

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY
2017

COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South
P.O. Box 623
Owatonna, MN 55060
507.451.6103

KC LOUNGE

Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30
Happy hour Mon-Fri 4 - 6
Free Hors d'oeuvres during
Friday happy hour.
Member discount for Hall rental.

BAR BINGO

Every Tuesday in the
Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Officers' Meeting - KC Hall,
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting - KC Hall,
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall,
Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 28, 29, & 30- Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser
May 3 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 7- Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
for Owatonna Clay Target Team
May 7- Major Degree
Exemplification
Owatonna KC Hall
First Degree
Exemplification - 9:30 a.m.
Candidates please be at the
Hall at 9:00 a.m.
Second & Third Degree
Exemplification - 11:00 a.m.
Candidates please be at the
Hall at 10:30 a.m.
May 8- Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
May 10 - General Meeting- KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
May 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 30- Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
June 2, 3, & 4
Smokin' in Steele
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 4 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 3
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will march in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 29. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program follows immediately after the parade at the Four Seasons Centre. All KC Council members are urged to attend.

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sunday, May 7
Owatonna KC Hall
First Degree Exemplification - 9:30 a.m.
Candidates please be at the Hall at 9:00 a.m.
Second & Third Degree
Exemplification - 11:00 a.m.
Candidates please be at the Hall at 10:30 a.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

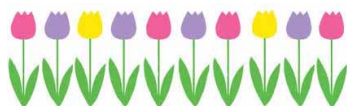
KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12 & 19
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and more.

BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 4
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at the Steele County Fairgrounds
in the Beer Garden
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
milk, and coffee
\$6.00 at the door
Children under age 6 eat free
Everyone welcome

SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS

Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Mark Cunningham. He will be speaking about the history of the KC Hall.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST Owatonna Clay Target Team

Sunday, May 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
\$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 At the door, Free under 6
All are welcome!
Featuring the delicious
KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets.

"KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
The Wild omelet - cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,
milk and coffee

"KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee
All with table service - delicious food served
hot from the grill to your table.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands
Kids Que BBQ Contest Classic Cars
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
Family Bike Cruise
6th 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
June 2, 3, and 4
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.smokininstele.com/> or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

Dear Brother Knights,

April was busy month in our Council, Celebration of Service Banquet, spaghetti feed, Tootsie Roll Drive, benefit breakfast, Divine Mercy hour of prayer, Night of Knights Auction, Fourth Degree fish dinners, Corporate Communion, and most important Easter celebration.

We do not slowdown in May. We have a Major Exemplification on May 7th. Please ask someone to be a Knight and join in the fun while helping make our community become a better place. We also have Knights of Columbus state convention, benefit breakfast. I cannot forget Mother's Day to celebrate with all the mothers in our lives and Smokin' in Steele, the beginning of June.

I want to thank Nic and JoAnn Matejcek for all their hard work on our Celebration of Service Banquet. It was a great reminder of why the Knights of Columbus are a very important part of our community.

Also thank you to Tony and Sonja David for the work on the Tootsie Roll Drive. Very time consuming, organizing, and calling all our volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers throughout the year who gave their time to help others.

Vivat Jesus

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

STEAKS FOR SALE

The winter storm on February 24 forced us to cancel the last Shrimp and Steak Dinner of the season. Unfortunately we had ordered product for that event. We have frozen, vacuumed sealed steaks for sale, less than cost, for \$2.00 a piece. Perfect for summer grilling. Talk to Mark at the Hall.

TOOTSIE ROLL FUND-RAISER

For people with Developmental Disabilities

Collected funds are disbursed to local organizations, with the exception of a small percentage (5%), which helps fund the Fall Classic Special Olympic events held in the Twin Cities.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday - Apr. 28, 29, and 30

At these locations: Cash Wise, Fareway Foods, HyVee, Wal-Mart, & Sterling Drug

Help us set a new record!

To help, please use this link to sign up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E49AFA92AA64-2017>
or call Tony David at 507-475-2040.

BENEFIT FOR TERRI GROSS

Saturday, May 13 KC Hall
Spaghetti Feed from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Silent Auction starting at 7:30 p.m.

KC GOLF OUTING

September 16th at
Brooktree Golf Course.

It will be a four person scramble format and there will lots of fun, prizes, dinner and did we mention fun?

HELP NEEDED

The KC Hall is looking for part-time bartenders. If you enjoy people, having fun, & hard work, stop past the Club and talk to Mark.

