

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity

AUGUST  
2020

### 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 4:00-6:00 pm  
Free Hors d'oeuvres during  
Friday happy hour.

### 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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

### KC WEBSITE

Visit our website  
[www.kofcouncil945.org](http://www.kofcouncil945.org)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**August 5** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting  
**August 12** - General Meeting, Picnic, & Celebration of Service  
Jaycee Park Picnic Social - 5:00 p.m.  
Meal - 6:00 p.m.  
Celebration of Service - 6:30 p.m.

### Prayer for Healing

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Healer of all diseases and  
our Great Physician,  
we intercede for all those  
who are in traumatic  
condition not knowing the  
depth of their illness.

We believe nothing is  
impossible in Your hands  
of Healing and in your  
Heart of Love, Mercy, &  
Compassion.

### COMING EVENTS

#### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, August 5 - 7:30 p.m.  
KC Hall

#### SACRED HEART MASS ON YOUTUBE

Here is the link to Sacred Heart YouTube channel.

Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and just search for Sacred Heart Owatonna and you will recognize the new Altar and Fr. Swami

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=sacred+heart+church+owatonna+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sacred+heart+church+owatonna+)

#### ST. JOSEPH MASS ON FACEBOOK

go to <https://stjosephowatonna.org/> and select the facebook link.

#### HELP WANTED

Benefit Breakfast Committee, looking for volunteers to help with the benefit breakfasts, either on the Saturday morning prep team or the Sunday morning crew. We are still in great need of a Warden and Director of Life Activities. Please contact Lee Jardine at (651) 247-2963.

#### ANYONE NEED HELP

If you know of a Brother Knight who is need of assistance, please contact any Brother Knight or Lee Jardine at (651) 247-2963.

Dues Reminder: Annual dues renewals have been mailed out. Please pay your annual dues as soon as possible and make arrangements to pay any past-due dues. State and Supreme Council continues to charge Council #945 for all members, so it is essential that we collect our dues in a timely manner to pay these on behalf of each member

#### DUSTIN'S SMOKED BBQ



Serving smoked  
bbq meat, beans,  
and coleslaw  
Every Friday  
in August  
KC Lounge  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
\$8.00

#### GENERAL MEETING, PICNIC, & CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Wednesday, August 12  
Jaycee Park Picnic Social - 5:00 p.m.  
Meal - 6:00 p.m.  
Celebration of Service - 6:30 p.m.

Awards to be presented, Guest speaker from Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, silent auction items, free will offering for the Memorial for the Unborn. See information in this Key. PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 5.

A very brief Council meeting will be held following the Presentations

Jaycee Park is located at 631 Rice Lake Street. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Celebration of Service

Join us on August 12 for the Knights of Columbus Council 945 "Celebration of Service" as a joint event with the Annual Picnic at Jaycee Park. The guest speaker will be Steve Doll, Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin. See more details included in this Key.

Steve will discuss the Shrine, Memorial for the Unborn, and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Invite your Catholic friends and family who want to know more about what the KCs do and want to know more about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

IN ORDER TO PLAN THE EVENT, PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 5 TO RICH GERDTS (507-456-3684 / [srgerdts@gmail.com](mailto:srgerdts@gmail.com)) OR LEE JARDINE (507-444-4088 / [lee\\_j7@reagan.com](mailto:lee_j7@reagan.com))



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and forty days later, on September 14, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. There was the blessing of the grapes as an ancient tradition recorded in the Eastern Church on this Feast of the Transfiguration. From the grapes will come wine, "transformed" by fermentation over time into "new wine." I ask: Is forty days enough time to ferment and then serve the "new wine"? From the Holy Cross is born the Church from the side of Christ, which flowed blood and water, representing the sacraments of the Eucharist and Baptism.

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a month later on September 15 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary is taken body and soul to heaven, a sign of the privilege of being the Mother of God and the hope that awaits every Christian at the end of time as we profess: "I believe in the resurrection of the body, and in the life everlasting." We recall Mary at the foot of the Cross, the Sorrowful Mother, who was given John as her son by Jesus when he said to Her, "Woman, behold, your son"; and John received her with Jesus' words: "Behold, your mother." John represents every Christian, who receive Mary as their Mother.

During these days of summer, may we contemplate these events that keep us focused during our pilgrimage here on earth.

Vivat Jesus!

## Grand Knight's Message by Lee Jardine

Greetings Brother Knights of Council 945,

I am reading a book about Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a fascinating tale of faith and the love of Our Holy Mother. If you are not aware of the details of this holy apparition, I highly recommend spending some time reading the story of Our Lady's interaction with Juan Diego and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The details of the image on Juan Diego's tilma (cactus fiber cloak) defy explanation and are truly a miraculous image and gift to us to build our faith.

