

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY
2018

COLUMBIAN CENTER

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KC LOUNGE

Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30
Happy hour Mon-Fri 4 - 6
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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

April 27, 28, & 29 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser

May 2 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

May 6 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for Owatonna Clay Target Team

May 6 - 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 7 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

May 9 - General Meeting- KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

May 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

May 28 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony

June 1, 2, & 3

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

June 3 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 9
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Sheriff Lon Thiele.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Owatonna Clay Target Team

Sunday, May 6, 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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sunday, May 6
Owatonna KC Hall
First Degree Exemplification - 9:30 a.m.
Second & Third Degree Exemplification - 11:00 a.m.
Candidates please be at the Hall at 9:00 a.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

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. 27, 28, and 29

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

Help us set a new record!

To help, please use the link on the KC Website -
www.kofccouncil945.org to sign up.
or call Nic Matejcek at 507-420-1113.

MINNESOTA TWINS

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

FRIDAY NITE SPRING PICNIC

KC Lounge - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11 and 18
Serving grilled brats, burgers, corn on the cob,
and potato salad.

SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS

Saturday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus

I-35 CLEAN-UP

There will be a I-35 Clean-up this Spring, date to
be determined.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

St. Joseph Church
April 29 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 6. This would be an opportunity for any First Degree members to become a Third Degree member. We still need additional members to make Star Council goal for this fraternal year. 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.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues. **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.

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*

*7th 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 1, 2, and 3
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.smokininsteale.com/> or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

CHRISM MASS - CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART IN WINONA, MINNESOTA - MARCH 26



The Diocesan Mass was held on March 26 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, Minnesota. David Lax and LaVerne Klecker from the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly Fourth Degree participated.

Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Dear Brothers,

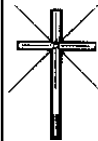
Wow what an awesome event! The Celebration of Life and Service was an incredible experience. Great food, great fellowship, and a great speaker provided the ingredients for a Respect for Life event that will be talked about for quite awhile. A big standing ovation to DGK Dan Sawyer and his family for running the show but also to the Knights and spouses who stepped up and helped out. Matt Birk, Tom Burke, Tom Docksey, Dan Wolfe, Dave Lax, Mark Cunningham, Jerome Spindler, Tony David, Tim Rice, Randy and Tammy Balausky, JoAnn Matejcek, Katie and Sam Matejcek, Tom Jirele, Mark Burschem, and the Boy Scouts and leaders showed up to lend a hand. Also, a huge thank you to all of the past Grand Knights for their basket donations. It was truly an amazing group effort. I sincerely apologize if I missed anyone who helped out.

Secondly, thank you to all of Brother Knights, their family members, and other volunteers who carved out a couple of hours out of their busy schedules to help with the Tootsie Roll Drive for people who are developmentally disabled. We could not have been successful without you! I hope you found it to be a rewarding experience and feel good about the people you have helped out through this program.

The next BIG KC event is Smokin' in Steele. We NEED all able Knights to step up and help out. Your volunteer commitment to this huge undertaking is essential to its success. Look for a volunteer schedule to be out soon. Enjoy the rest of your spring and tell the people close to you that you love them!

Vivat Jesus!

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:

Brother Knight Joe Wagner is suffering with a serious illness.

Brother Knight Dave Dietz is recovering from surgery.

Brother Knight Steve Roden is recovering from a fall.

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

IN MEMORY

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

Bernice Lambrecht, mother-in-law of Sir Brother Knight Dave Lax, passed away on March 30.

Clarice Stafford, father-in-law of Sir Brother Knight Tom Elbert, passed away on April 7.

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

THANK YOU!!!

Council 945 would like to recognize and thank the following Brother Knights and their businesses who generously sponsored our Celebration of Life and Service: Dave and Tom Dietz, PGK Joe Elbert and Jerry Schiller, PGK Dave Jenö, PGK Dave Lax, PGK Glen and Mike Meger and Joe Plemel.

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Dave Dietz



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OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 11, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2018-2019 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 11. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2018-2019.

Grand Knight:	Dan Sawyer	Advocate:	Open	Outside Guard:	Harlan Kern
Deputy Grand Knight:	Tom Jirele	Warden:	Open	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Chancellor:	Lee Jardine	Inside Guard:	Open	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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE - APRIL 7



Grand Knight Nic Matejcek, and Deputy Grand Knight Dan Sawyer presenting Keynote Speaker Matt Birk with the proceeds from the evening.



Our 200+ OAK hour recipients: Mark Cunningham, Joe Elbert, LaVerne Klecker, Tony David, Brian Carlson, Tom Burke, Dave Lax, and Nic Matejcek.



Keynote Speaker Matt Birk gives a very inspirational speech.



