

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER  
2016

## 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 3** - Salvation Army bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- December 4** - Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza and Dennis Wimer
- December 4** - Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- December 7** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- December 7** - Richard Rohwer Christmas Party SeniorPlace - 6:30 p.m.
- December 12** - Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- December 14** - General Meeting KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m.
- January 28, 2017** - 13th 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 7  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### Benefit Breakfast for Dennis Wimer and 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 4, 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.

### PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

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



### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 14  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Our speaker will be Chris Retterath, our Knights of Columbus insurance agent.

### RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For special people with developmental disabilities.  
Wednesday, December 7  
SeniorPlace

Contact Russ Bowar, 451-1778, if you can help.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS LOUNGE OPEN

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



### HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

### 13th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

January 28, 2017  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers  
6000 Frontage Road W.  
Owatonna, MN

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 12 thru December 26 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.

### BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia, every Saturday in December except December 24, at the KC Hall at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

## Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

Merry Christmas to all Knights and their Families,  
Hard for me to believe it is this time of year again. What a great time of year. Christmas time is an opportunity for all of us to embrace our faith and reflect how fortunate we are. I know I am truly blessed for all Gods' gifts in my life, faith, family, friends, and health.

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army kettle drive on December 3rd, I cannot think of a better way for me to get into the spirit of Christmas. What a great way for the Knights of Columbus to raise money for those less fortunate than we are. Another great way to get into the Christmas spirit is our breakfast with Santa on December 4th. Thank you for all those who participate and work hard to make these events successful.

In November, we were awarded our Star Council Award. A great achievement for our Council. Like anything worth achieving it takes work and dedication. We need your help to earn Star Council award again. Please ask someone to join, I know there is no better organization to have fun, promote our faith, and raise money for so many worthwhile organizations and causes.

Vivat Jesus

### STAR COUNCIL AWARD



The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a Council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards. Pictured from left to right are Grand Knight Gary Sanford, Past Grand Knight Dave Lax, and Jim Terwedo, Knights of Columbus State Advocate.

## Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath



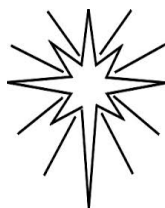
Hello my name is Chris Retterath and I am your new field agent for Owatonna Council #945. I have been with the Knights of Columbus since the beginning of August serving Catholic families around the area. Previous to joining the Knights of Columbus, I was involved in the financial services industry as a financial advisor and a financial planning case specialist for over two years.

In my current role, I am responsible for providing your family with assistance in life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance, and annuities. Furthering the mission of our founder, Father Michael McGivney, it's my job to make sure that our members protect themselves and their families through our life insurance program that was created by Brother Knights for Brother Knights.

I am married and my wife and I reside in Waseca, MN where she is a social worker at Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home. I grew up in Wisconsin (as a huge Packer fan!) and went to high school in Hutchinson, Minnesota. After attending the University of Minnesota for two years studying to be an engineer, I transferred to the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, and received a degree in Financial Services & Banking. I enjoy hunting, camping, attending sporting events, and spending time with my family in the Twin Cities and in North Dakota.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call to review your fraternal benefits that you have with the Knights of Columbus. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

Chris Retterath  
320-266-8962  
christopher.retterath@kofc.org



**God sent a star to light the night for  
The Way, The Truth, The Life--His Son.  
He sent the Light of Life to prove His  
heart  
so we would invite His Son into our own.  
God has given us all the light we'll ever  
need to find peace on earth,  
goodwill to men.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2016-2017

December 4	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza and Dennis Wimer
January 15	Special Olympics & Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 29	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 12	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 26	4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 12	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 9	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House





## OVER 450 PATRONS ATTEND THE ST. MARY'S HOME AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST



On November 13, we saw a steady stream of hungry patrons, which resulted in a successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with 450 meals being served. The parents and students from St. Mary's did a good job helping with the dining room. These Brother Knights prepared and served the tasty food on Sunday morning: *John Ahlberg, Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Joe Docksey, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerdts and Jason, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Maria John Paul, Dave Pfeifer, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Greg Robillard, Dan Sawyer, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work: *Jerry Barry, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Will Pieper, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome 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 breakfast to benefit Owatonna Area Special Olympics & Advocates for Developmental Disabilities to be held on January 15 at St. Mary's School. Besides supporting these very deserving groups, 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 hot to your table!

## 2016 HALLOWEEN PARTY AT ST. MARYS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Council's annual children's Halloween party was a great success. Close to 210 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, 239 pounds of food and \$78.02 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.



*Will Pieper family gets into the Halloween spirit.*



*Playing one of the many games at the Halloween party.*

## GLEN AND CHERYL MEGER HOST 17TH ANNUAL FOOD SHELF BENEFIT SOCIAL



Glen and Cheryl Meger hosted their 17th consecutive food shelf benefit social November 17 at the Reception Center at the Brick – Meger Funeral Home for fellowship and a meal.

The annual event brings together spouses and members of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. They are treated to egg rolls made from Meger's own "secret" recipe and grilled pork kabobs. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts are furnished by members.

Attendees made cash donations and also donated non-perishable food items. At the conclusion of the event a total of 59 pounds of food and \$400 was collected for the Steele County food shelf.

Host Glen Meger said, "We are pleased to have hosted this even for the past 17 years and the generosity of my Brother Sir Knights certainly exemplifies the first principle of the Order, that being Charity."

