

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER  
2015

## 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 Thursday 7:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 2** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- December 2** - Richard Rohwer Christmas Party  
SeniorPlace - 6:30 p.m.
- December 5** - Salvation Army bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- December 6** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
- December 6** - Fourth Degree Christmas Party  
KC Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- December 7** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- December 9** - General Meeting  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- January 30, 2016** - 12th Annual Chili Cook Off  
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**KC Lounge open for all  
Sunday Vikings games**

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 2  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza - Breakfast with Santa -

Treats for the kids - bring your camera  
**Christmas Carols by the  
KC Chorus - 9:00 a.m. to noon**  
Sunday, December 6, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School

\$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 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.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept. 14 thru Dec. 28,  
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.  
\$.175 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

### PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Friday, December 4, 11, and 18, serving appetizers,  
assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish  
sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and  
more.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 9  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Our speaker will be Kathleen Segna  
speaking about St. Mary's School.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall  
Pub Grub served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.  
Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m.  
Complimentary Champagne and party favors  
at Midnight. Sober Cab available.

### BAR TRIVIA

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

### MERRY CHRISTMAS LOUNGE OPEN

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



### 12th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

January 30, 2016  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers  
6000 Frontage Road W.  
Owatonna, MN



### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB



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

### RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.  
**Wednesday, December 2**  
**SeniorPlace**  
Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

I am an Advent Grinch. By that I mean that I resist the world's pull to be fully in a Christmas mode as soon as Halloween is done. It also means that I wait to put up my decorations, I avoid too much time in the decorated stores and like to listen to carols well into the Christmas season – that goes until January 6!

I don't expect everyone to subscribe to my outlook but the Church's liturgical calendar calls us to a period of preparation and then celebration that is quite at odds with what is happening in the world around us. I think that there is a wisdom in the Church's approach and that we can incorporate the expectation of the Advent season into our personal pre-Christmas preparation.

The heart of this is to take on three disciplines (much like those of Lent) which we carry with us throughout the season: patience, joy, and kindness. It is not easy to be patient in the midst of a crowded store or an overflowing parking lot. It is not easy to remain joyful in the sometimes frantic pace that we set for ourselves with the round of parties, decorating, and shopping. It is not easy to practice kindness when confronted by rude and strung out people. And yet, it is precisely these three virtues that we are called to cultivate as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

This year, we have an added invitation in the Holy Father's call for a Year of Mercy. Beginning on December 8 and running until Advent of 2016, it will be a time when the Church both reflects on the merciful love of God and reaches out to those who are in need of healing, reconciliation, and peace. I encourage you to check the Diocesan newspaper, *The Courier*, for an outline of how our diocese will celebrate this special year of grace. We are fortunate that one of the pilgrimage churches with a Holy Door will be at our own Sacred Heart parish. Make a plan to gain the indulgences connected to a pilgrimage to a Holy Door.

As we enter another Advent season I find myself, once again, needing to take a step back and find some perspective in my life. I need to embrace the waiting, not becoming impatient to get to Christmas because I need to hope more than I need to find the perfect tree. I need to hope that God will make sense of what I cannot. I need to hope that God will work in me when I am not watching. I need, above all, to hope that in the darkness there is light. This Advent I encourage you to heed the call of Jesus to be vigilant at all times so that we will be prepared to welcome him at his coming. Through your patience, joy, and kindness allow the Lord to transform you. Then when we come to the end of this season and celebrate the great gift of our redemption not only will our house be ready but our heart will be resplendent as well.

## Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

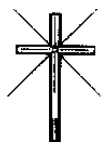
Seasons Greetings Everyone,

This time of year that brings so much joy to most of us, as we prepare for Christmas. We need to remember that some families' struggle with the Holiday season, as they may not have income enough to satisfy their families needs and wishes. Maybe they lost a loved one and this is the first Holiday season without them present. Some people may live alone and have little to no family. Some families might be dealing with sickness or close to death themselves or a family member. These are hard times for more people than we might think. Say Prayers for these people and their families especially now and every day. They need our spiritual help of prayers. If You know of a family in need, help them. If there is anything that the Knights of Columbus can do, let us know.

