

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity

NOVEMBER
2021

COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South
P.O. Box 623
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-451-6103

COLUMBIAN CENTER LOUNGE

Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30
Happy hour Mon-Fri 4:00-6:00 pm
Free Hors d'oeuvres during
Friday happy hour.

BAR BINGO

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Columbian Center

Officers' Meeting
First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
General Meeting
Second Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Degree Meeting
Fourth Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

Visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org
for the latest Council
information. You can look up
members, see information on
Council Officers, review
current and past **Key**
Newsletters, and check the cal-
endar for events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 3 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting Columbian Center - 7:00 p.m.
November 10 - General Meeting
Columbian Center
Speaker - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
November 17 - Meger's 21st Annual
Food Shelf Benefit Social
Brick - Meger Funeral Home Recept Ctr.
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

ANYONE NEED HELP?

If you know of a Brother Knight
who is need of
assistance, please contact any
Brother Knight or
Rich Gerds at (507) 456-3684.

VIKING SUNDAY GAMES

Columbian Center
Open 1/2 hour before kickoff.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 3 - 7:00 p.m.
Columbian Center

BINGO

Every Tuesday in November
Columbia Center Lounge - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Every Tuesday in November
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Columbian Center Lounge
Serving BLTs, burgers, and soup

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR ST. MARY'S HOME/SCHOOL ASSN.

Sunday, November 14 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary's School
\$7.00 advance, \$8.00 at door, (free under 6)
Two sensational breakfast choices and table service!
KC Omelet Breakfast: 3 egg omelet selections
KC Country Breakfast: eggs - fried to order or
scrambled eggs, ham or sausage
All served with pancakes or french toast, milk,
or coffee

2021-22 KC BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

November 14 St. Mary's Home/School Assn.
December 12 Owatonna Catholic Daughters
of the Americas
January 9, 2022 Special Olympics and Advocates
for Developmental Disabilities
January 30 St. Mary's Open House
February 13 KC Valentine Breakfast and
Relay for Life
February 27 Steele County Purple Ribbon Club
March 13 St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 10 St. Vincent DePaul Society and
Hospitality House
May 8 Owatonna Clay Target Team

BAR TRIVIA

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

MUCK & TRACY MUSIC TRIVIA

Saturday, Nov. 20, - 4:00 p.m.
Columbian Center
Brought to you by Muck & Tracy. The team of one
to four contestants who score the highest, receive a
\$25.00 bar tab.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 10
Columbian Center

Speaker - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30
Our speaker is Jen Swanson,
principal of St. Mary's School.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 13 - January 3, 2022
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 - \$2.00 a piece served 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Happy hour prices and free peanuts during
game. \$2.00 Coors Lite tap beer.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS



Burger baskets,
chicken strip baskets, &
weekly special
Friday, Nov. 5, 12, & 19
Columbian Center Lounge
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
\$8.50

KC MEMORIAL MASS

In Memory of:

Don Nechville Bruce Nash
Emanuel Herman James Farley
Lanny Huemann Eugene Spindler
Earl Wheeler Paul Illg
Francis Trenda Wayne Grubish
Felix Wochnick John Dillemath
Edward Mountain Joseph Adelmann
Dennis Quimby

All Brother Knights and families are
encouraged to attend.
St. Joseph Church - Tuesday, November 16
5:00 p.m. - Rosary 5:30 p.m. - Mass

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, November 8
Columbian Center - 7:00 p.m.
New candidates please arrive at 6:30 p.m. Contact
LaVerne Klecker at (507) 456-6738 if you
plan on attending.

