

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
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

January 6 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

January 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

January 8 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker to be

January 12 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Special Olympics and Advocates for
Developmental Disabilities

January 22 - Fourth Degree
KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:00 pm
"Build your own taco bar" for
members & guest

Members only meeting after meal

January 26 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Open House
February 1 - 16th Annual
Chili Cook Off

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Monday, January 6

KC Hall

Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will be an Evangelization team.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the
**Special Olympics and
Advocates for
Developmental Disabilities**

Sunday, January 12, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at St. Mary's School

\$7.00 Advance, \$8.00 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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dec. 31 - KC Hall - open at 3:30 p.m.

Bar Bingo - 7:00 p.m.

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets

Friday, January 10, 17, 24, and 31

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, February 2 - KC Hall

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

16TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Benefiting the Andrew Lawrence
Memorial Scholarship Fund

When: February 1, 2020 (4 to 8 pm)

Where: National Guard Armory

ANNUAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION

Monday, January 13 - St. Mary's Gym.

Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. and
the event starts at 6:45 p.m.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, friends,
and neighbors to join. This is open to all youth in
our community, ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2020.
Winners will receive certificates and be able to move
on to the District Competition planned at St.
Mary's on February 3, with a chance to move on to
the state-level competition. Contact Nate Skala at
(507) 456-2231 for more information.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26

Special KC breakfast (freewill donation)

served at St. Mary's School

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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.

VIKING GAMES

KC Lounge opens at

11:30 a.m. for all

12:00 p.m. Sunday Minnesota Vikings games.

2020!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

May this New Year be filled with many blessings and graces for you and your families!

The January general meeting will have an evangelization team who is coming to St. Joseph Parish in February speak and ask for our prayerful support. In these confused times, they come to bring the Gospel through their own lived experience in the Church. I am praying that this moment of evangelization will plant a seed that will grow and flourish as Jesus speaks in the Gospel: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches'" (Matthew 13:31-32). I am hoping this seed will grow as Jesus says, remembering that this will mean patience and ongoing nourishment for the plant to grow and mature. Evangelization is not a quick-fix solution to our parishes but truly an endeavor that begins as a small seed and will grow over the years. Some of us may not be here to see the actual fruits as the years pass by. I am reminded of the mighty oak tree. I have read that it takes anywhere from twenty to fifty years for the oak to produce its fruit, the acorn. May God's will be done!

There is a wonderful film that I hope makes it to Owatonna called "The Hidden Life", being released on this day (December 13) as I write this article. Some reviews state: "Cinema at its mightiest and holiest. A movie you enter, like a cathedral of the senses." "Extraordinary. How the quietest acts of resistance are part of what save civilization." It is about Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, a husband and father from Austria, whose faith in Jesus Christ guides him during the difficult time of the Nazi regime. We need witnesses like this to encourage us. May you find the time to see this film and be inspired by Franz's life and commitment to faith and family. That is what we Knights are all about!

Vivat Jesus!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our seven new members and also to the six First Degree members who joined the ranks of Third Degree during our Major Degree on November 23.

There will be a First Degree initiation in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Anyone interested in joining the KCs and would like to attend this First Degree please contact me. 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.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. The 2020 dues will also need to be paid shortly after the first of the year. 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.

I would like to thank all Brother Knights who have signed up new members and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to begin by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hoping everybody has a safe Holiday season. As our Christmas Parade float suggested, put Christ back in Christmas. Thank you everybody who worked on it and especially Terry and Jackie Evans for organizing it.

Many hands make light work, as evidenced by our Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Thank you, Dan Wolfe, for organizing that again, and Dean Schuette for the supply of treats along with the Russell Stover Candy Store.

The Richard Rohwer Christmas Party was a huge success and once again was organized by Walt and Joan Spindler.

The Habitat for Humanity home will hopefully be done in January. I would like to thank everybody who helped work on it. It will be a great feeling of accomplishment.

I would also like you to attend the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser on February 1 at the National Guard Armory. Those of us who always wanted to cook in a chili cook-off, take the opportunity and enter. I will be cooking in it for the first time.

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

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 Bahe 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, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Joanne Fagan, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Kloczek, Marlys Knight, Mary Lax, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Mark Nelson, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Rancey, 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:

Brother Knight Oscar Dalle passed away on December 11.

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



**THANK YOU
TO ALL OF
OUR
VOLUNTEERS!!**



Welcome to our New Third Degree Members



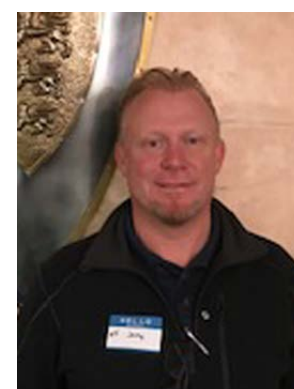
Korry Hauer is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Rybak Companies. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight Tom Jirele.



Hunter Jirele is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Spectrum IT. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight Tom Jirele.



Al Macias and his wife, Amy, have two children, Matthew and Lucy. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Central Region Coop in Sleepy Eye. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Jory Mages is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He operates his business, Mages Insurance Group. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight Duane Ludewig.



Dan Newkirk and his wife, Ellen, have three children, Peyton, Wyall, and Evelyn. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Bosch Automotive Service Solutions. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Lee Jardine.



Josh Spellman and his wife, Karen, have two children, Johanna and Josiann. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Federated Insurance. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Pat McGrath.