Let us also make sure that we keep Christ in Christmas. May God Bless Us and Keep Us All!

Merry Christmas Everyone!

## 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...**

*Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Barb Claey's, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Bob Fischer, Mary Floersch, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Nancy Janke, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Wilfred Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### IN MEMORY

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

*Brother Knight Bernard Jirele passed away on October 28.*

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2015-2016

December 6	KC Benefit Breakfast – Holiday Extravaganza.
January 17	Special Olympics
January 31	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 14	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 28	Gymnastic Club & 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 13	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 10	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House

## THURSDAY IS HOTDISH NIGHT

Thursday, December 17

Serving a couple varieties of Minnesota favorite meal "Hotdish" in the Lounge from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Meal served with homemade bread and a cookie for dessert.

All for \$6.00.



**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!**



## 2015 HALLOWEEN PARTY AT ST. MARYS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Council's annual children's Halloween party was a great success. Close to 325 children were in attendance. Thanks to Hy-Vee, Cashwise Foods, and Fareway Foods for donating the food and prizes. Thanks for the donation to the food shelf also, 393 pounds of food was collected. Also, thank you to the KC members and families, REP students, and St. Mary's students for volunteering their time at the Halloween party to make it a success. In addition, a big thanks to our Council sponsored Scout Troop #253 for their usual fine help.



*Great costumes for four of our Halloween guests.*



*Having a few treats as they make their way around to all of the games and activities.*



*Will Pieper family gets into the Halloween spirit.*



*Grand Knight Dave Lax and Stephanie Pieper deliver the food donated at the Halloween Party to the Food Shelf.*



## RED KETTLE DRIVE - DECEMBER 5



Your Council will again be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during their 2015 campaign. The KCs will cover all the locations in Owatonna on Saturday, December 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are both inside and outside shifts. Bell ringing locations are: Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise, Fleet Farm, Sterling Drug, and Wal-Mart. We need your help with this large project.

Please take a time slot when the scheduling chairman call, or call Bill Lawrence at (507) 390-2210.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS - NOVEMBER 7



The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, November 7, at St. Joseph Church. The liturgy began at 8:00 a.m. with Sir Knight Fr. John Sauer as celebrant and Sir Knight Deacon Pat Fagan assisted. There was a rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The memorial Mass is held each November and serves as a remembrance of those Knights who passed away since the previous year's Memorial Mass. The following deceased Knights were honored:

*Lawrence R. Bates*

*Herbert J. Budig*

*Kenneth J. Dillemath*

*Gilbert F. Herget*

*Bernard F. Jirele*

*Robert G. McDermott*

*Dr. James E. McEnaney*

*Donald C. Morman*

*James D. Postlewaite*

*Armond J. Rezac*

*Ronald L. Schleif*



*Certificates of remembrance were displayed in the sanctuary.*



*The KC Chorus provided inspirational music for the Memorial Mass.*



*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard.*



*Mary Schroeder, daughter of deceased Brother Knight Bernard F. Jirele, accepts the plaque for her family.*

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## 12TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF



The 12th Annual Chili Cook Off, benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held on January 30, 2016, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Ritchie Bros Auctioneers (6000 Frontage Road W). The change in location is due to the Armory being renovated. Once again, the event will feature almost 50 chilies from local chefs and restaurants, including many KC Members, that you can sample and vote for your favorite.

These annual chili cook offs have been organized to raise funds for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund established to receive and invest moneys for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to our students who have attended St. Mary's Catholic School or participate in the REP program. The fund is a 501 C 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING:** If you are interested in attending the event, tickets are available from a variety of KC Members, as well as the KC Hall. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, or \$30 for a family.

**INTERESTED IN BEING A CHEF:** Create your one-of-a-kind chili and contact Bill Lawrence @ 507-390-2210, or stop by the KC Hall and fill out a registration form no later than January 16, 2016.



