

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

OCTOBER
2016

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 1** - Fall Fishing Trip
- October 5** - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- October 9** - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for St. Mary's REP
- October 10** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- October 12** - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- October 15** - Public Square Rosary
Rally America Needs Fatima
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
- October 16** - Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.
- October 22 & 23** - Membership Blitz
Sacred Heart Church and
St. Joseph Church
after all Masses
- October 27** - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- October 31** - Halloween Party
St. Mary's School - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- November 5** - KC Memorial Mass
St. Joseph Church
Rosary - 7:30 a.m. Mass - 8:00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 5
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the
St. Mary's REP
Sunday, October 9, 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 October, serving appetizers,
assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish
sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips,
and more.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 12
Program - 7:30 p.m.

HALL CLEAN-UP

Sunday, October 2 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Anyone who is interested in giving us a hand
sprucing up the Hall, please just show up.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

Saturday, October 15 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 16
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.



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.
We will be needing help with set up, games,
food, and tear down.

For questions or to volunteer, please call
507-456-9327.

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

October 22 and 23
Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph Church
after all Masses

KC MEMORIAL MASS Honoring those Brother Knights who passed away this year.

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

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.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

Cardinal Newman was an Anglican theologian whose spiritual and intellectual journey led him to become a Roman Catholic and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI several years ago. He continued to write and teach and was named a cardinal for his work and personal holiness. His name is remembered on many university campuses which have a Newman center for the support of the young people who are at college.

One of Cardinal Newman's favorite sayings was "Heart speaks unto heart" – cor ad cor loquitur – a phrase that Cardinal Newman chose for his coat of arms when he became a cardinal in 1879. He believed that we communicate with one another heart-to-heart. He saw that true communication is not a matter of clever words or persuasive arguments but of a true connection with the other.

In the Christian sense, Cardinal Newman knew that the heart of Jesus wants to speak to our heart and in return our heart wants to respond. This points us to the very essence of Christianity which is not justice or peace or even love. It is not the main topic of the preaching of Jesus: to reform and repent, nor is it any concept or virtue or practice. The heart and essence of Christianity is a person – Jesus Christ. We might think that is obvious but all too often we allow other things to obscure that fact.

All of the recent popes have been reminding us that to develop a personal relationship with Jesus is the most important task of the Christian. For it is only in that personal relationship that we find salvation. But it is not easy. We do not have the physical presence of Jesus that the apostles knew. We do not hear his voice speaking to us as we might hear the voice of our spouse or employer. We can't sit down and have a heart to heart talk with Jesus in the same way that we might with our best friend.

When we look into our hearts what do we find there? What is the center – the hub of our lives? Is it a personal relationship with Jesus, developed through a life of prayer? Or has something, or someone, else taken the place of Jesus? If we aren't sure we need only look at the priorities of our lives. On what do we spend our time, our energy? What serves as the basis for our decisions?

If we come to the conclusion that it is not the Lord then it is time to reconnect. Time to spend some moments in prayer so that we can once again discover the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ which is at the heart of who we are. For when we find the heart of Jesus – he will speak to our heart and we will find all we need.

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath

Life Insurance Awareness Month

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 - far below the average cost of funeral services.[1] Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

For us Knights, the answer is easy.

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

[1] "Crowdfunding Funerals: What You Need to Know" by Kayleigh Kulp, Fox Business. Accessed August 15, 2016. <http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2014/08/08/crowdfunding-funerals-what-need-to-know.html>

Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

I hope everyone enjoyed the Steele County fair. It is always an exciting time of year in Owatonna.

I would like to welcome our three new Brother Knights who joined our Council on August 1st. Everyone please welcome them when you get the opportunity to meet them. I also want to thank Bill Lawrence for his assistance in organizing the August 1st Exemplification.

August was a busy month for our Council. We had the Tootsie Roll drive funds distribution at our general meeting. I was proud to represent the Knights of Columbus in this very worthy cause. I hope everyone got the opportunity to read the article in the Owatonna People's Press.

We had the Brat stand at the fair, I appreciate the huge commitment our chairman Tom Burke made to the KC's for this event.

Also thank you to all the day captains and volunteers who give their time and effort to make this a success.

We were fortunate to have three nights of beer sales in the grand stand. Great job Joe Elbert and LaVerne Klecker, thank you both for co-chairing the beer sales and thank you to all the volunteers who would have given their time and effort, if we had not been rained out and all three events had to be cancelled.

