

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JULY
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

July 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
July 8 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates please be at Hall at
6:30 p.m.
July 9 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 10 - General Meeting- KC Hall
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Officer Installation - 8:45 p.m.
July 19 - Relay for Life
Steele County Fairgrounds
July 24 - Fourth Degree
Owatonna Arts Center
Social - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
July 28 - Litomysl 48th
Annual Summer Festival
Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
August 13 - 18 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds

MINNESOTA TWINS

Stop by the Club to catch all
the Minnesota Twins action.
Play Taters For Toddlies for
chances to win free drinks.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 9

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 10

Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Officer Installation - 8:45 p.m.

FALL FISHING TRIP

Once again, we are planning a Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish) and there is room for you to join the trip. The reserved dates start September 28 - you could have a 4-day trip - or make a whole week of it. Fishing has been good on this trip during the past few years - and the fall color scenery is really nice as well. The trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday) provided by Mark and the Columbian Center. For more info, please contact Walt Spindler (451-7613). Would be glad to have you along.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, June 30
St. Joseph Church - 10:00 a.m. Mass

LITOMYSL 48th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, July 28
KC Chorus will sing before Mass, at 9:30 a.m.
Polka Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Degree Honor Guard will participate
Festival - 11:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m.
Food - Drinks - Live Music
Bands will be the "Dan Stursa Band" and
"The Marv Nissel Band"
Raffle Tickets - \$4,000 in prizes
Silent Auction - Pony Rides - Games
Used-A-Bit Sale
Garden Produce - Plants
Display of old engines
Prune, Poppysseed, and Apricot Biscuits
Fun For All Ages!!
Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

SAVE THE DATE

August General Meeting and
Annual Picnic
Wednesday, August 21 - Pavillion at Jaycee Park

SAVE THE DATE

KC Council #945 Golf Outing
Saturday, September 7 - Brooktree Golf Course

2019 RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday, July 19, at the Steele County Fairgrounds
Luminaries for sale - \$10.00 each -
see Mark at the KC Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRANDSTAND BEER SALES

Steele County Free Fair
Date to be determined
Please contact LaVerne Klecker at 451-4102 or
(507) 456-6738 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015
if you would like to help.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, July 8 - 7:00 p.m. Owatonna KC Hall
Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge
Friday, July 12, 19, and 26
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.

MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

Sunday, August 4
Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals
Great seats, no driving or parking worries.
Call Mark at the Club to reserve your seats.



Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

On June 10th, the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education (for Educational Institutions) issued "Male and Female He Created Them" Towards a Path of Dialogue on the Question of Gender Theory in Education. It is a guide for Catholic educators and I am writing about this as parents are the first and primary educators of their children, especially in matters of faith. Our faith cannot be separated from our lives. St. Paul reminds us that baptism has united us to Christ: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

All that we do and all that we are as Christians means that we are living a new life in Christ by virtue of our baptism and the mission entrusted to us through baptism. We are called to follow Christ, living and being renewed by Word and sacraments to continue the mission of Christ in these times.

This new document is important as we are being assaulted by ideologies which remain only theories and not facts about who we are as human beings. Our faith is rooted and anchored in Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We also know from natural law and science, especially in the field of biology, the truths of human sexuality.

I encourage every Brother Knight to read the document. It will soon be published and found available at the Vatican website. For now, I discovered the document here:

<https://zenit.org/articles/new-vatican-document-provides-schools-with-guidance-on-gender-issues/>

Let us not be afraid to live our faith in charity towards all while giving an explanation, when necessary, of the reason for our hope (see 1 Peter 3:15). Our children today are often being indoctrinated in our schools with ideologies that go against our Christian beliefs and values. Let us anchor ourselves in Christ, so that these tumultuous waves do not move us away from our Savior and His teachings.

