

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 6 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 10 - Benefit Breakfast

St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Religious
Education Program

January 11 - KC Free Throw
Contest - St. Mary's School
Registration - 6:00 p.m.
Competition - 6:30 p.m.

January 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

January 13 - General Meeting
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

January 23 - 6th Annual Chili

Cook-Off
National Guard Armory
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 28 - Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 31 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph's Church - 9:30 a.m.

February 14 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Exchange Club Benefit Breakfast

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 6
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, January 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Religious Education Program

Sunday, January 10
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, hashbrowns, milk, and coffee
\$5.50 - Advance Sale \$6.00 at the door
Children free age 5 and under
Everyone welcome.



KC FAMILY

CORPORATE COMMUNION Sunday, January 31 - 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.

MAJOR DEGREE

Sunday, February 21

Faribault KC Hall - 10:00 a.m.
Transportation will be provided -
leave KC Hall at 9:00 a.m.

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!



6th Annual Chili Cook-Off January 23

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
National Guard Armory
2323 West Bridge
Owatonna, MN

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Contest open to all boys and girls
ages 10 - 14.

Monday, January 11
Registration - 6:00 p.m.
Competition - 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School Gym.
Help is needed from 5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
Call Dustin Reese at (507) 456-3523,
for more information or to help.

Shrimp Dinners

Fridays in January - January 8, 15, 22, and 29
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

Go Huskies

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

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.

Happy Holidays? by Jim Manney

I often flinch inside when someone wishes me “happy holidays.” “What’s wrong with saying ‘Merry Christmas?’” says the annoyed inner voice. Nothing, of course, but nevertheless I’m trying to get over my flinching.

Hardly anybody who says “happy holidays” does so out of disrespect for the Christian feast. They do it out of politeness. There are some people who *might* receive Christmas greetings uncomfortably, and a tiny handful who are actively hostile to Christianity. But rarely do the people who say “happy holidays” feel this way. They want to express good will without offending anyone. Who can complain about that?

But Christians do complain. I complain. This troubles me. For one thing, it’s an egocentric complaint. It boils down to grumbling that people (society, the culture, “them”) don’t see Christmas the same way I do. That’s largely true; they don’t. But they have some positive idea about the season. It involves good cheer, human warmth, and celebration. *Happy* holidays. It’s something to respect, not grumble about.

After all, the reason why people think about being generous, enjoying their families, and doing things better in the new year is because Christ has come into the world. The babe of Bethlehem changed everything. Salvation has come. We can hope for something better. The holly and the sleigh bells, the lights on the house and Santa on the porch, Bing Crosby singing “White Christmas” and friends wishing you “Happy Holidays”—all this says that Christ has come. We can find him everywhere. It’s easy to see him at this time of year.

Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF

Insurance Check-Up for 2010

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you’re like most people, you’ve made some resolutions for 2010. I’d like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. *First, write them down.* A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it’s nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I’ll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family’s life insurance, long term care or financial programs. Unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance or long term care insurance. *You also need good health and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change!!!*

Our Knights of Columbus life insurance and annuities also offers something precious that few financial products can – guarantees. The proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind and that’s (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless!!!

I’m at 952-513-8784 or aaron.jelinek@kofc.org. Call me – I’m happy to help!

Grand Knight’s Message by Bill Lawrence

Greeting Brother Knights

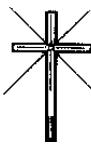
Hard to imagine that 2009 is over and that I have reached the halfway point in my term as Grand Knight. What a year 2009 has turned out to be. Council Number 945 has donated thousands of hours to our church and community, thousands of dollars to those in need, delivered programs that have enhanced youth and family, and recruited a few new Knights along the way. What a difference a year can make.

And as busy as the last six months were, the next six months will seem even busier. We start right up with the Free Throw Championship, then a Poster Contest, the Chili Cook-Off, Lenten Fish Dinners, Spaghetti Suppers, the Night of Knights Auction, the Tootsie Roll Drive, Smokin’ in Steele, a few more Benefit Breakfasts...and let’s not forget recruitment....

A special thank you goes to **Russ Bowar** for continuing the Richard Rower tradition of the Christmas Party for the developmentally disabled. Another special thank you goes to **Tom Docksey** who coordinated the Knights participation in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. And, finally, special thanks goes to all who made the KC Extravaganza a success...from **Frank Conley, Al Nelson, LaVerne Klecker, the KC Chorus, Santa and his elf Brian Fisher,** as well as all the volunteers too numerous to mention in this column. Finally, big thanks to **Mark Cunningham** and his staff who go out of their way to make the KC Hall a special place all year long.

Happy New Year & 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:

Lily and Liam Reiter, newborn grandchildren of Brother Knight Frank Conley, arrived preterm and are in Children’s hospital.

Brother Knight Bob Fischer is recovering from foot surgery.

Brother Knight Dan Pirkl broke a rib.

