

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity

JULY
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 1 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
July 8 - General Meeting
Officer Installation - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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.



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 1 - 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. Sauer:

[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.

SAVE THE DATE

August General Meeting and Annual Picnic
Wednesday, August 12
Pavillion at Jaycee Park

SAVE THE DATE

KC Golf Outing and Picnic
Saturday, September 21 - 11:00 a.m.
It is a four person scramble event and all KC mem-
bers and family are invited. Food, games, prizes, and
lots of fun.

HELP WANTED

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 8 KC Hall
Officer Installation - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

KC LOUNGE IS OPEN

At long last the KC Lounge is back in business.
Stop past and enjoy your favorite beverage with
your KC buddies.

FRIDAY NIGHT PICNICS



Serving brats, burgers, potato salad,
and corn on the cob
July 10, 17, 24, and 31
KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Date to be determined for the
Knights of Columbus Council 945
"Celebration of Service"
(Formerly the Awards Banquet)
Speaker will be Leif Arvidson,
Executive Director of Shrine of
Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
Tickets: \$15/individual or \$25/couple,
limited number of tickets available.
Contact Lee Jardine (651) 247-2963 or
Mark at the KC Hall to buy tickets.

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 essen-
tial that we collect our dues in a timely manner to
pay these on behalf of each member

OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 8, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2020-2021 Council year. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place at the KC Hall. Please mark your calendar.

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our general meeting on Wednesday, July 8. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2020-2021.

Grand Knight: Lee Jardine
Deputy Grand Knight: Richard Gerdts
Chancellor: Grady Strand

Advocate: Mike Schroeder
Warden: Open
Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee

Outside Guard: Dean Schuette
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Greg Nelson

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Anyone wishing to serve is welcome to make it known. Please contact Tom Jirele at (507) 213-9765 or Lee Jardine at (651) 247-2963 These members and the Committee Chairs will shape the direction of the Council for the upcoming year. Come and show your support.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

Let us turn to St. Joseph as we honor fathers this month on Father's Day. He is our model of fatherhood on earth, protecting the Blessed Mother and Jesus as they traveled from Bethlehem to Egypt and then to Nazareth. We are always on the move, perhaps not relocating from place to place (and then some probably have), and we are guided by our faith in Christ. May St. Joseph intercede for all of our fathers but especially for all men, as we all look for inspiration in these trying times.

St Joseph, pray for us!

Happy Father's Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Past Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Where has the time gone? A year has past and so has my term as Grand Knight. I will be moving on to a Trustee now.

Where do I begin to thank people. I've watched and appreciated people contributing in so many different ways. It is like a rope and each individual is like a strand; together anything is possible while being impossible to break. Bill and Marie Lawrence gave me some of the best advice, saying you can't do this alone you will be overwhelmed. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Thank you for all the different ways you have contributed.

I have so many people to thank, I know I will forget a few. I admired Tony and Sonya David, while he was an officer and he encouraged me to get more involved. Dave and Mary Lax believed in me, encouraged me, and have been there for his Brother Knight. Dave, Tom Burke, Dustin Reese, and Jerome "Spinny" Spindler are incredible in meal preparation. The best membership recruiter in the state, LaVerne Klecker told me it would be one of the busiest and best years of your life and it has been. Linda and Joe Elbert who I wouldn't have it through this year without their knowledge, wisdom, and support and work on *The Key*. Dan and Sheila Sawyer and Lee and Ellyn Jardine and Dan and Cathy Wolfe are like the backbone of this organization, communication, computer work, financial advise, encouragement, and leadership. Gary and Deb Sanford, Nic and Joann Matejcek, and Glen and Cheryl Meger have supplied leadership, guidance, advice, and community service hours. Grady and Julie Strand, Rich and Sue Gerdt, Dean and Terry Schuette, Greg and Catherine Nelson, Tom and Joanne Eichten, and Mike Schroeder have stepped up supplying leadership and community service hours. Mark Cunningham is like the rock of this organization and is always available with experience, wisdom, guidance, and encouragement. Father Jim Starasinich, Father John Sauer, and Deacon Pat Fagan have always been there for spiritual support, knowledge, and guidance. You all have made this such a great and memorable year. Thank you for all your hard work and extra effort. Lee Jardine will be taking the torch as your next Grand Knight and will do a great job. I only hope I can help him as much as he has helped me. With all of the Brother Knights willingness to contribute and make a difference, we will continue to do great things.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Lee Jardine

Hello Brother Knights of Council 945,

It is time once again for a change of Council officers. The list of officer assignments are shown in a section later in *The Key*. I am your new Grand Knight for 2020-2021. It is an exciting time for our Council and for our Parishes. Under Tom Jirele's leadership as Grand Knight last year we achieved Star Council. Thank you Tom!

