

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE  
2019

## COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South  
P.O. Box 623  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
83:178419436

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 31, June 1, & 2**

Smokin' in Steele  
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest  
Steele County Fairgrounds

**June 2 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast**

St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**June 5 - Officers' and**

Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

**June 10 - Building Meeting**

KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

**June 12 - General Meeting- KC Hall**

KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker - To Be Determined

**June 26 - Fourth Degree**

KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
"Build your own taco bar" for  
members & guest  
Members only meeting after meal

**June 30 - Corporate Communion**

St. Joseph Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass

**July 20 - Relay for Life**

Steele County Fairgrounds

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 5

KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 12

Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker - To Be Determined

### BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

**Sunday, June 2**

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

St. Mary's School

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,  
milk, and coffee  
\$6.00 at the door

Children under age 6 eat free  
Everyone welcome

### FLAG DAY

Elks Club - June 14 - 6:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus  
will participate.

### 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.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and soup every Tuesday in June  
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

### SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

**BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands  
Kids Que BBQ Contest Classic Cars  
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons  
8th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k  
Run/Walk for Special Olympics  
Antique Tractor Display & Semi Truck Show  
Award-Winning Food Vendors  
Steak Cook Off Competition  
Delicious Pancake Breakfast  
(served at St. Mary's School)**

May 31, June 1, and 2  
Steele County Fairgrounds

We need *volunteer* help for all of the different activities to make the Smokin' In Steele a HUGE success. Please volunteer to help, if you are contacted to help, please say "YES." If you do want to volunteer, sign-up for Smokin' in Steele at <http://www.smokininstelee.com/> or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

### CORPORATE COMMUNION

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

### AWARD-WINNING BUILD YOUR OWN BARBEQUE

Serving Dustin's award-winning smoked meat, beans,  
& coleslaw.

Every Friday in June in the Lounge  
from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for \$7.00.

### SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS

Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus  
Lavern Soukup is the organizer. Phone number is  
(507) 475-0540.



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

The spiritual battle is ongoing and we will not see an end to this battle until the second coming of Jesus Christ. Temptations are a part of life and the degree of temptation varies. We are called to avoid the near occasions of sin so that temptations cannot overcome us. If we fall, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive forgiveness and raise us up, in the spirit of the resurrection and new life that Jesus brings us. St. Paul, writing to the early Christian community in Ephesus, the place where the beloved disciple John cared for the Blessed Mother and who were both most certainly a part of that early Christian community, speaks of the spiritual battle. Here is what St. Cyprian, a bishop and martyr from North Africa in the third century, wrote about "the contest of faith":

As we do battle in the contest of faith, God, his angels and Christ himself watch us. How exalted is the glory, how great the joy of engaging in a contest with God presiding, of receiving a crown with Christ as judge.

Dear brethren, let us arm ourselves with all our might, let us prepare ourselves for the struggle by innocence of heart, integrity of faith, dedication to virtue. The blessed Apostle teaches us how to arm and prepare ourselves: Put round you the belt of truth; put on the breastplate of righteousness; for shoes wear zeal for the Gospel of peace; take up the shield of faith to extinguish all the burning arrows of the evil one; take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:14-17).

Let us take this armor and defend ourselves with these spiritual defenses from heaven, so that we may be able to resist the threats of the devil, and fight back on the evil day.

Let us put on the breastplate of righteousness so that our hearts may be safeguarded, proof against the arrows of the enemy. Let our feet be protected by the shoes of the teaching of the Gospel so that when we begin to trample on the serpent and crush it, we may not be bitten and tripped up by it.

Let us with fortitude bear the shield of faith to protect us by extinguishing all the burning arrows that the enemy may launch against us.

Let us wear on our head the helmet of the spirit to defend our ears against the proclamations of death, our eyes against the sight of accursed idols, our forehead so that God's sign may be kept intact, our lips so that our tongue may proclaim victoriously its faith in Christ its Lord.

Let us arm our right hand with the sword of the spirit so that it may courageously refuse the daily sacrifices, and like the hand, mindful of the eucharist that receives the body of the Lord, stretch out to embrace him, and so gain from the Lord the future prize of a heavenly crown.

Dear brethren, have all this firmly fixed in your hearts. If the day of persecution finds us thinking on these things and meditating upon them, the soldier of Christ, trained by Christ's commands and instructions, does not begin to panic at the thought of battle, but is ready for the crown of victory. (From The Liturgy of the Hours, Office of Readings, April 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr)

May the Good Lord grant all fathers a Blessed Father's Day this month!