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath



Christopher Retterath, NSSA
Field Agent
320-266-8962 Cell
Christopher.Retterath@KofC.org

Call for any help or questions you have concerning Knights of Columbus Insurance. I am here to serve you.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, to you I pray...
On this day called,
"Mother's Day."*

*Let all mothers on earth give praise,
To you...for the children that you gave.*

*For you have blessed them from above,
with little souls to nourish and love.*

*Let them mold each one with care...
And teach them to be kind and share.*

*Forgiveness is the special key...
Start early on, to help them see.*

*Their fragile minds are easily impressed.
Please teach them ways, so they'll be blessed.*

*Sow godly seeds into their minds.
With careful pruning, you will find...
Young adults with such strong roots,
all through life, will bear rich fruit.*

*And then have faith for God to show...
Them all the rest they have to know.*

Remember they're His children too.

For they were only lent to you.



CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sacred Heart Church
April 30 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

MINNESOTA TWINS

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND HOSPITALITY HOUSE BENEFIT BREAKFAST



On Sunday morning, April 9, slightly over 300 hungry attendees made their way to the St. Mary's School cafeteria for the breakfast conducted for the benefit of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Hospitality House. The usual fine crew of Brother Knights served the patrons with little waiting for the custom prepared breakfasts. The delicious omelets and country breakfasts continue to be rated as the best breakfast in Owatonna! The efforts of the groups with prebreakfast ticket sales and walk-up patrons resulted in a good profit being raised for them.

Al Nelson, event coordinator, reported that workers from SVDPS, Hospitality House, and the Council did an excellent job and there was plenty of help. He says "Thanks" to the workers who are listed here: Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House Benefit Breakfast Sunday team: *Patrick Baldwin, Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerds, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine,*

Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Maria John Paul, Dave Pfeifer, Alex Pieper, Stephanie Pieper, Greg Robillard, Dan Sawyer, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, and Dan Wolfe.

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 breakfast just added to the schedule. It's May 7 for the newly formed Owatonna High School Clay Target Team. Students from grades 8-12 are included. A major part of this activity will be "gun safety", of course. Please come on out for this very deserving youth group at St. Mary's School cafeteria, 8 am till noon.

And then, don't miss the last one which is the culmination of the Smokin' in Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest, as well as the 2016 - 2017 breakfast season. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 4, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 12, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2017-2018 Council year. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place at the KC Hall. 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 12. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2017-2018.

Grand Knight:	Nicholas Matejcek	Advocate:	Lee Jardine	Outside Guard:	Harlan Kern
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dan Sawyer	Warden:	Open	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Chancellor:	Open	Inside Guard:	Jerome Spindler	Recorder:	Tony David

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the May and June meetings, 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.

CHRISM MASS - RESURRECTION CHURCH, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA - APRIL 10



From left to right: Duane Ludewig, LaVerne Klecker, Bishop John M. Quinn, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Lax.



Rochester, Minnesota, Commanders and participating Fourth Degree Honor Guard. Four members of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly honor guard participated along with honor guard members from other assemblies at the Chrism Mass held in Rochester on April 10.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE - APRIL 8



District Deputy and Gambling Manager Randy Balausky, Grand Knight Gary Sanford, and Deputy Grand Knight Nic Matejcek presenting Keynote Speaker CSM Harry Kerr with the proceeds from the evening.



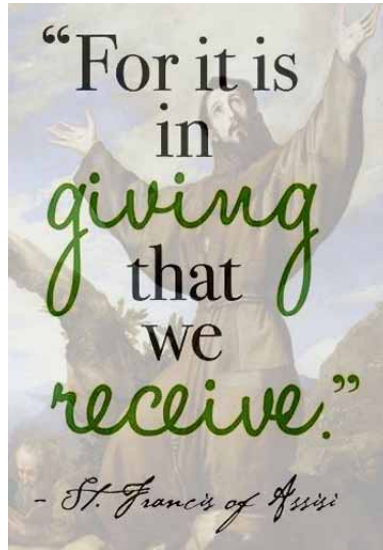
Your hosts for the evening, Nic and JoAnn Matejcek.



Our 200+ OAK hour recipients: John Ahlberg, Tony David, Dan Wolfe, Randy Balausky, Tom Burke, Dave Lax, Brian Carlson, LaVerne Klecker, and Gary Sanford.



Boy Scout Troop 253 and American Legion Post 77 participate in a commemorative flag folding ceremony as part of the festivities



Honorary Life Members: Gerald Barry, Lavern Soukop, and Walt Spindler with Gary Sanford.



Gary Sanford greeting State Deputy Bob Penas and his wife Peni.



Worthy State Warden Dan DeCrans, Gary Sanford, and Nic Matejcek.



Our 25 Year Knights: Duane Ludwig, Lavern Soukup, and Walter Spindler with Gary Sanford.



