

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity

OCTOBER  
2020

## 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 4:00-6:00 pm  
Free Hors d'oeuvres during  
Friday happy hour.

## BAR BINGO

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

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.kofcouncil945.org](http://www.kofcouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**October 7-** Officers' and Gambling  
Meeting KC Hall  
**October 10-** America Needs Fatima,  
Rosary Rally  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 12 noon  
**October 11-** Peter J. Schneider  
Rosary March  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.  
**October 14** - General Meeting,  
Speaker - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m. KC Hall  
**October 28** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. KC Hall

## SACRED HEART MASS ON YOUTUBE

Go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and just  
search for Sacred Heart  
Owatonna and you will recognize  
the new altar and Fr. Swami.  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?  
search\\_query=sacred+heart+church+  
owatonna+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sacred+heart+church+owatonna+)

## ST. JOSEPH MASS ON FACEBOOK

Go to [https://  
stjosephowatonna.org/](https://stjosephowatonna.org/) and select  
the Facebook link.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 7 - 7:30 p.m.  
KC Hall

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST Benefiting the SERRA CLUB

Sunday, October 11, 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.  
at KC Hall  
Upstairs, downstairs, & curbside pick-up  
\$7.00 Advance, \$8.00 At the door, Free under 6  
All are welcome!  
Featuring one delicious "KC Country Breakfast"  
Pancakes, sausage links,  
scrambled eggs, milk, & coffee  
All with table service - delicious food served hot  
from the grill to your table.

### FRIDAY EVENING MEALS

Friday, October 16, 23, and 30  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the KC Lounge  
Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip Baskets, and  
Homemade Weekly Specials

### 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.

### HELP WANTED

We are still in great need of a Warden and Director  
of Life Activities. Please contact Lee Jardine at  
(651) 247-2963.

### ANYONE NEED HELP!

If you know of a Brother Knight who is need of  
assistance, please contact any Brother Knight or  
Lee Jardine at (651) 247-2963.

### SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE REPLICA OF THE SHROUD OF TURN

Saturday, October 3  
St. Joseph Church - 8:00 a.m.  
See insert in *The Key* for all information about  
this trip.  
Please call Lee Jardine @ 507-444-4088 and leave a  
message if you want to reserve a spot.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14 - KC Hall  
Speaker - 7:30 p.m.  
The speaker will be Randy Balausky.  
He will speak about the  
Global WheelChair Mission.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 10  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 12:00 noon.

### PETER J. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 11  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

October is Rosary Month.

If inclement weather, we will meet at St. Joseph Parish.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Monday, September 14 - December 28  
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.

### KC MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 14 (tentative)  
St. Joseph Church

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.



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

We continue to take precautions amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. St. John Eudes, who lived in France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, risked his life to serve the sick during the plagues of 1627 and 1631. He was a young priest in those days and he lived in community with his order, the Oratorians. Thinking of the others also in his community, he lived in a field, in a wooden barrel, so that he would not infect his brother Oratorians while he served plague victims. The Holy Spirit moved him to do such a service and the saints throughout history risked their lives for the sake of others. This is true love, the same love that moves us today, to reach out to those in need and without counting the cost, even if it means giving one's life for the sake of another. This is how Christ has loved the world, giving His life on the cross so that we may have eternal life. May we, too, focus on what really matters most during this pandemic: our salvation and the salvation of others. The soon to be beatified, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, died at a young age. Recalling the biography written about Fr. McGivney, which I read some years ago, he also gave his life for others, dying of exhaustion as he gave his all to be there for his parishioners and for his Brother Knights. This inspires us to continue our mission as Knights, giving our lives for our families and local community and beyond, because the Spirit of God is alive in our hearts.

Vivat Jesus!

## Benefits by Michael Flanagan



If you have questions or need help with your KC Insurance program call or email Michael.

Michael Flanagan

Phone number: (507) 696-6633

E-mail: [michael.flanagan@kofc.org](mailto:michael.flanagan@kofc.org)

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We will be having an Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in the near future. This will be done on a computer, from the comfort of their home. Their families will be welcome to watch. As they become a member of the Knights of Columbus. This would involve receiving a lesson on the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

If you need any help in signing up your new member give me a call at (507) 451-4102. 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! I will also be able to help them set up the Exemplification computer site.

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.

All members have recently received their new 2020 dues statement. 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.

## Grand Knight's Message by Lee Jardine

Dear Brother Knights and families of Council 945,

September has been a busy month for us as we are working on getting us back in the swing of doing what we do best – helping.

We have a program called Knights Visiting Knights. This is focused on visits to homebound or hospitalized (as possible). Contact Dan Sawyer or Tim Rice if you know of a Knight that needs help or a visit for prayer.

We are arranging a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse on October 3. The Shrine is a wonderful place to spend time in prayer and reflection. Ellyn and I are frequent visitors and hope that you will make time to join us and experience this wonderful venue. There is also an exhibit of a replica of the Shroud of Turin. I am very excited to see this exhibit and learn more. See information elsewhere in *The Key*.