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS - NOVEMBER 5



The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, November 5, at St. Joseph Church. The liturgy began at 8:00 a.m. with Brother Knight Fr. Kevin Connolly as celebrant and Sir Knight Deacon Pat Fagan assisting. 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:

*Robert D. Fischer    Alton A. Johnson    Peter J. Schneider*  
*Ronald C. Hanson    Roger Keller    Norbert L. Schrom*  
*Serane A. Hennes    Bret A. Running    George F. Zwack*



*Certificates of remembrance were displayed in the sanctuary.*



*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard.*

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON NOVEMBER 7



**Dan Glaser** and his wife Katie are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is vice president of Arnolds Supply and Kleenit Company in Rochester, Minnesota. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight Gary Sanford.



**Mike Schroeder** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is owner of Mike's Marine and Small Engine Repair. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.

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## 13TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

The 13th Annual Chili Cook Off, benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held on January 28, 2017, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Ritchie Bros Auctioneers (6000 Frontage Road W). 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 20, 2017.

Tickets and applications will be available November 25, 2016.

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## RED KETTLE DRIVE - DECEMBER 3

Your Council will again be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army during their 2016 campaign. The KCs will cover all the locations in Owatonna on Saturday, December 3, 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 co-chairmen call, or call Dan Wolfe at (507) 451-3935 or cell (507) 838-9541. Dave Lax will be the co-chair.

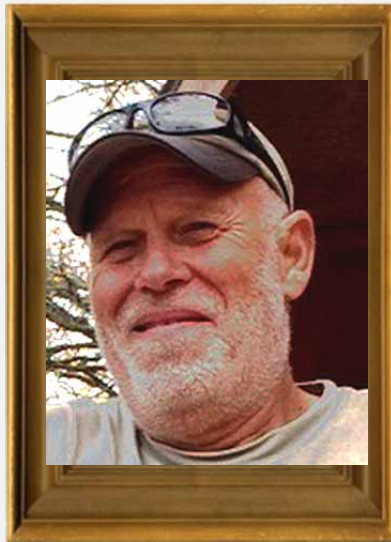
## 2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. John Sauer  
Grand Knight: ..... Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
Chancellor: ..... Dan Sawyer  
Advocate: ..... Lynn Becker  
Warden: ..... Lee Jardine  
Inside Guard: ..... Tony David  
Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
Recorder: ..... Open  
Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Dustin Reese  
Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dan Wolfe  
Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Dave Lax

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Nicholas Matejcek (DGK)  
Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Wolfe  
Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
Stand In KC Chorus Director ..... Raymond Bissen  
Building Director ..... Tom Elbert  
Director of Church Activities: ..... Open  
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)  
Field Agent: ..... Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

## Knight of the Month



Otto Lehrer

Our Knight of the Month Otto Lehrer has been a Third Degree Knight since 1981. He became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1993. He was an active Knight in our Council for many years prior to his retirement and relocation to his current retirement home in the woods of northern Minnesota.

Otto's family was originally from Springfield, Minnesota and later moved to Owatonna, where Otto attended St. Mary's and then Marian High School. Following graduation, Otto went into the family auto repair business which he eventually took over from his father. Otto also started working at Cabela's when it first opened in Owatonna and worked there up until he relocated up north. Otto has two grown children, including young Otto who is also a member of our Council. He is a proud grandfather several times over.

Otto was involved in numerous Council activities over the years. He was also very involved with organizing the wild game feed, which is not surprising given his love of the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Otto served on the building and grounds committee and was a past Knight of the Year recipient. This past October, Otto paid a visit to our KC fishing camp at the Narrows to wet a line and share a few memories with the crew. It was very evident that Otto is enjoying his retirement and the abundant lakes and forests that surround his new home. He certainly hasn't lost his great sense of humor and ability to tell a good story. Congratulations to our Knight of the Month.

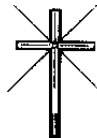
## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new First Degree Brother Knights Mike Schroeder and Dan Glaser. Congratulations to our Third Degree Brother Knight Brian Heydon. 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.



## 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 Knight Mike Goddard is recovering from surgery.*

*Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Tom Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, 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, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf.*

### IN MEMORY

**Please remember in your prayers the following individuals and their families:**  
*Roselyn Rysavy, mother of Brother Knights Joe and Mike Rysavy, mother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Gary Wandrey, and grandmother of Brother Knights Benjamin and Jacob Rysavy passed away on October 21.*

*Brother Sir Knight Ludwig Wencl, father of Brother Knights Tom, Dennis, and Jerry Wencl, father-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Dennis Kelm, and grandfather of Brother Knight Craig Wencl, passed away on November 10.*

**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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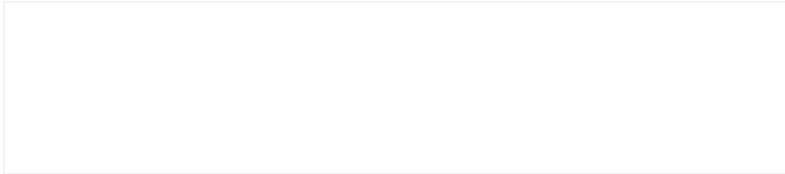
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Benefit Breakfast**  
**for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza**  
**and Dennis Wimer**  
**Sunday, December 4 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Mary's School**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
**Saturday, December 3 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise,**  
**Fleet Farm, Sterling Drug, and Wal-Mart**

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