

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
2019

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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 1 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday
Extravaganza - Breakfast with Santa -
& Owatonna Arts Center
December 4 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
December 4 - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
Senior Place - 6:00 p.m.
December 7 - Salvation Army
bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
December 8 - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
Torey's Restaurant - 12:00 Noon
December 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
December 9 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - New candidates please
be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
December 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker to be
February 1, 2020 - 16th Annual
Chili Cook Off

VIKING GAMES

KC Lounge opens at
11:30 a.m. for all
12:00 p.m. Sunday Minnesota
Vikings games.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 4
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

KC Benefit Breakfast
Holiday Extravaganza
- Breakfast with Santa -
& Owatonna Arts Center
Treats for the kids - bring your camera
Christmas Carols by the
KC Chorus - 9:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

\$7.00 Advance, \$8.00 At the door, Free under 6
All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious
KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets.

"KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
The Wild omelet - cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,
milk and coffee

"KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee
All with table service - delicious food served
hot from the grill to your table.

BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia
every Saturday at the KC Hall at 4:00 p.m. Weekly
winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, December 9
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker will be Joe Stiles sharing information
about St. Vincent dePaul.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 16 - December 23
weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza,
a bucket of Coors Lite beer, and Coors Lite prizes.
Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100,
2nd - \$50, & 3rd - \$25
Tacos - 2 for \$3.50 served 6:30 p.m. thru half-time.
Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game.
\$1.50 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

RICHARD ROHWER BINGO PARTY FOR SPECIAL REC PROGRAM

For people with developmental disabilities.
Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 5:30 p.m. - West Hills Social
Commons (formerly Senior Place)

MERRY CHRISTMAS LOUNGE OPEN

Christmas Eve Club Hours
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Stop by the Club for your
Christmas treats.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dec. 31 - KC Hall - open at 3:30 p.m.
Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY EVENING MEALS

Friday, December 6, 13, and 20
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the KC Lounge
Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip Baskets, and
Homemade Weekly Specials

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and salad every Tuesday in December
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge.



Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

These months are passing so fast that I missed submitting an article last month! So, while still digesting your turkey leftovers, we enter the month of December and the Advent season in preparation for Christmas. May Advent truly be a time for us to prepare well for an encounter with our Savior. How wonderful to approach the nativity scene during the Christmas season, contemplating God's holy humility in the Christ Child. Jesus became one of us! The Incarnation – that Jesus became flesh and blood – sharing our human nature, to show solidarity and a true sense of communion with the human race, is humbling indeed! He was rejected from the beginning until the end – no room at the inn and derided and taunted as He hung upon the cross. Yet, Jesus only responded with love, a love that has saved the world! May the joy that Christmas brings be found in all of our homes! Advent reminds us to make room for Christ in our hearts this Christmas, so that He may reign there all year round! Merry Christmas!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Dear Brother Knights,

We had four new members join the Fourth Degree, Joe Plemel, Dean Schuette, Mike Schroeder, and Tom Jirele.

We had our Deceased Members Memorial Mass on November 16, paying respect to our four deceased Knights last year, Valerian Hauer, John Glynn, James Gleason, and Dave Fandel. I would like to thank all family members and friends who were able to attend. The Memorial Mass really hit home as I had to say goodbye to two older gentlemen this last month, that taught me more about life than anyone.

I would also like to say thank you to all members able to help on the Habitat For Humanity house as they are trying to get this family in for Christmas. They could still use help if anyone has time to help. What a great Christmas present if they could get this accomplished.

Linda Seljeseth, representative from the Salvation Army, could use alot of extra help ringing bells. If you have any extra time, please call her and volunteer at (507) 456-9526.

Benefits Corner by Michael Flanagan



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

Michael Flanagan
Phone number 507-696-6833
E-mail michael.flanagan@kofc.org

RICHARD ROHWER BINGO PARTY FOR SPECIAL REC PROGRAM

For over 30 years Council 945 has been sponsoring a Christmas Bingo Party in conjunction with the Owatonna P&R department as part of their Therapeutic Recreation - Special Recreation program. We provide a pizza & pop dinner followed by a rousing Bingo session, complete with cash prizes for all attendees.

