

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JANUARY
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
January 9 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
January 13 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for Special Olympics and
Advocates for Developmental
Disabilities
January 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 27 - St. Mary's School
Open House &
Special KC Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
February 2 - 15th Annual
Chili Cook Off

**KC Lounge opens at
11:30 a.m. for all 12:00
p.m. Sunday Minnesota
Vikings games.**

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 2
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities

Sunday, January 13, 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 27
Special KC breakfast (freewill donation)
served at St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, December 30 - 10:00 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

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.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 9
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Council #945
Fr. James Starasinich.

SHRIMP FRIES ARE BACK

Serving Shrimp & Steak, Shrimp Dinners,
and Burger Baskets
Friday, January 11, 18, and 25
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dec. 31 - KC Hall - open at 3:30 p.m.
Bar Bingo - 7:30 p.m.
Complimentary Champagne, hors d'oeuvres,
and party favors at Midnight.
Sober Cab available.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2018-2019

January 13 Special Olympics & Advocates for
Developmental Disabilities
January 27 St. Mary's Open House
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 14 St. Vincent DePaul Society &
Hospitality House
May 5 Owatonna Clay Target Team

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.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

There will be a First Degree initiation on January 7 at the KC Hall in Waseca. 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.

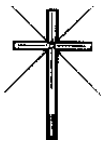
The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. The 2019 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.

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, Mark Cunningham, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, 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, Barb Strand, 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:

Judy Hanson, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Dan Ruitter, passed away on November 23.

Kathy Haberman, mother to Brother Knight Dan Haberman, passed away on December 10.

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 Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good chance to slow down and enjoy this Christmas season with friends and family. What better time to enjoy the warmth of the season than when it is cold outside.

As I reflect on this calendar year, we have a lot to feel good about with what we have been blessed to be able to do for our Church, Community, Families, and in support of a Culture of Life. It continues to amaze me how many things just seem to happen because groups of our Brother Knights continue to do what they have always done in leading things like our Benefit Breakfasts, our KC Choir, informing our fellow parishoners in the Church Bulletins, even things like lowering the flag to half-mast when our Country honors someone like former President Bush. I can't possibly say thank you enough to the Brother Knights who just make these and many more things happen.

This said, we need to continue to have Brother Knights step up. We have had someone step up to lead the annual Free Throw Competition and have some guys who have agreed to help us with getting Knights Visiting Knights program going. We are in urgent need of help leading our Tootsie Roll drive and need to bring in officers to fill the Warden and Advocate roles. These require a limited investment of time beyond monthly meetings, but prepare you to move into the Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight positions. We have had a number of you who have expressed interest in getting more involved, so please give this prayerful consideration and be open to this if called upon to get in line to help lead our great Council. Don't hesitate to let any of the officers or trustees know if you have interest even 1-2 years from now. Lastly, recruiting new members has also become critical. We have welcomed a few additional members but need many more to continue with our Mission. I challenge you to find another parish member to join us as we try to Grow the Order! Remember to be thankful that we are blessed to be able to positively impact so many lives.

Vivat Jesus!

ANNUAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION

Monday, January 14th-St. Mary's Gym.

Registration will start at 6:45 p.m. and the event starts at 7:00 p.m. Encourage your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join. This is open to all youth in our community, ages 9-14. Winners will receive certificates and be able to move on to the District Competition planned at St. Mary's on February 19th, with a chance to move on to the state-level competition. Contact Nate Skala at (507) 456-2231 for more information.

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, Advocate, 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.

**TOP SWORD
RECIPIENT
FOR 2017-18
MSGR. HENRY
SPECK
ASSEMBLY**



Tim Rice and Walt Spindler present the Top Sword Award to LaVerne Klecker.

**HAPPY NEW
2019
YEAR**

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive a Complete Success!

by Dan Wolfe, Red Kettle Chairman

On Saturday, December 1, 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. This year over \$4,000 was taken in by our collective efforts, despite the afternoon snowstorm. 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.

