

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
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

January 3 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
January 10 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
January 14 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for Special Olympics and
Advocates for Developmental
Disabilities
January 24 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 27, 2018 - 14th Annual
Chili Cook Off
Retrofit Company
1010 Hoffman Dr. (old Walmart)
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 28 - St. Mary's School
Open House &
Special KC Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**KC Lounge open for all
Vikings play-off games**

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 3
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 14, 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.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28

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 in January at the KC Hall at 4:00
p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, December 31 - 10:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Owatonna
Superintendent Jeff Elstad.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2017-2018

January 14 Special Olympics & Advocates for
Developmental Disabilities
January 28 KC Breakfast - St. Mary's Open House
February 11 KC Valentine Breakfast & Relay For Life
February 25 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 18 St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 8 St. Vincent DePaul Society &
Hospitality House
April 29 or May 6 Owatonna Clay Target Team



14th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

January 27, 2018 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Retrofit Company
1010 Hoffman Drive (old Walmart)

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31 - at the KC Hall
Bar Bingo - 7:30 p.m. (call to reserve table)

UPCOMING MEETING

Knights of Columbus Council 945
1/10/18 at 8:00 PM
At its business meeting on 1/10/18, Council 945 will
hold a vote to adopt a written motion that authorizes
its grand knight/deputy grand knight to enter into a
Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution
Agreement with the Columbian Center. Your
attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.
Respectfully,
Nicholas Matejcek, Grand Knight Council 945
Owatonna MN

Welcome to our Third Degree Members Exemplified on November 18



Bernie Koslosky and his wife Teresa have five children, Stanley, Owen, Phillip, Madeline, and Anna. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a finance manager at Dairy Concepts in Zumbrota, Minnesota. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Grand Knight Nic Matejcek.



Craig Larson and his wife Kelli have two children, Emily and Matthew. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a pharmacist at the Albert Lea Hospital. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Grand Knight Nic Matejcek.

Welcome to our New Members Exemplified on December 4



Mark Cassen has three children, Tori, Ian, and Maddie. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Viracon. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Matt Herget and his wife Jamie have four children, Alexandra, Laura, Jenna, and George. They are members of Holy Trinity Parish at Ltomysl. He is employed by Stransky Farms. He was sponsored by his father-in-law, Brother Knight Kenny Schiller.



Mark Rypka and his wife, Carol are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a farmer. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Brian Rypka and his wife Dani have three children, Veronia, Georgene, and Edward. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by Muska Electric. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 4 - KC Hall

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. - Steak fry at 4:00 p.m.

Please RSVP for steak fry by Tuesday, Jan. 30 to guarantee your meal.

Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Good Day Fellow Knights!

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing, and fun filled Christmas and New Years. I wish all of you the best in this New Year. The turning of the calendar symbolizes change as many of us make resolutions. I encourage you to make a resolution to strengthen your family, as well as strengthening your relationship with God. Keep Christ in your lives and lean on HIM when you need a helping hand. Never underestimate the power of prayer. May you and your families be blessed during this New Year and may all of your wishes come true!

Vivat Jesus!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST EXTRAVAGANZA

The KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 10, was a great success as usual. The final count of happy customers was 220 adults and 16 children. 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, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, and Ron Wolf.*

Kudos to these Brother Knights and family members who prepared and served the delicious food on Sunday morning: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark and Martha Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper family, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, 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 14 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.



KC HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

On October 28, the Knights of Columbus participated as a gold sponsor in the Trick-or-Treat Trail at Manthey Park. This community wide event, which thousands of children and adults attended, brings businesses and organizations together to provide a safe and fun environment for children to celebrate Halloween. A special thanks to Dave Lax and Dan Sawyer for their help in making this happen. Pictured are JoAnn, Sam, Katie, and Nic Matejcek, Grand Knight, as well as Deputy Grand Knight, Dan Sawyer.

