

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.



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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 31** - Halloween Party  
St. Mary's School - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- November 2** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- November 5** - KC Memorial Mass  
St. Joseph Church  
Rosary - 7:30 a.m. Mass - 8:00 a.m.
- November 7** - First Degree  
Exemplification - KC Hall  
New candidates be at Hall  
at 6:30 p.m.
- November 7** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- November 9** - General Meeting  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- November 13** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
for St. Mary's Home/School Assn.
- November 17** - Fourth Degree  
Meger's Annual  
Food Shelf Benefit Social  
Brick-Meger Funeral Home  
reception center - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- November 19** - Major Degree  
Owatonna KC Hall  
First Degree - 9:30 a.m.  
Second & Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefitting the  
**St. Mary's Home/School Assn.**  
Sunday, November 13, 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.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 12 thru December 26  
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.

### PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Every Friday in November, serving appetizers,  
assorted burger baskets, fish sandwiches,  
shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and more.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 9  
Program - 7:30 p.m.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, October 30 - 10:00 a.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church

All members and their families are invited  
to process in and be seated together at this Mass.



### KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Monday, Oct. 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's School

Please bring a food shelf item as a donation.

### KC MEMORIAL MASS

In Memory of:

Robert D. Fischer	Bret A. Running
Ronald C. Hanson	Peter J. Schneider
Serane A. Hennes	Norbert L. Schrom
Alton A. Johnson	George F. Zwack
Roger Keller	

All Brother Knights and families are  
encouraged to attend.

St. Joseph Church - Saturday, November 5  
7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass

### MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, November 19  
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!**

### BAR TRIVIA

Get your team of one to four together to play trivia,  
starting Saturday, November 19, at the KC Hall at  
4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, November 19, at  
7:00 p.m., please bring your  
favorite game to the KC Hall  
for a fun family night.



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic Church remembers those who have died. We begin the month with the companion feasts of All Saints and All Souls. While much of contemporary society seems to be uncomfortable talking about death (except when it is splashed across the screens of the movie theaters) the Christian community reflects on death in light of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His experience has changed our perspective on death and has given us hope for a future of eternal life.

Some years ago, as Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago died, Newsweek magazine featured a cover story on the Cardinal entitled, "Teaching Us How to Die." The authors reflected on the life and very public death of this man. Even his dying became a moment of teaching and witness. He reminded us that death is a "transition from earthly life to life eternal." And while our heads might tell us that is true, we often live in fear of death. We fear the unknown, the possibility of an end to our existence. We are concerned with what happens to us – not as a physical body – but as a person, a human being with a soul and a life which has meaning.

In his own death, Jesus experienced all that we do when confronted with the reality of death. He felt the darkness, the threat, the loneliness. He knew the powerlessness and suffering. What is unique and salvific is the response of Jesus in the face of his own death. In his struggle Jesus accepts death. He places his hope in the Father, overcoming death itself. By his submission to God's will Jesus begins to live fully with God. In speaking of the death of Jesus, Jesuit theologian Juan Alfaro states, "the very event of death, the disintegration of man's existence in the world, has become the personal meeting with God who 'gives life to the dead.'" There is really nothing in the human experience of death that would lead one to proclaim faith in eternal life with God. The insistence of the Christian community that we have such faith is a constant affirmation of our confidence in the power of the Risen Christ.

I encourage you to take the opportunity to visit the graves of your loved ones and our brother Knights and their loved ones this November. Pray for them. Pray for the grace of a happy death. But above all, be confident that the power of Christ overcomes even death itself.

Also this month we will be bringing to a close the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I hope you had an opportunity to open yourself to the special gifts of God's love and mercy. We have been blessed to have a holy door here in Owatonna at Sacred Heart. If you have not already done so I encourage you to avail yourself of the indulgences attached to passing through a holy door. Attend Mass, receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray for the intention of the Holy Father, and recite the Creed. It is a kind of spiritual, if not physical, pilgrimage.

## Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

It was great seeing all Brother Knights at October's General meeting. Thank you for all who were there. I encourage all our members to attend our meeting on November 9th.

We have our Memorial Mass on November 5th. Rosary at 7:30, Mass at 8:00. This is a great tribute to our Brother Knights who have passed away this past year. Our Chorus and Honor Guard really make this a special event.

November is a month of change. From the leaves on the ground at the beginning of the month to the snow on the ground by the end. This November there will also be important changes to our country leaders. Please read this month's insert and go to <http://www.mcl.org> for more information on the right to life candidates. It is very important that everyone takes the time to vote on November 8th.

We are having a family game night Saturday, November 19th at 7:00-? at the KC hall Bring your favorite game to play.

If anyone knows of a potential member please contact LaVerne Klecker to get them to one of our Exemplifications this month. For those Brother Knights who are First Degree, we are having a Major Exemplification on November 19th. Contact myself or LaVerne to get your 2nd and 3rd Degree.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Knights and their families.

Vivat Jesus!

## Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath

### Open Enrollment

In a few short weeks, many working Americans will be receiving their Open Enrollment packets from their employer. What a great time of the year to meet with your local Field Agent and review your options, note your choices and even compare rates and coverage amounts.

Typically, we spend very little time weighing such options and the costs associated with them. I have personally helped many members with this task. One such member and I calculated the costs of his group term life insurance over the next 20 years. His plan had premium increases every five years and compared with our fixed premium 20 year term policy, he would save \$8,000 in premium. He was ecstatic to save that amount of money and be able to invest it in his Knights of Columbus Roth IRA.

Cases like these arise regularly when members meet with their agent to review their coverage and acquire the insurance they actually need to protect their family.

The other benefit of owning your own personal insurance is that it is portable if you leave that employer. Not all companies offer benefits and they are rarely the same between employers. Owning your own coverage ensures you have coverage no matter where you work and your rate will be the same. Take time this fall to meet with your agent and see if you are able to save money or get additional coverage for the same premium.

Call me at (320) 266-8962 to learn more about protecting your assets.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2016-2017



November 13	St. Mary's Home/School Assoc.
December 4	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza.
January 15	Special Olympics & Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 29	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 12	KC Valentine Breakfast – KC projects
February 26	4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 12	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 9	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House

## FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, November 7  
 KC Hall in Owatonna  
 New candidates please be at the  
 Hall at 6:30 p.m.





## OVER 400 PATRONS ATTEND THE REP BREAKFAST



The second benefit breakfast of this season produced a nice profit for the St. Mary's REP program. Hungry breakfast patrons numbering approximately 420 were treated to another fine KC breakfast on Sunday morning, October 9. The REP folks gave their usual fine support for this breakfast. A big thank you goes out to the Saturday morning prep crew and the Sunday crews. You do an excellent job of providing a great benefit breakfast for all of Owatonna to enjoy. The 'slim' cleanup crew had to work overtime, allowing others to see most of the Vikings game that day.

The Saturday prep team included: *Jerry Barry, Keven Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Bob Grebe, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.* The Sunday team included: *Tom Burke, Tim Chiccos, Tom Docksey, Joel Dulas, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Jason and Richard Gerdts, Vince Guggisberg,*

*Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Maria John Paul, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Greg Robillard, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Charlie and Eric Tucker, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.* We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies. Our next benefit breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 13, for the benefit of the St. Mary's Home and School Association.

We invite all Brother Knights along with their families and friends to attend this next breakfast. Also, if you are interested in working on either the Saturday morning prep crew or the Sunday crew, just give Al Nelson a call at 456-4635. Additional help is always welcome. Your participation is important and appreciated.

### CONGRATULATIONS TOM EICHTEN



On Wednesday, October 12, Tom Eichten was recognized for his Twenty-Five Year Anniversary as treasurer of Knights of Columbus Council 945. Tom joined the Knights of Columbus in 1990 and the following year he became the treasurer. Congratulations Tom for the commitment you have made to Council 945. Pictured is Grand Knight Gary Sanford presenting a plaque to Tom and his wife Jo Ann.