## Benefits Corner by Michael Flanagan

Michael Flanagan  
Phone number 507-696-6833  
E-mail michael.flanagan@kofc.org

## Grand Knight's Message by Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights,

### *Graduating (Out on the Verge)*

I am one of only a few of our members who know our hometown pop star's music catalog fairly well. Yes, even a 1980's era rocker like me likes Adam Young/Owl City's music. Maybe it is just because I'm a serious Minnesota/Hometown Homer. Anyway, one of Owl City's recent hits seems to me like it was destined to be the next classic graduation bacalaureate song. For those of you who don't know Owl City's song "Verge", in it, Adam Young and Aloe Blacc go back and forth singing about how, "these are our hours!" and "this is our time." I think this is so fitting for a young person who stands on the "Verge," of the rest of their lives as the song goes. In some ways, as I reflect on my year serving as Grand Knight for Council 945, I feel like I'm graduating. Like high school, the time flew by and there were definitely some challenges along the way. Some things I got right and some I missed, or even messed up. That said, there were way more good times and great accomplishments than challenges. Like a graduate who has just done a good job, I'm proud. However, I am proud not of what I've accomplished, but proud of what we have accomplished together-in Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Service to our Church and Community. Some of my fondest memories were seeing our Coats for Kids distributed to dozens of kids in need, visiting Homestead Hospice House to give a donation and picture and chatting with a long-time Brother Knight who was there. There were too many others to mention. As you've heard me say multiple times before, it is humbling to be able to lead a group that does so much for those in need, much more than me or even any single member could do alone.

We had a busy month in April, raising nearly \$5,000 for people with developmental disabilities in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We had another great Celebration of Service that helped us to donate to Owatonna Special Olympics and Minnesota Special Olympics. Thanks to Tom Jirele, Dave Lax, Tom Burke, Ryan Sanford, Bill Lawrence, Linda Elbert, Dan Wolfe, Tom Docksey, Mark Cunningham, Eric Tucker, Nic and Joanne Matejcek, and Gary Sanford, and everyone else I'm missing, for their help in making this a success.

When this issue of *The Key* goes to press, there will be just a few days left to sign up for Smokin' In Steele. Be sure to sign up for a shift and tell all your friends and family to get out and enjoy top-notch Blues and BBQ.

While I may be "graduating" from my role as Grand Knight of Council 945, and I stand on the "Verge" of "the rest of my life," in many ways, it will be different than graduation, since I won't be moving on to other things, I am able to just keep doing all I can to help Council 945 to help others.

I'm blessed and honored to have served this Fraternal Year as your Grand Knight and will cherish all your contributions and friendship forever.

Vivat Jesus!

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.

## MINNESOTA TWINS

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



## CLAY PIGEONS REAP REWARDS OF BENEFIT BREAKFAST



On Sunday morning, May 5, the St. Mary's School cafeteria was the scene for the benefit of the Owatonna High School Clay Target Team. The fine crew of Brother Knights served 645 patrons with the custom prepared breakfasts of delicious omelets and country breakfasts. The efforts of the group with prebreakfast ticket sales and walk-up patrons resulted in a good profit being raised for them.

Al Nelson, event coordinator, says "Thanks" to the workers who are listed here: Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

Breakfast Sunday team: *Pat Baldwin, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Roger Green, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Izzy Leonard,*

*Reegan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Mark Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper family, Lavern Soukup, Grady Strand, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

There were a lot of workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apology and thanks for your efforts. Thanks also to the patrons who braved the breeze that day and came to the breakfast!

Please remember the next (and last of the season) breakfast for the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, which will be at the culmination of the Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest. It will be held St. Mary's School and will be served on Sunday, June 2, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Don't miss it . . .

### 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 event on Friday, July 19, 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.

### I-35 CLEAN-UP



*Tony David and Greg Evans are ready to start the clean-up.*

What a beautiful spring day it was for the clean-up of the ditches along Interstate 35 between Highway 14 and Bridge Street on Wednesday, May 15th. We want to thank the all the people who helped, Katy Kruefter from Owatonna Bus Company for supplying the transportation, First Supply for the use of their parking lot, and the Steele County Fair for the pickers. The following people helped with the clean-up Tony David, Kevin Herzog, John Connor, Rich Will, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Greg Evans, Joe Herzog, Curt Supalla, Jeff Vortherm, Nate Skala, Nate Gleason, Ron Wolf, Tom Standke, and George Lambaere. Also a thank you to Mark and Tim at the Knights of Columbus Hall for the pizza, beverages, and fellowship after the clean-up. We will be having another clean-up in the Fall. If you would like to be part of this clean-up project, let Kevin Herzog or John Connor know you would like to help out.