Benefits by Lloyd Cybart



We have a new General Insurance agent. If you have any insurance questions, needs, or want to schedule an appointment contact:

Lloyd Cybart, FICF, LUTCF
General Agent, Twin Cities
Knights of Columbus
1301 E. Cliff Rd. Suite 110
Burnsville, MN 55337
952-686-7720 (Office)
952-388-0851 (FAX)
www.twincitieskofc.org

Grand Knight's Message by Richard Gerdts

Dear Brother Knights and families of Council 945,

Welcome to the month of November all you Knights. Most of us are probably looking forward to the meal that is served on our holiday that we call Thanksgiving. We need to give God the most thanks for allowing us to keep living our lives here on Earth. When people that we know mess up a lot, we have a tendency to get upset and frustrated with those people. Take a couple of minutes to figure out how many upsetting and frustrating moments there are when we take those moments and multiply them with the population of the World. That number is staggering, but that is what God has to deal with on a daily basis and he is still gracious to us. Let us be thankful that our creator sent his son to us so that our sins will be forgiven. Let's all remember that God gives his love to us on a daily basis and we should be able to find a way to give some of that love back to him.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having an Exemplification at the Columbian Center in Owatonna on Monday, November 8.

If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 456-6738. 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!

Anyone who is a First Degree Knight, please join us at an Exemplification to achieve Third Degree Knight status.

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.

Please get your dues paid as soon as you can. 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.

PETER J. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL RESPECT FOR LIFE ROSARY

Council 945 sponsored the annual Peter J. Schneider Memorial Respect for Life Rosary on October 17 at Sacred Heart Cemetery. We started the Council 945 Respect for Life memorial in the "teardrop" area and marched through the cemetery reciting the Rosary and prayers. The march was well attended and was led by the KC Council 945 banner with the message "God, Church, and Family" carried by Steve Dornquast and Lee Jardine. The rosary was led by Deputy Grand Knight Grady Strand and the Fourth Degree Color Guard (Dean Schuette, Walt Spindler, and Dave Lax). Council Chaplin Fr. Jim Starasinich also marched with the Council.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY

Council 945 sponsored the America Needs Fatima Rosary on October 16 at the Sacred Heart Cemetery altar. We had good attendance but there is room for a lot more! Steve Dornquast set up and led the Rosary and did an excellent job! The Fourth Degree Honor Guard assisted in the Rosary (thank you Walt Spindler, Faithful Navigator Greg Nelson, Pat Rose and Dean Schuette). Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the Rosary daily. An excellent practice for all Catholics especially Knights of Columbus Catholic Gentlemen.



Rosary leader Steve Dornquast and Fourth Degree Color Guard assisting in the Rosary.



Participants enthusiastically prayed the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima.



A good turnout but room for a lot more next year.

COUNCIL 945 IS SELLING CHRISTMAS CARDS

You'll want to hold up on purchasing your 2021 Christmas cards until you check out the KC's custom designed cards. There are 2 cards available; one features the beautiful, renovated sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church. The other card pictures the beautiful mosaic mural at St. Joseph's Church, "Saint Joseph and the Holy Family" by artist, Michael Sweere. Each Church will have a separate card. Watch for more information at Church and at the Columbian Center. For information or to order cards, call Tim Rice at 451-3606. Package of 25 for \$25.00.

Renovation of Sacred Heart Church
Owatonna Minnesota



Pictured on the renovation, including decorative painting, new carpet and tile refurbishments and new altar and ambo

Photography by Timothy W. Luack

Proceeds from the sale of these cards will assist The Knights of Columbus with the charitable work of the Order

Card back

The Year of Saint Joseph
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021



Pictured on the front, a mosaic
"Saint Joseph and the Holy Family"
Artist Michael Sweere

Photography by Timothy W. Luack

St. Joseph's Church
Owatonna, Minnesota

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Card back



Card front

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

*May His love be in your heart this Christmas
and all throughout the year.*

Verse in both cards



Card front

COATS FOR KIDS



Jackie and Dakota from Community Pathways with assist from Dan Wolfe and Dean Schuette distribute Coats for Kids on Oct. 19th

HIGHWAY 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 Monday, October 2nd. We want to thank the all the people who helped, Katy Kreutter from Owatonna Bus Company for supplying the transportation, Kevin Nelson for driving the bus, 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 Steve Reller, Kevin Herzog, John Connor, Rich Will, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Jeff Pumper, Jeff Kramer, Mike Meger, Roy Koenig, Don Prokopec, Scott Kozelka, Dan Wolfe, Tom Standke, Curt Supalla, Jeff Vortherm, Nate Gleason, and Tom Kubes. Thank you 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 2022. If you would like to be part of this clean-up project, contact Kevin Herzog or John Connor.