### MATT THURNAU NAMED FIREMAN OF THE YEAR!



*Brother Knight Matt Thurnau was named the 2016 Firefighter of the Year at a banquet hosted by the Exchange Club on October 13.*

### CUT FOOT SIOUX FISHING TRIP

October 1 – 5 was a fun time for 30+ fellows searching for those elusive creatures called 'fish'. Many were found (on our depth finder screens) and a few were caught. The walleyes were especially un-cooperative this year, but at least a number of 'respectable' ones were turned in to the contest held on Sunday. For a few anglers, the crappies did well the first couple days – then they moved out to deeper water. No Bullheads were reported as being caught. Thanks to Walt Spindler for lining up the trip.

The KC Hall provided a fine dinner again this year – Windsor Chops, baked spuds, coleslaw, and a roll on the side. Thanks, Mark, for providing the chow. As always, our Creator provided us with beautiful trees filled with all the fall colors.

Here is a run down of the fishing contest. A number of attendees (and winners) are social members or their relatives. KC 945 members are noted in bold.

Walleye

23-3/4" - Dave Vogt

23-1/4" – Bob Wikre

Northern

23-1/4" – Tom Vogt

23" – **Paul Trautman**

Crappie

13" – **Ray Willmott**

12-3/4" – Bob Wikre



*Otto Lehrer and Dan Wolfe cooking up a meal.*



*Ray Willmott displaying his catch.*



*Mike Jensen and Paul Trautman holding their catches.*



*Walt Spindler enjoying the beautiful scenery as he prepares to catch some fish.*

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8

Brother Knights – it's hard to imagine that any of us can be unaware that we are in the middle of an election season and that Election Day is November 8. As Catholic Gentlemen, it is important for us to remember our Catholic faith when we vote. Our overriding principle is to be Pro-Life. In the November **Key** we are including a portion of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) Voter's Guide that covers National, State, and Local Owatonna/Steele County candidates. The Voter's Guide does not recommend any candidate over another candidate. The Voter's Guide provides information on incumbent candidate's Pro-Life voting record and all candidate's responses to a Pro-Life questionnaire. Before voting, please review this information to see which candidates best represent your Catholic faith.

The full MCCL Voter's Guide can be accessed at: <http://www.mccl.org/> - scroll down to the link to the 2016 MCCL General Election Voter's Guide.

Lee Jardine



### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

The Public Square Rosary Rally America Needs Fatima was held Saturday, October 15th, at 1:00 p.m. The weather conditions were perfect. The Rally was set up by Steve Dornquast and led by Steve Dornquast and Deacon Pat Fagan. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present with representation from all Parishes of the Council. The attendance was a bit small, but I know all of you were there in spirit. A thank you to all who attended, and a special thank you to all who helped with set-up to make it a success.

*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard from left to right: Tony Nguyen, LaVerne Klecker, and Dave Lax. Steve Dornquast did the readings.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS - November 5

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5, at St. Joseph Church. The liturgy will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Knight Fr. Kevin Connolly as celebrant and Sir Knight Fr. John Sauer as con-celebrant. There will be a rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The Memorial Mass is held each November and serves as a remembrance of those Knights who passed away since the previous year's Memorial Mass. Those Knights are:

*Robert D. Fischer  
Ronald C. Hanson  
Serane A. Hennes  
Alton A. Johnson  
Roger Keller*

*Bret A. Running  
Peter J. Schneider  
Norbert L. Schrom  
George F. Zwack*



Everyone is invited to join the families of these Brother Knights as their memory is celebrated in this annual tradition.

Music will be provided by the Knights of Columbus Chorus under the direction of Raymond Bissen. A Fourth Degree honor guard will assist with the ceremony.

Refreshments served after Mass at the KC Hall.

## RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

The annual Respect Life Rosary March was held at Sacred Heart Cemetery with just beautiful weather. An honor guard from the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, Fourth Degree and cross bearer David Fairbrother led the march. Deacon Pat Fagan led the entourage in praying the rosary as they traversed the winding roadway through the cemetery, passing by the grave markers of many Brother Knights and members of the Catholic community of Owatonna.

At the conclusion of the march, attendees were treated to cookies, coffee, milk, and punch at the cemetery maintenance building.



*Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly, Fourth Degree honor guard from left to right: LaVerne Klecker, Tony Nguyen, Lynn Becker, David Fairbrother, Walt Spindler, David Lax, and Joe Elbert.*



**PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

# Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



**U.S. PRESIDENT**

**Donald Trump**



**Hillary Clinton**

**ABORTION ON DEMAND**

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. There have been more than 59 million abortions since then.

*"Let me be clear — I am pro-life. ... I did not always hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me."*

In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. In 2016, Clinton said, *"The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights,"* later adding she believed this to be true even on the unborn child's due date.

**PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION**

The partial-birth abortion procedure — used from the fifth month on — involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007 in a 5-4 decision.

In 2000, in his book *The America We Deserve*, Donald Trump wrote that after consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure, he concluded that he would support a ban on that method.

In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (voting to allow partial-birth abortions to continue) every chance she got.

**NOMINATIONS TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint three or four justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In May 2016, Donald Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, *"By the way, these judges are all pro-life."*

Hillary Clinton has said that she would only nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision that legalized abortion on demand. *"I would not appoint someone who didn't think *Roe v. Wade* is settled law."*



**VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

**Mike Pence**

Mike Pence had a solid pro-life voting record on abortion during 12 years in the U.S. House, including votes for passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. As governor of Indiana, Mike Pence championed many pro-life measures.



**Tim Kaine**

Tim Kaine voted against the pro-life position in the U.S. Senate every chance he got. He voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Tim Kaine co-sponsored a bill (S. 217) that would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including late abortions.

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES RESPOND TO SURVEY**



Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives were asked the following questions. A short explanation precedes each question.

**PRO-LIFE LAWS**

MCCL and our national affiliate, National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), have supported the passage of many pieces of lifesaving legislation on the federal level.

1. Would you vote against any legislation that would weaken any pro-life law or policy that is in effect on the day that you are elected?

**INCREMENTAL STRATEGY**

MCCL and NRLC have a proven record of crafting and implementing a strategic plan for creating a pro-life nation. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture.

2. Will you vote for lifesaving legislation that advances this incremental approach and provides protections for the unborn and their mothers?

**ABORTION INDUSTRY FUNDING**

The federal government is often asked for funding for the abortion industry, including subsidies for abortion and abortion providers as well as foreign aid for such purposes and abortion advocacy. Even many who support abortion are not supportive of using taxpayer funds to support abortion.

3. Will you vote to limit and/or prohibit taxpayer funding of the abortion industry?

**LIFE-DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH**

4. Would you vote for legislation to prevent federal support of research that harms or destroys human life at any stage of development, or that uses cells or tissues that are obtained by harming or killing human life at any stage of development?

**DENIAL OF LIFESAVING MEDICAL CARE**

Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of a patient or the patient's family if an ethics committee thinks the patient's so-called "quality of life" is unacceptable, even though the patient and family disagree.

5. Will you vote to prohibit involuntary denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient?

**ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Across the country, there are increasing efforts to legalize assisted suicide.

6. Will you vote against any attempts to legalize assisted suicide?

**FREE SPEECH RIGHTS**

As a grassroots advocacy organization that is committed to working within the legislative process, MCCL has always had an interest in issues that affect elections. We are strongly committed to maintaining free-speech rights in order to maximize our ability to communicate with our members and the public without restrictive administrative burdens.

7. Do you share MCCL's commitment to maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs?

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ANSWERS**

See Response Key on PAGE 4

DISTRICT 1	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JIM HAGEDORN	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TIM WALZ	D	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR



# MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

ANSWER MCCL SURVEY



Following are responses of candidates for the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives to the questions on this page. Use the response key below to interpret the chart. You are represented by one senator and one state representative.

