

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
2017

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 6 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
September 13 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
September 17 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
for Serra Club
September 22 - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 30 - Fall Fishing Trip
October 14 - America Needs Fatima
Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October 15 - Peter J. Schneider
Memorial Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED

The KC Hall is looking for
part-time bartenders. Here is
an opportunity to make
some extra money. If you
enjoy people, having fun, &
hard work, stop at the Club
and talk to Mark.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, September 6

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the
Serra Club

Sunday, September 17, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 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 11 - December 18
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 GOLF OUTING

September 16th at
Brooktree Golf Course.
It will be a four-person scramble format and
there will lots of fun, prizes, dinner, and did we
mention fun?

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 13

Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be our
Chaplain, Father Kevin Connolly.

LAST SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 8 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.

KC BBQ RIB NITE

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 22 & 29 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal will feature the
Award-Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw

MINNESOTA TWINS

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

FALL FISHING TRIP

Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux
(off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 (we have a couple of cabins reserved till
Oct. 7 if some want to stay a few extra days)
For more info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 14 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

PETER J. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 15
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help with I-35 Clean-Up Project
Thursday, September 14, 4:45 pm.
Call Jim Gleason at 676-0271 to sign up.
Meet in the parking lot at
151 Park Drive (First Supply).
Refreshments at the Hall after the clean-up.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Kevin Connolly

It is an honor to be your chaplain for the coming year. I want you to know I pray for all of you and your families every day I celebrate mass and pray my Holy Hour in front the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Cross Chapel.

St Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "You could eliminate many of your spiritual exercises by spending 15 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration." Many of you do pray. I am always edified when I see men pray in public, as we did for our informal meeting at the Jaycee Pavilion this past August. Reminding ourselves that personal prayer helps us with our times we come together, as Knights, as families, as a parish family, all these things we bring to prayer. I would challenge all of you to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, whether it be in your respective churches in the tabernacle, or in the Community Chapel at St. Joseph.

What must we pray for? Peace. An end to racism and violence. Violence in the womb, violence at home, bullying both children and adults. We see how the world needs our prayers and our example in order to grow peace. This peace comes from our own lives being at peace with all we meet. Is that impossible? Are we able to do it perfectly? No. But, if we strive for these gifts we may not attain perfection but, along the way, we will catch excellence.

How excellent do we want our Council to be? How excellent do we want our families to be? How excellent will be the work that we do? Prayer, sacraments and the willingness to make the presence of the Knights of Columbus known even more deeply in our community than we already do, this will make the work that much more excellent.

May God continue to bless you. In this edition, you will find the dates for the Marches for Life during October. Let's make our presence and respect for life be seen, heard and felt.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Kevin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE 2017-2018

October 15	St. Mary's REP
November 12	St. Mary's Home/School Assoc.
December 3	KC Benefit Breakfast Holiday Extravaganza
January 14	Special Olympics & Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
January 28	KC Breakfast – St. Mary's Open House
February 11	KC Valentine Breakfast & Relay For Life
February 25	4-H Purple Ribbon Club
March 18	St. Mary's Music Boosters
April 15	St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House
April 29 or May 6	Owatonna Clay Target Team



Breakfast

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION - OCTOBER 21

The Fourth Degree Fall Exemplification will be held in Marshall, Minnesota, on October 21 and 22. If you would be interested in joining the Fourth Degree please contact Dave Lax at (507) 456-1575.

Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

Dear Brother Knights,

Again, Owatonna was buzzing with the fair! I hope everyone enjoyed the Steele County Free Fair and the festive atmosphere that comes with it. It is always an exciting time of year in Owatonna. Once again, the Knights were out in full force working to make the Owatonna community a better place for all. Thanks to all of the Brother Knights who dedicated their time and effort in making the food stand, track cleanup, and the grandstand beverage sales a success. These activities once again show the willingness of the Brother Knights of Council 945 to live out our pledge of charity found within our tenants. A special thanks to all of those who stood up and took on leadership roles, including Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Dave Lax, LaVerne Klecker, Joe Elbert, and the other day captains. Leadership gets things done, and our Council should be proud of these and all of the other Knights who volunteered for these fair activities.

Another great success, the Tootsie Roll Drive, was celebrated at our August general meeting with a family picnic and the distribution of more than \$5,000 to local programs that assist people with intellectual disabilities. Our success as a Council with this program should make us very proud of the work that we do, and demonstrates our commitment to the people who need assistance in our Owatonna community. At the meeting, we also honored Gary Sanford with the Past Grand Knight Award. Thank you, Gary, for all of the time and effort you have dedicated to our Council and our community!

As we push into the last part of the calendar year, please make a concerted effort to ask Catholic men to be part of our great organization. Membership is the key that drives organizations like ours, and we need to assist our Membership Team in recruitment, retention, and involvement in programs. One of these successful programs is the benefit breakfasts that will start up in September. This is a great way for Knights "old" and new to get involved or rekindle that desire that drives the Knights and our mission of charity. The breakfast group, as well as our other programs, is always looking to infuse "new blood" to breathe new life into these activities. Give me a call at 507-420-1113 if you would like information on the various programs that are run by the Knights. There are a variety of programs run throughout the year that require different levels of commitment. We can find a program that best suits your busy lifestyle. Please be active in OUR Council. The more ACTIVE members, the stronger the Council. The stronger the Council, the greater number of people we can serve in the spirit of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath



Christopher Retterath, NSSA
Field Agent
320-266-8962 Cell
Christopher.Retterath@KofC.org

Call for any help or questions you have concerning Knights of Columbus Insurance. I am here to serve you.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER EXEMPLIFIED ON JULY 24



Mark Kubista is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at the Owatonna school district and will be going to college at St. Mary's in Winona, Minnesota. He will be working on a degree in chemistry and teaching. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Tom Kubista.

PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



Grand Knight Nic Matejcek presented the Past Grand Knight Award to Gary Sanford on August 9 at the summer picnic.

COUNCIL 945 HELPS AT CABELA'S SUMMER BASH ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5



Jerome Spindler getting the bait ready.



Tom Docksey welcoming the kids and parents to the summer fishing bash.



Tony David giving a hug to a happy little fisherman.

Autumn Prayer

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we embrace these autumn months,
May the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.
May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds
remind us that you call us to follow your will.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.*



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 Dan Sawyer, Dave Lax, Jerome "Spinny" Spindler, Sam and Katie Matejcek, Dan Wolfe, and Chris Retterath for helping prep food for the event. Also, this program would not have been as successful if it was not for the leadership of Tony David, 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 \$5,000 in donations to support their efforts to create more opportunities for people with intellectual challenges. Congratulations, Council 945, on another successful program!



Grand Knight Nic Matejcek and Faithful Navigator Dave Lax distribute funds to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients.



A large crowd of KC members and family members enjoyed the food and commradarie at the picnic.



LITOMYSL 46TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION - JULY 30

From left to right: Joe Elbert, Gary Wandrey, Walt Spindler, Dennis Kelm, Glen Meger, David Lax, Ray Willmott, LaVerne Klecker, Eric Wandersee, and David Fairbrother.

RELAY FOR LIFE ON JULY 21



The KC Chorus performed at the Relay for Life on July 21. The KC Chorus from left to right: Steve Dornquast, Wayne Kubicek, Dave Lax, Tom Gebur, LaVerne Klecker, Dan Walsh, and Lee Staupé.

The Knights generated more than \$600 through the selling of votive candles, popcorn, and donations. The event was held on July 21 and featured the KC Chorus during the opening as well as the KC popcorn stand. This was another great example of generosity and charity from Council 945!



Katie Matejcek displays a wonderful sign for the Relay for Life.



Knights of Columbus members from left to right: Dan Wolfe, LaVerne Klecker, Nic Matejcek, Tom Jirele, and Dave Lax.

2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Connolly
 Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer
 Chancellor: Open
 Advocate: Lee Jardine
 Warden: Matt Thurnau
 Inside Guard: Tom Jirele
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Tony David
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Gary Sanford

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Sawyer (DGK)
 Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
 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 Balasky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Vincent Guggisberg

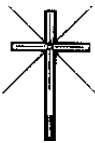
Our Knight of the month for August is Vince Guiggisberg. Vince joined our Council in May 2016 and was sponsored by Tom Jirele. He credits Brian Carlson who worked with Vince when he was in Boy Scouts for his initial interest in joining the KCs.

Vince grew up on a farm between Owatonna and Ellendale and went to school in New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva, graduating in 2011. He has been doing farm work for the past seven years. He enjoys being able to work outdoors and likes the idea of raising his own beef and knowing how they have been cared for.

Vince was just married on August 12th to his new bride Tara. They make their home in Owatonna and are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Vince enjoys playing a variety of sports, also camping and hunting, basically anything involving the outdoors.

Vince has spent many hours helping with a variety of KC functions, such as Smokin' in Steele, pancake breakfasts, fair booth, and Tootsie Roll Drive. He likes the fellowship and the ability to help others in the community that comes from being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Vince for your active participation as a new, young member of our KC Council and congratulations for being named our Knight of the Month.

Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson



Please remember in your prayers and thoughts all of our sick or injured members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. Let's also offer up prayers for all deceased members and their families.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Jan Fandel, wife of Brother Knight Dave Fandel, is suffering with a serious illness.

Lavern Soukup is having surgery.

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Marianna Bunkers, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, 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, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Margaret McDonald, sister of Brother Knight John Wagner, passed away on June 27.

Rita Berning, wife of Sir Brother Knight James Berning Sr., mother of Fr. James Berning and Sir Brother Knight John Berning, passed away on August 2.

Dorothy Rysavy, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Kevin Herzog and grandmother of Brother Knight Joe Herzog, passed away on August 16.

Brother Knight Thomas Byrne passed away on August 24.

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

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 18. 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 2017 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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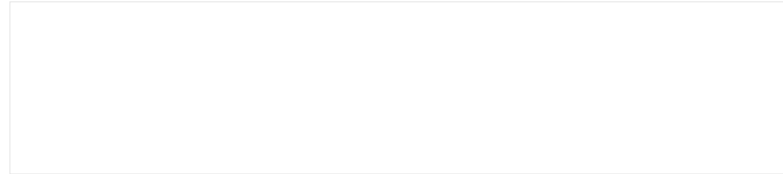
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**Benefit Breakfast
for Serra Club**
Sunday, September 17 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School

Nonprofit Organization
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KC BBQ Rib Nite
Friday, September 22 & 29 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
KC Lounge
Award-Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day Club Closed	5 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	6 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	7	8 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	9
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