

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

DECEMBER
2018

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 - Salvation Army
bell ringing 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 2 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for KC Christmas Holiday
Breakfast Extravaganza

December 3 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - New candidates please
be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

December 5 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

December 5 - Richard Rohwer
Christmas Party
SeniorPlace - 6:00 p.m.

December 9 - Fourth Degree
Christmas Party
Torey's Restaurant - 12:00 Noon

December 10 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

December 12 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

February 2, 2019 - 15th Annual
Chili Cook Off

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

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 5

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR 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 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

\$6.50 Advance, \$7.00 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.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 10 - December 17
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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 12

Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Mike Daly, State Knights of
Columbus Student Loan Program.

RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

For people with developmental disabilities.
Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 6:00 p.m. - SeniorPlace
Contact Walt Spindler, 451-7613, if you can help.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, December 3
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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 - 7:30 p.m.
Complimentary Champagne, hors d'oeuvres,
and party favors at Midnight.
Sober Cab available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2018-2019

December 2	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza
January 13	Special Olympics & Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 27	St. Mary's Open House
February 10	KC Valentine Breakfast & Relay For Life
February 24	Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 17	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 14	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House
May 5	Owatonna Clay Target Team

Know someone who is too busy to join right now? Introduce them to Online Membership. Become an online member now and decide to join the Council later through an exemplification. Share with men of our parishes. Learn more at KofC.org/JoinUs.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

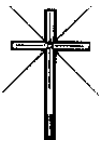
Congratulations to our Four new Brother Knights. Thanks to the many members who helped with the Exemplification. Thanks to the First Degree Team who performed the First Degree Exemplification. We are having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, December 3 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30p.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.

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:

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Mark Cunningham, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Jeff Kramer, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler, Barb Strand, 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.

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

RED KETTLE DRIVE - DECEMBER 1



Our Council will again be assisting the Salvation Army during their 2018 Red Kettle campaign, which is their major fundraising effort for the year. On Saturday, December 1, 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 2 people for each 2 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.

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights,

Hard to believe the geese are on their way back South, and are already sitting on the ice instead of swimming in the water as they stop by. With watching the political ads crossed off our collective to-do lists, we should have time to do the actual working together that all our elected officials talk about.

I continue to be amazed and humbled by how our Brother Knights continue to step-up to help get things done. A prime example of this was on October 27th. Past Grand Knight Nic Matejcek and his daughter helped us hand out candy and stickers to what seemed like 2,000 trick or treaters. At the same time, Jerry Gunderson, Ron Wolfe, and LaVerne Klecker helped us cook spaghetti for Phil Goluba's Cancer Benefit at the Columbian Center. LaVerne even managed to coordinate the membership blitz at the same time. We simply could not accomplish all we do as a Council if it weren't for Brother Knights who step up like this. Similarly, we helped make some great headway at the Habitat for Humanity House.

If you haven't already signed up, our Salvation Army Bell Ringing is scheduled for Saturday, December 1. This is a great opportunity to invite a family member to join in and help the Salvation Army have the best year ever. I promise you'll be amazed at what folks in our community will do to help those in need!

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year and look forward to doing more of God's work together in 2019! Vivat Jesus!

Welcome to our New Members Exemplified on November 17



Patrick Ingvaldson and his wife, Jennifer have four children, Lydia, Ethan, Kallis, and Danika. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at J & J CabinetWorks. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Lavern Soukup.



Jeff Edel and his wife, Katie have two daughters, Cameryn and McKenna. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Knutson Construction. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Joe Kearin is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He just graduated from college and is looking for employment in the IT area. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Mark Kearin.



Gary Corson and his wife, Elaine are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is semi-retired and works part-time at Kids Corner. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight David Lax.

Mike Schroeder was a Second Degree Brother Knight, he went through his Third Degree, and is now a Third Degree Knight.



OVER 400 PATRONS ATTEND THE ST. MARY'S HOME AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST



On November 11, we saw a steady stream of hungry patrons, which resulted in a successful benefit for the St. Mary's Home & School Association with 458 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: *Ray Bissen, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom and Laura Gebur, Richard Gerds, Steve Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Troy Liebl, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper, Greg Robillard, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Rick Wittrock, and Dan Wolfe.*

These are the Saturday morning team members responsible for food and dining room preparation work included: *Jerry Barry,*

Tom Bremer, Tony David, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, 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 2nd 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. 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 hot to you!