Incumbents' pro-life voting records for the last term (2015-2016) are listed following their responses to the MCCL questionnaire. You may wish to compare incumbents' responses with their pro-life voting record.

**1. MCCL has supported the passage of many pieces of lifesaving legislation.** These include, but are not limited to, parental notice for minors seeking an abortion; informed consent, including information on fetal pain and the offering of pain reducing drugs for the unborn child during an abortion; abortion reporting requirements, and providing grants to organizations that offer positive alternatives to abortion. *Will you vote against any attempts to weaken or rescind previously passed MCCL-supported laws and provisions?*

**2. MCCL has a proven record of lifesaving victories at the Legislature,** each carefully crafted to further our strategic plan for creating a pro-life Minnesota. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture. *Will you*

*vote for lifesaving legislation that advances MCCL's incremental approach and provides protections for the unborn and their mothers?*

**3. Even many who support abortion are opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion.** *Will you vote to limit and/or prohibit taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota?*

**4. Biological-related technologies have been advancing rapidly in recent years.** While most of these developments offer great promise, some require that another human life at an early stage of development be harmed or killed (e.g., embryonic stem cell research, human cloning). *Do you believe that the state should provide protections for nascent humans against biological research and technologies?*

**5. MCCL has worked with elected officials to protect vulnerable Minnesotans** and those who are nearing the end of their lives. Many protective laws have been passed including a prohibition on assisting suicide or assisting an attempted suicide (MN Statute 609.215), and a provision requiring health care providers to "take all reasonable steps" to comply with requests for nutrition, hydration or health care that "has a significant possibility of sustaining" a patient's life and allowing for transfer of such patients to receive care elsewhere if the provider is unwilling to provide the care (MN Stat.

145C.15). *Will you vote against any attempt to weaken or rescind the MCCL-supported laws cited above?*

**6. Legislation was recently introduced to legalize assisted suicide** (S.F. 1880/H.F. 2095) for certain individuals. *Will you vote against any attempts to legalize assisted suicide in Minnesota?*

**7. MCCL respects the right of patients and/or their proxies to make medical decisions.** Additionally, MCCL is opposed to any efforts that seek to force medical decisions on others which are based on quality of life criteria. *Will you oppose efforts that replace the patient (or proxy) with government standards in regard to medical decision-making, resulting in rationing of care?*

**8. As a grassroots advocacy organization that is committed to working within the legislative and judicial processes,** MCCL has always had an interest in issues that affect elections. We are strongly committed to maintaining free-speech rights in order to maximize our ability to communicate with our members and the public without restrictive administrative burdens, and we support fair, secure elections between competing candidates. *Do you share MCCL's commitment to maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs and to insisting on fair, secure elections between competing candidates?*

NAME	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
<b>24A</b>										
Bev Cashman	D	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
John Petersburg	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
<b>24B</b>										
Brian Daniels	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Patti Fritz	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

NAME	PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
<b>24</b>										
Vicki Jensen	D	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
John Jasinski	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>27A</b>										
Peggy Bennett	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Gary Schindler	D	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

## RESPONSE KEY

**Y** — YES  
**N** — NO  
**C** — COMMENT — responded to the questions so designated with comments only. Such comments are kept on file.  
**NR** — NO RESPONSE — did not respond to the questionnaire, did not respond to the question so designated, or informed MCCL by letter

or phone that he or she chose not to respond.  
**%** — VOTING RECORD — incumbent's pro-life voting record for the past term (2016). Percentage is determined from pro-life votes cast in agreement with MCCL's position divided by total votes on pro-life issues (votes missed were not counted).



## 2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. John Sauer  
Grand Knight: ..... Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
Chancellor: ..... Dan Sawyer  
Advocate: ..... Lynn Becker  
Warden: ..... Lee Jardine  
Inside Guard: ..... Tony David  
Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
Recorder: ..... Open  
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  
Stand In KC Chorus Director ..... Raymond Bissen  
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



Michael Meger

Our Knight of the Month Mike Meger joined Council 945 in June 2006. If the Meger name is familiar, it's not surprising since Mike is one of four Meger men who are Brother Knights in our Council, including brothers Brett and Alex and his father Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Glen Meger.