### 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 9:15 p.m. All members and families are welcome to join 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.

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Tom Jirele</b>	<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Lee Jardine</b>	<b>Warden:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Eichten</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Richard Gerdts</b>	<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Eric Wandersee</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Greg Nelson</b>

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.



# CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE - APRIL 27



Deputy Grand Knight Tom Jirele, Joe Schmit, and Grand Knight Dan Sawyer presenting Roy Koenig with the check to Special Olympics.



Our 200+ OAK hour recipients: Will Pieper, Tom Jirele, Tom Burke, Al Nelson, Lee Jardine, Dave Lax, Mark Cunningham, LaVerne Klecker, Tony David, Dan Wolfe, Steve Dornquast, and Dan Sawyer.



Our 25 - 49 OAK hour recipients: Tom Eichten, Jeff Hall, Lyle Snider, Paul Jardine, Nick Jirele, and Jim Joachim.



Our 50 - 99 OAK hour recipients: Tim Chicos, Bill Lawrence, Walt Spindler, Ethan Pieper, Alex Pieper, John Schulz, and Dan Walsh.



Our 100 - 199 OAK hour recipients: Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Gary Sanford, Vince Guggisburg, Tim Rice, and Nic Matejcek.



Dan and Sheila Sawyer along with Joe Schmit pose for a pic.

## Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

Steve Dornquast	Tom Jirele	Jim Nelson
Tom Gebur	James Joachim	Johnathon Nelson
Dan Glazer	LaVerne Klecker	John Schulz
Rolf Haaland	Wayne Kubicek	Lee Staupe
Steve Heimerman	Doug Larson	Dan Walsh
Ryan Heydon	David Lax	
Stephen Nelson - Director		

## Knight of the Month Recipients in 2018-2019

May .....	Nate Skala	November .....	Dean Schuette
June .....	Fr. Stephen Abaukaka	December .....	Mike Invalgson
July .....	John Kniefel	January .....	Fr. James Starasinich
August .....	Ethan Pieper	February .....	Kory Klecker
September .....	Patrick Baldwin	March .....	Craig Wencil
October .....	Paul Trautman	April .....	Tim McManimon

## ***KNIGHT OF THE YEAR***

*Our 2019 Knight of the Year is an extraordinary example of the service that the Knights provide for our community. This gentleman has dedicated countless hours and participated in numerous KC functions that have improved the lives of the people around him.*



**Dave Lax** was honored by 2018 Co-Knight of the Year Steve Dornquast. Steve noted that Dave has participated in so many activities and functions over the years that the list would "take all day to mention." Lately, you can see Dave helping out at KC Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, Flag Day Celebration, Relay 4 Life, Monty Mowry/Americans With Disabilities Ride for the Brand Round-up, Picnic/General Meeting in August, Steele County Free Fair Food Stand, Steele County Free Fair Grandstand Clean-up, America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally, Hockey Banquet, KC Chorus, just to name a few! Dave has been a Knight since 2010 and has worked his way through the officer ranks and is a Past Grand Knight. He joined the Fourth Degree on October 20, 2012, he served as Faithful Navigator of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly from 2016 to 2018. Dave is a great example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Congratulations, Dave!

## ***TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD***



*Our Trustee Service Award recipient for 2019 is **Dan Wolfe**. He is a member of the 200 + OAK hours club for his many hours of KC volunteer service. Just to name a few - Pancake breakfasts, Smokin' In Steele, Tootsie Roll Drive, Relay 4 Life, Picnic/General Meeting in August, Steele County Free Fair Food Stand, KC Golf Outing, Coast to Coast Rosary Rally, Coats for Kids, KC Holy Hour & Membership Blitz, KC Memorial Mass, Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. Congratulations, Dan!*

## ***FAMILY OF THE YEAR***



*The Will Pieper family was chosen to be Family of the Year. Their countless hours of service as a family consisted of Breakfasts, Smokin' In Steele, Steele County Free Fair Food Stand, Red Kettle Drive, Alter Server Party. In the past, also long-term organizer of the Halloween Party, Altar servers' party, Stephanie worked at St. Isidore School. In all, Will, Alex, and Ethan had nearly 400 hours. Counting Stephanie's time and Jessica's, it would probably be close to 500 as a family!*



# CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE - APRIL 27

## 2018-2019 Celebration of Service Banquet Benefitting Special Olympics

Saturday night, April 27th, Council #945 gathered to celebrate all the Oak Hours-nearly 8,000 recorded-in service. Our annual banquet had another fantastic speaker, with KSTP-5 Sports Anchor Joe Schmit as the keynote speaker. He spoke about making a "Silent Impact," doing the right things that set an example for others around us, influencing and leading not by talking or even yelling, but instead by setting an example of how others should be by doing what is right to help others whenever we can.