KC GOLF OUTING AND PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 12



On September 12th, God showed his love for the good works of the Knights of Columbus by providing a truly wonderful day of weather for the annual KC Golf Outing and Picnic. A total of 60 golfers assembled at Brooktree Golf Course for 18 holes of four person best ball golf. There were games or prizes associated with every hole to provide additional fun and challenge. In the end, winning scores in three handicap flights were awarded prize money. The low score of the day was posted by the team of Bill Lawrence PGK, Dave Effertz, Chris and A.J. Laughlin. The high score of the day was registered by the team of Tom Jirele PGK, Rich Gerdts GK, Dean and Keith Schuette. They said that they may have taken the most strokes but they definitely had the most fun. After golf, all players and their families were invited to Darts Park to partake in a delicious BBQ picnic dinner. Golf prizes were awarded along with a number of raffle prizes. Shout out to Brother Knights Jeff Hall and Mark Wilson for their generous donation to our list of raffle prizes. Thank you to co-chairs and their spouses, Paul and Mary Trautman, Jeff and Stacy Vorthrems, and Dan and Kathy Wolfe, for preparing all the food and organizing the event. We encourage everyone to mark your calendar for next September and join us for lots of fun, food, and fellowship at the 2022 KC Golf Outing and Picnic.



*Jeff Hall, Dave Wunderlich,
Von Peterson and Adam Worke*



*Steve and Julie Darkow and
John and Pat Kniefel*



*Bill Lawrence, Dave Effertz,
Chris and A.J. Laughlin*



*Tom Jirele, Dean Schuette, and
Rich Gerdts*

FISHING TRIP

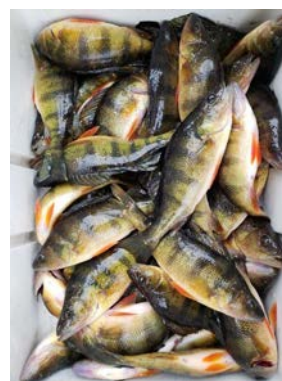
The annual KC Fall Fishing Trip to Williams Narrows Resort near Deer River, Minnesota over the years has experienced summer, fall or winter like weather, sometimes all in the same week. This year the first-week-of-October event offered some of the most pleasant weather you could ever expect for the fall season in Minnesota, with the cool morning air giving way to t-shirt weather by the afternoon. A total of 24 fishermen from Owatonna, including some who have been making the annual event for over 25 years and some first-timers, had good success catching fish as well. While schools of crappie would grace the fish finders from time to time, they were generally not cooperating to take the baits. Thankfully the walleye, northern and jumbo perch provided plenty of action and a tasty fish fry to end the trip. Several walleye above the 18 to 24 inch slot limit were caught, along with a few northern over 30 inches and some 12 inch jumbo perch. Thank you to Mark Cunningham for coordinating the reservations with the resort and having the Hall provide a smoked pork chop and baked potato dinner for all the group on Sunday night. It was a beautiful week of fishing and we look forward to next year.



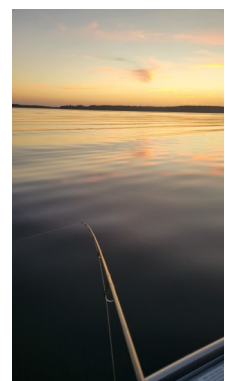
Beautiful plate of fresh fish



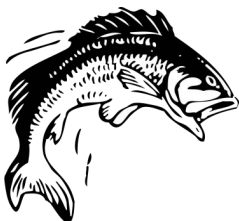
Trautman walleye 2021



A one day boat's catch



A beautiful sunset



2021-22 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
Grand Knight: Richard Gerdts (507) 456-3684
Deputy Grand Knight: Grady Strand
Chancellor: Mike Schroeder
Advocate: Hunter Jirele
Warden: Open
Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
Outside Guard: Dean Schuette
Financial Secretary: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Greg Nelson
Trustee (3 year): PGK Dan Sawyer
Trustee (2 year): PGK Tom Jirele
Trustee (1 year): PGK Lee Jardine
Directors and Chairmen
Program Director: Grady Strand (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: Dan Sawyer (PGK)
Dir. of Community Activities: Mike Schroder
Gambling Manager: Terry Evans
District Deputy: Dan Sawyer (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Field Agent: Lloyd Cybart

Knight of the Month



Brian Carlson

Our Knight of the Month for October is Brian Carlson. He has been married for 34 years and he and his wife, Shari, have two boys, Dylan and Trevor.