Ryan Sanford, Eric Tucker, and Tom Burke working hard in the kitchen



Past Grand Knights provided baskets for the silent auction to help raise funds for wounded veterans.



Honorary Members: LaVerne Klecker and Mike Schaffner with Gary Sanford.

KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR



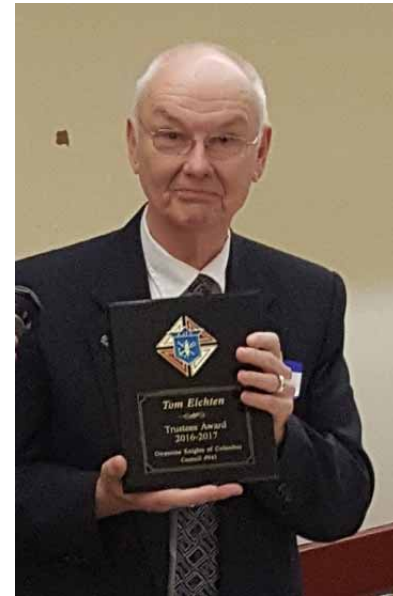
Pictured from left to right: Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Brian Carlson, Ron Wolf, and Gary Sanford.

Both of our 2017 Knights of the Year are extraordinary examples of the service that the Knights provide for our community. These gentlemen have dedicated countless hours and participated in numerous KC functions that have improved the lives' of the people around them.

Lyle Snider was honored by 2016 Co-Knight of the Year Earl Wheeler. Earl noted that Lyle has participated in so many activities and functions over the years that the list would "take all day to mention." Lately, you can see Lyle helping out at Smokin' in Steele and at the benefit breakfasts. Lyle has been a Knight since 1977 and is a great example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Congratulations Lyle!

Brian Carlson has been a Knight since 1996. Ron Wolf, 2016 Co-Knight of the Year, introduced Brian and focused on how Brian has done so many things behind the scenes that people don't realize. Brian is our "go to guy" when it comes to volunteer coordinating, putting in place the volunteer sign ups for many Council activities. Brian also is a regular at the breakfasts and works at Smokin' in Steele, the Tootsie Roll drive, and Salvation Army bell ringing, just to name a few. Congratulations Brian!

TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our Trustee Service Award winner for 2017 is **Tom Eichten**. Tom has been a Knight since 1990. Tom has been the Worthy Treasurer of Council 945 for over 25 years. This position is a crucial member of the 945 leadership team and Tom has served dutifully and faithfully, keeping our finances in order and making sure that we remain focused on our tenant of charity. Thank you Tom for your continued service to our organization. Congratulations Tom!



- MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

New First Degree Members

MEMBER
Patrick Baldwin
Daniel Buck
Timothy Foster
Dan Glaser
Tony Glynn
Nathan Halla
Michael Pfeifer
Michael Schroeder
Nathan Wagner

SPONSOR
Matthew Thurnau
LaVerne Klecker
David Fandel
Gary Sanford
Michael Meger
Christopher Retterah
Mark Pfeifer
LaVerne Klecker
Ryan Sanford

New Third Degree Members

MEMBER
Ryan Heydon

SPONSOR
Lynn Becker

Reinstated Members

MEMBER
Justin Kuhlman
Donald Mullenbach

SPONSOR
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE - APRIL 8

“Wow! What a wonderful evening”. “After listening to Harry, I realize how little I have done with my life.” “That speaker was awesome! He hit it out of the park!” “Thank you so much for the invitation; I am glad I was here.” These are just a sampling of the comments I heard after the well-attended Celebration of Service concluded on Saturday night, April 8th. I, as well as many others, were moved by the keynote speaker CSM Harry Kerr and his story of service to our country. Harry connected his military service to the Knights of Columbus’ mission of serving people in our communities and state. As Harry said, “What would our world be like if people like you (Knights) did not serve others in the way that you do?” That is a powerful statement and a challenge to continue and expand the great work that we do. The Knights of Columbus epitomize the word “service.” All of the work our council does positively affects our community and we do make a difference in many people’s lives! I challenge you to give more to others, do what you can to lift them up and give them the support they need! As one of the quotes posted around the room stated, “No person has ever become poor by giving.” Giving and serving take on many forms, and we have many opportunities to touch the lives of others.

In addition to the keynote speaker, there were interactive displays, a silent auction, a wonderful prime rib dinner and door prizes. Proceeds from the evening were donated to the Purple Heart Foundation, a local charity that helps wounded veterans in Southern Minnesota. What a great and worthy cause! Thanks to all who bid on baskets, donated outright, and attended the dinner to make this night a huge success!