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, 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:

Mary Ann Schwab, mother-in-law of Brother Knights Terry Kuck and Bruce Rozeske, passed away on November 26.

Charlotte Stine, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Jeff Cink passed away on December 8.

Dr. John Docksey, father of Brother Knight Tom Docksey passed away on December 12.

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 NOVEMBER 21, 2009, AT THE KC HALL IN OWATONNA, MN



Eric Anderson is a member of Holy Trinity Parish at Litomysl. He is employed by Owatonna Park and Recreation as a recreation supervisor. Eric was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Lynn Becker and his wife Sonja have one son Jon. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed by Lamperts in Faribault. Lynn was proposed by Brother Knight Chuck Walerius.



Brian Haggerty and his wife Sarah have three children, son Marcus and daughters Alexis and JoAnna. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Federated Insurance. Brian was sponsored by Brother Knight Mark Kearin.



Patrick Hawkins and his wife Mary have three children, a son Mitch, and two daughters Leah and Molly, they are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed Central Valley and Interstate Mills in Owatonna. Patrick was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Joe Herzog and his wife Jenna are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He owns and operates Complete Custom Cabinets. Joe was sponsored and knighted by dad Brother Knight Kevin Herzog.



Jeff Hodapp and his wife Carol have two children, son Anthony and daughter Megan. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed by Emporia State University in Kansas. Jeff was sponsored by Brother Knight Chuck Walerius.



Lanny Huemann and his wife Virginia have five adult children. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Lanny is retired from Power Team and presently volunteers his time with Meals on Wheels. Lanny was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Nick Johnson and his wife Christina are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed by Catepillar. Nick was sponsored by Brother Knight Jim Kaplan.



Nick Klinkner is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Harlands Tire. Nick was sponsored and Knighted by his dad, Brother Knight Paul Klinkner.

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John Nelson is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a teacher at St. Agnes High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. John was sponsored and Knighted by his dad, Brother Knight Stephen Nelson.



Andy Oberstein is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Viracon. Andy was sponsored and Knighted by his dad, Brother Knight John Oberstein.



Tim Oberstein is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Northern Extreme Remodeling. Tim was sponsored and Knighted by his dad, Brother Knight John Oberstein.



Ryan Schrom and his wife Brianna have two children, son Christian and daughter Jenesis. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Innovative Seed and Consulting. Joel was sponsored by his grandpa, Brother Knight Norbert Schrom.



Kevin Weckman and his wife Kerry have two children, son Scott and daughter Ruth. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Federated Insurance. Kevin was sponsored by Brother Knight Mark Kearin.

The following First Degree members became Third Degree Knights:



John Hammer and his wife Dayne have four adult children. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is self-employed with Blue Monday Monthly, does a weekly radio show called Hammered by the Blues, and also owns Silver Hammereds Holdings. John was sponsored by Brother Knight Tom Elbert.



Joel Garten and his wife Denise have three children, sons Wyatt and Austin, and daughter Choloe. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. His employed by Crown, Cork, and Seal. Joel was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.



Dan Rutter 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. Dan was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.



John Wheeler and his wife Donna have four children, two sons Cole and Lucas and daughters Gretchen and Hannah. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. His speciality is drafting and design. John was sponsored by Brother Knight John Ahlberg.

Bell Ringers Exemplify Principles of the Order

On December 12th, members of Council 945 joined together to cover the bell ringing duties at all seven locations in Owatonna for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive. As a reminder the principles of the order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Charity was very evident as the bell ringers collected money from the busy Christmas shoppers. This money goes to help the less fortunate with food, clothing and housing. These funds are also available in case of a disaster such as a fire or flood.

Unity. Without it, the program would not have been a success. It took a minimum of 56 individuals ... knights and family members, to cover all the locations around town.

Fraternity. The bell ringers worked in teams and there was certainly fraternity as they worked together and enjoyed spreading Christmas spirit to everyone who passed by. They also took turns to be sure that there was sufficient break time to warm up and rest a bit during the 3 hour shifts, some of which were spent outdoors.

Patriotism. While 87% of the funds collected stays in Owatonna, the Salvation Army is there to help anyone in need in this great Nation of ours, without discrimination.

A big thanks to those Knights and their family members who helped ring the bells on December 12. If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies and know that your help was appreciated:

Tom Docksey	Jeff Kramer	Bill Lawrence	Jon Kruetter	David Olson Sr.
Dave Wunderlich	Julie Wanous	John Nelson	John Thamert	Gerry Gunderson
Stacy Hannover & Son	Daniel Born	John Ahlberg & family	Walt Spindler	
Joel Garten	Mark Kearin	Gary Fisher	Tim Rice	
Tom Schmidt	Laverne Soukup	Steve Fisher	Steve Dornquast	
Deacon Pat Fagan	Tom Soukup	Bill Foreman	Wade Schroeder & family	
Brian Carlson	Dennis & Becky Kelm	Paul & Jackie Schneider	Scot Berkley & family	
Joe Elbert	Troy Titus	Russ & Jenny Redman	David Olson Jr.	



