

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

NOVEMBER
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

November 6 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

November 7 - Coats for Kids
Steele County Clothesline
155 Oakdale St., Suite B in Owatonna
5:30 p.m.

November 10 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for St. Mary's Home/School Assn.

November 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

November 13 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker to be

November 16 - KC Memorial Mass
St. Joseph Church
Rosary - 6:30 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.

November 20 - Fourth Degree
Meger's 20th Annual
Food Shelf Benefit Social
Brick-Meger Funeral Home
Reception Center 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

November 23 - Major Degree
Owatonna KC Hall
First Degree - 9:30 a.m.
Second & Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.
Candidates please be at Hall at 9:00 a.m.

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

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 6

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the

St. Mary's Home/School Assn.

Sunday, November 10, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at St. Mary's School

\$7.00 Advance, \$8.00 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.

BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia,
starting Saturday, November 9, at the KC Hall at
4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, November 23

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!

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Speaker will be a representative from
the Salvation Army.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 16 - December 23
weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza,
a bucket of Coors Lite beer, and Coors Lite prizes.
Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100,
2nd - \$50, & 3rd - \$25
Tacos - 2 for \$3.50 served 6:30 p.m. thru half-time.
Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game.
\$1.50 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NOVEMBER 2

The Fourth Degree Fall Exemplification will be held
in Winona, Minnesota, on November 2. If you
would be interested in joining the Fourth Degree
please contact Duane Ludewig at (507) 676-4709

KC MEMORIAL MASS

In Memory of:

David Fandel

James Gleason

John Glynn

Valerian Hauer

All Brother Knights and families are
encouraged to attend.

St. Joseph Church - Saturday, November 16
9:00 a.m. - Rosary 9:30 a.m. - Mass

MUCK & TRACY MUSIC TRIVIA

Saturday, Nov. 2, - 4:00 p.m. KC Hall

Brought to you by Muck & Tracy. The team of one
to four contestants who score the highest, receives a
\$25.00 bar tab.

FRIDAY EVENING MEALS

Friday, November 1, 8, 15, and 22

Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the KC Lounge
Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip Baskets, and
Homemade Weekly Specials

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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



Happy Thanksgiving

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.*



To All:

The date is set for the distribution of the Coats for Kids. Again this year we will distribute the coats at the Steele County Clothesline, 155 Oakdale St., Suite B in Owatonna, on Thursday, November 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Clothesline staff will be there to assist, but we should have Knights of Columbus personnel there to help as well.

The Clothesline people tell us there is a great need for winter coats this year. We have 72 coats to distribute this year and we anticipate they will all be welcomed by recipients as we enter the cold weather season.

Tim Rice

Benefits Corner by Michael Flanagan



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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, November 9, meet at the KC Hall at 8:30 a.m., work at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. No tools or experience needed. Let Rich Gerdts (507) 456-3684 know if you can make it.

HELP WANTED

Benefit Breakfast Committee, looking for volunteers to help with the benefit breakfasts, either on the prep team or the Sunday morning crew. We are still in great need of an Advocate, Warden, Outside Guard, and Director of Life Activities. Please contact Tom Jirele at (507) 213-9765.

Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Brother Knights,

I'm starting my article off with one of our most important events of the year. Honoring our deceased Brother Knights during the last year at our annual Memorial Mass at 9:00 a.m. on November 16 at St. Joseph Church.

I would also like to encourage all members to find new Brother Knights for our Major Degree on November 23.

We had another successful benefit breakfast serving over 300 people again benefiting St. Mary's REP.

Steve Nelson and the KC Chorus did an excellent job singing at the blessing of the KODA bus. Father Sauer also blessed the bus with a prayer.

Steve Dornquist did a great job organizing the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally at Central Park and the Peter J. Schneider Memorial Rosary March. Thank you for all who were able to attend.

Dave Lax and Tom Burke did a great job doing the Holy Mojo night at the KC Hall.

I would like to encourage all Brother Knights to get their Fourth Degree in Winona, Minnesota, on November 2.

The Habitat for Humanity home in Claremont is hoping to be finished by the end of November. I would like to thank Rich Gerdts for heading this group and everybody who has worked on this house the last two years. I would also encourage members to help on November 9. What a blessing it would be for the family to be in their new home for Christmas.