We are preparing to restart our breakfasts. We have had a few meetings to figure out the best path. The breakfast with be October 11 at the KC Hall and the beneficiary is Serra Club. Contact a Serra Club member to purchase a pre-sale ticket. See information elsewhere in *The Key*.

We bid farewell to Deacon Pat and Joanne Fagan. We held a farewell picnic for them and had a great time. Deacon Pat and Joanne have been a big part of our Catholic Community for 15 years and will be missed (maybe not the rooting for the Yankees and Giants).

Please support your Council as we move forward in getting back to business. Pray for all of your fellow Knights and their families, our Priests and Religious, our Catholic community, and our nation.

## Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism - Knights of Columbus Guiding Principles

This is the third in a series of four articles featuring the four principles of the Order. The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney, wanted to establish a fraternal Order whose members live the Christian virtues by means of the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

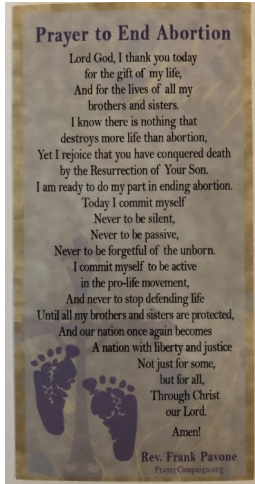
**Fraternity:** Our bond of fraternity is not merely a lofty principle. It is the way of life of a steadfast Knight of Columbus. He is a man of integrity and he takes responsibility for his actions. And, he is a man for others as he guards and protects those under his care. Knights are guided by Psalm 133 – “How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one!”



If you know of any Catholic gentleman at least 18 years old, who would like to join our ranks, please call LaVerne Klecker at 507-451-4102 or cell # 507-456-6738.

# COUNCIL 945 PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, September 12, 2020



The day started out chilly with a light rain falling as KC members, families and friends gathered at Sacred Heart Cemetery to observe the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. The national event, which was started in 2013, is sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League.

As the ceremony began, the rain stopped as Council Chaplain Fr. James Starasinich and Deacon Scott Berkley led the group of approximately 30 people in a Rosary and prayer to end abortion. The event was held at the monument to the unborn which was erected by Council 945 at the cemetery in 1994. As the prayer service came to an end the rain returned and continued off and on for the rest of the day.

Mark your calendar for the annual Peter Schneider Memorial Rosary March on October 11, at Sacred Heart Cemetery beginning at 1:00 p.m. This march is held in recognition of the sanctity of life.

*A prayer card to end abortion was presented to all in attendance.*



*Fr. Starasinich and Deacon Scott Berkley led the Rosary and prayer.*



*A part of the group who joined in the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.*

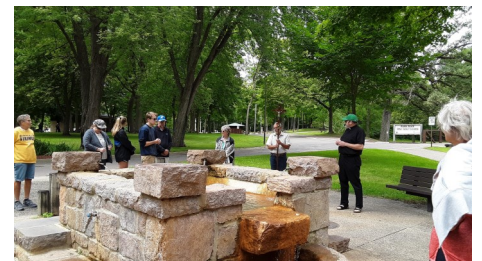
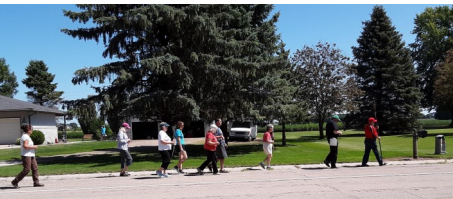
## THE ROSARY WALKS

It was an inspiration to pray for our nation as unrest and disorder were escalating throughout the major cities of our nation that brought to fruition the Rosary Walks. I thought it would be a nice witness to our faith, and an invitation for a peaceful gathering of parishioners and all people of goodwill who wanted to pray for our nation as well as the world, and also an end to the pandemic. We wanted to reach out to neighborhoods, especially to the homebound residents, showing our concern for them by our presence. I hope to continue, as weather permits, and I look forward to any suggested routes, especially if there is someone you may know who would appreciate a prayerful presence passing their residence. Anyone who cannot join for the Rosary Walks is encouraged to pray at home during that day and time when the Rosary Walk is taking place. Prayer is the weapon of the Christian and the Rosary is a powerful prayer, implored to defeat the works of Satan, who brings only division, while Mary's intercession brings us to the Author of love and unity. "To Jesus through Mary."

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim Starasinich



# SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

## REPLICA OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 is arranging a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on October 3, 2020. The Shrine should be in fall colors and will be beautiful. The Saturday Mass is at 12:15. As a bonus, there is an exhibit of a replica of the Shroud of Turin. You can learn more about the Shrine and the exhibit on the Shrine website: [guadalupeshrine.org](http://guadalupeshrine.org).

The pilgrimage will be October 3. We have two options:

1. Bus trip – leave St. Joseph's @ 8:00 AM and arrive back at St. Josephs @ 6:00 PM.
  - Arrive at Shrine at about 10:00 AM and leave at 4:00 PM
  - Bus Transportation by Owatonna Bus Company
  - Lunch at shrine (ham or turkey croissant sandwich)  
Cost = \$30.00/person
2. Drive by yourself-Arrive at Shrine at about 10:00 AM, about a 2-hour drive
  - Lunch at shrine (ham or turkey croissant sandwich)  
Cost = \$10.00/person

If you would like to spend Friday or Saturday night in La Crosse, we have secured a special rate at the Radisson Hotel. It is next to the Mississippi and is a very nice hotel with a great location. Daily rate is discounted to \$79.

**Time is critical to make all the arrangements. Please call Lee Jardine @ 507-444-4088 and leave a message if you want to reserve a spot. Leave: Name/Names, bus or car, if traveling by car do you want a room held.**

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## DONATION FROM KC PICNIC TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We had a great awards picnic in August. A good turnout and a very good guest speaker, Steve Doll, Pilgrimage Coordinator at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We did a fundraiser for the Memorial to the Unborn and raised \$2,000!! This donation will go to assist families in need to be able to memorialize their unborn child and assist in dealing with their loss. Thank you for all donations. Lots of people helped pull this off. Special thanks to: Tom Jirele, Rich and Sue Gerdts, and Lee and Ellyn Jardine.



*We made the presentation of the donation to very grateful Shrine Staff: L to R in picture: Greg Marco, Lee Jardine, Steve Doll, Ruben Mendoza.*



## FAREWELL TO DEACON PAT & JOANNE FAGAN



The Council held a farewell picnic gathering for Deacon Pat and Joanne Fagan. The Fagans moved to Rochester to be closer to family. They served the Owatonna Catholic community for 15 years and were involved in MANY groups and charities. We presented Deacon Pat with a plaque to remember Council 945. We will miss Deacon Pat and Joanne and wish them well on their new adventures. Thanks to Rich and Sue Gerdts, Tom Jirele, and Lee and Ellyn Jardine for putting on the picnic gathering.

## 2020-21 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Fr. James Starasinich  
 Grand Knight: ..... Lee Jardine (651) 247-2963  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Richard Gerds  
 Chancellor: ..... Grady Strand  
 Advocate: ..... Mike Schroeder  
 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 Nic Matejcek  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dan Sawyer  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Tom Jirele  
**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

# Knights of the Month



David Orfei

This month we honor David Orfei as our Knight of the Month. David is a newer member of our Council, joining in December 2019. David was encouraged to join the KCs by master recruiter LaVerne Klecker, who met David after Mass during one of our recruitment blitzes. David was familiar with the Knights, as his father was a past Grand Knight in Roseville, Minnesota, where David grew up.

After graduation from Cretin High School, David started his career in road construction and maintenance, working throughout the Twin Cities. Since 1991, David has been working for the City of Minneapolis. Ten years ago David married his wife Becky, who is a teacher in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and the family settled in Owatonna. They have one son, Armand, and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

David enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf in his spare time. His first KC volunteer opportunity was helping out with our Lenten fish dinners before the pandemic hit and shut down our dinners. Like all of us, David is looking forward to getting involved in more KC good works as circumstances allow. We are glad to have David as a fellow Knight and congratulate him on being nominated as our Knight of the Month for August.

## 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 Eric Wandersee is having surgery.*

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

*Les Abraham, Carl Adams, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Don Boesen, Bonnie Bremer, Barb Claeys, Lucy Coleman, Pete Connor, Sylvia Dalle, Jim Deml, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Jim Kenney, Harlan Kern, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Dave Lax, Mary Lax, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner,*

*Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Mark Nelson, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkk, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler, Fr. James Starasinich, Dick Thamert, Garrett Thigpen, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, Sharon 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:  
*Brother Knight Tom Kingsley passed away on September 2.*

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

## 2020-2021 BREAKFAST SEASON!

We are kicking off the 2020-2021 Breakfast Season – a little late but we have a plan!

The first Breakfast is October 11 from 8-Noon at the KC Hall and the beneficiary is the Serra Club. Contact any Serra Club member to buy pre-sale tickets and help them support vocations.

The Breakfast will be held at the KC Hall, serving will be upstairs, downstairs, and you can call the Hall (507-451-6103) to order curbside delivery on Sunday morning. Call when you arrive at the hall and we will bring the ordered food to the pick-up area in front of the Hall. We can't make it easier!

The breakfast menu is focused so we can make sure we can deliver our same high-quality breakfast. The menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage links. Please support our Council and the Serra Club!

## God of Seed and Harvest

*We bless you,  
 God of Seed and Harvest  
 And we bless each other  
 That the beauty of this world  
 And the love that created it  
 Might be expressed though our lives  
 And be a blessing to others  
 Now and always*



## HARVEST BLESSINGS



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



**GENERAL MEETING**  
 Wednesday, October 14  
 Speaker - 7:30 p.m.  
*Speaker will be Randy Balauskay.*  
*He will speak about the Global WheelChair Mission.*  
 Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Nonprofit Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
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<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>						
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				1	2	3 Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Joseph 8:00 am
4	5 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Lounge	6	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling	8	9	10 America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Sacred Heart Cemetery-12:00 noon
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