Many awards were handed out during the awards portion of the ceremony. Our Knights of the Year are Lyle Snider and Brian Carlson. Our Trustee Service Award winner was Tom Eichten. These gentlemen have dedicated many hours to the success of our organization and are prime examples of the word “service.” Next time you see them, congratulate them on these great accomplishments.

A special thank you to all who helped. This was a great team effort. I would like to offer special thanks to Tom Eichten, John Ahlberg, Tom Burke, Boy Scout Troop 253, Kris and Eric Tucker, Mark and Martha Kearin, Tom Kubista, Randy and Tammy Balausky, Linda Elbert, Dave Lax, Gary and Ryan Sanford, Dan and Sheila Sawyer, Sam and Katie Matejcek, Landon Fumo, Mark Cunningham, Father Sauer, Deacon Pat Fagan, and Tim Rice. I would be remiss if I did not send a public thank you to my wife, JoAnn, who assisted with the planning from the start, and to our State Deputy Bob Penas and his wife Peni and State Warden Dan DeCrans and his wife Michele for making the long drive to be with us for our celebration.

Nic Matejcek DGK 945

Grand Knight Gary Sanford and Deputy Grand Knight Nic Matejcek presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

25 - 49 Hours		100 - 199 Hours
<i>Conrad Bahe</i>	<i>James Kaplan</i>	<i>Mark Cunningham</i>
<i>Gerald Barry</i>	<i>Harlan Kern</i>	<i>Thomas Eichten</i>
<i>Ray Bissen</i>	<i>William Lawrence</i>	<i>Steven Fisher</i>
<i>Keven Boettcher</i>	<i>Duane Ludewig</i>	<i>Thomas Gebur</i>
<i>Russ Bowar</i>	<i>Patrick McGrath</i>	<i>Lee Jardine</i>
<i>Tom Bremer</i>	<i>James Nelson</i>	<i>Nicholas Matejcek</i>
<i>John Carlson</i>	<i>Johnathon Nelson</i>	<i>Al Nelson</i>
<i>David Fandel</i>	<i>John Oberstein</i>	<i>Dustin Reese</i>
<i>Bob Grebe</i>	<i>David Pfeifer</i>	<i>Dan Sawyer</i>
<i>Brian Haggarty</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>	<i>Walt Spindler</i>
<i>Jeff Hall</i>	<i>Lyle Snider</i>	<i>Ron Wolf</i>
<i>Steven Heimermann</i>	<i>Lavern Soukup</i>	
<i>David Jenö</i>	<i>Troy Titus</i>	
<i>Michael Jensen</i>	<i>Gary Wandrey</i>	

50 - 99 Hours		Over 200 Hours
<i>Lynn Becker</i>	<i>Stephen Nelson</i>	<i>John Ahlberg</i>
<i>Tim Chicö</i>	<i>Tony Nguyen</i>	<i>Randy Balausky</i>
<i>Tom Docksey</i>	<i>Ethan Pieper</i>	<i>Thomas Burke</i>
<i>Thomas Elbert</i>	<i>Jeff Pumper</i>	<i>Brian Carlson</i>
<i>Terry Evans</i>	<i>David Robillard</i>	<i>Lyle Coleman</i>
<i>Gary Fisher</i>	<i>Ryan Sanford</i>	<i>Tony David</i>
<i>Kevin Gallagher</i>	<i>Mike Schaffner</i>	<i>Steven Dornquast</i>
<i>Rich Gerdts</i>	<i>Lee Staupe</i>	<i>Joe Elbert</i>
<i>Steven Graff</i>	<i>Curt Supalla</i>	<i>John Hammer</i>
<i>Vince Guggisburg</i>	<i>Ken Thurnau</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Gerald Gunderson</i>	<i>Matt Thurnau</i>	<i>David Lax</i>
<i>Ron Heim</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>	<i>Will Pieper</i>
<i>James Kaplan</i>	<i>Dan Walsh</i>	<i>Tim Rice</i>
<i>Mark Kearin</i>	<i>Eric Wandersee</i>	<i>Gary Sanford</i>
<i>Dennis Kelm</i>	<i>Earl Wheeler</i>	<i>Jerome Spindler</i>
<i>Wayne Kubicek</i>	<i>Raymond Willmott</i>	<i>Daniel Wolfe</i>
<i>Terry Kuck</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>	
<i>Glen Meger</i>	<i>David Wunderlich</i>	

Honorary Members

Terrance Fisher
Delbert Hartle
LaVerne Klecker
James Schroeder
Michael Schaffner
Paul Trautman

