
The Wild omelet - cheese,  
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers  
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,  
milk and coffee

#### "KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,  
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee

All with table service - delicious food served hot  
from the grill to your table.  
\$5.50 - advance, \$6.00 at the door  
Everyone is welcome.

### Spring Burger Baskets

Friday, April 9, 16, 23, and 30  
Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Baskets include burger, coleslaw,  
fries or onion rings

### 24th ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTSAUCTION

St. Mary's School Benefit Auction  
Saturday, April 17, 2010  
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)

HAVE A BLESSED AND  
HAPPY EASTER!



### BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the KC Hall  
Presale tickets - \$8.00 for adults  
(available at the KC Lounge)  
\$8.50 at the door  
Kids under six eat free  
Dinner served in the Lounge and in the Hall.  
Fried Fish or Baked Fish Plate  
Whipped potatoes with country gravy,  
vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, and coffee

#### Beneficiaries

March 26 St. Mary's REP and CYO  
April 2 Izaak Walton League

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 11, 2010  
St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.  
All are welcome to this hour of prayer.

### Fishing Contest Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 27  
Social - 5:00 p.m. Meal - 6:00 p.m.  
Call Mark at the K of C Lounge for details.

### Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser

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 23, 24, and 25  
At these locations: Cabela's, Cash Wise, HyVee,  
Wal-Mart, & Post Office  
Help us set a new record!  
To help, call  
Al Nelson at 451-0577 or (507) 456-4635

## Easter Prayer by Susan Helen Kramer

*A prayer for contemplation - meditation - on the timeless message of Easter.*

Lord, You have arisen forever  
In my heart!  
May the sunrise  
Remind me to shine in Your light.  
May the caress of a gentle breeze  
Remind me of Your compassion.  
May the fragrance of a flower  
Remind me to blossom in Your love.  
May the singing of birds  
Bring a song of joy to my lips.  
And in the closing of each day  
May I remember to quietly pray.  
Wherever I am, whatever I do  
May my thoughts in joy return to You!



## Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF

### THE BEST KEPT SECRET K OF C TAX DEFERRED ANNUITIES

Expecting a tax refund? Even if you were not, you certainly wouldn't want to pay more taxes than you have to, would you?

Yet, that is what you can expect if you have your money in savings accounts, checking accounts, money markets accounts, and certificates of deposits and not a tax-deferred account like a Knights of Columbus certificate.

I can help you find a good place to put your income-tax refund. The Knights of Columbus offers a highly competitive tax-deferred annuity that compounds at a faster rate than money saved in a taxable account.

You don't pay income tax on the earnings until you withdrew them, which most likely will occur after you retire. You can make one payment and select the age at which you begin receiving benefits or make periodic payments of as much as you want for as long as you want.

Either way, an annuity with Knights of Columbus can provide you with a retirement income you cannot outlive. In today's financial world characterized by uncertainty and losses, a Knights of Columbus tax-deferred annuity gives you peace of mind.

Your principal is guaranteed, and so is a minimum return. What other kind of investment vehicles gives you those guarantees?

Knights of Columbus Insurance  
Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF  
507-281-2970

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

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Again I would like to congratulate and welcome our eight new Third degree members to our Council. Also I would like welcome our New Reinstated member Greg Jensen. We still need seven new members to make our membership goal for Star Council. There will be a First Degree Exemplification on April 14 at our General Meeting. Contact me if you need any help signing up a new member at 451- 4102 or 456-6738. Also I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2010 please get them paid, Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council expenses. Thank you.

## Grand Knight's Message by Bill Lawrence

### Greeting Brother Knights

It's spring, and the melting snow has reminded me of all the projects in the yard that need to be completed. It also reminded me that I only have three more months until I pass the gavel onto Steve Dornquast, Deputy Grand Knight, and I still have some work to do.

The first is that we need a few more members to meet our recruitment goal. If you know of someone who would make a great Knight, please ask them to join. It is that easy. Second, we are completing our schedule for the annual Tootsie Roll drive in April and there are still a few slots open for volunteers. We also have a number of opportunities to help with Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest. Finally, we are close to meeting all of the requirements for Star Council, one of the highest achievements a Council can attain. This would truly be an honor for our Council.

I have a few member Knights to thank for their leadership these last few weeks. Thanks to the breakfast crew for the wonderful breakfast benefiting the St. Mary's School Music Boosters. Thanks also to Chancellor Randy Balausky who volunteered to complete the 2009-10 Council Scrapbook. He put in lots of hard work and many hours to capture the Council activities over the last year. Special thanks to Mark Cunningham, Tom Burke, and Jim Gleason who coordinated the Jerry Kent benefit. Another finally, thanks to Member Dan Ruitter for agreeing to chair our Advertising and Publicity efforts.