September we started our KC breakfast schedule for the year. Please look at future dates in *The Key*.

Please assist our Membership Director, Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker, in his pursuit to bring in more Catholic men into our Council. We need to continue our growth to do great things.

Vivat Jesus!



FIRST BREAKFAST A SUCCESS



The 2016 - 2017 breakfast season started with the SERRA Club on September 10 at St. Mary's School. Thanks to our dedicated breakfast patrons for the good attendance. SERRA Club members sold lots of pre-sale tickets and assisted with the dining room duties. A total of 277 meals plus 25 children meals were served. The excellent Council 945 breakfast team was at their best preparing the delicious menu. Thanks to the KC Sunday breakfast team. Many of these Knights are regular workers at every breakfast: *John Ahlberg, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Dan Filzen, Steve Fisher, Richard Gerdts, Tom Gebur, Steve and Karen Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Dave Lax, Ben Lempiainen, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

The extra effort by our breakfast clean-up crew is always appreciated.

Thanks also to the Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tony David, Bob Grebe, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, Will Pieper, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf* There is no doubt that we have the best benefit breakfast available in Owatonna. The reasonable cost, convenient table service, and extensive menu make it a true value, and most importantly, it's delicious! Please join us for the next breakfast on Oct. 9 – the beneficiary is St. Mary's REP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2016-2017



October 9	St. Mary's REP
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



I-35 CLEAN UP - SEPTEMBER 20

For the second time this year we had to postpone our I-35 clean up due to what else?...Rain! But we had a beautiful night to clean up the ditches on Tuesday, September 20th. As always the great crew we have got the job done and had more than a few bags of garbage that we removed from our environment! My thanks to Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Ron Wolf, George Lambaere, Steve Reller, Curt Supalla, Terry Kuck, Dale Tracy, John Connor, and Rich Will, along with a thank you to the Owatonna Bus Company for use of their bus, First Supply for use of their parking lot and Mark for his hospitality at the KC Hall afterwards. Our spring clean up will be the end of April.

FALL EXEMPLIFICATION - FOURTH DEGREE - OCTOBER 29-30



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES Minnesota Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator David Lax



Brother Knights, The Fall Exemplification for the Fourth Degree will be held in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on October 29 - 30, 2016; it promises to be a great time. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn and Suites, which is where the Exemplification will be held. Third Degree Brother Knights who have not yet made the decision to join the highest degree in the Order, I encourage you to invite them to join. To say I'm a Catholic American Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus is great.

Please contact David Lax at (507) 456-1575 or LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102 or cell phone (507) 456-6738 if you would like more information.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies.

FAIR STAND PROFITS BENEFIT KC CHARITABLE CAUSES



The Sunday crew is ready to serve our wonderful customers. Pictured from left to right are Deb Sanford, Tammy Balausky, Randy Balausky, Ryan Sanford, Casey Balausky, Nic Matejcek, Gary Sanford, and Joanne Matejcek.

Besides providing fairgoers with a delicious brat or “Holy Mojo” sandwich, beans provided by Dave Lax were also added to the menu this year. The profits generated from the fair stand food booth go toward the numerous charitable programs supported by Council 945. The 2016 edition of the Steele County Free Fair saw fair record attendance even with the rainy weather.

Fair Stand Chairman Tom Burke expressed his thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time to operate the stand for the six-day run of the fair. He added special thanks to the day captains; Randy Balausky, Tom Burke, Mark Kearin, Dave Lax, Al Nelson, Gary Sanford, and Dave Wunderlich.

2016 fair stand workers:

<i>John Ahlberg</i>	<i>Dennis & Becky Kelm</i>	<i>Dan Ruiter</i>
<i>Randy & Tammy Balausky</i>	<i>Ray Kirchner</i>	<i>Tracy Ruiter</i>
<i>Keven Boettcher</i>	<i>John Kriesel</i>	<i>Greg Salmonsens</i>
<i>Tom Bremer</i>	<i>Tom Kubista</i>	<i>Gary & Deb Sanford</i>
<i>Tom Burke</i>	<i>George Lambaere</i>	<i>Ryan Sanford</i>
<i>Tom Docksey</i>	<i>Eric Lattery</i>	<i>Dan & Sheila Sawyer & family</i>
<i>Joseph Docksey</i>	<i>Dave Lax</i>	<i>Tom Schmitt</i>
<i>Thomas Eichten</i>	<i>Troy Liebl</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>
<i>Terry & Jackie Evans</i>	<i>Duane & Karen Ludewig</i>	<i>Christopher Smith</i>
<i>Vincent Guggisberg</i>	<i>Jordan Ludewig</i>	<i>Walt & Joan Spindler</i>
<i>Alexis Haggerty</i>	<i>Nic & Joanne Matejcek</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>
<i>Brian Haggerty</i>	<i>Michael Meger</i>	<i>Jeff Vortherms</i>
<i>Ron Heim</i>	<i>Al Nelson</i>	<i>Eric Wandersee</i>
<i>Lanny Huemann</i>	<i>Tracy Peterson</i>	<i>Jim Wencl</i>
<i>Lee Jardine</i>	<i>David Pfeifer</i>	<i>Dennis Werner</i>
<i>David Joachim</i>	<i>Alex Pieper</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>
<i>James Joachim</i>	<i>Ethan Pieper</i>	<i>Ron Wolf</i>
<i>Mark Kearin</i>	<i>Will & Stephanie Pieper</i>	<i>Dan Wolfe</i>
<i>Gary Keller</i>	<i>Tim Rice</i>	<i>Dave Wunderlich</i>

Council 945 expresses appreciation to Brian Carlson for his work in setting up the schedule and extra big thanks to Tom Burke who spends the week at the fairgrounds making sure the fair stand runs smoothly. Also, a big thank you to the Will Pieper family for set-up and tear down of the stand, and Wade Schroeder and John Ahlberg for being the money men.

Grandstand beverage sales for the KC night was chaired by LaVerne Klecker and Joe Elbert. Because of the rainy weather the week of the fair, none of the events in the grandstand were held. The workers were all ready to go. Hopefully, next year will be a much drier year.



The KC Chorus also provided entertainment at the fair this year. Pictured from left to right: Ray Bissen (Director), Jim Nelson, Dan Walsh, John Schulz, John Carlson, Tom Gebur, Steve Dornquast, LaVerne Klecker, Lee Staupé, Jonathan Nelson, Dave Lax, Mike Goddard, Wayne Kubicek, Ryan Heydon, and Lynn Becker

**STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR
SCREAM AND MOO WITH MUCH TO DO IN 2017!**

KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR

PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Pictured from left to right: Ron Wolf, Mark Nelson, and Earl Wheeler receiving their awards.



Pictured is David Lax as he is being recognized for his just completed term as Grand Knight.



A special presentation was made by Lynn Becker recognizing Stephen Nelson for his role as the KC Chorus director. He has been a KC member since November 23, 1997.

Ron Wolf is one of our 2015-16 Knights of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, last year's Knight of the Year Mark Nelson, noted Ron's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus on November 18, 2001. He has been active in the KC breakfasts, Smokin' in Steele, Fair Food stand, Key folding, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser.

Earl Wheeler is one of our 2015-16 Knights of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, last year's Knight of the Year Mark Nelson, noted Earl's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus on May 1, 1962. He has been active in the KC breakfasts, Smokin' in Steele, Fair Food stand, Key folding, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser.

TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our 2015 - 2016 Trustee Service Award recipient is **Randy Balausky**. Randy joined the Knights of Columbus on November 23, 2003. He has been a very active Knight. Some of the activities he is involved in are; Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser, Fair Food stand, Grandstand beer sales, Salvation Army bell ringing, Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser, membership blitz, and Exemplifications. He is also a District Duputy and is the gambling manager.



- MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

New First Degree Members

MEMBER

Raymond Bissen
Maria JP Dominic
Allan Duchon
Richard Gerds
Anthony R. Ginnetti
Jeremy Hullopeter
Dr. Cory Kopas
Chris Laughlin
Troy Liebl
Brian Meiners
John Noble
Kyle Olson
Don Prokopec
Joshua Prokopec
Grady Strand
Alfredo Torres

SPONSOR

Michael Meger
Lee Jardine
LaVerne Klecker
Eric Tucker
Richard Thamert
LaVerne Klecker
Luke Rennie
William Lawrence
Lee Jardine
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
Timothy Rice
LaVerne Klecker

New Third Degree Members

MEMBER

Luke Berkley
Philip Clubb
Anthony David
Christopher Fazzi
Vincent Guggisberg
Joseph Hubly
Gene Katzung
Brett Meger
John Mouser
Alex Pieper
Ethan Pieper
Greg Robillard
Daniel Sawyer
Jonathan Scheeler
Timothy Truelson
Jeffrey Vortherms

