

Owatonna



Council 945

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to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
2017

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 4 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
January 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
January 15 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for Special Olympics and
Advocates for Developmental
Disabilities
January 23 - First Degree
Exemplification - KC Hall
Candidates please be at Hall
at 6:30 p.m.
January 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 28 - 13th Annual
Chili Cook Off
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 10:00 a.m.
January 29 - St. Mary's School
Open House &
Special KC breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 4
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities

Sunday, January 15, 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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29
Special KC breakfast (freewill donation)
served at St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be St. Mary's School principal
Kathleen Segna.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall
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

BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play
trivia, every Saturday in January 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 January
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, January 29 - 10:00 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church
All members and their families are invited
to process in and be seated together at this Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2017

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



Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone happiness, health, and good fortune in 2017.

I hope Santa was good to everyone and you enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends.

Thank you to all who helped with bell ringing. This is always a great event for me to get into the Christmas spirit. Seeing people's generosity is a great reminder to be thankful and appreciate all God has given us in our lives.

It might be the New Year on the calendar but for the Knights of Columbus our year is half done. Our Council has been involved in a lot of great events and helped a lot of local charities. The money raised by Council 945 and given locally speaks volumes to what the Knights of Columbus stand for. We accomplish great things by working together and having fun doing it.

I need everyone's help. Our Council goal is 35 new members, we have five. We can and need to do better. Anyone who has a son, grandson or coworker please talk to them about belonging to the Knights of Columbus.

I hope to see as many of you at the Chili Cook Off on January 28th. It's a great way to spend a cold January night. We also have Corporate Communion on January 29th.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knight. This First Degree Knight took his Second and Third Degrees on November 19, Ryan Heydon.

We will be having another First Degree initiation on Monday, January 23 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. 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 2017 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.

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath

Long Term Care

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policyholders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" - a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent - and a brother Knight you can trust - to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it.

Christopher Retterath, NSSA

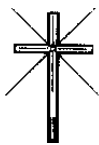
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Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson

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.



Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Tom Dietz, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, 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.

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



**As the New Year begins, let us pray,
that it will be a year with new peace,
new happiness, and abundance
of new friends,
God bless you through
out the New Year.
Happy New Year 2017.**

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, January 23
at KC Hall in Owatonna, Minnesota
Candidates please be at Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive a complete success!

by Dan Wolfe, Red Kettle Chairman

On Saturday, December 3rd, 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, we were able to man the red donation kettles at all nine locations in town for the entire day from 8 am to 8 pm. In this one day, we were able to help collect over \$4,600 for the Salvation Army, the largest single day of contributions for the annual 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. An added thank you goes out to Tony David, LaVerne Klecker, and Bill Lawrence, who not only rang the bells but also helped with coordinating volunteers and site locations. 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.

John Ahlberg
Gerald Barry
Lynn Becker
Tim Biegert
Raymond Bissen
Tim Blum
Bill Bunkers
Lyle Coleman
Tony David
Tom Docksey
Tom Eichten
Greg Evans
Gary Fisher
Steve Fisher
Kevin Gallagher
Tom Gebur
Richard Gerdts
Dan Glazier
Steve Graff
John Green

Gerry Gunderson
Bobbie Harriman
Ron Heim
Spencer Heim
Joe Herzog
Mark Hood
Jeremy Hullopeter
Brayton Ingvaldson
Carsten Ingvaldson
Mike Ingvaldson
Mike Jensen
Tom Jirele
Jim Joachim
Jim Kaplan
Mark Kearin
Dennis Kelm
Harlan Kern

LaVerne Klecker
Mike Klecker Family
Rob Kniefel
Ron Kubicek
Tom Kubista
George Lambaere
Eric Lattery
Bill Lawrence
Otto Lehrer
Bruce Louks
Duane Ludewig
Nic Matejcek Family
Dan McCarthy
Pat McGrath Family
Al Nelson
David Pfeifer
Mark Pfeifer

Will Pieper Family
Steve Reller
Tim Rice
Pat Rose
Dan Ruiter
Greg Salmonson
Gary Sanford Family
Mike Schroeder
Leo Seykora
Gene Simon
Dave Skala
Nate Skala
Anne Skalicky
Nicole Skalicky
Troy Skalicky
Lavern Soukup
Jerome Spindler

Walt Spindler
Tom Standke
Grady Strand
Curt Supalla
Ken Thurnau
Matt Thurnau
Troy Titus
Paul Trautman
Eric Tucker
Eric Wandersee
Dan Walsh
John Wheeler
Jeanne Willmott
Ray Willmott
Rick Wittrock
Ron Wolf
Dan Wolfe



Nic Matejcek and his son greet patrons.



Nicole and Ann Skalicky greet customers.



Mark Pfeifer and Troy Skalicky work together to help man the kettle.



LaVerne Klecker and his grandsons brave the cold.



Gary Sanford and his granddaughter enjoy their time together while helping a good cause.

BROTHER KNIGHTS DISTRIBUTE COATS FOR KIDS

Tuesday evening, November 29, Brother Knights distributed 40 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. One grateful mother reported that this is the first new coat her son has ever owned. The balance of the 72 coats was delivered to the Steele County Clothes Line to be distributed to others in need of a warm coat. This was a joint project financed by Council 945 and the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly – Fourth Degree. 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.