In addition to celebrating all those with Oak Hours, we took time to celebrate 25-year members, honorary members, honorary life members, and 50-year members. We celebrated our Family of the Year and announced our Knight of the Year and Trustee Service Award.

We donated \$4,000 from last year's Smokin' In Steele to the Owatonna Special Olympics and \$1,000 to Minnesota Special Olympics on behalf of Joe Schmit, who also donated \$5 from each book he sold back to the cause and donated free books to those St. Mary's/REP students who helped serve our meal.

Tom Jirele DGK 945

Grand Knight Dan Sawyer and Deputy Grand Knight Tom Jirele presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

### 25 - 49 Hours

<i>Randy Balausky</i>	<i>Tony Nguyen</i>
<i>Patrick Baldwin</i>	<i>Mark Pfeifer</i>
<i>Thomas Eichten</i>	<i>David Pfeifer</i>
<i>Terry Evans</i>	<i>Greg Robillard</i>
<i>Roger Green</i>	<i>Mike Schaffner</i>
<i>Gerald Gunderson</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>
<i>Jeff Hall</i>	<i>Lyle Snider</i>
<i>Ronald Heim</i>	<i>Curt Supalla</i>
<i>Paul Jardine</i>	<i>Ken Thurnau</i>
<i>Robert Jardine</i>	<i>Matt Thurnau</i>
<i>Nick Jirele</i>	<i>Troy Titus</i>
<i>James Joachim</i>	<i>Paul Trautman</i>
<i>James Kaplan</i>	<i>Raymond Willmott</i>
<i>Terry Kuck</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>
<i>Duane Ludewig</i>	<i>David Wunderlich</i>
<i>Patrick McGrath</i>	

### 100 - 199 Hours

*Lyle Coleman*  
*Thomas Gebur*  
*Richard Gerdts*  
*Vince Guggisburg*  
*John Hammer*  
*Nic Matejcek*  
*Stephen Nelson*  
*Gary Sanford*  
*Timothy Rice*

### Over 200 Hours

*Thomas Burke*  
*Brian Carlson*  
*Mark Cunningham*  
*Tony David*  
*Steven Dornquast*  
*Joseph Elbert*  
*Lee Jardine*  
*Tom Jirele*  
*LaVerne Klecker*  
*David Lax*  
*Al Nelson*  
*William Pieper*  
*Dan Sawyer*  
*Daniel Wolfe*

### 50 - 99 Hours

<i>Timothy Chicos</i>	<i>James Nelson</i>
<i>Thomas Docksey</i>	<i>Ethan Pieper</i>
<i>Steven Fisher</i>	<i>Alex Pieper</i>
<i>Kevin Gallagher</i>	<i>John Schulz</i>
<i>Dan Glaser</i>	<i>Nate Skala</i>
<i>Steven Graff</i>	<i>Jerome Spindler</i>
<i>Ryan Heydon</i>	<i>Walter Spindler</i>
<i>Steven Heimerman</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>
<i>Mark Kearin</i>	<i>Jeff Vortherms</i>
<i>Dennis Kelm</i>	<i>Dan Walsh</i>
<i>Wayne Kubicek</i>	<i>Eric Wandersee</i>
<i>Bill Lawrence</i>	<i>Ronald Wolf</i>

## - MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

### New First Degree Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
<i>Benjamin Eirikson</i>	<i>William Lawrence</i>
<i>Manokar Chinnadurai</i>	<i>Lee Jardine</i>
<i>Gary Corson</i>	<i>David Lax</i>
<i>Jeffrey Edel</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Patrick Ingvaldson</i>	<i>Lavern Soukup</i>
<i>Nicholas Jirele</i>	<i>Tony Jacobsen</i>
<i>Joe Kearin</i>	<i>Mark Kearin</i>
<i>Donn Robinson</i>	<i>William Lawrence</i>
<i>Alan Steinbauer</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Trent Tucker</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>