Mathew Toov and his wife, Melissa, are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Choice Technical Academy, working in Special Education. He was sponsored by Brother Sir Knight LaVerne Klecker.

These First Degree Knights took their second and third degrees on November 25.

**Wes Miller
Pat McGrath
Jeff Hall
Paul Jardine
Robert Jardine
Nic Jirele**

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

by Dan Wolfe, Red Kettle Chairman

On Saturday, December 7, our Council partnered with the Salvation Army to do our annual Red Kettle Drive Day. Through the efforts of over 100 Brother Knights and family members, braving the cold wind and snow, we were able to man the red donation kettles at all eight locations in town for the entire day from 8 am to 8 pm. The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for our annual support, as our day of bell-ringing is by far their best day of fund raising in the entire campaign. Chairperson Dan Wolfe would like to thank all those who helped by pairing up and taking a two-hour shift, including the many spouses, children, and grandchildren who helped make it a family affair. What a great way to ring in the holiday spirit and help support a Christian-based charity like the Salvation Army, which does so much good work in the local community. It was truly a great team effort and we hope everyone will be back again to help out with next year's Red Kettle Day.

We would like to thank the following Brother Knights for their bellringing assistance: *Pat Baldwin, Ray Bissen, Brian Carlson, Lyle Coleman, John Connor, Tony David, Tom Dietz, Tom Docksey, Tom Eichten, Greg Evans, Gary Fisher, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, John Green, Vince Guggisberg, Gerry Gunderson, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Darrin Helget, Ryan Heydon, Kevin Herzog, Lee Jardine, Mike Jensen, Nick Jirele, Tom Jirele, Jim Joachim, Jim Kaplan, Luke Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Tom Kubista, Ben Lempieinan, Al Macias, Nick Matejcek, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Jon Nelson, Tony Nguyen, David Pfeifer, Mark Pfeifer, Steve Reller, Dustin Reese, Tim Rice, Pat Rose, Dan Ruiter, Mike Schaffner, Mike Schroeder, Dean Schuette, Leo Seykora, Ed Skala, Nate Skala, Troy Skalicky, Walt Spindler, Tom Standke, Grady Strand, Curt Supalla, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Paul Trautman, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Dan Walsh, Gary Wandrey, John Wheeler, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, Ron Wolf* - along with dozens of family helpers big and small too numerous to mention here.



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!!



2019-20 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
Grand Knight: Tom Jirele (507) 213-9765
Deputy Grand Knight: Lee Jardine
Chancellor: Richard Gerds
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



Troy Liebl

This month we honor Troy Liebl as our Knight of the Month. Troy is originally from Morris, Minnesota, and moved to Owatonna to work at OTC. He now works at Sage Glass in Faribault. Troy and his wife, Holly, are members of Sacred Heart Parish and have five children: Nicholas, Alexandra, Stephanie, Samantha, and Zachary.

Troy joined the Owatonna Council in May of 2016 and has helped with many pancake breakfasts and Smokin' in Steele. Troy is active in a local pool league, supporting his children's events, and watching sports.

When you see Troy offer him congratulations for being our Knight of the Month and for his work to support the charitable activities of Council 945.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2019-2020

January 12	Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 26	St. Mary's Open House
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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST EXTRAVAGANZA AND OWATONNA ARTS CENTER

The KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza and Owatonna Arts Center on Sunday, December 1 was successful. The final count of happy customers was 410 adults and children. Attendees were entertained by the Knights of Columbus Chorus and were treated to a visit from Santa Claus. Thanks go out to the Saturday morning prep crew who had everything set for the opening on Sunday morning. Here are the team members: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Mike, Jensen, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

Thanks to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Laura Gebur, Richard Gerds, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince and Tara Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee, Paul, and Rob Jardine, Nick Jirele, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm,*

LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Mark Pfeifer, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Stephanie Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Grady Strand, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Trent Tucker, Jeff Vorthers, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dave Wunderlich.

Many people helped make "this event" a success. If we missed your name, please accept our apology and know that your help is appreciated. Make plans now for the next breakfast on January 12 for the benefit of two (very) special groups, Owatonna Area Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities (ADD). It will be held at St. Mary's School. Besides supporting these very deserving groups, you'll also enjoy the delicious food from our great menu and table service. Just come in - sit down at a table - order your breakfast - and have your food served hot right to you by a super friendly Knight.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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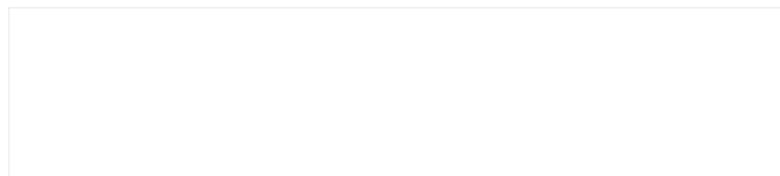
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
for Special Olympics and Advocates for
Developmental Disabilities
Sunday, January 12 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

Benefit Breakfast
for St. Mary's Open House
Sunday, January 26 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day KC Lounge closed	2	3	4 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
5	6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	8 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Speakers will be an Evangelization team.	9	10 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	11 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
12 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm for Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities	13 Annual Basketball Free Throw Council Competition St. Mary's Gyn Registration - 6:30 pm Event -6:45 pm	14 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	15	16	17 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	17 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
19	20	21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	22 Fourth Degree KC Hall 6:00 - 7:00 pm "Build your own taco bar" for members & guest Members only meeting after meal	23	24 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	25 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
26 St. Mary's Open House - St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm Special KC breakfast	27	28 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	29	30	31 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	