The event will be held Wednesday, December 4 at the West Hills Social Commons (formerly Senior Place) starting at 5:30 p.m. If interested in helping on this very satisfying charitable project, please call Walt Spindler at 451-7613. Spouses and students (middle school & up) are welcome to assist. "Service hours" credit is applicable.

HELP WANTED

Benefit Breakfast Committee, looking for volunteers to help with the benefit breakfasts, either on the 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.

RED KETTLE DRIVE - DECEMBER 7



Our Council will again be assisting the Salvation Army during their 2019 Red Kettle campaign, which is their major fundraising effort for the year. On Saturday, December 7, our KC Council will ring the bells at all the locations in Owatonna from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We are scheduling two people for each two hour shift at each location, some of which are inside and some outside. Bell ringing locations include: Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise, Fleet Farm, and Wal-Mart. Our day of ringing is by far the best day of contributions for the Salvation Army and they greatly appreciate our support. It's a great way to usher in the holiday spirit and help a very worthwhile organization. Thank you to all of you who have assisted in the past and who have already signed up again this year. We have a few spots left to fill so we would welcome your help with this large project.

Please take a time slot when the scheduling chair calls, or contact Dan Wolfe at (507) 571-0287. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER



O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

—Pope John XXIII

16TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund

When: February 1, 2020 (4 to 8 pm)

OVER 500 PATRONS ATTEND THE ST. MARY'S HOME AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST

On November 10, we saw a steady stream of hungry patrons, which resulted in a successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with 523 meals being served. The parents and students from St. Mary's did an excellent job helping with the dining room.

These Brother Knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *Pat Baldwin, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Richard Gerds, Steve Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Nick Jirele, Tom Jirele, Jim Kaplan, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Izzy Leonard, Troy Liebl, Reegan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Mark Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Steph Pieper, Lavern Soukup, Grady Strand, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Trent Tucker, Eric Wandersee, and Dan Wolfe.*

This is the Saturday morning team responsible for food and dining room preparation: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Mike Jensen, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks to all for an excellent job. Many people helped make these events a success. If we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is appreciated.

Make plans now for the December 1st breakfast – the KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza. Of course, there are special activities planned for this time of year – Christmas music and a visit from jolly old St. Nick for the kids. The funds from this event provides support for the many church and community projects we do every year.

In addition, the Owatonna Arts Center will also be partnering with us to raise funds for their organization. Besides giving your support to these very deserving activities, you'll also enjoy the delicious menu and table service. Just come in, sit down at a table, order your breakfast, and have your food served to you piping hot!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2019-2020

December 1	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza and Owatonna Arts Center
January 12	Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 26	St. Mary's Open House
February 9	KC Valentine Breakfast and Relay for Life
February 23	Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 15	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 5	St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House
May 3	Owatonna Clay Target Team
May 31	Smokin' in Steele



Tony Nguyen, Deacon Pat Fagan, Fr James Starasinich, Lee Jardine, Fr John Sauer, Pat Rose, and Walt Spindler.



*Front row left to right: Tony Nguyen, Pat Rose, Dave Lax, Fr. John Sauer, Fr. James Starasinich, Deacon Pat Fagan, Steve Heimerman, Wayne Kubicek, Tom Jirele, and Walt Spindler
Back row left to right: Greg Nelson, Rolf Haaland, Steve Dornquast, Lee Jardine, LaVerne Klecker, John Schulz, Tom Gebur, John Nelson, and Dan Walsh.*

MEMORIAL MASS REMEMBERS FOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

The Council 945 Memorial Mass was held on November 16 at St. Joseph's Church with Council Chaplain, Fr. James Starasinich as celebrant, assisted by Fr. James Sauer and Brother Sir Knight, Deacon Pat Fagan. Six Brother Knights were remembered in this impressive ceremony. They included: *David Fandel, James Gleason, John Glynn, and Valerian Hauer.*

The KC Chorus, under the direction of John Nelson, provided inspirational music and the Msgr. Henry Speck Honor Guard participated.

A Rosary prior to the Mass was led by Peter Connor and attendees were welcomed by Aid & Assistance Chairman, Greg Nelson.

Lee Jardine, Deputy Grand Knight, served as lector, Tom Eichten, Treasurer, read the petitions, and Brother Knight Gerald Gunderson read the eulogies of the four deceased members.