Scot Berkley and Mark Berkley bundled up the greet shoppers at Fleet Farm.



Steve and Gary Fisher man the first shift at Hy-Vee. They boast that one of their donors dropped in two \$50 bills!



Mark Kearin and Dave Wunderlich worked the East entrance to Wal Mart and enjoyed hot beverages as they braved the December cold.



Steve Dornquast and Joe Elbert were well dressed for the stiff South wind and cold temperatures at Cabela's.



Deacon Pat Fagan and Brian Carlson enjoy ringing in the warm comfort of the lobby at Cash Wise Foods.



Troy Titus and Colin Titus did a great job of collecting at the West entrance to Wal Mart. They had fun spreading the Christmas spirit to the shoppers.

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: 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



Randy Balausky

Council 945's Knight of the Month for November is Randy Balausky. The announcement was made at the regular December Council meeting by Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence.

Randy was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Willoughby, Ohio. He joined the KCs on November 23, 2003. When asked about his favorite KC projects, he mentioned two; working at the benefit breakfasts and the brat stand at the Steele County Free Fair. He presently serves as the Chancellor of our Council.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreational Studies at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio where he majored in recreational management. He later received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in

Phoenix, Arizona. He is employed at Emerson Network Power in Waseca, where he works as a production supervisor in the fiber optics division.

Randy, and his wife of 17 years, Tammy, are members of Sacred Heart Parish and they have three children; Chris, Allie and Casey. Tammy is a Martha and Randy serves on the building committee at their parish.

When asked about his other interests, Randy said, "I am really into Scouting. I am an Eagle Scout and have been involved in the Boy Scouts since I was a Cub Scout in grade school." He presently serves as the Scout Master for the KC sponsored, Troop 253. He is also into scuba diving and of course, as a boy scout it's a natural that he loves camping.

One big accomplishment of the Balausky family this summer was the achieving of their goal to travel to all of the 48 contiguous states in their recreational vehicle before the 2 youngest children graduated from high school.

Congratulation to Randy Balausky, our November Knight of the Month!

Father McCauley Honored With Exemplification

Council 945 hosted an exemplification on November 21 honoring Fr. James McCauley. Forty-two candidates were exemplified into full knighthood by completing their third degree. The new knights received special certificates marking the occasion and they, in turn, signed a commemorative certificate which was presented to Fr. McCauley. Grand Knight Bill Lawrence commented, "It is very appropriate that we honor Fr. McCauley with the Knights of Columbus proclaiming this fraternal year, *The Year of the Priest*."

McCauley served the Parish Church of St. Joseph from 1984 to 1991. He also served as Chaplain for Council 945. A native of Caledonia, Minnesota, he was ordained into the priesthood in 1956 after receiving his theological training at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Fr. McCauley presently resides in Brownsville, Minnesota, and is recovering from a stroke he suffered in 2007.

Candidates came from all over Southern Minnesota to participate in the exemplification. There were 13 candidates who completed their third degree to become knights in the Owatonna Council. Columbian Center Manager, Mark Cunningham, had this to say, "I have been working here for 25 years and this is, by far, the largest exemplification that I have ever witnessed."



Pictured Father James McCauley (left) receiving the commemorative certificate from council member Ron Wolf.

Gambling Manager

Council #945 is currently looking for a Knight in good standing to fill the Gambling Manager position. Candidates should have some background in accounting or bookkeeping, have attention to detail, and is able to complete reports timely and accurately. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to either Mark Cunningham at the KC Hall, 820 S. Elm Ave. or Bill Lawrence at 1044 Rolling Green Drive; both in Owatonna, MN 55060. If you have questions about this position, feel free to call Mark at 451-6103 or Bill at 390-2210.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Thanks to all Brother Knights who sponsored our new members for our Exemplification. Thanks to the many members who helped with the Exemplification. I would especially like to thank the dads who sponsored their sons and for their participation in the knighting ceremony for their sons. Our next Major Degree is in Faribault, now is the time to be in contact with your prospective members. If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 451-4102. Don't wait any longer, call, and visit your prospective member today. Explain our Councils accomplishments and invite them to join us, they will thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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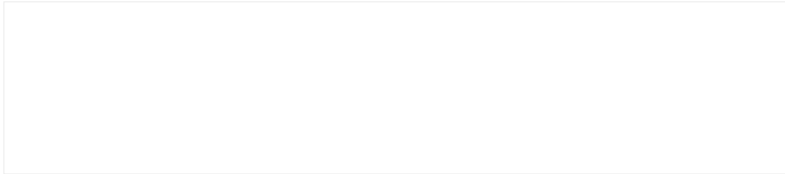
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KC Family Corporate Communion
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