

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY
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 4-6
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

- February 1** - 16th Annual
Chili Cook Off
- February 2** - Consecration to the
Holy Family
All Masses - Sacred Heart Parish
and St. Joseph Parish
- February 5** - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- February 9** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
KC Special Valentine Breakfast &
Relay for Life
- February 10** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- February 12** - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker to be Michael Flanagan
- February 16** - Blessing of Altar at
Sacred Heart Parish
10:00 a.m. Mass
- February 26** - Fourth Degree
KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
"Build your own taco bar" for
members & guest
Members only meeting after meal
- February 23** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
4-H Purple Ribbon Club

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Monday, February 5
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 12
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker will be Michael Flanagan,
Council 945 Field Agent.

Two great breakfasts this month!

KC SPECIAL VALENTINE BREAKFAST & RELAY FOR LIFE

Sunday, February 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

All are welcome!

(Advance tickets available at the KC Hall and
from Brother Knights)

Bring all the special people in your life to this
special breakfast

** Valentine's candy for the kids **
Super food - KC Country Breakfasts
and KC Three Egg Omelets

BENEFIT BREAKFAST 4-H Purple Ribbon Club

Sunday, February 23, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's School

All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious
KC Country Breakfasts &
KC Three Egg Omelets.

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.

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.

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Friday, February 7, 14, and 21
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs, soup, and burger baskets
every Tuesday in February
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY

Sunday, February 2 - KC Hall
Doors open at 3:30 p.m. - Club will be providing
tacos, hotdogs, and nachos and cheese, potluck
participation is encouraged.

16TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Benefiting the Andrew Lawrence
Memorial Scholarship Fund
When: February 1, 2020 (4 to 8 p.m.)
Where: National Guard Armory

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, February 2 - All Masses
Sacred Heart Parish and St. Joseph Parish

BLESSING OF ALTAR AT SACRED HEART PARISH

Sunday, February 16 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

FAT TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 25



Serving gumbo in the Lounge from
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Hurricane drink specials & beads.

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.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

During the month of February, we begin with our Consecration to the Holy Family in our two Parishes. As our Faith in Action flyer states: "You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church". God gives each family special graces and this is His gift. Families, do not be afraid of being invaded by the Holy Spirit! God's generosity is enormous!

We celebrate the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th. Pope St. John Paul II designated this memorial also as World Day of the Sick. He wrote in his Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick issued on May 13, 1992, that this day should be "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind". We remember at our meetings our brothers and their family members who are sick, praying for them. As a corporal work of mercy, we also visit our sick and homebound brothers. Let us continue to lift up in prayer all those who are suffering, that the Good Lord may send the consolation and strength of the Holy Spirit upon them.

As we conclude the month, we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. We also have an extra day this month, February 29th! Remember to thank God for giving us an extra day this year.

Vivat Jesus!

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, Pete Connor, 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, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meizner, 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, Robert Vosejka, 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:

Andrew F. Meger, father of Brother Sir Knight Glen Meger and grandfather of Brother Knights Mike, Alex, and Brett Meger, passed away on January 9.

William Wunderlich, father of Brother Knight Dave Wunderlich, passed away on January 13.

Brother Knight Emmet Gallagher, father of Brother Knight Kevin Gallagher, passed away on January 13.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele



Dear Brother Knights,

As January comes to a close, we are thankful the Habitat for Humanity family are in their home. Thank you to everybody who helped on the home.

Thank you to Father James Starasinich for speaking at the Knights of Columbus General Meeting on January 8.

We had a couple of successful pancake breakfasts. Thank you for everybody who made that possible.

Nate Skala did a great job on the Free Throw Competition and we look forward to the District Competition on February 3.

I am looking forward to competing in my first chili competition for the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship fund on February 1 at the Armory.

The Consecration to the Holy family will be held at Masses this weekend also.

Bishop Quinn will be blessing the altar at Sacred Heart on February 16.

We are also preparing for Chris Lewis to speak at the Masses on March 7 and 8, on a wheelchair drive.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our three new members exemplified on December 9.

We will be having a First Degree initiation on Monday, February 3, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New members meet downstairs at the KC Hall at 6:30 p.m. We need to recruit 18 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Join us on April 25 for the Knights of Columbus Council 945

"Celebration of Service"

BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Every Friday during Lent - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. served in the KC Hall and Lounge
Fried or Baked Fish Plate, whipped potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, & coffee
Presale tickets -\$11.00, \$12.00 at the door - Kids under six eat free
All you care to eat.



2020 Beneficiaries

February 28	Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas
March 6	Medford Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters
March 13	St. Vincent de Paul Society & K of C Council 945
March 20	Grandparents For Education & Senior Place Inc.
March 27	Civil Air Patrol and Boy Scout Troop 253
April 3	Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly & St. Joseph Music Ministry
April 10	Izaak Walton League

2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #945 FREE THROW CONTEST

Free Throw Contest was held on January 13 at St. Mary's gym. The Championship Winners are:

Girls:

9 year old: Molly Simmons
10 year old: Payhten Busho
11 year old: Carmen Jirele
12 year old: Amelia Baldwin
13 year old: Jenna Lyn Fisher

Boys:

9 year old: Adam Brandel
10 year old: Gavin Purman
11 year old: Andrew Stenzel
12 year old: Carsten Ingvalson
13 year old: Jacob Ginskey
14 year old: Alex Stenzel

The winners move onto the Regional Basketball Free Throw Competition, Tuesday, February 3, at St. Mary's to compete with others from our district for a chance to go to the state competition. A special thank you to St. Mary's School, Joe Herzog, John Connor, Kevin Herzog, Ronnie Blakstad, Randy Balausky, Nate Skala, and Diane Skala.



From left to right: Adam Brandel, Molly Simmons, Gavin Purman, Payhten Busho, Andrew Stenzel, Carmen Jirele, Amelia Baldwin, Carsten Ingvalson. Not pictured: Jacob Ginskey, Alex Stenzel, Jenna Lyn Fisher.

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Let us
LOVE
One another
for love
is from
GOD





2020 BREAKFAST SEASON OFF TO A GOOD START!



Our annual “Special” breakfast was held on January 12 at St. Mary’s School. It had a great turnout again this year – 309 served. The Owatonna Special Olympics was the Beneficiary. Their pre-sale efforts are truly appreciated. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for their supportive attendance. A big thank you goes out to the Sunday breakfast team. We couldn’t do it without you: *Brian and Shari Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Tom and Laura Gebur, Richard Gerds, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince and Tara Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Nick Jirele, Jim Kaplan, Joe Kearin, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reegan Lindholm, Al Nelson, Dan Newkirk, Mark Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will and Steph Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Grady Strand, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks also to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Tony David, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. The excellent food and ‘restaurant style’ service is enjoyed by all our patrons. If you haven’t attended one of these fine breakfasts for a while, give one a try – you will be very happy you did. The upcoming breakfasts include one on January 26 for the St. Mary’s Open House in association with Catholic Schools Week. Then there are two in February starting with the KC Valentine Breakfast (on the 9th) for KC projects and Relay For Life. The other is on the 23rd for the Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club. Come on out and enjoy the best community breakfast in town.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE - 2020

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON DECEMBER 9



Brandon Lubich and his wife, Rochelle, have two sons, Keagen and Parker. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Brown and Brown Insurance Company as a district training manager. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.



David Orfer and his wife, Becky, have one son, Armond. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed for the City of Minneapolis as a heavy equipment operator. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Steve Standke is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the Wine and Spirits manager at HyVee. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.

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



Mike Schroeder

Our Knight of the Month is Brother Knight Mike Schroeder. Mike joined our Council as a First Degree Knight in November 2016 at the urging of our Recruiting Director LaVerne Klecker. Mike soon earned his Second and Third Degrees and this past November he became Sir Knight after joining in Owatonna the Fourth Degree Assembly.

Mike grew up in Owatonna and following his High School graduation he attended South Central Tech College, where he earned his two year degree in Marine and Small Engine Repair. Mike started his work career in Worthington, Minnesota and then moved to the Twin Cities. When the company he was working for went out of business, Mike took a trip down to see his brother living in Savannah, Georgia, where Mike also found a new job and settled into southern living for 14 years. Eventually Mike moved back

to Minnesota and in January 2016, Mike opened his own shop in Owatonna, Mike's Marine and Small Engine Repair, which he currently operates in downtown Owatonna. Mike's mom and two of his three brothers also live here in Owatonna. He is member of Sacred Heart Parish, where he also volunteers as a church usher. Mike has been an active member during his three years with the KC's and this year Mike stepped up to take over the Warden officer chair of the Council. Thank you Mike for your time and support of KC Council 945 and congratulations on the well-deserved nomination as our Knight of the Month.



CHRIS LEWIS - WHEEL CHAIR DRIVE

March 7 and 8 - All Masses

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes

CHRIS LEWIS

Five days after the launch of Sputnik in 1957, Chris Lewis was born into the world of show business. His father, Jerry Lewis, was the number one box office star in the world, and had just completed his 6th annual Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Jerry helped establish MDA in 1952, and raised more than \$2 billion dollars for research and patient care in his lifetime.

Chris became involved in the fundraising effort early in life, and worked on the MDA Labor Day Telethon for 39 consecutive years.

He spent years handling his father's film and television distribution, and then in 2000 came the opportunity to help create a worldwide wheelchair delivery mission.

Since 2000, Chris has been involved in the delivery of more than 800,000 wheelchairs to 150 countries.

The American Wheelchair Mission has delivered brand new wheelchairs and mobility aids into the lives of the poorest of the poor around the world, and to Veterans throughout the United States with the Knights of Columbus.

Chris is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, and lives with his family in Henderson, Nevada.



**If we love one another
 God lives in us and his love
 is perfected in us.
 1 John 4:12**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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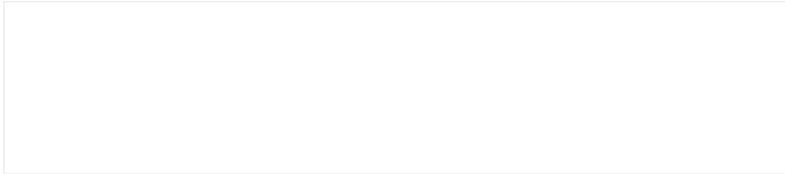
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
for KC Valentine Breakfast and Relay for Life
Sunday, February 9 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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Benefit Breakfast
for Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
Sunday, February 23 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
2 Super Bowl Sunday Party - doors open at 3:30 pm KC Lounge Consecration to the Holy Family Sacred Heart Parish & St. Joseph Parish All Masses	3	4 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	5 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	6	7 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	8 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
9 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm for KC Valentine Breakfast and Relay for Life	10 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	11 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	12 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Speaker will be Michael Flanagan, Council 945 Field Agent	13	14 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	15 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
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