There was a large turnout for the wonderful meal, awards, and outstanding speaker.



The Boy Scouts and kitchen crew along with Matt Birk pose for a pic.

Knight of the Month Recipients in 2017-2018

July	Jeff Hall	December	Richard Gerdts
August	Greg Robillard	January	Rob Kniefel
September	Vincent Guggisberg	February	Troy Skalicky
October ...	Rev. Kevin Connolly	March	Ryan Heydon
November	Jeff Vortherms	April	Paul Jardine

Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

Raymond Bissen	Ryan Heydon	Jim Nelson
Steve Dornquast	James Joachim	Johnathon Nelson
Tom Gebur	LaVerne Klecker	John Schulz
Dan Glazer	Wayne Kubicek	Lee Staup
Steve Heimerman	David Lax	Dan Walsh
Stephen Nelson (Director)		



Joe George Jr., State Programs Director, and Bou Gazley, State Membership Director, joined us for the banquet.

KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Both of our 2018 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.



Pictured from left to right:
Nic Matejcek, Brian Carlson,
Steve Dornquast, and Dan Sawyer.

Steve Dornquast was honored by 2017 Co-Knight of the Year Brian Carlson. Brian noted that Steve has participated in so many activities and functions over the years that the list would "take all day to mention." Lately, you can see Steve helping out at KC Chorus, KC Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, Respect For Life Rosary March, and Smokin' in Steele. Steve has been a Knight since 2005 and has worked his way through the officer ranks and is a Past Grand Knight. Steve is a great example of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Congratulations Steve!



Pictured from left to right:
Frank Schiller, Lyle Snider,
Nic Matejcek, and Dan Sawyer.

Frank Schiller has been a Knight for about 60 years. Lyle Snider, 2017 Co-Knight of the Year, introduced Frank and focused on how Frank has done so many things for the Knights. He was captain of the Sunday night Bingo crew until that activity was discontinued, worked at the original KC Diner at the Steele County Fair, worked at the current KC Food Stand, worked at the grandstand serving beer, bell ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive, flipped pancakes for the KC breakfasts, served as on the Building and Grounds committee, became a Fourth Degree member, served as a Corporate Communion Honor Guard, carried the flag in the parades, worked at the Fourth Degree fish fries, and represented Council 945 at the State Conventions. Congratulations Frank!

TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our Trustee Service Award recipient for 2018 is **Tony David**. 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, Fourth Degree fish fries, bell ringing, Tootsie Roll Drive as chairman, and Council Recorder. He has spent a number of years as a community volunteer for Special Olympics. Congratulations Tony!



- MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

New First Degree Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
Mark Cassen	Laverne Klecker
Matthew Herget	Kenneth Schiller
Mark Kubista	Thomas Kubista
Brian Rypka	LaVerne Klecker
Mark Rypka	LaVerne Klecker

New Third Degree Members

MEMBER
Benjamin Flemke
Dan Glaser
Tony Jacobsen
Bernie Koslosky
Craig Larson
Elliot Rysavy
Kenneth Thurnau
Matthew Thurnau

SPONSOR
Mark Cunningham
Gary Sanford
Anthony David
Nicholas Matejcek
Nicholas Matejcek
Albert Rysavy
Lyle Coleman
John Ahlberg

Reinstated Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
Steven Borgerding	LaVerne Klecker
Matthew Bowar	LaVerne Klecker

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SERVICE - APRIL 7

For those Brother Knights and family members who were able to attend our Celebration of Life and Service on April 7th, our annual Council 945 awards banquet, Brother Knight Matt Birk, Former Viking, 6-time Pro Bowl Center and 2011 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award Winner and oh, yeah, Superbowl Champion with the Baltimore Ravens, helped us appreciate what it takes to do great things. Matt shared how winning the big game really was just doing what he and his team had been practicing every day for all the years of his 15-year NFL career. Those of us who played football related to how taking every step, keeping a wide base and keeping your head down in football really were like practicing the fundamental aspects of our Faith. Matt explained that one of the things he likes most about his Faith is the deeply rooted basic things that Catholics do all the time. Attending Mass, Adoration, and Prayer are things you can do every day, every week, over and over and like football, they build to something so much bigger than just us. Like many of us, Matt re-invigorated his faith around the time he was married and he and his wife Adrienne welcomed their first child. Matt became involved with the Pro-life movement increasingly, claiming he had learned that he could not say, "no," to a request from a Priest. Father Sauer and Father Stephen were on hand and may have jotted down a note at that point! After explaining why and how he had become involved in supporting the Pro-Life movement to his kids, Matt made the choice to decline the traditional invitation to the White House after winning the Superbowl because of comments from the President in support of Planned Parenthood that did not sync with Matt's Catholic Faith. It seemed like the story about how Matt became a Knight was a page out of the Lavern Klecker playbook, when he was asked, "Why wouldn't you become a Knight?" Matt's talk was relatable, genuine, and really challenged us to continue to do the fundamental little things that build to accomplishing Great things, something we see with our Council every year!