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. The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for our support as our day of bell-ringing is by far their best day of fund raising in the entire campaign. We actually had to call and have the kettles emptied in the early afternoon due to the outpouring of donations.

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 and LaVerne Klecker for their scheduling help and support. 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.

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| <i>John Ahlberg</i> | <i>Kevin Gallagher</i> | <i>Dennis Kelm</i> | <i>David Pfeifer</i> | <i>Nicole Skalicky</i> |
| <i>Gerald Berry</i> | <i>Tom Gebur</i> | <i>LaVerne Klecker</i> | <i>Mark Pfeifer</i> | <i>Troy Skalicky</i> |
| <i>Ray Bissen Family</i> | <i>Richard Gerdts</i> | <i>Parker & Max Klecker</i> | <i>Ethan Pieper</i> | <i>Lavern Soukup</i> |
| <i>Tim Blum</i> | <i>Dan Glaser</i> | <i>Mike Klecker family</i> | <i>Will Pieper Family</i> | <i>Jerome Spindler</i> |
| <i>Don Boesen</i> | <i>John Green</i> | <i>Sara Klecker</i> | <i>Steve Reller</i> | <i>Grady Strand</i> |
| <i>Bill Bunkers</i> | <i>Tom Grubish</i> | <i>John Kniefel</i> | <i>Tim Rice</i> | <i>Curt Supalla</i> |
| <i>Tom Burke</i> | <i>Gerry Gunderson</i> | <i>Rob Kniefel</i> | <i>Pat Rose</i> | <i>Ken Thurnau</i> |
| <i>Brian Carlson</i> | <i>Bobbie Harriman</i> | <i>Ron Kubicek</i> | <i>Greg Salmonson</i> | <i>Matt Thurnau</i> |
| <i>Lyle Coleman</i> | <i>Ron Heim</i> | <i>Tom Kubista</i> | <i>Ryan Sanford</i> | <i>Troy Titus</i> |
| <i>Tony David</i> | <i>Spencer Heim</i> | <i>Bill Lawrence</i> | <i>Dan Sawyer</i> | <i>Jeff Vortherms Family</i> |
| <i>Tom Docksey</i> | <i>Joe Herzog</i> | <i>Bruce Louks</i> | <i>Mike Schroeder</i> | <i>Gary Wandrey</i> |
| <i>Tom Eichten</i> | <i>Ryan Heydon</i> | <i>Jordan Ludewig</i> | <i>Leo Seykora</i> | <i>Dan Walsh</i> |
| <i>Joe Elbert</i> | <i>Jim Joachim</i> | <i>Nick Matejcek</i> | <i>Gene Simon</i> | <i>Ken Warner</i> |
| <i>Greg Evans Family</i> | <i>Tom Jirele</i> | <i>Sam Matejcek</i> | <i>Dave Skala</i> | <i>John Wheeler</i> |
| <i>Terry Evans</i> | <i>Jim Kaplan</i> | <i>Pat McGrath Family</i> | <i>Ed Skala</i> | <i>Rick Wittrock</i> |
| <i>Gary Fisher</i> | <i>Luke Kaplan</i> | <i>Al Nelson</i> | <i>Nate Skala</i> | <i>Ron Wolf</i> |
| <i>Steve Fisher</i> | <i>Mark Kearn</i> | <i>Tony Nguyen</i> | <i>Anne Skalicky</i> | <i>Dan Wolfe</i> |



Anne and Nicole Skalicky.



Tim Rice and Mike Schroeder.



Gene Simon and Dan Glaser.



Gary and Steve Fisher.



Dan Boesen and Pat Rose.



Pat McGrath family.



Dave Pfeifer and Al Nelson.



Gerry Gunderson and Tom Grubish.



Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive Continued



Nic and Sam Matejcek.



Steve Reller and Rick Wittrock.



Nate and Dave Skala.



Jeff Vortherms and daughter, Elle.



Dan Walsh and Dan Sawyer.



Curt Supalla and John Green.



Tony Nguyen



John Wheeler, Luke Kaplan and helper.