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parish Masses are being held. Check the parish web sites for Mass times and other information. The Council supported Fr. Sauer's farewell Mass at Sacred Heart. Attendance was very good at the outdoor Mass. Thanks to all who helped and attended. We welcome Fr. Swamy to Sacred Heart.

We are working to figure out how to start up charitable events. Information will be provided in *The Key* and via the emails to all Knights. If you are not receiving the emails, contact one of the Officers and provide your email address to get you added.

Stop by the KC Lounge to cool off on these hot days. Mark wants to say hi and needs people to listen to his stories!

The Annual Council 945 picnic will be held at Jaycee Park on August 12. Rich Gerdt is planning the event. Join us for fellowship and a great meal (more on page 1). The Council 945 Golf Outing will be at Brooktree Golf Course on September 12. Dan Wolfe is heading this event (more on page 1).

1<sup>st</sup> Degree Members – we will have opportunities for you to go through 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification in the near future. LaVerne Klecker will lead this activity. Look for more from him.

Watch *The Key* and your parish bulletins for opportunities to volunteer, attend rosaries, attend Masses and other faith building activities. Keep strong in your faith, Praise Jesus and our Holy Mother.

Vivat Jesus!

## Benefits by Michael Flanagan



If you have questions or need help with your KC Insurance program call or email Michael.

Michael Flanagan

Phone number: (507) 696-6633

E-mail: [michael.flanagan@kofc.org](mailto:michael.flanagan@kofc.org)

## Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism - Knights of Columbus Guiding Principles

This is the first in a series of four articles featuring the four principles of the Order. The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney, wanted to establish a fraternal Order whose members live the Christian virtues by means of the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

**Charity** is the greatest of all virtues and foremost principle of the Order ... the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life. Charity moves the heart to comfort and console, advise and instruct, bear and forgive.

Charity is our authentic witness to God through our good works.



If you know of any Catholic gentleman at least 18 years old, who would like to join our ranks, please call LaVerne Klecker at 507-451-4102 or cell # 507-456-6738

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Welcome to all our new members from this past Fraternal Year. Congratulations to our Council 945 for achieving Star Council status. July 1 starts a new Fraternal Year, and again it is our goal to achieve Star Council for this coming year. Our membership quota this year is 21 new members. We will need the help of our entire membership to reach this goal.

We will be having an Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in the near future. This would be done on the computer and from the comfort of their home. Their family would be welcome to watch as they become a member of the Knights of Columbus. This would involve receiving a lesson on the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

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 Council's accomplishments and invite them to join us, they will thank you. I would also be able to help in directing them to the correct computer site in order to do the Exemplification.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

All members have recently received their new 2020 dues statement. Please get your dues paid as soon as you can. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

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

## OFFICER INSTALLATION



*On Wednesday, July 8, the Officer Installation was held. New officers were installed for the 2020-2021 Council year at the KC Hall. From left to right front row: Advocate Mike Schroeder, Grand Knight Lee Jardine, Chaplain Fr. James Starasinich, Deputy Grand Knight Richard Gerdts, Chancellor Grady Strand.*

*From left to right back row: Trustee Tom Jirele, Recorder Greg Nelson, District Deputy Gary Sanford, Financial Secretary Dan Wolfe, Trustee Nic Matejcek, and Outside Guard Dean Schuette.*

## ROSARY WALK



*On Sunday, July 19, Father James Starasinich led a Rosary Walk from the Orphanage Museum in West Hills to the Orphanage Cemetery. The Rosary Walks are mentioned in the St. Joseph Bulletin. Please look for the dates where and when these walks will be happening.*



# Owatonna Knights of Columbus Golf Outing and Picnic

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

**Where:** Brooktree Golf Course – 369 Cherry Street, Owatonna, MN

**Time:** Registration begins at 10 am. Shotgun start at 11 am.

**Format:** 4 person best ball scramble. *Fun for golfers of all levels.*

Open to all KC members, spouses and adult children. Guests (potential future Knights) are also invited to join us.

Golf includes on course competitions, skins game and team flight prizes.

**Picnic:** Immediately following golf, event moves to Dartt's Park Chalet down the street from the golf course.

BBQ Dinner will be served; awards presented; and raffle prizes drawn.

