

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity

JUNE
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

June 3- Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
June 10- General Meeting



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 3

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10

URGENT MESSAGE – COVID-19

The number one priority of the Knights of Columbus is safety. Safety of our members, their families, our staff, vendors and the public in general.

With that being said, the events and activities mentioned in this issue of The Key may be subject to change or cancellation. Should this be necessary, we will utilize our local media and email to notify members of this change

Rest assured, as officers, we will strive to meet all requirements as set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and at the same time continue our important work – from protecting the faith and financial stability of members' families, to helping members put their faith into action by providing important charitable service within our community.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

Postponed until June 4, 5, & 6, 2021

KC HALL EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of the opening of the KC Lounge, please listen to updates from Governor Walz on when the Lounge will open. When it opens, please call Mark at the KC Hall to see what changes have been made.

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.

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+

ST. JOSEPH MASS ON FACEBOOK

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



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 Gerdt

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. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the June meeting, and 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,

We are currently under the assault of the Anti-Christ, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has recently stated. What does that mean? He is a man of prayer and an intellectual, who has stated back in 1968 that the Church of the future will be small. We are experiencing a decline especially in Europe and also here in America and Canada as well, with the closing and clustering of parishes. Pope Benedict sees the ideologies that are shaping the world today as the "Anti-Christ." These ideologies, including what he coined the "dictatorship of relativism" (which denies objective truth), are taking over. I look forward to the English version of the German book (which resulted from an interview) due for release in November.

May we heed the wisdom of this holy man who has humbly served the Church and continues to do so. We need to be aware and read the signs of the times, for they "a-changing." And they certainly are not for the better. Jesus Christ is yesterday, today and forever. May we faithfully proclaim, "VIVAT JESUS!"

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Dear Brother Knights,

It will continue to be a slow process to get churches and the KC Hall open back up. The staff at both places would love to get things back to normal, but there are a lot of small steps along the way. Please be patient as everybody is doing the best we can. We are as disappointed as you are, but safety is a priority.

We awarded Rebekkah Boubin and Emily Larson each \$1,000 for the Knights of Columbus/William Warner Memorial Scholarship. I would also like to congratulate Jacob Pfeifer and Justin Jirele as our newest Knight members.

I would like to encourage everybody to get involved and be positive. You never know what you are capable of until you try. Sometimes a friendly smile and simple hello can make all the difference to a person having a bad day. A few words of encouragement can make such a difference in a person's career, faith, confidence, or just self-esteem. Remember God believes in all of us and our abilities shouldn't we return the favor.

God Bless.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our two new members. We will be having an Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on June 2 and 4. 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.

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 Director of Life Activities. Please contact Tom Jirele at (507) 213-9765.

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 and to allow us to do all we do as a Council.

WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Rebekkah is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. She will be attending the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Congratulations Rebekkah.

Rebekkah Boubin



Emily is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. She will be attending the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Congratulations Emily.

Emily Larson

2019-20 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
 Grand Knight: Tom Jirele (507) 213-9765
 Deputy Grand Knight: Lee Jardine
 Chancellor: Richard Gerdts
 Advocate: Grady Strand
 Warden: Mike Schroeder
 Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
 Outside Guard: Dean Schuette
 Financial Secretary: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Greg Nelson
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Gary Sanford
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Nic Matejcek
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Dan Sawyer

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



Troy Anderson

Congratulations, Troy, on being our April Knight of the Month.

Our Knight of the Month is Troy Anderson. He and his wife, Monica, have four children, Olivia 15, Tyler 12, Gracelyn 11, and Nora 7.

He is the Blooming Prairie Grand Knight going on his fourth year, and a Brother Knight for seven years.

He is very gifted musically and involved with the Owatonna K C Chorus practices, Litomysl Festival, and the Supreme Convention Mass.

He attended Litomysl School, Blooming Prairie High School, and Mankato State University.

He is currently employed at Express Pressure Washer of Blooming Prairie.

His hobbies include family, music, and the great outdoors. He also performs with the Lights of Litomysl and is a part-time music coordinator at the Sacred Heart Church in Waseca.

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 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, 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, Mike Seykora, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler,

Eugene Spindler, 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:
Rita Tachney, wife of deceased Brother Knight Marvin Tachney, and mother of Brother Knight Todd Tachney, passed away on April 28.

Mary Kaplan, mother of Brother Knight Jim Kaplan and grandmother of Brother Knight Lucas Kaplan, passed away on May 16.

Steve Jessop, father of Brother Knight Matt Jessop and brother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Tom Brick, passed away on May 21.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS



Pfeifer family three generations of Brother Knights. Grand Father David Pfeifer, new member Jacob Pfeifer, and his Dad, Mark Pfeifer.

Jacob Pfeifer is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is attending South Dakota State University, where he is majoring in computer science and music. He helps in farming with his Dad and grandfather when he is home. He enjoys playing the piano for the Masses at Sacred Heart. Jacob was sponsored by his Dad, Brother Knight Mark Pfeifer.



Justin Jirele is a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Litomysl. He graduated from Owatonna High School. He is engaged in farming and raising cattle. He enjoys traveling, four-wheeling, family sports, and video games. Justin was sponsored by his Dad, Brother Sir Knight Tom Jirele.

2020 MINNESOTA VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION



Grand Knight Tom Jirele, Deputy Grand Knight Lee Jardine, and Chancellor Richard Gerdts attended the Virtual Minnesota State Convention on May 16 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Even though the Hall is closed, until opening by the Governor, the officers met to be part of the convention.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting	4 Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity	5	6
7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer begins 
21 Father's Day 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			