Ray Bissen
Zach Bissen
Tim Blum
Bill Bunkers
Tom Burke
Brian Carlson
Lyle Coleman
Tony David
Tom Docksey
Tom Eichten
Greg Evans
Joanne Evans
Gary Fisher
Steve Fisher
Kevin Gallagher

Lee Jardine
Tom Gebur
Richard Gerds
Dan Glazer
Gerry Gunderson
Jeff Hall Family
Ron Heim
Spencer Heim
Ryan Heydon
Mike Ingvalson
Patrick Ingvaldson
Mike Jensen
Tom Jirele
Luke Kaplan

Joe Kearin
Mark Kearin
Dennis Kelm
Kory Klecker
Parker and Max Klecker
Rob Kniefel
Tom Kubista
Bill Lawrence
Bruce Louks
Nic Matejcek Family
Pat McGrath Family
Al Nelson
Greg Nelson
David Pfeifer
Will Pieper Family

Steve Reller
Tim Rice
Gary Sanford Family
Dan Sawyer
Mike Schroeder
Leo Seykora
Gene Simon
Dave Skala
Ed Skala
Nate Skala
Anne Skalicky
Troy Skalicky
Walt Spindler
Tom Standke
Al Steinbauer

Grady Strand
Curt Supalla
Paul Trautman
Ken Thurnau
Matt Thurnau
Don Trenda
Eric Tucker
Jeff Vortherms Family
Dan Walsh
Eric Wandersee
Gary Wandrey
John Wheeler
Rick Wittrock
Ron Wolf
Dan Wolfe
Dave Wunderlich



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!!





CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAKFAST EXTRAVAGANZA



The KC Christmas Holiday Breakfast Extravaganza on Sunday, December 2, was successful despite the 10-inch snowfall of the previous evening. The final count of happy customers was 234 adults and 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, Cora Burnett, Luke Burnett, Tony David, Mike Jensen, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, 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, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Tom Docksey,*

Steve Fisher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Roger Green, Jeff Hall, Lee and Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, Rob Kniefel, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Will Pieper family, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Dan Wolfe, and 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 13 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.

KNIGHTS HOST RICHARD ROHWER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 5, was a ‘Special Day’ at SeniorPlace. It was the site of the annual Richard Rohwer Christmas party that is sponsored by the Owatonna Knights of Columbus, Council 945. BINGO! Was the word shouted out loudly many times by the 80+ attendees. Event planners Walt and Joan Spindler worked together with the Owatonna Park and Recreation Therapeutic Recreational Supervisor 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 and was followed by a few rousing games of BINGO. Walt Spindler, event planner this year, had this comment, “We really enjoy doing this project for these great people. They look forward to it just as much as we do. We make sure everyone has plenty to eat and then they all win at BINGO.” Big thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with this year’s party: Patrick and Shari Baldwin and family, Lee Jardine, Tom Eichten, Gene Simon, Tim Rice, Gerry Gunderson, Bruce Born, Russ & Jan Bowar, and Mike & Barb Schaffner.



Three happy helpers, Barb Schaffner, Jan Bowar, and Joan Spindler.



Happy faces of some of the bingo participants.

COUNCIL 945 DONATES TO BIRTHRIGHT AND HOSPICE HOUSE



Birthright received a \$750 check for pregnancy and baby care as a result of our Celebration of Life and Service silent auction. Mrs. Diane McShane received the check.

A \$750 donation to the Hospice House from our Celebration of Service. Pictured is Brother Knight Jim Bruner, who is active with the Hospice House in addition to the Knights of Columbus.



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



Mike Ingvalson

This month we salute our Knight of the Month nominee Mike Ingvalson. Mike joined our Council in February 2006 and is a Third Degree member. He was sponsored by LaVerne Klecker, who also happens to be his father-in-law. Mike grew up outside Blooming Prairie. After graduating from Blooming Prairie High School, Mike attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where he received a two-year associates degree, before he returned to the area and joined his father and brother in their farming operation. Mike and his wife Katie are members of St. Columbanus Church in Blooming Prairie. They have two sons, 5th grader Carsten and 3rd grader Brayton.