***Non-golfing family members are invited to join the picnic. (A \$5.00/per person donation is requested to help cover food cost.) The park has plenty of activity areas for kids of all ages.***

**Cost:** \$45/per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, dinner and prize drawings.

**Sign Up:** Sign up deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> You can register as a team or as individuals. *We ask that you register early so we can get counts to the golf course and there are still spots available.*

To register, please contact: Dan Wolfe 507-571-0287 [dkwolfe@charter.net](mailto:dkwolfe@charter.net) or Paul Trautman 507-920-8233 [pktrautman@gmail.com](mailto:pktrautman@gmail.com)

*We hope you will come join us for a day of fun and fellowship.*



*Happy golfers from 2019 event.*

## 2020-21 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Fr. James Starasinich  
 Grand Knight: ..... Lee Jardine (651) 247-2963  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Richard Gerdts  
 Chancellor: ..... Grady Strand  
 Advocate: ..... Mike Schroeder  
 Warden: ..... Open  
 Inside Guard: ..... Eric Wandersee  
 Outside Guard: ..... Dean Schuette  
 Financial Secretary: ..... Dan Wolfe (PGK)  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Greg Nelson  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Nic Matejcek  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dan Sawyer  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Tom Jirele

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Lee Jardine (DGK)  
 Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
 Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Wolfe (PGK)  
 Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
 KC Chorus Director ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Building Director ..... Tom Elbert  
 Director of Faith Activities: ..... Dave Lax (PGK)  
 Director of Family Activities ..... Nic Matejcek (PGK)  
 Dir. of Life Activities: ..... Open  
 Dir. of Community Activities: ..... Lee Jardine  
 Gambling Manager: ..... Terry Evans  
 District Deputy: ..... Gary Sanford (PGK)  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
 Field Agent: ..... Michael Flanagan

# Knight of the Month



Dan Newkirk

Our Knight of the Month is a newer member to our Council, Dan Newkirk. Dan joined the Knights in November 2019 and was sponsored by Brother Knight Lee Jardine.

Dan grew up on a farm outside of Dexter, Minnesota, which is east of Austin. Following his graduation from Southland High School, Dan attended Technical College in Winona, Minnesota, where he earned a degree in Aviation Mechanics. In 1996, Dan moved to Owatonna and took a job with SPX, now Bosch Company, where he is still employed 24 years later as a mechanical designer.

Dan and his wife Ellen, have three children, two boys and a girl. In his spare time, Dan enjoys running and getting out on his motorcycle. Dan has been involved in our KC breakfasts and our very successful wheelchair drive. He like all of us is anxious to get through these difficult times and resume our normal fundraising activities.

We thank Dan for his active involvement and support of our Council and congratulate him on being nominated as our June Knight of the Month.

## 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.

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

*Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bonnie Bremer, Barb Claeys, Lucy Coleman, Pete Connor, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemoth, Marilyn Dillemoth, Lois Doyle, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Dave Lax, Mary Lax, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Mark Nelson, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler*

*Fr. James Starasinich, Dick Thamert, Garrett Thigpen, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Eric Wandersee, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Jim Wiggins, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Tim Ziemke.*

### IN MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers the following individuals and their families:

*Mary Ann Sorenson, sister of Brother Knight Al Jirele, passed away on June 30.  
 Joseph Lai Nguyen, father of Brother Sir Knight Tony Nguyen, passed away on July 7.  
 Donald Kurtzer, brother-in-law of Brother Knight John Hammer, passed away on July 15.*

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at (507) 676-1748.**

## Celebration of Service—August 12, Jaycee Park

The Celebration of Service will be combined with the Council 945 Annual Picnic. This year will be a casual event with the picnic food and outdoors at the park. Please bring your lawn chairs for seating (also seating at the pavilion picnic tables) for the picnic dinner and for the brief presentation from our Guest Speaker. **IN ORDER TO PLAN THE EVENT, PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 5 TO RICH GERDTS (507-456-3684 / srgerdts@gmail.com OR LEE JARDINE (507-444-4088 / lee\_j7@reagan.com)**

We will have some silent auction items as well as a freewill offering for a donation to a special ministry at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Memorial to the Unborn Assistance Fund. The Memorial to the Unborn is a wonderful area at the Shrine. Raymond L Cardinal Burke's comment on the Memorial to the Unborn is, "The Memorial to the Unborn eloquently expresses the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe: God's all merciful love toward all of His children from the moment of their conception."

Our guest speaker will be Steve Doll, Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator and Security Coordinator, Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Steve graduated from Winona State University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice in 2010. Steve has worked for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, since 2011 in the areas of accounting, development, pilgrimage, outreach, and security. He is currently serving the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator and Security Coordinator. Steve also serves as a National Board Member and Troop Captain for the Troops of Saint George scouting apostolate.

While a cradle Catholic, Steve went through a life-changing conversion in 2008 while attending RCIA at St. James the Less Catholic Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with the assistance of his future wife, Samantha. Steven and Samantha were married in 2010 and have been blessed with five children.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 Council No. 945  
 P.O. Box 945  
 Owatonna, MN 55060  
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**GENERAL MEETING,  
 PICNIC, &  
 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE  
 AUGUST 12**  
*Jaycee Park Picnic Social - 5:00 p.m.*  
*Meal - 6:00 p.m.*  
*Celebration of Service - 6:30 p.m.*

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**PAID**  
 Owatonna, MN  
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## AUGUST 2020

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