The KC Hall reopened June 5th, and the Parishes opened for public Masses on May 27th. Unfortunately, as I write this the parishes have temporarily closed. Public masses will start up again the weekend of June 20-21.

Our Council is evaluating what events we can start up and when. We are planning on having our Council picnic at Jaycee Park on August 12 and the KC Golf Outing at Brooktree Golf Course in September (more details soon). We are working on a plan for the 2019-2020 Celebration of Service Banquet that was put on hold in April. More to come - watch *The Key* for announcements.

Breakfasts and other Council activities are being discussed. Currently, State limitations on gatherings make it difficult for us to define opening strategies. We pray the State continues to reduce limitations and we can develop a plan to get our events and fundraisers going.

I look forward to the next year and request ALL Council members look for opportunities to volunteer. We need all members to be active. When you see an event announced in *The Key*, contact the event leader to volunteer or just show up and help. There is work for everyone! If you see a neighbor that needs help, lend a hand and let your Brother Knights know if more help is needed.

If you know a Catholic gentleman 18 and over that is not a Knight, encourage him to join. This includes your children and grandchildren! Encourage them in the true faith and to be strong Catholic gentlemen. If you have a candidate to join your Council, contact LaVerne Klecker or me and we will get the ball rolling.

Vivat Jesus!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having an Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in July. 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.

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 Nolte

Our Knight of the Month is a newer member to our Council, Daniel Nolte. Dan joined our Council in July 2019 and says he was initially encouraged to join by Brother Knight Steven Nelson. Dan grew up in Owatonna and following high school graduation in 2014 he attended St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. In college, Dan played on the men's soccer team and was also a member of a music fraternity. He earned a BS degree in math and a minor in chemistry and after graduation moved back to Owatonna. Dan began working at Wenger Corporation and then this past January he began employment with Federated Insurance, working in the IS department as a Systems Developer. Dan has two older siblings, brother John and sister Laura. Dan enjoys all kinds of sports and disc golf in his spare time. He is also very musically inclined and he shared his talents last year with our KC Chorus when they performed for the opening Mass in the Basilica for the National KC convention in the Twin Cities. We are very happy to have young Mr. Nolte as a Brother Knight in our Council and we congratulate him on being nominated as our Knight of the Month for May.

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 Claey, Lucy Coleman, Pete Connor, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, 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:
*Eugene Carlson, father of Brother Knight John Carlson, passed away on June 2.
 Brother Knight Mike Seykora passed away on June 9.
 Leonard Wolfe, father of Brother Knight Dan Wolfe, passed away on June 21.*

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

FLAG COLLECTION A SUCCESS



Tim Rice, Gary Wandrey, and Dean Schuette helped with the collection.

The flag collection conducted on June 13 by the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly Fourth Degree was a big success. The collection point was set up on the edge of the parking lot owned by Brother Sir Knight Terry Evans at 121 West Main Street. Flag donors were able to turn in their flag without leaving their vehicle. The canopy provided by Brother Sir Knight Duane Ludwig provided shelter for the Sir Knights who were accepting the flags. While an exact count of retired flags is not known, at the conclusion there were three boxes and four large plastic tubs filled to overflowing with worn and tattered flags. In addition a large flag from Perkins Restaurant was retired.

Ten people took advantage of purchasing a replacement flag from the Assembly. Thirty-seven complimentary brochures on proper flag etiquette were handed out to those turning in flags.

Thanks to these Sir Knights who helped with the collection: Greg Nelson, Tim Rice, Tom Jirele, Dean Schuette, Glen Meger, Gary Wandrey. Also, to Joe Elbert who assisted with the set-up detail.

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



GENERAL MEETING
JULY 8
OFFICER INSTALLATION 7:30 p.m.
MEETING - 8:00 p.m.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

Nonprofit Organization
 U.S. POSTAGE
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 Owatonna, MN
 Permit No. 202

JULY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Fourth of July KC Lounge closed
5	6	7	8 General Meeting Officer Installation 7:30 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	9	10 Friday Night Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 -7:30 pm	11
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