### New Third Degree Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
<i>Richard Gerdts</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>
<i>Robbe Kniefel</i>	<i>David Lax</i>
<i>Michael Mahoney</i>	<i>Tom Burke</i>
<i>Joseph Plemel</i>	<i>David Fandel</i>
<i>Michael Schroeder</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Lynn Sibenaller</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Graydon Strand</i>	<i>Timothy Rice</i>

### Reinstated Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
<i>Steven Borgerding</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Matthew Bowar</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>

### Transfer Member

MEMBER	SPONSOR
<i>Joshua Halverson</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>

### Honorary Members

*James Joachim*  
*John Kniefel*  
*Gerard LaFond*  
*David Schottler*

### 25-Year Members

*Andrew Goettl*  
*Glen Meger*  
*Randall Pirkl*  
*Lynn Sibenaller*

### Honorary Life Members

*Larry Glovka*  
*James Hermes*  
*Paul Trautman*  
*John Wagner*  
*Gary Wandrey*

### 50-Year Members

*Carl Adams*  
*Gilbert Mamer*  
*Thomas Schmitt*  
*Richard Thamert*



## 2018-19 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Fr. James Starasinich  
Grand Knight: ..... Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Tom Jirele  
Chancellor: ..... Lee Jardine  
Advocate: ..... Rich Gerdts  
Warden: ..... Open  
Inside Guard: ..... Eric Wandersee  
Outside Guard: ..... Open  
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)  
Field Agent: ..... Michael Flanagan

## Knight of the Month



Grady Strand

Our Knight of the Month is Graydon "Grady" Strand. Grady joined our Council as a First Degree Knight in May 2016 at the urging of fellow Knight Tim Rice. He went on to achieve his Second and Third Degrees last May 2018.

Grady grew up in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Following high school graduation, he enrolled at Bemidji State University where he got his degree and also met his wife, Julie. Upon graduation Grady went to work with Federated Insurance in Duluth, Minnesota. After 30 years on the North Shore, he transferred to the Federated office in Owatonna where he continued his career as a trainer. Grady retired from Federated about five years ago but didn't stop working completely. He acquired his real estate license and has been doing real estate sales on a part-time basis along with his son-in-law, Cole Orłowski.

Grady is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He and Julie, have two grown children, daughter Krista in Owatonna and son Jesse in Menifee,

California, along with two grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and hope to do more when Julie eventually retires from her job as Controller for Minimizer Company in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

Grady has been involved in a number of Council activities and most recently he co-chaired the annual Tootsie Roll Drive with Tony David this past April. We thank Grady for his active support of our Council and congratulate him on being named as our Knight of the Month for April.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We want to keep recruiting new members for our Council. We are planning a First Degree Exemplification in the near future, at the KC Hall in Owatonna, date to be announced. We are also planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son or grandson will be home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

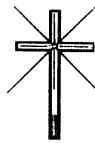
We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me. The publication rack at the Club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council.

Our Council has accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and renewed energy we can do more. 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.

If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

## 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 Dillemoth, Marilyn Dillemoth, Lois Doyle, 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, 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:

*Bernice Wolfe, mother of Brother Knight Dan Wolfe, passed away on May 6.*

*Roxanne Marie Johnson, daughter of Brother Knight Joe Edel and sister of Brother Knight Todd Edel, passed away on May 10.*

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

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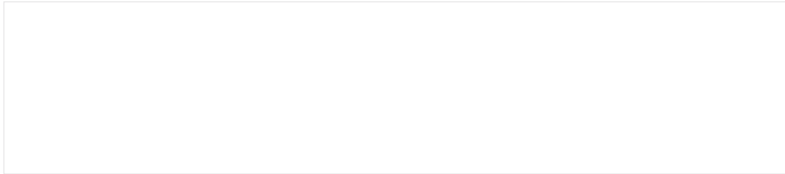
***Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest***

May 31, June 1, and 2  
 Steele County Fairgrounds

Nonprofit Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 Owatonna, MN  
 Permit No. 202

***Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Benefit  
 Pancake Breakfast***

June 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 St. Mary's School



**JUNE 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Smokin' in Steele
<b>2</b> Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Benefit Pancake Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>5</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Award Winning Build Your Own Barbeque KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>12</b> General Meeting Program - 7:00 pm Speaker - To Be Determined	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Award Winning Build Your Own Barbeque KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm  Flag Day Elks Club-6:00 pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Father's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Award Winning Build Your Own Barbeque KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>26</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall 6:00 - 7:00 pm "Build your own taco bar" for members & guest. Members only meeting after meal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Award Winning Build Your Own Barbeque KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Corporate Communion St. Joseph Church 10:00 am Mass						