Mike graduated from Owatonna HS in 2003 and went on to college at North Dakota State University, where he received a wrestling scholarship. After earning his bachelors degree at NDSU, Mike moved to Chicago to enroll in Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Mike did his internship in the Chicago suburb of Skokie, Illinois, and then worked a couple of years for a funeral home in North Dakota, before returning to Owatonna to join his father at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home. Two months ago, Mike married a young lady named Destinee from Eyota, Minnesota, who he met while at school at NDSU. They are members of Sacred Heart

Church and are proud parents of Harvey the dog. When not working in the family business, Mike is an active supporter of the Owatonna Wrestling program. He has been a coach at the varsity level and this year he will also be working with the youth wrestling program.

Mike obtained his K of C 2nd and 3rd degrees in 2013 and has helped with a number of Council activities over the years. In particular he has enjoyed working events such as Smokin' in Steele and the SCFF food stand. Mike mentions the volunteerism and the camaraderie as the most positive aspects of his membership in the Knights of Columbus. Everyone gets along and are all great to work with. He looks forward to getting more involved in the faith and fellowship activities of the Council and perhaps in the future leading his generation of young Knights into the next generation of Council leadership. We certainly encourage Mike to follow in the family tradition of another PGK from the Meger family. Congratulations to Mike Meger, our September Knight of the Month.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, November 7 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. New candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

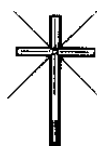
We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 19, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. All First Degree candidates please be at the Hall by 9:00 a.m. Anyone who knows of someone who would like to join, and is **just waiting to be asked**, let me know and I will help you get them signed up. All First Degree members, this is an opportunity to become a Third Degree member.

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.

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 Knight Steve Wiese is in the hospital.*

*Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Tom Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, 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, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### IN MEMORY

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

*Brother Sir Knight Peter Schneider, father of Brother Sir Knight Paul Schneider, father-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Gary Keller, and grandfather of Brother Knights Ben Schneider and Michael Schneider, passed away on September 30.*

*Roselyn Rysavy, mother-in-law of Brother Sir Knight Gary Wandrey passed away on October 21.*

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

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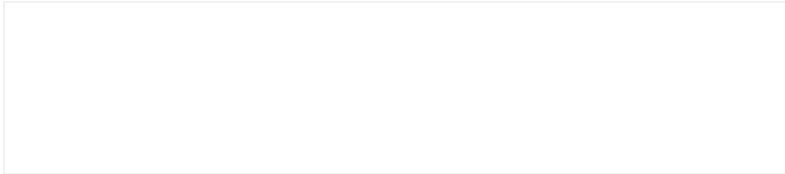
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**Benefit Breakfast**  
 for St. Mary's REP  
**Sunday, November 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
 St. Mary's Home/School Assn.

Nonprofit Organization  
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**Major Degree Exemplification**  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**KC Hall - First Degree - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Second and Third Degree - 11:00 a.m.**



**NOVEMBER 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>2</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>5</b> KC Memorial Mass St. Joseph Church Rosary - 7:30 am Mass - 8:00 am
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> First Degree Exemplification KC Hall New candidates be at Hall at 6:30 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>8</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>9</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Benefit Breakfast Benefitting the St. Mary's Home/School Assn. St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm	<b>14</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>15</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Fourth Degree Meger's Annual Food Shelf Benefit Social Brick-Meger Funeral Home reception center 6:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>18</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>19</b> Major Degree Exemplification KC Hall -9:30 am Please arrive by 9:00 am Second and Third Degree - 11:00 am  Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Game Night at the KC Hall - 7:00 pm
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>22</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> THANKSGIVING Club Closed	<b>25</b> Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	<b>26</b> Bar Trivia KCHall - 4:00 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	<b>29</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>30</b>			