Leo Seykora and Bruce Louks.



Ryan Heydon and Dennis Kelm.



OWATONNA KCS HOST RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

BINGO! Was the word shouted out loudly and many times at Senior Place on Wednesday, December 6th. 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 Dani Bakken 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. 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."

Big thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with this year's party: Randy Balausky, Bruce Born, Danny Born, Russ & Jan Bowar, Mike & Barb Schaffner, and Walt Spindler.



Barb Schaffner and Jan Bowar get the pizza ready for the large crowd that turned out.



2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Connolly
 Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer
 Chancellor: Tom Jirele
 Advocate: Lee Jardine
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Open
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Tony David
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Gary Sanford

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Sawyer (DGK)
 Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
 Building Director Tom Elbert
 Director of Church Activities: Dave Lax
 Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
 Gambling Manager: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Rob Kniefel

Our Knight of the Month Robbe Kniefel joined our KC Council in March of 2014. He credits Tom Eichten for planting the seed in becoming a KC member back when Robbe was 18 years old and Dave Lax for giving him the final encouragement to join.

Robbe grew up in Owatonna and upon graduation from high school he went on to college at Mankato State, where he earned degrees in Law Enforcement and Sociology. His first job upon graduation was a part-time position with the Owatonna Police Department. Robbe said he wasn't exactly sure what motivated him to go into law enforcement but it just seemed to be his calling. After becoming engaged to his future wife Karla, Robbe needed to seek a full-time position, which lead him to a position in Albert Lea with the Freeborn County Sheriff's Department. In 1997, Robbe returned to Owatonna to again work for the Owatonna Police Department. During his career

he has spent 10 years as a uniformed patrol officer, 10 years as a detective, and now almost 10 years in his current supervisor role as a Sgt. on the force. Along the way, Robbe and Karla have raised twin daughters Kayla and Krista and a son who goes by R. J. All three are currently attending college and Robbe and Karla are getting used to their first year as empty nesters. Robbe is looking forward to retirement in the near future as he comes up on 30 years in law enforcement. Hopefully then he will be afforded more time to enjoy hobbies like hunting and fishing, along with getaways up north to his cabin in the Cross Lake area.

Robbe has been involved in a number of Council events as a Knight and looks forward to becoming more active in the future. Robbe said he has been a member of the Elks and Eagles for a while in the past but has become more attached to the Knights of Columbus, who he says are a special group of men doing good things for the right reasons. We thank Robbe for the good things he has done to serve our community as a first responder for almost three decades and we congratulate him as our Knight of the Month recipient for November.

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, Margaret Deml, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Steve Wiese.

IN MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers the following individuals and their families:

Agatha "Gathy" Bowar, mother of Brother Sir Knight Russ Bowar, passed away on Dec. 8.
Darlene Liverseed, mother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Bruce Born, passed away on Dec. 16.
Wilbert Hunt, brother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Tim Rice, passed away on Dec. 21.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our four new First Degree Knights, Mark Cassen, Matt Herget, Mark Rypka, and Brian Rypka, who were exemplified on December 4.

We will be having another First Degree initiation in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 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 2018 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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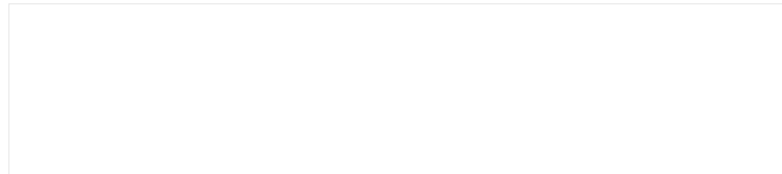
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Benefit Breakfast
 for Special Olympics and Advocates for
 Developmental Disabilities
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 St. Mary's School

Benefit Breakfast
 for St. Mary's Open House
Sunday, January 28 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4	5 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	6 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
7	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	10 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Our speaker will be Owatonna Superintendent Jeff Elstad	11	12 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	13 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
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