We had six Brother Knights sponsor Matt speaking at the Banquet and our State Programs Director was impressed that we were able to have such a good banquet and also raise over \$2,000 for Culture of Life activities, in addition to donating \$2,000 to the Wakota Life Center on behalf of the Council and Matt Birk. Past Grand Knights donated generous silent auction baskets and several people pitched in to help prepare and serve food, set up the event, and participate in many ways.

In addition to recognizing all the countless OAK hours our Council put in, over 7,000 in total, we recognized several other special awards. Most notably, our Knights of the Year were Frank Schiller and Steve Dornquast. Our Trustee Service Award recipient was Tony David. Be sure to congratulate these Brothers Knights, who really exemplify living a "Life of Service."

A special thank you to all who helped. The teamwork made this a special night. I would like to offer special thanks to Dave and Tom Dietz, Joe Elbert and Jerry Schiller, Dave Jenó, Glenn and Mike Meger, Joe Plemel, and Dave Lax for their sponsorships, Matt Birk for Speaking, our Emcee Tim Rice, Bob and Peni Penas, Dan and Michelle Decranz, Joe and Dawn George, Bou Gazley, Randy & Tammy Balausky as state representatives who joined us, Dave Lax for preparing wonderful prime rib, Tom Burke, Tony David, Eric Tucker, and Tom Docksey for helping in the kitchen, the Boy Scouts of Troop 253 for helping serve food, LaVerne Klecker and Walt Spindler for acting as Fourth Degree color guard, and several members of the K of C Chorus joined them in leading song, Tom Jirele and his friend Mark who helped decorate and in the Kitchen, Father John Sauer and Father Stephen Abaukaka shared prayers and intentions and Linda Elbert helped prepare awards and the program.

Dan Sawyer DGK 945

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

25 - 49 Hours		100 - 199 Hours
<i>Conrad Bahe</i>	<i>Gregory Nelson</i>	<i>John Ahlberg</i>
<i>Patrick Baldwin</i>	<i>James Nelson</i>	<i>Randy Balausky</i>
<i>Kevin Boettcher</i>	<i>Brandon Noble</i>	<i>Lyle Coleman</i>
<i>Russell Bowar</i>	<i>William Pieper</i>	<i>Thomas Docksey</i>
<i>Tom Bremer</i>	<i>Ethan Pieper</i>	<i>Steven Dornquast</i>
<i>Thomas Eichten</i>	<i>Jeff Pumper</i>	<i>Steven Fisher</i>
<i>Thomas Elbert</i>	<i>Greg Robillard</i>	<i>Thomas Gebur</i>
<i>Gary Fisher</i>	<i>Mike Schaffner</i>	<i>Lee Jardine</i>
<i>Kevin Gallagher</i>	<i>Lavern Soukup</i>	<i>Mark Kearin</i>
<i>Dan Glazer</i>	<i>Ken Thurnau</i>	<i>Dennis Kelm</i>
<i>Paul Jardine</i>	<i>Jeff Vortherms</i>	<i>Nicholas Matejcek</i>
<i>Tom Jirele</i>	<i>Gary Wandrey</i>	<i>Al Nelson</i>
<i>Gary Keller</i>	<i>James Wencil</i>	<i>Stephen Nelson</i>
<i>Patrick McGrath</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>	<i>Timothy Rice</i>
		<i>Dan Sawyer</i>
		<i>Jerome Spindler</i>
		<i>Dan Walsh</i>
		<i>Eric Wandersee</i>
		<i>Ronald Wolf</i>
		<i>Daniel Wolfe</i>
50 - 99 Hours		Over 200 Hours
<i>Timothy Chicos</i>	<i>Johnathan Nelson</i>	<i>Thomas Burke</i>
<i>Rich Gertz</i>	<i>Tony Nguyen</i>	<i>Brian Carlson</i>
<i>Steven Graff</i>	<i>David Pfeifer</i>	<i>Mark Cunningham</i>
<i>Vince Guggisburg</i>	<i>Gary Sanford</i>	<i>Tony David</i>
<i>Jeff Hall</i>	<i>John Schulz</i>	<i>Joseph Elbert</i>
<i>Ronald Heim</i>	<i>Walter Spindler</i>	<i>John Hammer</i>
<i>Steven Heimerman</i>	<i>Lee Staupé</i>	<i>LaVerne Klecker</i>
<i>Ryan Heydon</i>	<i>Curt Supalla</i>	<i>David Lax</i>
<i>James Kaplan</i>	<i>Troy Titus</i>	
<i>Wayne Kubicek</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>	
<i>Terry Kuck</i>	<i>Earl Wheeler</i>	
<i>William Lawrence</i>	<i>Raymond Willmott</i>	
<i>Duane Ludewig</i>	<i>David Wunderlich</i>	