25-Year Members

Ron Ankrum
Robert Arndt
Terry Evans
David Fairbrother
James Gefre
William Hartle
Duane Ludewig
Kevin Raney
Brent Skalicky
Lavern Soukup
Walter Spindler
Thomas Standke
Paul Trautman
Terry Vaith
Brian Warner

Honorary Life Members

Joseph Adelman
George Anderberg
Gerald Barry
Thomas Bremer
Dr. Lyle Coleman
David Fairbrother
Lavern Soukup
Walter Spindler
Robert Weber

50-Year Members

Paul Hudrlik
Walter Jandro

Knight of the Month Recipients in 2016-2017

<i>July</i>	<i>Ron Starman</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Otto Lehrer</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>John Green</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>Raymond Bissen</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Keith Martin</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>Peter Connor</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Pat McGrath</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>John Nelson</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Michael Meger</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Mike Jensen</i>

Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

<i>Raymond Bissen</i>	<i>Ryan Heydon</i>	<i>Jim Nelson</i>
<i>John Carlson</i>	<i>James Joachim</i>	<i>Johnathon Nelson</i>
<i>Steve Dornquast</i>	<i>Harlan Kern</i>	<i>John Schulz</i>
<i>Tom Gebur</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>	<i>Lee Staupe</i>
<i>Mike Goddard</i>	<i>Wayne Kubicek</i>	<i>Dan Walsh</i>
<i>Steve Heimermann</i>	<i>David Lax</i>	
<i>Stephen Nelson (Director)</i>		
<i>Raymond Bissen (Co-Director)</i>		

2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793
Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
Advocate: Open
Warden: Lee Jardine
Inside Guard: Jerome Spindler
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Tony David
Trustee (3 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dave Lax

Directors and Chairmen

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

Knight of the Month



Matt Thurnau

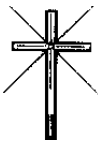
Our Knight of the Month, Matt Thurnau, joined our Council in May 2012 along with his father, Ken Thurnau. Next door neighbor John Ahlberg was the one who convinced him to join and he is very glad he did finally say yes.

Matt was born and raised in Owatonna and went to St. Mary's School through 8th grade. After high school graduation, Matt enrolled at St. John's University and graduated with an English degree. He then joined Federated Insurance and has been there for 28 years. Matt also worked paid on call with the Owatonna Fire Dept. for 13 years and just retired from that position in March of this year. In 2016, Matt was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Matt has been married to Karen, his high school sweetheart, for 26 years. They have three girls, Grace, a freshman at Viturbo College, Sophie, a sophomore at Owatonna High School, and Annie, a 7th grader. Matt and his family enjoy biking, gardening, and trips up North. He has also served on the Planning Commission for the City of Owatonna.

Matt has been involved in a number of KC activities over the years but particularly enjoys working as the "young kid" on the Saturday breakfast prep. Matt said that he realizes now as an active member just how many people and causes that the KC's touch in its mission of service to the community and to the Church. We are very glad that Matt has been one of those active members who helps our Council touch the lives of others and we congratulate him as our Knight of the Month for March.

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...

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Marianna Bunkers, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Tom Dietz, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Michael Liverseed, brother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Bruce Born passed away on March 25.

Brother Knight Raymond J. Trenda passed away on March 27.

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

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 7, at the KC Hall. Please have the candidates at the Hall by 9:00 a.m. 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.

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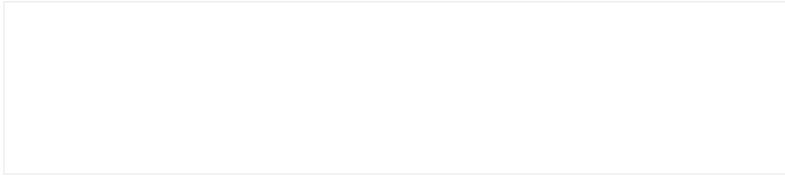
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Benefit Breakfast
Owatonna Clay Target Team
May 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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Sunday, May 7
KC Hall - First Degree - 9:30 a.m.
Second and Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.



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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	6
7 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for Owatonna Clay Target Team Major Degree KC Hall First Degree - 9:30 am Candidates please be at Hall at 9:00 am Second & Third Degree - 11:00 am Candidates please be at Hall at 10:30 am	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	11	12 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	13 Benefit for Terri Gross KC Hall Spaghetti Feed 4:30 - 7:30 pm Silent Auction - 7:30 pm
14	15	16 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	17	18	19 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	20
21	22	23 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	24	25 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day KC Hall closed Memorial Day Parade - 9:30 am Program at Four Seasons Centre following parade	30 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	31	June 1	June 2 Smokin' in Steele	June 3 Smokin' in Steele