Benefits Corner by Michael Flanagan



Michael Flanagan grew up in Rochester, Minnesota, attending Pax Christi Catholic Church. When he went to college at Mankato State University, Mankato he experienced a deeper conversion in his faith through the FOCUS team there. After graduating he became a Knight of Columbus, helping serve within the parish of SS. Peter & Paul, where he and his wife continue as parishioners. A First Degree Knight, Michael embraces his role as a Knight as a way to serve the Church and build

fellowship especially in such a divided world. Michael became a life insurance agent after learning about the benefits offered to fraternal members. Helping fellow Knights and their families prepare for the future has become more than a job; he now sees this as his unique mission as a member. When not on the road, Michael enjoys board games with his wife and reading books. 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

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Brother Knights,

This year has gone by so fast. I would like to thank Grand Knight Dan Sawyer for setting the standard so high and for all he has taught me. Please take the time to thank Dan for all the hours he has put in and for all his accomplishment.

I'm Deputy Grand Knight Tom Jirele. I have lived in Owatonna all fifty-six years of my life. I'm thankful for all we have accomplished, yet, anxiously looking forward to next year. I'm a firm believer, alone we will accomplish little, but together we can accomplish anything. A few things I hope we can accomplish are: 1) Star Council, 2) continue the great job we have done with the activities with some improvements, 3) start the Salvation Army Bell Ringing challenge, and 4) more active membership. I look forward to working with members to continue the success of Council 945.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Owatonna Council 945 is proud to announce we will again be having a Knights of Columbus Council 945 Relay for Life Team participating in the upcoming 2019 Relay for Life. Steele County Relay For Life will be held on Friday, July 19 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (this is not an overnight event), at the Steele County Fairgrounds. We invite all fellow Brother Knights and their family members to come and join us in this event. Come and listen to our KC Chorus as they open the event at 6:00 p.m. that evening and then join us throughout the evening as we walk the luminary trail in remembrance of loved ones touched by cancer and celebrate those survivors among us. Co-chairs of this event are Wade Schroeder and Dan Wolfe.

The Relay for Life is an organized, family-friendly, overnight community fund-raising event most noted for raising money for the American Cancer Society. Besides the many beautiful lit luminarias lining the walking track, there will be activities for kids, live entertainment, food, and a silent auction on the night of the event.

Each and every one of us in our Council have been indirectly or directly affected by cancer and involvement in or support of this event is a fun and rewarding way to raise money to continue to fund cancer research. Individual Brother Knights who would like to join the Council's Relay for Life team can contact Dan Wolfe at (507) 838-9541. Individuals who would like to purchase luminaria can purchase them at the KC Hall or contact any member of the Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team.

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. 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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON MAY 6



Wes Miller and his wife, Katie, have two daughters, Emma and Leah. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed by the City of Owatonna. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Jeff Hall.



Gabriel Rysavy is a member of Holy Trinity Church at Litomysl. He is a student at Owatonna High School and plans to attend St. Mary's University and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Albert Rysavy.

2018 WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lily Redman is the daughter of Jerry and Michelle Redman of Owatonna. She plans to attend Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where she plans to major in Nursing. In high school, after attending St. Mary's for K-8, Lily participated in Cheerleading, Track and Field, National Honor Society, and was Rotary Student of the month in 2019. She was head of the prom committee and was active in both Young Life/Wyldelife programs and in the Religious Education program, where she

taught 6th graders for two years and helped with Vacation Bible School. Lily has also been a Big Sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, where Michelle is the Executive Director. The Redman's are members of Sacred Heart Church.



Gabriel (Gabe) Rysavy, son of Albert and Peggy Rysavy, started out his Catholic Education at St. Isidore School in Litomysl, before transferring to St. Mary's, and ultimately graduating from Owatonna High School. The Rysavys are members at Holy Trinity Parish. Gabe has been active in Choir, Carolers, and Theater at OHS. Gabe is an avid photographer. Gabe became a First Degree Knight on May 6, 2019 and was sponsored by his father, Albert Rysavy. Gabe will follow his brother Elliott's footsteps, also a Brother Knight, and intends to attend St. Mary's University

and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, in the fall, further support of our continued prayers for vocations. May 15th, the Council was informed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson that Gabe also was selected by the trustees of the Knights of Columbus John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships as a winner of one of their renewable \$1,500 annual scholarships. We look forward to Gabe doing great things as he represents Council #945 in Winona!

The William Warner Scholarship was established on May 10, 1972, by the William Warner family and the Knight of Columbus. The original funds came from the William Warner family, whose son died at a young age, and the KC members have also contributed funds over the years. The Council is responsible for Fund investments and administration of the scholarships and is happy to report that earnings on the scholarship funds coupled with voluntary donations were enough to fund these scholarships without reducing the principle balance.

Council #945 is proud to be able to support Catholic Education and Activities in Owatonna and especially these fantastic scholarship winners, Lily and Gabe!

OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 10, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2019-2020 Council year. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place at the KC Hall at 8:45 p.m. All members and families are welcome to attend the ceremony. Please mark your calendar.

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our general meeting on Wednesday, July 10. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2019-2020.

Grand Knight:	Tom Jirele	Advocate:	Open	Outside Guard:	Open
Deputy Grand Knight:	Lee Jardine	Warden:	Open	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Chancellor:	Richard Gerdtz	Inside Guard:	Eric Wanderssee	Recorder:	Greg Nelson

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the June meeting, and anyone wishing to serve is welcome to make it known at that time. These members and the Committee Chairs will shape the direction of the Council for the upcoming year. Come and show your support.

2019 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!



John Connor at HyVee.



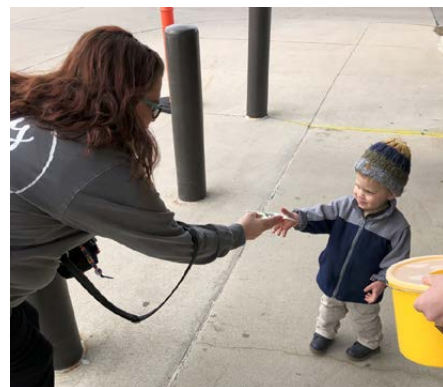
Rick Wittrock at HyVee.

Great weather and the dedication of almost 100 Knights and their families, made the 2019 Tootsie Roll drive a great success. The Knights collected more than \$4,900 for people with developmental disabilities in the Owatonna community. Thank you to our host locations: Fareway, CashWise, HyVee, and WalMart. A special thanks to *Tony David and Grady Strand* for calling, coordinating, counting and/or collecting for the drive.

Also, thank you to *Jim Abbe, Jerry Barry, Ray Bissen, Bill Bunkers, Tom Burke, Tim Chicos, Phil Clubb, John Connor, Pete Connor, Gary Corson, Andy Cowell, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Joel Dulas, Matt Durand, Gary Fisher, Steven Fisher, Joel Gartener, Paul Gaulrapp, Laura Gebur, Tom Gebur, Dan Glaser, Karen Graff, Steve Graff, Gerry Gunderson, Patrick Haberman, Timothy Hassing, Darrin Helget, Scott Holzerland, Elyn Jardine, Lee Jardine, Dave Jenou, Nick Jirele, Tom Jirele, Becky Kelm, Dennis Kelm, Kory Klecker family, Rob Kniefel, George Lambaere, Craig Larson, Chris Laughlin, Bill Lawrence, Dave Lax, Nic Matejcek, Pat McGrath, Michael Meger, Don Mullenbach, Al Nelson, Greg Nelson, Brandon Noble, Roger Noble, John Noble, Mark Pfeifer, Dustin Reese, Timothy Rice, Donn Robinson, Julie Robinson, Tom Sager, Gary Sanford, Dan Sawyer, Sheila Sawyer, Tom Schmitt, Michael Schroeder, Lynn Sibenaller, Troy Skalicky, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Al Steinbauer, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Tim Truelson, Eric Tucker, Trent Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Gary Wandrey, Jim Wencl, Ray Willmott, and Rick Wittrock.*

I am truly sorry if I missed anyone or their family members. Know that I am grateful to one and all who participated in this great event. I strongly encourage you to mark August 21st on your calendars, and make it a point to come out and see the distribution of the Tootsie Roll funds to the organizations who assist people with developmental disabilities at our annual picnic. Details on the picnic will be out soon!!! Be proud to be associated with and committed to the Owatonna Knights of Columbus!!

Dan Sawyer, Grand Knight



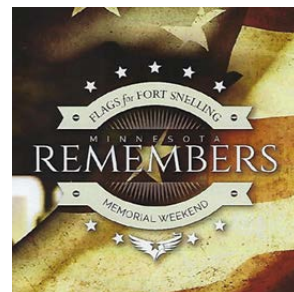
Mike Meger's son, Saelac, helps out at the Tootsie Roll hand out at Fareway Food store.