KNIGHTS DISTRIBUTE COATS FOR KIDS

Thursday evening, November 8, 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.



Coats for Kids Chairman Tim Rice, Maureen Schlobohm, Executive Director, Faithful Navigator Duane Ludwig, and Grand Knight Dan Sawyer work at passing out coats.

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 ten Canadian provinces. In winter 2017 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed 105,192 coats in 1,600 communities throughout the U.S. and Canada, including events at military bases, in Native American communities, at inner-city neighborhoods and through partnerships with local police and fire departments.



TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

Saturday, October 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the Trick-or-Treat Trail was held at Manthey Park. Nic Matejcek, Past Grand Knight, Kate Matejcek, Dan Sawyer, Grand Knight, and Austin Burritt helped man the KC Trick-or-Treat stand for the Knights of Columbus.

MEMORIAL MASS REMEMBERS SIX BROTHER KNIGHTS

The Council 945 Memorial Mass was held on November 15 at St. Joseph's Church with Council Chaplain, Fr. James Starasinich as celebrant, assisted by Brother Sir Knight, Deacon Pat Fagan. Six Brother Knights were remembered in this impressive ceremony. They included: *David Dombrock, Myron Homuth, Alphonso Langer, Harlan Mussman, Raymond Pirkel, and Roger Soukup.*

The KC Chorus, under the direction of Stephen 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, Chancellor, served as lector, Tom Eichten, Treasurer, read the petitions, and Brother Knight Gerald Gunderson read the eulogies of the six deceased members.

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



Resolutions of Respect were displayed in the sanctuary.



Fr. James Starasinich as celebrant, assisted by Brother Sir Knight, Deacon Pat Fagan, the Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard, and the K of C Chorus participated in the Mass.

GLEN AND CHERYL MEGER HOST 19TH ANNUAL FOOD SHELF BENEFIT SOCIAL

Glen and Cheryl Meger hosted their 19th consecutive Food Shelf benefit social November 7 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 106 pounds of food and \$650 was collected for the Steele County food shelf.

Host Glen Meger said, "We are pleased to have hosted this event for the past 19 years and the generosity of my Brother Sir Knights certainly exemplifies the first principle of the Order, that being Charity."



Cheryl Meger and Past Faithful Navigator Glen Meger show off the wonderful donation of food.

COUNCIL 945 HELPS WITH THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME



Habitat for Humanity is a key Knight of Columbus Initiative and the organization has completed over 800,000 homes in more than 100 countries with a goal of over a million around the world. The program helps make it affordable for families with financial challenges to buy their home and earn it in part by working together with volunteers who help with the build. Habitat for Humanity of Steele-Waseca is joining forces with Habitat of Rochester to build a home in Claremont, just east of Owatonna. Several Brother Knights and family members have already donated their time, including Lee and Ellyn Jardine, Rich Gerdts, Tom Jirele, Eric Tucker, Dick Thamert, and Dan Sawyer. As you can see in the picture, there is plenty more to be done and the group works generally each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If our Council reaches 200 hours donated and also donates \$1,000, this will meet all four requirements in the Community Category for the Columbian Award. Groups have worked two Saturdays and one Thursday, so we are well on our way to hitting the 200-hour threshold.



Pictured on right, Brother Knight Dick Thamert, with Habitat for Humanity workers Rodney and Mike.

2018-19 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
 Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608
 Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Jirele
 Chancellor: Lee Jardine
 Advocate: Open
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
 Outside Guard: Rich Gerdts
 Financial Secretary: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Greg Nelson
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Gary Sanford
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Nic Matejcek

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Tom Jirele (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 Open
 Dir. of Life Activities: Nic Matejcek (PGK)
 Dir. of Community Activities: Open
 Gambling Manager: Terry Evans
 District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 General Agent: Ben Schleicher

Knight of the Month



Dean Schuette

Our Knight of the Month Dean Schuette joined our Council in 2002, along with Kory Klecker, at the urging of Kory's father LaVerne Klecker. Dean grew up in Owatonna and following high school graduation, he attended the University of Minnesota – Waseca campus for a couple of years. Dean soon found his career calling in sales when he went to work with John Deere 38 years ago, and where he is still employed today, based in Wanamingo, Minnesota.