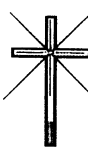
Vivat Jesus



Dan Ruitter

New Advertising/Publicity Director Dan Ruitter and his wife Tracy have three children, sons Brady, Brett, and Jack. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as news director for KEYC TV Channel 12 in Mankato, Minnesota.

## 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:**

*Molly Schiller, daughter of Brother Knight Ken Schiller, granddaughter of Brother Knight Frank Schiller, sister of Brother Knight Tony Schiller, was in a serious car accident and is recovering from her injuries.*

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

*Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Jerry Kent, 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, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, 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 William Mealey, father-in-law of Brother Knight Mark Kearin, passed away on February 23.*

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

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

EXEMPLIFIED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2010, AT THE KC HALL IN FARIBAULT, MN



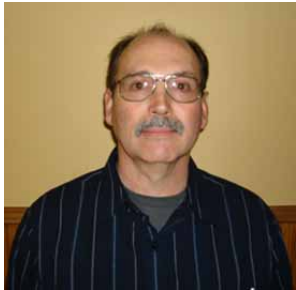
*Tim Flattery is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Tim is employed at Federated Insurance. Tim was sponsored by Brother Knight Tim Rice.*



*Justin Kuhlman and his wife Jamie have two sons, Dominic and James. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Justin is employed by Hy-Vee and Personal Care Attendance. Justin was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*



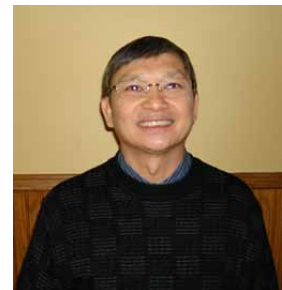
*Ben Lempiainen and his wife Tiffany have two daughters, Hannah and Natalie. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Ben is employed at Aramark Uniforms. Ben was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.*



*David Lax and his wife Mary have five adult children. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. David owns and operates Central Heating of Owatonna. David was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*



*Gerald Lynch and his wife Genny have a daughter Katie. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Gerald is retired and a stay-at-home caretaker for his disabled wife and disabled daughter. Gerald was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*



*Tony Nguyen and his wife Yen have two daughters, Mary Lan and Lisa Linh. They are members of St. Joseph's Parish. Tony is employed at SPX Corporation. Tony was sponsored by Brother Knight Peter Schneider.*



*Brandon Pofahl and his wife Kari are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Brandon is employed at Wells Fargo Bank. Brandon was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*



*Dan Wolfe and his wife Kathleen have two children, Christopher and Jessica. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Dan is employed in human resources at Mediacam in Waseca. Dan was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*

## Welcome to our reinstated members

*Gregory Jensen and his wife Terry are members of St. Joseph's Parish and have two adult children. Greg is semi-retired. Greg was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.*

*Joe Plemmel sponsored by Brother Knight Dave Fandel.*

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Sunday April 11 - St. Joseph's Church - 3:00 p.m.**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. This is not a self-serving group of men, but a legion of volunteers who participate in programs that benefit the entire community in which they live, work, and play. From hosting and serving benefit breakfasts and dinners for various community outreach groups to bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, these men and their families share their time, talents, and treasures all over the county, state, country, and world.

For Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th, the Knights are inviting all to come pray together at St Joseph Church for the forgiveness of sins, our own and those of the whole world. We are asking that you and your family add your voice to the many in praying a Rosary and the Divine Chaplet together with us, as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. When all else fails, we still have prayer.

**Owatonna Knights of Columbus**  
**Council 945**  
**Scrapbook**

In an effort to retain memories or a history of the Councils' events and news, we will be putting together a scrapbook. Anyone wishing to contribute any news articles, pictures, posters, or anything relating to our Council and the many good things we do, can drop off the items anytime at the KC's Lounge. If you need any further information, please contact Grand Knight - Bill Lawrence 451-2075, or Chancellor - Randy Balausky 444-9861.



## **Smokin' In Steele**

### **Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!**

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

**The Steele County Fairgrounds**  
**Owatonna, MN**  
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 4, 5, & 6**

Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

#### **Blues Bands**

Friday, June 4 - *Nite Rail* opens the festival Friday evening.

With *Brandon Scott Sellner* the headliner later on.

Saturday, June 5 - **Saturday opens with *The Dee Miller Band* in the afternoon.**

*The Fabulous Love Handles* will play the early Saturday evening slot.