Through their Coats for Kids program, 1,625 local councils distributed 79,320 coats to children in need throughout the United States and Canada in 2015. Since the program began in 2009, more than 306,000 coats have been distributed.

Thanks to the following for their help with this project: Dennis Werner, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Randy & Tammy Balausky, Gary & Deb Sanford, Dan Sawyer, Bill Lawrence, Lee & Ellyn Jardine, Tim & Linda Rice, Nic & Jo Matejcek.



Knights and Spouses are set to distribute "Coats for Kids". Pictured left to right; front row, Tammy Balausky, Deb Sanford, Linda Rice, Ellyn Jardine. Back row, Randy Balausky, District Deputy, Tim Rice, Project Chairman, Gary Sanford, Grand Knight, Dan Sawyer, Chancellor, Lee Jardine, Warden.



Knights of Columbus deliver new coats to the Steele County Clothes Line. Pictured left to right; Timothy Rice, Project Chairman, Alysa Olson, Operations Manager of Clothes Line, Dave Lax, Faithful Navigator and Gary Sanford, Grand Knight.

OWATONNA KCS HOST RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

BINGO! Was the word shouted out loudly and many times at Senior Place on Wednesday, December 7th. It was the site of the annual Richard Rohwer Christmas party which is sponsored by the Owatonna Knights of Columbus, Council 945. Event planner Russ Bowar works together with the Owatonna Park and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Director Wendy Reller to plan the party for those with developmental disabilities. The party is named after the late Richard Rohwer, a Knights of Columbus member, who spearheaded the event for many years. Richard passed away in 1991.

The fun evening kicked off with pizza and soda pop for all attendees followed by a visit from Santa Claus. This is just a precursor of the highlight for the evening, a rousing game of bingo. Russ Bowar, event planner for many years, had this comment, "It's really a good feeling to see their faces light up when they shout out Bingo! We make sure everyone wins. We Brother Knights win too, as we help these special people enjoy the holidays." There was also a highlight this year, a collection of 6 Santa Bears donated by the Leo Antl family were awarded by luck of the draw to six smiling recipients. Assisting the Knights this year were several OHS students from the YSL (Youth Service Leadership) program.

Big thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with this year's party: Bruce Born, Danny Born, Russ & Jan Bowar, Gerry Gunderson, Lee & Ellyn Jardine, Tim Rice, Walt & Joan Spindler, and Tony David.



Loraine Ripka was one of the lucky recipients of a Santa Bear at the Richard Rohwer Christmas Party. The Santa Bears were donated by the Leo Antl family.



Ashley Lyke proudly displaying her Santa Bear which she won at the Richard Rohwer Christmas Party.

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 Balauskys (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balauskys (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Raymond Bissen

This month we honor one of our newer members as our Knight of the Month, Ray Bissen. Ray joined our Council and completed his Major Degree in November 2015. He credits Mike Meger and Dave Lax for encouraging him to join our Council.

Ray grew up in Austin, Minnesota, where his father owned a family business where Ray and his siblings helped while growing up. After high school Ray attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and later received his Masters in Education through Augsburg College. Ray worked in Rochester, Minnesota, for several years at the Center for Autism and then in 2008 moved to Owatonna and currently works as a Special Education teacher at Wilson School. Ray and his wife Amy have two young sons Zach and Isaac and daughter Averi.

Ray said music was a big part of his family growing up and that his parents actually met while singing in the church choir. Fortunately for our Council, Ray has brought his musical talent to the KC Chorus and has taken over the duties as Chorus director. In addition to the Chorus duties, Ray has helped out with other Council activities and is impressed with the commitment and the desire to help that he has seen from his fellow members. Thank you, Ray, for your contributions to our Council and congratulations on being our Knight of the Month.



OVER 500 PATRONS ATTEND THE KC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST EXTRAVAGANZA



The KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 11, was a great success as usual. The final count of happy customers was 450 adults and 80 children - probably an all-time record. Attendees were entertained by the Knights of Columbus Chorus and were treated to a visit from Santa Claus. All this hard work resulted in some nice income which allows the Council to continue our charitable work.

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, Bob Grebe, 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.*

Kudos to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Tom Burke, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Steve & Karen Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Rob Kneifel, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Greg Robillard, Dan & Jack Ruiter, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

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 next breakfast on January 15 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 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

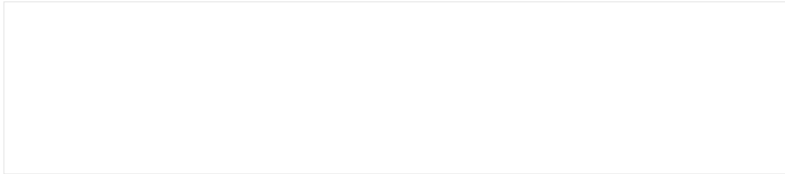
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



<p><i>Benefit Breakfast</i> for Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities Sunday, January 15 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School</p>
<p><i>KC Family Corporate Communion</i> Sunday, January 29 - St. Joseph Church - 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><i>Benefit Breakfast</i> for St. Mary's Open House Sunday, January 29 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School</p>

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1 New Years Day	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5	6 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
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