Dean and his wife Terri reside outside of Claremont, Minnesota and are members of Sacred Heart Church. They have raised two grown children, Cassie and Chase and are now enjoying the addition of two grandchildren.

Along with volunteering his time for numerous KC activities, Dean also spends a lot of volunteer hours in his community while serving as the Chamber President in Claremont for the past 18 years. When he is able to find free time, Dean also enjoys hunting, fishing, and cruising on his motorcycle. Our congratulations to Brother Knight Dean Schuette, our Knight of the Month for October.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

This month we celebrate Advent, and conclude the month with Christmas. Advent continues with the spirit of the end of the Liturgical Year, focusing on the second coming of the Lord and a reflection on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven. Advent also has two parts, reflecting on the second coming of Christ and then the second part is the novena (nine days of prayer) until Christmas, preparing for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ. Today, unfortunately, society has influenced us to begin celebrating the “Christmas season” from Thanksgiving (and in some respects, mainly the shopping centers, from Halloween onward). As Christians, we celebrate the seasons. Advent is reflective and penitential, preparing our hearts to meet the Lord, whether at our mortal end here on earth or everyday spiritually. Let us pray for the grace to live Advent so that we may truly celebrate the Christmas season.

Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass on December 24 and the season continues until the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls on Sunday, January 13. It should be, realistically, that we should begin celebrating Christmas (social gatherings, office parties, etc.) during the season, not during Advent. We have

plenty of days to enjoy caroling throughout the season. Again, we hear radio stations playing their fair share of Christmas songs during Advent (from Thanksgiving – yes, even since Halloween!) and concluding on December 25! Remember the Twelve Days of Christmas? It helped to remind us to celebrate those twelve days which then brought us to a true Christmas celebration, Epiphany! Epiphany is the visit of the Magi to the Child Jesus and it is a greater feast in the Eastern Church than the Nativity. Many traditions in Europe celebrate the exchange of gifts at Epiphany rather than Christmas, thus keeping the solemn sense of the Feast. Santa Claus was just a corruption (and a marketing ploy!) for the secular celebration of Christmas. However, Santa Claus is really an Advent season commemoration of St. Nicholas, the famous Bishop who gave gifts (monetary) to help poor families supply dowries for their daughters and thus avoid the scourge of prostitution. December 6 is the commemoration of St. Nicholas.

May Advent and Christmas bring you and your families the blessings of the coming of the Lord into your hearts and homes!

15TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund
 When: February 2, 2019 (4 to 8 pm)
 Where: Owatonna Armory

BAR TRIVIA

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

HELP WANTED

Seeking Council Officers for this Fraternal Year, Family and Community Director roles, along with Warden and Advocate, Knights Visiting Knights, and Tootsie Roll Drive, please contact Dan Sawyer at (612) 840-6608.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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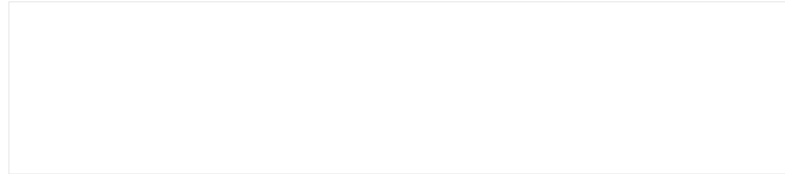
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
 for KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza
 Sunday, December 2 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 1 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Cabelas, Walgreens, HyVee, Fareway, Cashwise,
 Fleet Farm, and Wal-Mart



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9 Fourth Degree Christmas Party Torey's Restaurant 12:00 Noon	10 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	11 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	12 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Our speaker will be Mike Dally, State K of C Student Loan Program	13	14	15 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
16	17 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	18 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	19	20	21	22 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
23	24 Christmas Eve Club open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm	25 Christmas KC Lounge Closed	26	27	28	29 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
30	31 New Years Eve Bar Bingo - 7:30 pm					