State Treasurer Dan DeCrans accepts a thank you gift from Tom Jirele, after speaking at the General Meeting on October 9 about the Global Wheelchair Mission.

RICHARD ROHWER BINGO PARTY FOR SPECIAL REC PROGRAM

For over 30 years Council 945 has been sponsoring a Christmas Bingo Party in conjunction with the Owatonna P&R department as part of their Therapeutic Recreation - Special Recreation program. We provide a pizza & pop dinner followed by a rousing Bingo session, complete with cash prizes for all attendees.

The event will be held Wednesday, December 4 at the West Hills Social Commons (formerly Senior Place) starting at 5:30 p.m. If interested in helping on this very satisfying charitable project, please call Walt Spindler at 451-7613. Spouses and students (middle school & up) are welcome to assist. "Service hours" credit is applicable.

CUT FOOT SIOUX FISHING TRIP

There are fishing stories to tell – and fishing facts to back them up – sometimes. First of all, fishing was good – it always is – sometimes it's better – like when catching is good as well. The weather was very unstable – so that was nasty as the fish don't seem to cooperate when the wind blew from one direction yesterday – different today – and the forecast is yet another for tomorrow. In spite of that, our cabin had two nice fish dinners and we brought a few home. Thanks to Mark at the Hall for furnishing a scrumptious Smoked Pork Chop dinner for nearly 30 attendees (a number are “social members”). Even Mother Nature was confused about changing the leaf colors. The leaves were just turning early in the week – and then seemed to stop, or at least slow down, in the process. Eagles and swans flying overhead provided some entertainment. The one-day fishing contest was a bit damp and gloomy but didn't keep the guys from giving the fish a chance to “make my day”. The aquatic creatures weren't real cooperative, but a fair number of decent fish were entered into the contest. The Bob Seykora cabin missed the contest with a funeral back here at home. Brother Paul Trautman took first place in the Walleye section and Walt Spindler took the Northern area. The rest of the prizes went to the guys in Ron Kjos' cabin. Some pictures of other accomplishments are displayed here.



A day's walleye catch.



10" to 12" perch



9" to 10" crappies

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - SEPTEMBER 21



Knights of Columbus volunteers stop to have a little lunch.



Habitat house in Claremont, Minnesota.

SECOND BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

The second breakfast of the season was October 13 to benefit the Religious Education Program (REP), which involves classes and other activities for those students attending public schools. Support for this program is very important and many did just that by attending the event. The total count was 330 meals served.

Thanks to all the workers at this event – Saturday Prep: *Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, Tom Jirele, Al Nelson, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, and Ron Wolf.* Sunday Breakfast: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Nick Jirele, Tom Jirele,*

Jim Kaplan, Joe Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Leonard, Troy Liebl, Reegan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Trent Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlich. Please pardon us if we missed anyone from these lists.

The next breakfast is scheduled for November 11. It will benefit the St. Mary's Home/School Association. Please consider attending to show your support – and enjoy a great meal as well

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2019-2020

November 10	St. Mary's Home / School Assoc.
December 1	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza and Owatonna Arts Center
January 12	Special Olympics and Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 26	St. Mary's Open House
February 9	KC Valentine Breakfast and Relay for Life
February 23	Steele County 4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 15	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 5	St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House
May 3	Owatonna Clay Target Team
May 31	Smokin' in Steele

OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS I-35 CLEAN UP

What a beautiful fall day it was for the clean-up of the ditches along Interstate 35 between Highway 14 and Bridge Street on Wednesday, September 18th. We want to thank all the people who helped, Katy Kreutter from Owatonna Bus Company for supplying the transportation, First Supply for the use of their parking lot, and the Steele County Free Fair for the pickers. The following people helped with the clean-up: Steve Reller, Kevin Herzog, John Connor, Rich Will, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Greg Evans, Frank Evans, Joe Herzog, Curt Supalla, Jeff Vortherm, Dave Effertz, Nate Gleason, and Tom Kubes. Thanks to Tim and Mark at the Knights of Columbus Hall for the pizza, beverages, and fellowship after the clean-up. We will be having another clean-up in Spring 2020. If you would like to be part of this clean-up project, contact Kevin Herzog or John Connor.



OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE TO KODA BUS



Koda Living Community recently had a fund-raising campaign to purchase a bus to transfer their clients to area events, including the county fair. Karen and I were having breakfast at the Aurora Diner where we witnessed the maiden voyage. Vickie Skala gave a presentation to the Council this summer and asked if the Knights of Columbus would consider making a donation. The Assembly approved to donate \$500. The Council donated \$500 as well. With the combined donations, we were eligible to have our logo on the back of the bus. The bus will be a welcomed addition to Koda and the Owatonna community. People are in Koda usually for some form of therapy and their faces light up being around people they know. The residents are able to stay involved with community and the people they love. The Koda bus is an opportunity for residents to be transported to community events, medical appointments, and church obligations.
Duane Ludewig and Tom Jirele



COUNCIL 945 DISTRIBUTES BIBLES

Council 945 once again provided bibles to the 4th graders in the REP program through the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph. The bibles were blessed by Father Starasinich before they were distributed to the children. Father Starasinich shared some great stories with the children as they read the bible. Father recommended that they start with the Gospels which were written about Jesus. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of the participants as they received their gift from the men of Council 945.



COLUMBIAN AWARD

Past Grand Knight Dan Sawyer receives the Columbian Award from District Deputy Gary Sanford at the October 9 General Meeting held at the KC Hall. The Columbian Award is given to those councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, service to the Community and the Church. The Council must conduct at least four major programs in each of the Faith in action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

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



Mark Pfeifer

fair food stand, and grandstand sales. Thank you Mark for continuing the Pfeifer family support of the Knights of Columbus and congratulations on being nominated as our Knight of the Month.

This month we honor as our Knight of the Month, Mark Pfeifer. Mark was sponsored by his father and fellow Knight David Pfeifer and joined our Council after completing his Major Exemplification in November 1995.

Mark grew up on a farm outside Owatonna. After high school graduation, Mark enrolled at the University of Minnesota where he earned a degree in mechanical Engineering. Mark currently works at IBM in Rochester, Minnesota while also continuing to run his crop farming operation.

Mark has been married for 25 years to his wife Ruth and they have raised four boys; Michael and Thomas who are also KC members, and younger sons Jacob and John. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Mark has been involved in many Council activities over the years, including pancake breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, Smokin' in Steele,

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 23, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. All First Degree candidates please be at the Hall by 9:00 a.m. Anyone who knows of someone who would like to join, and is **just waiting to be asked**, let me know and I will help you get them signed up. All First Degree members, this is an opportunity to become a Third Degree member.

We are having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, December 9 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New candidates, please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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. 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.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

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

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 Sir Knight Conrad Bahe is recovering from surgery.

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

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Barb Claeys, Oscar Dalle, Sylvia Dalle, Margaret Deml, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Joanne Fagan, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, 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, Mark Nelson, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, 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:

Patrick Nolan, son of Brother Sir Knight Tom Nolan, passed away on September 23.

Vince Eichten, brother of Brother Knight Tom Eichten, passed away on October 12.

John Boesen, Sr., father of Brother Knight Dan Boesen, passed away on October 24.

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



Dues Reminder: Annual dues renewals have been 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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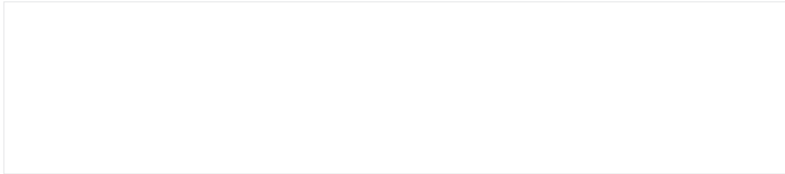
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast
 for St. Mary's Home/School Assn.
Sunday, November 10 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

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

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 Second and Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.
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					1 Friday Evening Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	2 Muck & Tracy Music Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
3	4 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	5 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	6 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	7 Coats For Kids Steele County Clothesline 155 Oakdale St. Suite B Owatonna, MN 5:30 pm	8 Friday Evening Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	9 Habitat for Humanity KC Hall - 8:30 am Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
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24	25 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	26 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	27	28 Thanksgiving KC Lounge Closed	29	30 Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm