

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER  
2019

## COLUMBIAN CENTER

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

## KC LOUNGE

Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30  
Happy hour Mon-Fri 4-6  
Free Hors d'oeuvres during  
Friday happy hour.  
Member discount for Hall rental.

## BAR BINGO

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

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Officers' Meeting - KC Hall,  
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
General Meeting - KC Hall,  
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall,  
Fourth Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 4** - Officers' and Gambling  
Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

**September 9** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

**September 11** - General Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker to be determined

**September 15** - Benefit Breakfast  
St. Mary's School  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
for Serra Club

**September 25** - Fourth Degree  
Meet and Greet  
Wine & Beer Tasting  
KC Hall - 5:30 p.m.

**September 28** - Fall Fishing Trip  
Sacred Heart Church - 10:00 a.m. Mass

**September 29** - Corporate Communion  
Sacred Heart Church - 10:00 a.m. Mass

**October 12** - America Needs Fatima  
Rosary Rally  
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.

**October 13** - Peter J. Schneider  
Memorial Rosary March  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

## MINNESOTA TWINS

Stop by the Club to catch all  
the Minnesota Twins action.  
Play Taters For Toddlers for  
chances to win free drinks.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 4

KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11

Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker from Habitat for Humanity.

### BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the  
**Serra Club**

Sunday, September 15, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
at St. Mary's School

\$6.50 Advance, \$7.00 At the door, Free under 6  
All are welcome!

Featuring the delicious  
KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets.

#### "KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese  
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,  
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers  
The Wild omelet - cheese,  
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers  
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,  
milk and coffee

#### "KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,  
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee  
All with table service - delicious food served  
hot from the grill to your table.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

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

### KC FAMILY GOLF OUTING & PICNIC

Saturday, September 7 - 10:00 a.m.  
Brooktree Golf Course

It will be a four person scramble format and there will  
lots of fun, prizes, dinner and did we mention fun?

### CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sacred Heart Church  
September 29 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 12 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.  
October is Rosary Month.

### PETER J. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 13  
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NOVEMBER 2

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

### SOCCER CHALLENGE

Seeking Knights to assist in running a 1-day soccer  
shootout in September or October. Event is for all  
Owatonna boys and girls ages 9-14 for a soccer  
shootout with prizes and tons of fun!



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. James Starasinich

Dear Brother Knights,

Fr. Sauer and I attended the first full day of the Supreme Convention and we are very grateful to our Council for making that possible for us. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Hebda of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the presence of numerous Cardinals, Archbishops, Metropolitans, Bishops, priests, deacons, and thousands of Knights, with many accompanied by their wives and some with their children. The relic of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Marie Vianney was present during the liturgy, adding to the celebration that inspired us to continue the great mission entrusted to us as Knights. I was blessed to have Archbishop Hebda celebrate the sacrament of confirmation two years in a row while I was pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. I was not able to greet him personally but was very edified by his homily – to be on the receiving end for once! I also greeted Cardinal Tobin, my bishop from the Archdiocese of Newark who sent me here (on loan) at the request of Bishop Quinn (whom I also greeted), and who reminded me, “Remember where you came from.”

I shook hands with Carl Anderson, greeting him briefly and thanking him for his work. His words were inspirational and as we looked at the past year, so many good works and the blessings that come from those deeds encourages us to go forward and continue this great mission of charity that touches lives and hearts. Thank you for all you do here for our local community and beyond. God is using us as His instruments to spread the love of Jesus through our actions and our deeds.

We were moved by the words of John Castillo, as he spoke about his son Kendrick, who gave his life to save his classmates' lives in May from a troubled individual who entered his school in Colorado. His heroism saved many lives but took his own. John said, “Kendrick wanted to be a Knight because of what he experienced growing up and knowing the good that they did. Without a doubt, Kendrick loved being in the Church, ushering, and serving the community.” Kendrick was only a month away from becoming a member of his local Council and awaited the first degree. He was also days away from graduation. He was posthumously named a Knight of Columbus that first day of the convention.

Brothers, we are making a difference and may the Good Lord continue to fulfill the good work He has begun in all of us! Vivat Jesus!

## Benefits Corner by Michael Flanagan



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

Michael Flanagan  
Phone number 507-696-6833  
E-mail michael.flanagan@kofc.org

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, September 14 and 21, meet at the KC Hall at 8:30 a.m., work at 9:00 a.m to approximately 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. No tools or experience needed. Let Rich Gerts (507) 456-3684 know if you can make it.

### FALL FISHING TRIP

September 28

Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)

For more info, please contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

## Grand Knight's Message by Tom Jirele

Brother Knights,

August has been an exciting month as it began with the KC Chorus singing at the Basilica Mass for the Supreme Convention. Dan Sawyer shuttled people from the airport and we had four members chosen for the Honor Guard, LaVerne Klecker, Glen Meger, Tim Rice, and Walt Spindler. Randy Balausky served as a delegate. Father Jim Starasinich and Father John Sauer represented Owatonna at the Mass.

Mark Cunningham did a super job organizing the trip to the Minnesota Twins game with more than 100 people attending, everyone enjoyed the Twins victory.

Thank you for everyone who helped sell beer at the Steele County Free Fair grandstand. We raised several thousand dollars.

Lee and Ellyn Jardine did a great job with over 80 people attending the picnic. Dave Lax and Jerome Spindler helped with the meal.

We could use everyone's help September 14 and 21 with working for the Habitat for Humanity. Information is in the Habitat for Humanity ad on this page.

The golf outing is September 7, come join the fun.

After alot of requests and no fair stand, I am excited to announce we are going to have a Holy Mojo night at the KC Hall on September 27.

Vivat Jesus!



### PATRIOTISM – WHAT IS THE FOURTH DEGREE

Calling all 3rd degree members; on Wednesday, September 25th you and your Spouse or significant other are invited to attend our next Fourth Degree Assembly meeting and see what we are all about.

As a special greeting, we will be providing a beer and wine tasting along with light hors d'oeuvres, and a Meet and Greet with Fourth Degree members and their spouses or significant others followed by a light program introducing you to the Fourth Degree.

Fourth Degree Members - This will be a great time to bring a prospective member and spouse so they can take a peek at what we are all about.

Meet and Greet and tasting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Columbian Center – light program and information will follow.

If you cannot attend but want information on joining, contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738 (leave a message).

### HELP WANTED

Pancake Breakfast Committee, looking for volunteers to help in this committee. We are still in great need of an Advocate, Warden, Outside Guard, and Director of Life Activities. Please contact Tom Jirele at (507) 213-9765.

## MSGR. HENRY SPECK HONOR GUARD MEMBERS AT THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY'S - AUGUST 3



*LaVerne Klecker, Glen Meger, Tim Rice, and Walt Spindler are part of the Honor Guard at the Mass.*

## GRANDSTAND PROFITS BENEFIT KC CHARITABLE CAUSES

Grandstand beverage sales for the KC night was chaired by LaVerne Klecker and Joe Elbert. Because of the beautiful weather the week of the fair, all four of the events that were scheduled were held. Great turnout by workers: *Pat Baldwin, Steve Dornquast, Matt Durand, Joe Elbert, Miles Engen, Terry Evans, Jackie Evans, Steve Fisher, Tim Foster, Bruce Fox, Tom Gebur, Dan Glaser, John Green, Kevin Gunther, Mike Ingvalson, Lee Jardine, Ellyn Jardine, Nick Jirele, Tom Jirele, Mark Kearin, Kory Klecker, LaVerne Klecker, Dave Lax, Bill Lawrence, Nic Matejcek, Jo Matejcek, Al Nelson, Dan Nolte, Travis Oltmans, Beth Oltmans, Alex Pieper, Steph Pieper, Jess Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Dean Schuette, Ed Skala, Jerome Spindler, Grady Strand, Eric Tucker, Dallas Wetzel, Dan Wolf, and Dave Wunderlich*, and if we missed anyone we appreciate you helping. The grandstand beverage sales were very successful events and we look forward to next year and another great fair.



## OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIVE MONEY TO LOCAL GROUPS

The August general meeting was once again highlighted by the family picnic and distribution of the funds generated by the Tootsie Roll Campaign. A huge thank you to Tom Jirele, Dave Lax, Jerome "Spinnny" Spindler, Ellyn, Paul, and Lee Jardine, Eric Wandersee, Nic Matejcek family, Rich Gertz, Dave Pfeifer, Ben Trom, Ruth Bromley, and Mike Flanagan, for their help in preparing food for the event, and to Dave Lax for manning the grill. Also, the Tootsie Roll drive would not have been as successful if it was not for the leadership of Tony David and Grady Strand who coordinated a team of leaders, who took on the challenge of running this rewarding program. Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate in this great program by distributing Tootsie Rolls, counting money, or helping by calling on fellow Knights to participate. This is a great opportunity to participate as a family and improve the lives of others in our Owatonna community. Four worthy organizations - Therapeutic Recreation, Cedar Valley Services, Cedardale Homes-Rainbow Residence, and Owatonna Special Olympics - received more than \$4,900 in donations to support their efforts to create more opportunities for people with intellectual challenges. Congratulations, Council 945, on another successful program!



*Grand Knight Tom Jirele distributes funds to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients.*



*Grillers getting the food ready.*



*A large turnout for the picnic.*

## LITOMYSL 48TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION - JULY 28

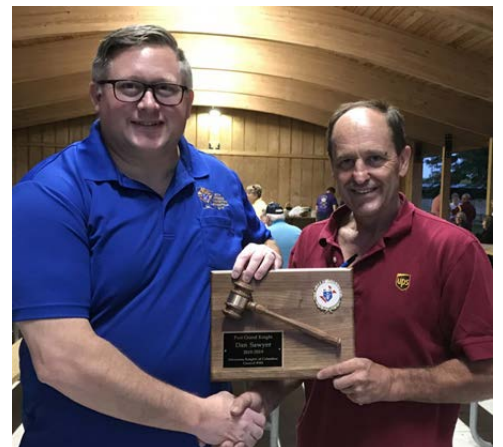


*The KC Chorus sang beautifully at the Festival.*



*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard from left to right: Walt Spindler, Tony Nguyen, Glen Meger, Fr. Martin Schaefer, Tim Rice, LaVerne Klecker, and Ray Willmott. The Honor Guard participated in the traditional polka Mass.*

## PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



*Grand Knight Tom Jirele presented the Past Grand Knight Award to Dan Sawyer on August 21 at the summer picnic.*



# Owatonna Knights of Columbus Golf Outing and Picnic

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**Where:** Brooktree Golf Course – 369 Cherry Street, Owatonna, MN

**Time:** Registration begins at 10 am. Shotgun start at 11 am.

**Format:** 4 person best ball scramble. *Fun for golfers of all levels.*

Open to all KC members, spouses and adult children. Guests (potential future Knights) are also invited to join us.

Golf includes on course competitions, skins game and team flight prizes.

**Picnic:** Immediately following golf, event moves to Dartt's Park Chalet down the street from the golf course.

BBQ Dinner will be served; awards presented; and raffle prizes drawn.

***Non-golfing family members are invited to join the picnic. (A \$5.00/per person donation is requested to help cover food cost.) The park has plenty of activity areas for kids of all ages.***

**Cost:** \$45/per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, dinner and prize drawings.

**Sign Up:** Sign up deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> You can register as a team or as individuals. *We ask that you register early so we can get counts to the golf course and there are still spots available.*



To register, please contact: Dan Wolfe 507-451-3935  
[dkwolfe@charter.net](mailto:dkwolfe@charter.net) or Paul Trautman 507-920-8233  
[pktrautman@gmail.com](mailto:pktrautman@gmail.com)

*We hope you will come join us for a day  
of fun and fellowship.*



**2019-20 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain: ..... Fr. James Starasinich  
 Grand Knight: ..... Tom Jirele (507) 213-9765  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Lee Jardine  
 Chancellor: ..... Richard Gerdts  
 Advocate: ..... Open  
 Warden: ..... Open  
 Inside Guard: ..... Eric Wandersee  
 Outside Guard: ..... Open  
 Financial Secretary: ..... Dan Wolfe (PGK)  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Greg Nelson  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Gary Sanford  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Nic Matejcek  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Dan Sawyer

**Directors and Chairmen**

Program Director: ..... Lee Jardine (DGK)  
 Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
 Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Wolfe (PGK)  
 Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
 KC Chorus Director ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Building Director ..... Tom Elbert  
 Director of Faith Activities: ..... Dave Lax (PGK)  
 Director of Family Activities ..... Nic Matejcek (PGK)  
 Dir. of Life Activities: ..... Open  
 Dir. of Community Activities: ..... Lee Jardine  
 Gambling Manager: ..... Terry Evans  
 District Deputy: ..... Gary Sanford (PGK)  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
 Field Agent: ..... Michael Flanagan

**Knight of the Month**



*Patrick Ingvaldson*

This month we honor a newer member of our KC Council as our Knight of the Month. Patrick Ingvaldson joined our Council as a First Degree Knight in November 2018, at the urging of Brother Knight Joe Elbert.

Patrick was born in a small town in Nebraska but his family relocated to Southern Minnesota soon after his arrival. Upon graduation from New Richland High School, Patrick enrolled in Riverland Community College in Austin, Minnesota where he completed an AA Degree in Auto/Industrial Machining. Patrick then continued his post high schooling at Bemidji State, earning a BS degree in Biology along with his teaching certificate. Upon graduation, Patrick taught school for a year in northern Minnesota before moving to Owatonna to begin working with the Mayo Clinic, where he spent 12 years as an Immunology Department Specialist testing for auto-immune diseases. He also completed his MBA thru Augsburg College

which led Patrick to a short career change as a Mortgage Broker. His next career move took him to work at J and J Cabinets in Owatonna and then to Viracon where he currently is a Supervisor in the Distribution department.

Patrick, and his wife, Jennifer, are members of Sacred Heart Church. They have three daughters and one son, the oldest a senior at Owatonna High School this year. Patrick enjoys tinkering with mechanical things and carpentry, working with his hands as a hobby. He also enjoys getting involved with KC activities and is impressed with the charitable works that they support. We thank Patrick for his early involvement in our Council and congratulate him as our Knight of the Month.

**Membership by LaVerne Klecker**

Our goal again this year is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. We have our Major Degree scheduled for November 23. We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738.

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.

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. Statements have been sent out for the 2019 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

**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, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Joanne Fagen, Jan Fandel, Terri Grose, Otto Havelka, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Mary Lax, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Pat Rose, Paul Schneider, Mike Seykora, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Eugene Spindler, Dick Thamert, Garrett Thigpen, Mary Lou Thurnau, Robert Vosejka, Joe Wagner, Eric Wandersee, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Jim Wiggins, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Tim Ziemke.*

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

Dues Reminder: Annual dues renewals have been mailed out. Please pay your annual dues as soon as possible and make arrangements to pay any past-due dues. State and Supreme Council continues to charge Council #945 for all members, so it is essential that we collect our dues in a timely manner to pay these on behalf of each member and to allow us to do all we do as a Council.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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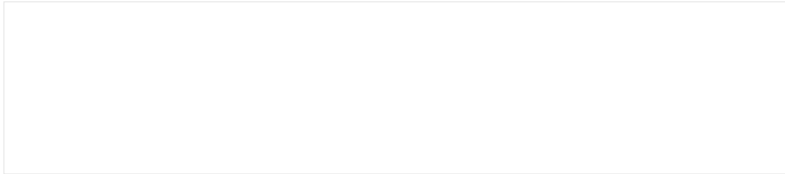
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**Benefit Breakfast**  
for Serra Club  
**Sunday, September 15 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
St. Mary's School

**Corporate Communion**  
Sacred Heart Church  
**September 29, 10 a.m.**

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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Club closed	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5	6 KC BBQ Rib Nite KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 KC Family Golf Outing & Picnic Brooktree Golf Course - 10:00 am
8	9 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	10 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	11 General Meeting Program - 7:30 Our speaker will be from Habitat for Humanity	12	13	14 Habitat for Humanity KC Hall 8:30 am
15 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:00 pm for Serra Club	16 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	18	19	20	21 Habitat for Humanity KC Hall 8:30 am
22	23 Monday Night Football Challenge KC Hall  Autumn begins	24 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	25 Fourth Degree Meet and Greet KC Hall - 5:30 pm Wine & Beer Tasting	26 Steele County Duck Bash 5:00 - 10:00 pm Foundation Bldg. Steele County Fairgrounds	27 Holy Mojo Nite KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	28 Fall Fishing Trip Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
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