Honorary Members

Robert Arndt
Jerrold Atkinson
Ron Ankrum
Kevin De Vos
Paul Gaulrapp
Mark Gengler
James Gleason
Wayne Jenó
Dennis Quimby
Stephen Reller
Patrick Rose
Joseph Rysavy
Leo Spindler

25-Year Members

Christopher Deml
Kevin De Vos
Paul Gaulrapp
Mark Gengler
Rick Hardcopf
Delbert Hartle
Bruce Kubicek
Scott Kubicek
Delbert Point
Leo Spindler

Honorary Life Members

Martin Gathje
James Jirele
Bruce Kubicek
George Lambaere

50-Year Members

Frank Berres
James Kenney
David Pfeifer
Dale Timm
Felix Wochnick

2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Directors and Chairmen

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

Knight of the Month



Dan Glaser

Our newest Knight of the Month nominee is Dan Glaser. Dan joined our Council in November 2016 at the urging of master recruiter LaVerne Klecker. Dan grew up in Barron, Wisconsin in the NW part of the state. Following his high school graduation, Dan continued his education and received an Associate Degree from the Technical College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Dan later moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he worked in Convention Services for the Broadmore Hotel. In 1988, Dan moved back to the Midwest to Rochester, Minnesota, when his spouse at the time took a job at the Mayo Clinic. Dan worked several years for a major contractor for IBM until 1995 when he joined Arnolds Supply Company, where he currently serves as V.P. of Operations. After becoming single again, Dan met Katie, the daughter of Brother Knight Gene

Simon, which led to his relocation to Owatonna in 2015 and their marriage in 2016. In addition to wife Katie, Dan's family also includes grown children daughter Courtney and son Ryan. Dan and Katie are big fans of Minnesota Wild hockey and the rock group Hairball. As a transplant from Wisconsin, Dan is also a big fan of a certain Green and Gold football team in Green Bay. Dan has also coached JV baseball for a number of years at Rochester JM High School and has now started working with the Owatonna Aces.

In his short time as a Brother Knight with us, Dan has become an active member, volunteering for many of our fundraising events and joining the K of C Chorus. Dan says he enjoys working all the various KC events and meeting other members of the Council and the community. We are very happy that Dan has brought his time and talents here to Minnesota and Council 945 and we again congratulate him as our Knight of the Month for March.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND HOSPITALITY HOUSE BENEFIT BREAKFAST

On Sunday morning, April 8, 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.

It was easy to see that the workers from SVDPS, Hospitality House, and the Council did an excellent job and there was plenty of help. "Thanks" to the workers who are listed here: Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf,*

The Sunday team: *Pat Baldwin, Ray Bissen, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Dustin David, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Reagan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Will and Stephanie Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, 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 and a bit of fresh snow that day and came to the breakfast!

Please remember the last "regular" breakfast on the schedule. It's May 6 for the 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 2017 - 2018 breakfast season. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 3, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. As in previous years, this event offers a "reduced" menu - and always just as tasty as any breakfast you could wish for.

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 29 - 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council No. 945
 P.O. Box 945
 Owatonna, MN 55060

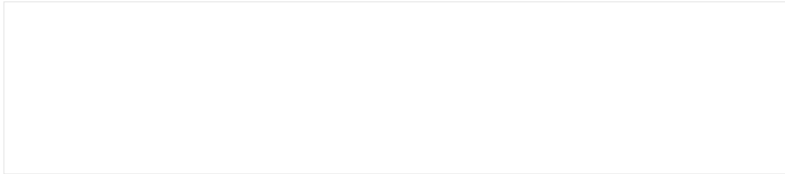
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
Owatonna Clay Target Team
May 6, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School

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 Owatonna, MN
 Permit No. 202

Major Degree Exemplification
Sunday, May 6
KC Hall - First Degree - 9:30 a.m.
Second and Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	2 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm for Owatonna Clay Target Team Major Degree Exemplification KC Hall First Degree - 9:30 am Second and Third Degree - 11:00 am New candidates please be at Hall at 9:00 am	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 pm Our speaker will be Sheriff Lon Thiele	10	11 Friday Nite Spring Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12
13 Mothers Day	14	15 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	16	17	18 Friday Nite Spring Picnic KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	19
20	21	22 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	23 Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day KC Hall closed Memorial Day Parade - 9:30 am Program at Four Seasons Centre following parade	29 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	30	31	June 1	June 2