## 2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. John Sauer  
Grand Knight: ..... Dave Lax (507) 456-1575  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Gary Sanford  
Chancellor: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
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Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
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Recorder: ..... Dan Sawyer  
Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Wade Schroeder  
Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dustin Reese  
Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Dan Wolfe

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Gary Sanford (DGK)  
Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Wolfe  
Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
KC Chorus Director ..... Stephen Nelson  
Building Director ..... Tom Elbert  
Director of Church Activities: ..... Pete Schneider  
Director of Youth Activities ..... Will Pieper  
Dir. of Family Life Activities: ..... Stephen Nelson  
Gambling Manager: ..... Randy Balausky (PGK)  
District Deputy: ..... Randy Balausky (PGK)  
KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

## Knight of the Month



Greg Evans

Our Knight of the Month for November, Greg Evans, started his journey with the KC's back in January 1996 when he obtained his First Degree and then a few years later his Second and Third Degrees. Over his close to 20 years of membership, Greg has been involved in many Council activities including the Fair Stand, Tootsie Roll Drive, I-35 Clean-Up, Red Kettle Bell Ringing, and Smokin' in Steele to name a few.

Greg grew up on a farm in North Dakota and moved to Owatonna in 1979 when he took a job with Olympic Fire Protection where he has worked for the past 36 years. He says he is planning to retire next year and will hopefully have more time to donate to KC events in the future. Greg and his wife Joann are members of St. Joseph's Church. Their family includes three children, a son living in Hastings, a daughter in Owatonna, and a son who passed away. Greg is also proud of his three grandchildren. In his spare time, Greg enjoys gardening, sports, and of course spending time with his grandchildren. Greg says the best part of being a member of the Knights is enjoying the people he has met, the friendships he has made, and the good causes he has helped support. We wish Greg all the best in his upcoming retirement and look forward to his continued support of our Council in years to come. Congratulations again to Greg Evans our Knight of the Month.

## Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

### Milestone highlights

#### K of C's financial protection of Catholic families

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force this week, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families.

This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry.

Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization - which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members - manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

"The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl A. Anderson. "It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney."

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada - all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus.

"With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect," said Anderson.

The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

To learn more, call me.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF, FSCP 507-417-4169

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new First Degree Brother Knights Raymond Bissen, Richard Gerdts, Jeremy Hallopetter, Don Prokopec, and Josh Prokopec. Congratulations to our Third Degree Brother Knights Anthony David, Christopher Fazzi, Joe Hubly, Gene Katzung, Brett Meger, John Mouser, Greg Robillard, Timothy Truelson, and Jeffrey Vortherms. Thanks to all Brother Knights who sponsored our new members for our Exemplification. Thanks to the many members who helped with the Exemplification. Thanks to the First Degree Team who performed the First Degree 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. 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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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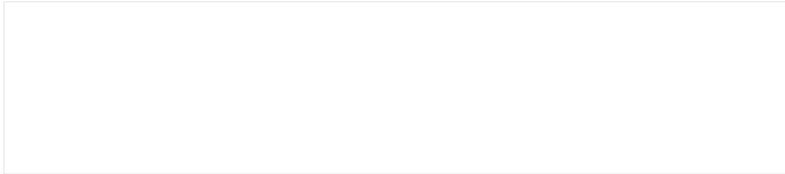
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**Benefit Breakfast**  
 for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza  
 Sunday, December 6 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 St. Mary's School

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

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
 Saturday, December 5 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise,  
 Fleet Farm, Sterling Drug, and Wal-Mart



**DECEMBER 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>2</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm  Richard Rohwer Christmas Party SeniorPlace	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>5</b> Salvation Army Bell Ringing 8:00 am to 8:00 pm  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>6</b> KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm  Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall - 5:30 pm	<b>7</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>8</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>9</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>12</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>15</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hotdish Night KC Hall 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>18</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>19</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>22</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Club open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Club closed	<b>26</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>29</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve  Pub Grub served from 5:45 - 6:30 pm  Bar Bingo-7:00 pm	<b>Jan. 1</b> New Years Day Club closed	