Following the Mass a time of fellowship was held with Brother Knights and family members of the deceased Brothers in Joseph Hall.



KNIGHTS DISTRIBUTE COATS FOR KIDS

Thursday evening, November 7, Council 945 and the Msgr Henry Speck Assembly distributed 72 new coats to families in need. This was conducted as a part of the Supreme Council's "Coats for Kids program." Coats for both boys and girls in various colors and sizes were available. The KCs coordinated the distribution with the help of Maureen Schlobohm, Executive Director, and her staff at the Steele County Clothes Line.

Many children throughout the United States and Canada go without a coat each winter. Many low-income families use their scarce resources to meet the most basic essentials and they need help to provide this vital winter necessity.

That's why the Knights of Columbus developed the "Coats for Kids" program, which allows councils across North America the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities.

Since the program's launching in 2009, nearly 500,000 coats have been distributed in 49 states and all 10 Canadian provinces.



Pictured is the crew who distributed the "Coats for Kids" a Knights of Columbus initiative. Maureen Schlobohm, Executive Director – Steele County Clothesline, Ellyn Jardine, Lee Jardine, Deputy Grand Knight, Owatonna Council 945, Tim Rice, KC Project Chairman. Not pictured Gary Sanford, District Deputy.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION - NOVEMBER 2



The Fourth Degree Exemplification was held in Winona, Minnesota on Saturday, November 2. The following KC members became Fourth Degree members from left to right: *Joe Plemel, Tom Jirele, Mike Schroeder, and Dean Schuette.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - NOVEMBER 9



Knights of Columbus volunteers stop to have a picture taken.



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



Nick Jirele

This month we honor as our Knight of the Month, Nick Jirele. Nick graduated from the Owatonna High School in 2012. He became a Knight in 2018. He enjoys watching and participating in most sports. He enjoys lifting weights, playing bingo, Special Olympics, and helping with KC activities. He has worked with Smokin' in Steele, pancake breakfasts, Salvation Army bell ringing, trick or treat trail, and grandstand sales.

Nick has two brothers, Justin and Hunter. His goal is to get his brothers to join the KCs and get active with the KCs.

Congratulations, Nick, on being our Knight of the Month and also for all you do to help with the Knights of Columbus.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, December 9 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New candidates, please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 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.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. 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.

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.

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:

Brother Sir Knight Conrad Babe is recovering from surgery.

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

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Barb Claeys, Oscar Dalle, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Joanne Fagan, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Mary Lax, Bev Macht, 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 Ramey, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Paul Schneider, Mike Seykora, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler, Dick Thamer, Garrett Thigpen, Mary Lou Thurnau, Robert Vosejпка, 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:

Richard Jirele, father of Brother Sir Knight Tom Jirele and grandfather of Brother Knight Nick Jirele, passed away on November 14.

Donna Schmidt, mother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Tom Brick, passed away on November 17.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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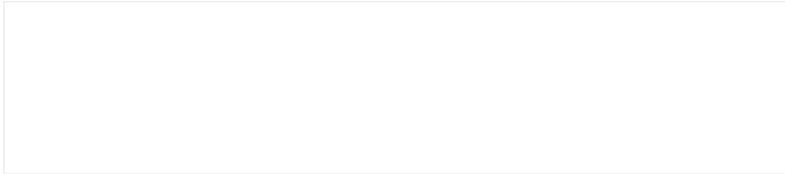
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
 for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
 & Owatonna Arts Center
Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Saturday, December 7 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise,
 Fleet Farm, and Wal-Mart



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza & Owatonna Arts Ctr. St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm	2 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm Richard Rohwer Christmas Party West Hills Social Commons (formerly Senior Place) 6:00 pm	5	6 Friday Evening Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	7 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringing 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
8 Fourth Degree Christmas Party Torey's Restaurant 12:00 Noon	9 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm First Degree Exemplification New candidates be at the KC Hall at 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	10 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	11 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Our speaker will be Joe Stiles sharing information about St. Vincent dePaul.	12	13 Friday Evening Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	14 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
15	16 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	18	19	20 Friday Evening Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	21 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
22	23 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	24 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	25 Christmas KC Lounge Closed	26	27	28 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
29	30	31 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm				