

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

FEBRUARY  
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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 2** - 15th Annual Chili Cook Off  
Owatonna Armory
- February 4** - First Degree Exemplification - KC Hall 7:00 p.m. New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- February 6** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- February 10** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
for KC Special Valentine & Relay For Life
- February 11** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- February 13** - General Meeting  
**Note: Early Start Time**  
KC Hall **Program - 7:00 p.m.**  
Our speaker will be  
General Insurance Agent  
for Southern Minnesota,  
Ben Schleicher.
- February 24** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
for 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
- February 27** - Fourth Degree  
KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
"Build your own taco bar" for  
members & guest  
Members only meeting after meal

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 6  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 13  
**NOTE: Early Start Time - Program - 7:00 p.m.**  
Our speaker will be General Insurance Agent for  
Southern Minnesota, Ben Schleicher.

### Two great breakfasts this month!

### KC SPECIAL VALENTINE BREAKFAST & RELAY FOR LIFE

Sunday, February 10, 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 24, 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.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

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](http://KofC.org/JoinUs).

### BAR TRIVIA

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

### SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,  
and Burger Baskets

Every Friday in February  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

### SUPERBOWL TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, February 3 - KC Hall  
Doors open at 3:00 p.m. - Club will be providing  
wings and taco bar to potluck participants.

### 15TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



Benefiting the Andrew Lawrence  
Memorial Scholarship Fund  
When: February 2, (4 to 8 pm)  
Where: Owatonna Armory  
2323 West Bridge St.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2018-2019

- 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 7 St. Vincent DePaul Society &  
Hospitality House
- May 5 Owatonna Clay Target Team

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, February 4  
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

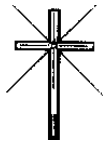


## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having a First Degree initiation on Monday, February 4, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New members meet downstairs at the KC Hall at 6:30 p.m. We need to recruit 29 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 2019 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.

## 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 John Rice, brother of Sir Brother Knight Tim Rice, is having heart surgery.*

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

*Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Mark Cunningham, Margaret Deml, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, 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 Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler, 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.*

### IN MEMORY

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

*Barb Strand, wife of late Sir Brother Knight Willard Strand, mother of Sir Brother Knight Dan Strand, and grandmother of Brother Knight Zack Strand, on December 31.*

*Rita deWerd, wife of late Brother Knight Dr. Robert deWerd, passed away on January 8.*

*Lois Holzerland, mother of Brother Knight Scott Holzerland, passed away on January 24.*

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

Dues Reminder: Annual dues renewals have mailed out. Please pay your annual dues as soon as possible and make arrangements to pay any past-due dues. Supreme 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. Also, note that all members should have received 2 raffle tickets each. These are an additional \$5 each and give you a chance to win some great cash prizes. Drawings are held at the State Convention in May. Half of the money from each ticket comes back to us as a Council, so it is a great fundraiser for us also. More tickets are available from LaVerne Klecker or Dan Wolfe, if you want to increase your chances.

## Grand Knight's Message by Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights,

During Ordinary time, let's continue doing the extraordinary things we do as a Council. More than ever, people are questioning Catholic values or whether our Brother Knights can serve in certain public roles like in the Courts. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson wrote a letter that is available on the Supreme Council website: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). It was dated January 1, 2019. For those who were able to join us for Worthy Chaplain Starasinich's talk at January's Council meeting, Father Starasinich shared this letter. It came at just the right time for me, as I had been frustrated that this candidate would be called into question by congress people, just for being a Knight. I was trying to figure out what the best way was to funnel this frustration and express it in a positive way. After reading the Supreme Knight's letter and hearing Father Starasinich share his thoughts on it, it seems to me that the best thing we can do is to double down and keep doing the Charitable work we do as a Fraternal Order, supporting those in need, people who are persecuted, babies and the unborn, widows, families, people with special needs, our Church, and the elderly. We certainly are not perfect as Knights and Catholics. We make mistakes and we sin. What better way to overcome sin than to be forgiving, seek forgiveness, and to keep doing all the charitable work we do.

I'd like to recognize Nate Skala for stepping up to lead the Free Throw competition. Thanks to his efforts and those of his wife and other Brother Knights, we more than doubled participation. What a great community event!

We plan to work on the Habitat for Humanity House some more in the coming months with a goal of over 200 hours. Another great event upcoming is the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Chili Cook-off on February 2 at the Owatonna Armory, 2323 W. Bridge St. It is amazing to see how our community responds to help others and how PGK Bill Lawrence and his family have been able to help so many college students in honor of their son Andrew. Lots of our Brother Knights help in many ways and have had a high level of success with their Chili entries. It won't be long and we will be adding the Lenten Fish Dinners and the Tootsie Roll Drive to our list to do.

We have our General Insurance Agent, Ben Scheicher, speaking at 7:00 p.m. before the general meeting on February 13th. If you have questions about your insurance or have not yet considered the great opportunities for insurance or annuities, be sure to join us on the 13th.

Let's respond to those who are questioning our Catholic Values by doing even more of the extraordinary things we do as a Council, even in Ordinary time!

Vivat Jesus!

### SAVE THE DATE

### CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Join us on *April 6th* for the  
Knights of Columbus Council 945

*"Celebration of Service"*

(Formerly the Awards Banquet)

Details to follow.

### HELP WANTED

Need a Director of Life Activities. This is a low-time commitment role that gives good exposure to what the other officers do. We are also still in great need of a Warden, Outside Guard, and a Tootsie Roll Chairperson. A former Tootsie Roll Chairman will help train someone on what is involved, please contact Dan Sawyer at (612) 840-6608.

## 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 -\$10.00, \$11.00 at the door - Kids under six eat free

*All you care to eat.*



### 2019 Beneficiaries

<i>March 8</i>	Owatonna Catholic Daughters of the Americas
<i>March 15</i>	Medford Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters
<i>March 22</i>	St. Vincent de Paul Society & K of C Council 945
<i>March 29</i>	Grandparents For Education & Senior Place
<i>April 5</i>	Civil Air Patrol and Relay For Life
<i>April 12</i>	Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly & Sacred Heart Music Ministry & St. Joseph Music Ministry
<i>April 19</i>	Izaak Walton League

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## 2019 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #945 FREE THROW CONTEST

Free Throw Contest was held on January 14 at St. Mary's gym. The Championship Winners are:

### Girls:

9 year old: Payhten Busho  
10 year old: Tegan Kruschke  
11 year old: Preslee Hodgman  
12 year old: Savanha Hofbauer  
13 year old: Kennedy Hodgman

### Boys:

9 year old: Jackson Holder  
10 year old: Brendan Klecker  
11 year old: Nolan Ginskey  
12 year old: Jacob Ginskey  
13 year old: Ashton Kraus

The winners move onto the Regional Basketball Free Throw Competition, Tuesday, February 19, at St. Mary's to compete with others from our district for a chance to go to the state competition.



*Front Row (L to R): Nolan Ginskey, Payhten Busho, Tegan Kruschke*

*Back Row (L to R): Brendan Klecker, Kennedy Hodgman, Ashton Kraus, Jacob Ginskey, Savanha Hofbauer, Preslee Hodgman*

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## 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.







## 2019 BREAKFASTS 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 – nearly 300 served. The two beneficiaries were Owatonna Special Olympics and ADD (Advocates for Developmental Disabilities). 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 with you: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Tim Chiccos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerdts, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Bill Lawrence, Reegan Lindholm, Izzy Leonard, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Thanks also to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Roger Green, Jim Kaplan, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Matt Thurnau, Ken Thurnau, Ray Willmott, Dan and Ron Wolf.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. The excellent food and ‘restaurant style’ service are 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 27 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 10th) for KC projects and Relay For Life. The other is on the 24th for the Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club.

Come on out and enjoy the best community breakfast in town.

## CORPORATE COMMUNION



On December 30 at St. Joseph Church at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Corporate Communion was held. Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard participated. Pictured from left to right: Deacon Pat Fagan, Ray Willmott, LaVerne Klecker, Tony Nguyen, Joe Elbert, Duane Ludewig, Earl Wheeler, Tim Rice, and Fr. James Starasinich.



## 2018-19 COUNCIL OFFICERS

# Knight of the Month

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. 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)  
General Agent: ..... Ben Schleicher



*Fr. James Starasinich*

This month we honor Fr. James Starasinich, new pastor at St. Joseph Church as Knight of the Month.

Fr. Jim grew up in Joliet, Illinois, along with four brothers and one sister. After high school, Fr. Jim attended a local junior college for a year and then decided to join the Air Force. He spent four years in the Air Force, including his basic training in Texas and then stints in Wyoming, Arizona, and finally active duty overseas in Sicily, Italy. After leaving the service in 1985, Fr. Jim enrolled in the Seminary in New Jersey where he completed one year of studies. Still not sure that the priesthood was his calling, Fr. Jim then transferred to the College of St. Francis back in Illinois, where he completed his BA Degree in History, as well as obtaining his teaching certificate for grades 6 thru 12. Fr. Jim then reentered the seminary at a different seminary in New Jersey. It was during this time that he also joined the Knights of

Columbus. Fr. Jim completed his training and was ordained in 1999, as both a Diocesan and Missionary priest. He initially served in three parishes in New Jersey before spending two years serving in the country of Estonia in eastern Europe and then placed as the Rector of a Seminary on the island of Guam for three years. Fr. Jim was eventually called back to the States and most recently served 12 years as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, before making the transfer to St. Joseph Parish here in Owatonna this past summer.

In his spare time Fr. Jim enjoys fishing, bicycling, and watching sports, including his hometown Chicago Bears. He also continues to explore history and has been enjoying the discovery of the local history of his new home here in Minnesota. We are very blessed and honored to have Fr. James Starasinich as our pastor here at St. Joseph and as our Chaplain for our KC Council 945 and we congratulate him as our Knight of the Month for January.

## Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

We celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th, and St. Pope John Paul II designated this day as World Day of the Sick. On 13 May 1992, in his Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, he wrote that this day should be "a special time of prayer 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 humankind." Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in France, the site of the apparition of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, is one of the great places of mercy and compassion for the sick. The numerous miracles attributed to the site are an inspiration that continues to draw

pilgrims there in the hundreds of thousands every year. Perhaps not recognized are the spiritual healings. Many sick pilgrims return from their experience at Lourdes not healed physically but restored spiritually. We always need to keep in mind that we are beings in totality, body and soul, physical and spiritual.

As we go through the month of February, let us make this a month of prayer especially for the sick. May all brother Knights and their families who are ill be granted the consolation of the Holy Spirit in their suffering and we ask the Good Lord for their physical healing and spiritual well-being.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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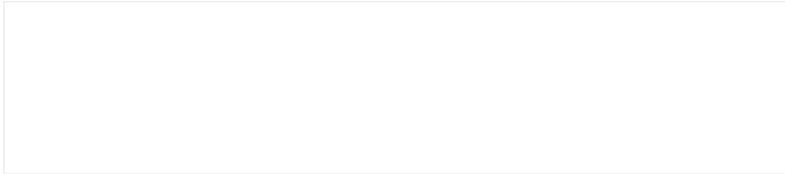
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 & Relay For Life  
 February 10, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 St. Mary's School**

Nonprofit Organization  
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 4-H Purple Ribbon Club  
 February 24, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 St. Mary's School**



**February 2019**

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					<b>1</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm  15th Annual Chili Cook-off Owatonna Armory 4:00 pm
<b>3</b> Superbowl Tailgate Party KC Hall - Doors open at 3:00 pm	<b>4</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  First Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 7:00 pm New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 pm.	<b>5</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>6</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
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