In addition to volunteering for numerous KC events, Mike is also actively involved as a volunteer fire fighter with the Blooming Prairie Fire Department. Mike enjoys traveling with the family, supporting his sons with their busy schedules, and snowmobiling if he gets the free time.

Mike says he is amazed by all the good works, time and effort that our Council does in support of local needs. We thank Mike for being a strong contributor to our Council and we congratulate him on being our Knight of the Month for November.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

January begins with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and we are celebrating the Christmas season until its conclusion on Sunday, January 13 with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Epiphany is a week earlier, an important Solemnity, a Greek word which means an appearance or manifestation. The Eastern Church celebrates on January 6 while in many places in the Roman Catholic Church, we transfer this day to the nearest Sunday. For eastern Christians, they commemorate three manifestations: The Messiah to the Magi; of His divinity at His baptism in the Jordan; and of His power shown in the miracle of Cana. We celebrate the third manifestation the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord, thus keeping some continuity with the Eastern Church and allowing for further reflection on each specific event.

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, the anniversary of the most grievous decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court on this day in 1973. Numerous Councils have been attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. as well as other marches that will take place

throughout the country on that day or within days of the anniversary. We are contributing to bringing back a culture of life and a civilization of love by our prayers and participation in the defense of all life, from conception to natural death. We seek to uphold the dignity of all and the sacredness of the family on this day. The beauty of this March in our nation's capital is seeing the youth who have traveled from across the country enthusiastically and full of joy giving witness to the sanctity of life. I once heard a Washington D.C. police officer remarked that this gathering is one he looks forward to working because it is always peaceful. That says a lot for the cause we so strongly believe in.

May the Good Lord continue to fill us with His grace and lead us into another faith-filled and successful year where we each can "manifest" God's love and compassion through all that we do for the greater glory of God!

Membership dues notices to be sent soon. Please pay your dues in a timely manner. Funds are needed to continue to do the good work of our Council. We are at a point where we are facing increased mailing costs for the Key. We know some members do not have e-mail or have a strong preference for a paper copy. In order to help address the increasing costs associated with printing and mailing, we are requesting a voluntary payment of \$10 for 2019 to offset this cost. Alternatively, any members with access to e-mail should provide theirs so we can be sure we have the right e-mail address and can e-mail these wherever possible to save Council funds for charitable works. If you already receive by e-mail, no need to do anything, but it always helps to be sure we have the latest e-mail address. We will continue to post electronic copies on the Council Website under newsletters and also will have printed copies at the Columbian Center and at benefit breakfasts.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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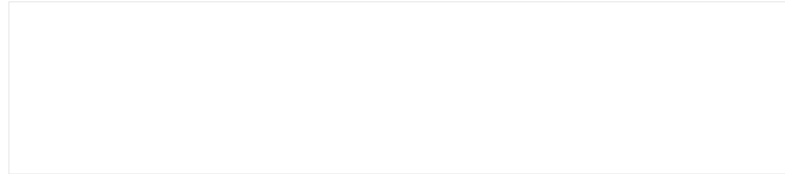
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Benefit Breakfast
 for Special Olympics and Advocates for
 Developmental Disabilities
Sunday, January 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

Nonprofit Organization
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Benefit Breakfast
 for St. Mary's Open House
Sunday, January 27 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day KC Lounge Closed	2 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
6	7 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	8 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	9 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Our speaker will be Council #945 Fr. James Starasinich	10	11 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
13 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm for Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities	14 Annual Basketball Free Throw Council Competition St. Mary's Gyn Registration - 6:45 pm Event - 7:00 pm	15 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	16	17	18 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	19 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
20	21	22 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	23 Fourth Degree KC Hall 6:00 - 7:00 pm "Build your own taco bar" for members & guest members only Members only meeting after meal	24	25 Shrimp Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	26 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
27 St. Mary's Open House - St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm Special KC breakfast	28	29 Christmas KC Lounge Closed	30	31		