SPONSOR

Scot Berkley
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
David Lax
Tom Jirele
LaVerne Klecker
Lavern Soukup
Glen Meger
LaVerne Klecker
William Pieper
William Pieper
LaVerne Klecker
Mark Kearin
David Lax
David Fandel
Luke Rennie

Reinstated Members

MEMBER

Robert Benson
Joseph Falteysek
David Joachim
Brandon Simmons
James Supalla

SPONSOR

Luke Rennie
LaVerne Klecker
David Lax
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker

AWARDS BANQUET - SEPTEMBER 17

The Council 945 annual Awards Banquet was attended by a large number of members and their spouses. The banquet was the culmination of a very successful fraternal year for the Council.

Attendees enjoyed fellowship during the social hour and then were served an excellent meal prepared by Ryan Sanford and Brenden Hein. Serving was handled by Brother Knight Eric Tucker, Kris Tucker, Jolene Erola, Darek Baird, Terry Fisher, and the Boy Scouts. They all did a great job.

Master of Ceremonies duties were conducted by PGK Walt Spindler.

The membership and Oak awards were presented by Dave Lax and Gary Sanford. The Trustee Service award was presented to Randy Balausky by Trustee Wade Schroeder. The prestigious Knight of the Year Awards for 2015 - 16 were presented by Mark Nelson to Earl Wheeler and Ron Wolf.

Grand Knight Gary Sanford and Past Grand Knight Dave Lax presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

100 - 199 Hours	50 - 99 Hours	
John Ahlberg	Conrad Bahe	Wayne Kubicek
Lynn Becker	Gerald Barry	Bill Lawrence
Kevin Boettcher	Tom Bremer	Duane Ludewig
Mark Cunningham	John Carlson	Lloyd Mans
Thomas Docksey	Tim Chicos	Glen Meger
Steve Fisher	Thomas Eichten	Greg Nelson
Tom Jirele	Thomas Elbert	Dan Ruiter
Harlan Kern	Terry Evans	Ryan Sanford
Nicholas Matejcek	David Fandel	Mike Schaffner
Stephen Nelson	Gary Fisher	John Schulz
Tony Nguyen	Robert "Bill" Foreman	Lyle Snider
Ethan Pieper	Thomas Gebur	Tom Soukup
Alex Pieper	Steve Graff	Curt Supalla
Dustin Reese	Gerald Gunderson	Ken Thurnau
Gary Sanford	Ron Heim	Matt Thurnau
Dan Sawyer	Lee Jardine	Troy Titus
Wade Schroeder	Al Jirele	Eric Tucker
Lavern Soukup	James Kaplan	Dan Walsh
Walt Spindler	Mark Kearin	John Wheeler
Eric Wandersee	Dennis Kelm	David Wunderlich
Earl Wheeler	John Kriesel	
Ray Willmott		
Ron Wolf		

Over 200 Hours		
Randy Balausky	Steven Dornquast	Al Nelson
Thomas Burke	Joseph Elbert	William Pieper
Brian Carlson	John Hammer	Timothy Rice
Lyle Coleman	LaVerne Klecker	Jerome Spindler
Tony David	David Lax	Daniel Wolfe

Honorary Members
Russell Bowar
Gary Keller
Donald Nollet
John Oberstein
Thomas Schmitt
Thomas Shea
Roger Wacek

50-Year Members
James Brunner
David Buryska
Jerome Gefre
Robert Hardcopf
Dr. John Henry
Roger Soukup
James Wiggins

Honorary Life Members
Robert Duenes
Timothy Rice
Leo Stangler
William Teske
Francis Wencl

25-Year Members
John Connor
James Gleason
James Schroeder

Owatonna K of C Chorus Members		
Lynn Becker	Steve Heimerman	Johnathon Nelson
John Carlson	Ryan Heydon	Sam Nelson
Steve Dornquast	LaVerne Klecker	John Schulz
Tom Gebur	Wayne Kubicek	Lee Staupe
Mike Goddard	David Lax	Dan Walsh
Dennis Heimerman	Jim Nelson	
Raymond Bissen (Director)		

Knight of the Month Recipients in 2015-2016	
July	Chuck Wencl
August	Steve Heimerman
September	Kevin Herzog
October	Tom Kubista
November	William Regan
December	Greg Evans
January	Alex Pieper
February	Adrian Seykora
March	Tom Standke
April	Frank Evans
May	Gary Keller
June	Matt Durand

Over the past decade, under the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson's guidance, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than 700 million hours of service to charity and \$1.55 billion to charity. In addition Knights of Columbus Life Insurance in force has doubled from \$40.4 billion in 2000 to over \$100 billion in 2015 — an increase of nearly 7% a year. Annual life insurance sales have also increased — from \$4 billion in 2000 to nearly \$8.4 billion in 2015. This is very meaningful as it shows the financial protection that is afforded to Brother Knights and their families as well as providing funds to carry out the charitable work of the order.

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



Pat McGrath

Our Knight of the Month, Pat McGrath was like many Brother Knights before him. He heard the KC speeches at church encouraging him and others to join and he had thought about it a number of times but in his words just never pulled the trigger on it. He credits his co-worker and Brother Knight Mark Kearin for getting Pat to finally make the commitment and he hasn't looked back since.

Pat grew up in Fairmont, Minnesota in the SW part of the state. After high school he enrolled in Mankato State University where he graduated in 1999. Soon after graduation he started his work career at Federated Insurance in Owatonna, where is still employed today working in the Information Services Department. Along the way he got married to his wife Kristi and started a family, which includes daughter Paige, who is a 1st grader at St. Mary's School and son Mason, who will be starting kindergarten next year. Pat and Kristi could be considered a blended family,

with Pat raised in Minnesota as a Viking fan and Kristi, who grew up in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, still having loyalty to a certain rival team across the border. In addition to spirited football Sundays in the McGrath household, Pat enjoys activities with his children, a lot of which includes shuttling to and from swimming or tennis sessions. Pat says he enjoys fishing but doesn't get out much these days and in winter you may find him on the ice at the Owatonna Curling club.

Pat has been involved in KC events such as Smokin' in Steele and the Steele County Fair, but says he most enjoys working the pancake breakfasts. He likes working with the rest of the breakfast crew, interacting with the customers, the time goes by quickly and it's just fun. Instead of feeling like work, if just feels good to be helping others. We thank Pat for becoming an active new member in our Council and we are very glad he finally took that leap to join. We are sure he will help others down the road to do the same.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning on having a membership blitz on October 22 and 23 at both parishes. If anyone is interested in helping at the membership blitz, please contact me.

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.

We are having a First Degree Exemplification on November 7 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Candidates please be at the Hall by 6:30 p.m. Keep in mind we are having a Major Degree Exemplification on November 19 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. This gives our candidates the opportunity to receive all three degrees, and any first degree Knight can complete his second and third degree.

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.

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Tom Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, 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 "Willy" Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Peter Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencel, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Bret Runing, son-in-law of Brother Knight David Miller, passed away on August 23.

Sharon Rohwer, wife of late Brother Knight Richard Rohwer and mother of Brother Knight John Rohwer, passed away on August 22.

Mary Floersch, wife of late Brother Knight A. J. Floersch, passed away on August 29.

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

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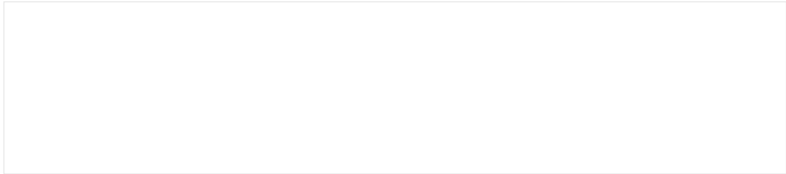


Benefit Breakfast
for St. Mary's REP
Sunday, October 9 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

Public Square Rosary Rally - America Needs Fatima
Saturday, October 15 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.

Respect Life Rosary March
Sunday, October 16 Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fall Fishing Trip Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
2 Hall Clean Up KC Hall 1:00 - 5:00 pm	3 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	4 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	5 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	6	7 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	8
9 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Mary's REP	10 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	11 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	12 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	13	14 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	15 Public Square Rosary Rally America Needs Fatima Central Park - 1:00 pm
16 Respect Life Rosary March Sacred Heart Cemetery-1:00 pm	17 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	18 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	19	20	21 Pub Grub Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm KC Lounge	22 Membership Blitz at all Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph
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30 KC Family Corporate Communion Sacred Heart 10:00 am	31 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall Halloween Party St. Mary's School 6:00 - 8:00 pm					