

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity

MAY
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

May 6- Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
May 13- General Meeting

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 6.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13

MOST REV. BISHOP JOHN QUINN BISHOP OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

Beginning Friday, March 20, 2020, in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, all public Sunday and weekday Masses will be suspended for the next eight weeks, through Friday, May 15, 2020. On or before that date, a decision will be made to continue or to lift the restriction on public Masses. The faithful of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation for the duration of this time that public Masses are suspended. During this time, Perpetual Adoration will also be suspended.

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.

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.

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+



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.

Social Hour: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

Awards: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: 7:00 p.m.

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.



Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!!!

It is Tuesday of the Octave of Easter as I write this. We have been live-streaming Sunday Mass, the Sacred Triduum and now we are trying daily during the Octave here at St. Joseph Parish. I am being forced to learn more about social media because of this pandemic of COVID-19. I miss seeing the church filled on Sunday. Yet, Christ is alive and is resurrecting many lives through this crisis.

May is the month of Mary. One of the greatest tools we have received as Knights is the rosary. I encourage everyone to pray the rosary as a family during this time of isolation. Our Lady has been reaching out to the world through numerous apparitions that have been approved by the Church throughout the centuries. Lourdes and Fatima have been the most popular apparitions and Our Lady simply reminds us of the basics of the faith – to turn our hearts to Jesus and be renewed through repentance and prayer. It is Jesus' call to conversion, the third luminous mystery we meditate upon when praying the rosary. May Our Lady encourage us on the journey of faith, as we all experience ongoing conversion and the power of God's love through the Rosary.

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

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.

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Dear Brother Knights,

The committee for the Night of Knights Auction had a very difficult decision whether to reschedule or go ahead with the auction on line. Even though it may not have been the amount they had hoped for, they are thankful under the circumstances. I would like to thank everyone who helped support the auction as St. Mary's School is a big part of the Church, Council, and community.

During this challenging time we will focus on safety for our Council. A lot of events have been cancelled and more will continue. I encourage everyone to focus on social distancing and meet in groups of no more than ten. It will be awhile, but I'm looking forward to when things get back to normal. Take advantage of this time to enjoy the loved ones around you. Maybe even reading the good book (the Bible).

On a positive note, the Wheelchair Drive is at \$16,000.00.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped at Divine Mercy Sunday.



Father John Sauer, Father James Starasinich, and Deacon Pat Fagan at Divine Mercy Sunday in the parking lot at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, April 19.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

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. We need to recruit 15 more new members to be eligible for Star Council. 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 dates for May have not yet been posted.

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.

2019-20 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
 Grand Knight: Tom Jirele (507) 213-9765
 Deputy Grand Knight: Lee Jardine
 Chancellor: Richard Gerds
 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



Roger Noble

Our Knight of the Month is long past due and is Roger Noble. He became a Knight in September 1987.

He grew up in Steele County on a dairy farm. He graduated from Blooming Prairie High School.

Roger and Michelle have been married 34 years this year. Their two children are Ashley and Joel Gaulrupp and Brandon and Mackenzie Noble.

Both men are Third Degree Knights. They also have four grandchildren.

Roger has worked for the Owatonna Public Utilities for 30 years. He enjoys spending time with his family and fishing at their cabin up North.

He is on the Steele County Fair Board. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and has been involved with fish dinners, pancake breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, bell ringing, Smokin' In Steele, and years ago he was a member of the Knights of Columbus softball team. Congratulations, Roger, on being named 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, 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 Pirkl, 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:

Brother Knight Timothy Grubish, son of Brother Knight Wayne Grubish and brother of Brother Knight Steve Grubish, passed away on March 24.

Brother Knight Robert Vosejka passed away on March 31.

Brother Knight Dennis Johnson, son of late Brother Knight Alton Johnson and father of Brother Knight Jeremiah Johnson, passed away on April 8.

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



For the Grace of Love

O Mary, my dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Thou dost teach me what I ought to know, for thou teachest me what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God thou art, and how utterly filled with Him! In the measure that we know God, we remind ourselves of thee. Mother of God, obtain for me the grace of loving my Jesus; obtain for me the grace of loving thee!

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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13 General Meeting	14	15	16
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24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30
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