Joel Dulas and son at WalMart.



FLAGS FOR FORT SNELLING



Cadets and leaders from the Civil Air Patrol were joined by members of Council 945 to place flags on the graves at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Sunday, May 26. When the project was completed, 200,000 flags were in place. Thanks to Brother Knight Ryan Heydon for taking the lead on this project. Participant Tim Rice had this to say, "My Wife, Linda, and I did this last year and we find it a very moving and rewarding experience. We plan to do it as long as we are able and are in town. I encourage my Brother Knights to sign up next year and honor those who served our Country."

Pictured left to right: Dwight Jennings, Lea Jennings, Ryan Heydon, Noah Cannon, Hunter Huebbe, Rachel Peterson, Dan Sawyer, Sheila Sawyer, Tim Rice, and Linda Rice.

2019-20 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
 Grand Knight: Tom Jirele (507) 213-9765
 Deputy Grand Knight: Lee Jardine
 Chancellor: Richard Gerdts
 Advocate: Open
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
 Outside Guard: Open
 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



Gary Wandrey

This month we honor long-time Council member Gary Wandrey as our Knight of the Month. Gary first joined the KC's in September 1987 and is an Honorary Life member. He was sponsored by Past Grand Knight Tom Klecker.

Gary was born and raised in Owatonna and at age 18 he joined the Army. He was in the Army for three years, came out, and then decided to go back in as a career and completed 21 years of service. Gary says the Army experience took him many places as he served two tours in Vietnam, as well as being stationed in Korea, Germany, and all across the United States.

Gary is married to wife, Rita, and they are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He has seven grown children, including one son who lives in the United Arab Emirates in the Middle East, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Gary enjoys traveling and camping with two groups of friends and family.

Gary was encouraged to join the Fourth Degree by Willard Strand when the Assembly first started and says the patriotic principles of the Assembly had a strong attraction to him. He eventually served in the leadership role as their Faithful Navigator. Gary also has a niece with special needs, which has encouraged him to volunteer and support our Council's activities in support of Special Olympics over the years. We thank Gary for his years of service to our Country, KC Council, and Assembly. We congratulate him on being named as our Knight of the Month for May.

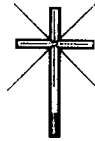
Membership by LaVerne Klecker

July 1st starts a new fraternal year. Our goal is to achieve Star Council. To achieve Star Council we need to have 35 new members. Star Council is the highest award that a Council can achieve from Supreme. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification on July 8 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. If your son or grandson is home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 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. Statements have been sent out for the 2019 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

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.

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

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Barb Claeys, Mark Cunningham, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Joanne Fagen, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Roxanne Johnson, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Mary Lax, 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, 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:

Ruth Chicos, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Del Point, passed away on June 20.

Francis Krumholz, father of Brother Knight Kevin Krumholz, passed away on June 20.

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

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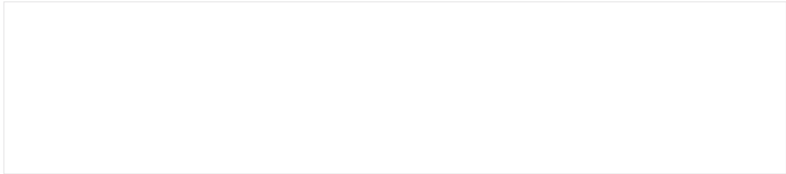
**Litomysl 48th Annual Summer Festival
 and
 KC Family Corporate Communion**

Sunday, July 28

Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**2019 Relay For Life
 July 19 - Steele County Fairgrounds**

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JULY 2019						
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	4 Fourth of July Club Closed	5	6
7	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm First Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 7:00 pm Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 pm	9 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	10 General Meeting Meeting - 7:30 pm Officer Installation - 8:45 pm	11	12 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	13
14	15	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	17	18	19 Relay for Life Steele County Fairgrounds Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	24 Fourth Degree Owatonna Arts Ctr. Social - 5:00 pm Dinner - 6:00 pm	25	26 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	27
28 Litomysl 48th Annual Summer Festival and KC Family Corporate Communion Mass - 10:00 am Festival - 11:00 am	29	30 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	31			