He grew up in White Bear Lake and graduated from college at Mankato State.

He will be retiring from Federated Insurance after 35 years.

His hobbies include golfing, fishing, and hiking.

He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish and has been a Knight for 25 years. He has worked at pancake breakfasts, Smokin' in Steele, bell ringing, tootsie roll drive and grandstand beer sales.

Thank you Brian for all you do the Knights of Columbus and congratulations on being named Knight of the Month.

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, Carl Adams, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Dale Besonen, Don Boesen, Bonnie Bremer, Barb Claeys, Lucy Coleman, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Jerome Gefre, Cathy Glowka, Terri Grose, Gerry Gunderson, Mark Hall, Otto Havelka, Pat Hawkins, Sherri Heim, Rose Hoffman, T J (Tony) Jacobsen, Lorraine Jirele, Gary Joachim, Dorothy Kenney, Jim Kenney, Harlan Kern, Jim Klecker, Teresa Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Dave Lax, Mary Lax, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Bob Matejcek, Msgr. James McCauley, Cheryl Meger, Mary Meixner,

Suzanne Meidema, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Mark Nelson, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Joe Rysavy, Otto Rysavy, Paul Schneider, Mike Schroeder, Anne Skalicky, Jim Skalicky, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Dick Thamert, Mary Thamert, Garrett Thigpen, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Eric Wandersee, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, Jim Wiggins, Sharon Wiggins, Jean Zamboni, and Tim Ziemke.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD IN OWATONNA

Two Rivers Habitat for Humanity is building a house at 715 Mosher Ave SW in Owatonna. Work days are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. To sign up to volunteer, please go to the website below to volunteer or contact Rich Gerdts 507-456-3684 / rgerdts@gmail.com or Lee Jardine 507-444-4088 / lee_j7@reagan.com

<https://tworivershabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration>
Watch the Council 945 announcement web page for specific days set up as KC Days.

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=945>

If you volunteer, let Grady Strand know how many hours you work so we can track OAK hours. Contact Grady at 507-456-1788 or graydon.strand@gmail.com.

Hops For Habitat is looking for a committee member to work on the April Hops For Habitat event. Looking for an energetic person to join the team and drive this great event for habitat for humanity.

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.

ANYONE NEED HELP?

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Council No. 945
 P.O. Box 945
 Owatonna, MN 55060
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday, November 10
 Columbian Center
 Speaker - 7:00 p.m.
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday Night Football Columbian Center	2 Tuesday Night at the Club -5:30 6:30 pm Bingo - 7:00 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Columbian Center 7:00 pm	4	5 Friday Night Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm Columbian Center Lounge	6
7	8 Major Degree Exem. 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Columbian Center	9 Tuesday Night at the Club -5:30 6:30 pm Bingo - 7:00 pm	10 General Meeting Columbia Center Speaker -7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30	11	12 Friday Night Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm Columbian Center Lounge	13
14 Benefit Breakfast For St. Mary's Home/School Assn. St. Mary's School 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	15 Monday Night Football Columbian Center	16 KC Memorial Mass St. Joseph Parish Rosary -5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Tuesday Night at the Club -5:30 6:30 pm Bingo - 7:00 pm	17 Meger's 21st Annual Food Shelf Benefit Social Brick-Meger Funeral Home Reception Center 6:00 - 8:30 pm	18	19 Friday Night Meals 6:30 - 7:30 pm Columbian Center Lounge	20 Muck & Tracy Music Trivia Columbia Center 4:00 pm
21	22 Monday Night Football Columbian Center	23 Tuesday Night at the Club -5:30 6:30 pm Bingo - 7:00 pm	24	25 Thanksgiving Columbian Center Closed	26	27 Bar Trivia Columbia Center 4:00 pm
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