And then *The Tom Hunter Band* will close out the event.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, June 6 - 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: [smokininsteale.com](http://smokininsteale.com)*



## 2009-10 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Ed McGrath  
GRAND KNIGHT: ..... Bill Lawrence - 451-2075  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Steve Dornquist  
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 Dornquist  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Ruitter  
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: ..... Interim Josh Klecker  
District Deputy: ..... PGK Tim Rice  
KC Hall Manager: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
Benefits Advisor: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



Russ Bowar

Council 945's Knight of the Month for February is Russ Bowar. The announcement was made at the regular March Council meeting by Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence. In making the announcement, Bill said, "I am pleased to name a fellow "Packer Backer" as February's Knight of the Month."

A native of Cross Plains, Wisconsin, Russ joined the Knights of Columbus on October 1, 1970 in Owatonna. Russ is proud to mention that his grandfather and father were both 4th degree members back in Wisconsin. He joined the 4th degree in 1991 and is a charter member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, where he is a member of the Honor Guard.

He served Council 945 as Grand Knight in 1990 and was named Knight of the Year in 1995.

When asked about his favorite KC project, he mentioned a project he has chaired for 19 years, the Richard Rohwer Christmas Party for the developmentally disabled. Russ went on to explain how his chairmanship unfolded. Nineteen years ago, an ailing Richard Rohwer was surrounded by his KC family of brothers, Russ Bowar, Mike Schaffner, Gerry Gunderson, and Tim Rice praying the rosary. As soon as the rosary was finished, Richard looked at his brothers and said: "One of you needs to take care of my kids. Please promise me that one of you will take over the Holiday Bingo for my kids." Russ promised that he would and the yearly Adult Special Needs bingo party still takes place on the first Wednesday of December. Along with Russ, Gerry, Mike, and Tim have been very instrumental in helping each year since Richard passed away. Those who volunteer one year, always come back the next year due to experiencing the delight on the faces of "Richard's kids". Eating pizza, playing bingo for that almighty \$1.00, and excited when Santa shows up, one never tires of receiving the special blessings from these wonderful adults.

Russ graduated from Marian High School in Owatonna with the class of 1969. He is employed by Qwest Communications as a customer data technician.

Russ and his wife of 39 years, Jan, are members of St. Joseph's Church, where Russ serves as an usher. The Bowars have four children; Amy, Mathew, Jim, and Heidi.

Besides his KC activities, Russ is an avid follower of the Green Bay Packers. He also lists golf as his favorite pastime.

Congratulations and a tip of the "cheese head" hat to our February Knight of the Month, Russ Bowar!

## Great Food & Music for St. Mary's Music Boosters Breakfast

Congratulations to St. Mary's Music Boosters Chair Kristin Tucker, her husband, Brother Knight Eric Tucker, and all booster members for their work in making the March 14 Benefit Breakfast a very successful event. Their work and strong support by our dedicated breakfast patrons helped raise \$1,207.25 for the Music Boosters. The dining room duties were made easy by many Music Boosters and the young breakfast volunteers. Beautiful music was featured throughout the morning by St. Mary's band and choir students.

The excellent Council 945 breakfast team was at their best preparing the delicious new menu. Thanks to the KC Sunday breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast: *Randy Balausky, Doug Betti, Scot Berkley, Tim Chicos, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquist, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Tom Gebur, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Matt Jessop, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Mark Kearin, Bill Lawrence, Larry Mulert, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Will Pieper & family, Doug Phillips, Mark Phillips, Lavern Soukup, Eric Tucker, Curt Supalla, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks to the Saturday prep team: *Gerry Barry, Frank Conley, Jack Dillemath, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.*

Special thanks to our breakfast closers: *Frank Conley, Jim Kaplan, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, Chuck Walerius, John Wheeler, Dick Thamert, and Dave Wunderlich.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

The new KC Omelets and KC Country Breakfast are very popular. Here are several comments, selected at random from our comments & suggestions box: "Table service is great! Your food selection is superb. This is the best breakfast in town." And, "Keep up the good work. The omelets were excellent."

The Serra Club benefit breakfast will be held on April 11. Mark your calendar today! Your participation is important and appreciated.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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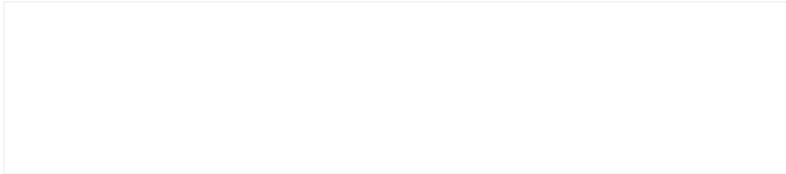


**Benefit Breakfast**  
Serra Club  
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St. Mary's School

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<b>4</b> Easter	5	<b>6</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	8	<b>9</b> Spring Burger Baskets KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10
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