

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
2018

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 5 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 10 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
September 12 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
September 23 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
for Serra Club
September 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting
KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
"Build your own taco bar"
for members & guests
Members only meeting after meal
September 29 - Fall Fishing Trip
September 30- Corporate
Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 10:00 a.m.
October 13 - America Needs Fatima
Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October 14 - Peter J. Schneider
Memorial Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

MINNESOTA TWINS

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

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Benefiting the
Serra Club
Sunday, September 23, 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 10 - December 17
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.

FALL FISHING TRIP

Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE
corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
Sept. 29 - 4-day trip or make a whole week of it
Trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday)
provided by Mark and the Columbia Center.
More info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 12
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Ellen Heydon from
Habitat for Humanity.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 13 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

PETER J. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 14
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BBQ FRIDAYS

Build Your Own Smoked Meat Meal

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 14 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Dustin's smoked pulled pork sandwich,
beans, and potato salad.
\$7.00

KC BBQ Rib Nite

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 21 & 28 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal will feature the
Award-Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sacred Heart Church
September 30 - 10:00 a.m. Mass

1ST ANNUAL KC COUNCIL 945 FAMILY CAMPOUT/PICNIC/BONFIRE

Friday, Oct. 5 - Sunday, Oct. 7
Izaak Walton League Redding Center
See attached flyer.

See us on Facebook-many announcements and sharing from State and Supreme: Knights of Columbus Council 945 @kofc945 Be sure to like and follow and share posts frequently and encourage your friends to do the same. This won't replace **The Key** or Council web site, but may be a quicker way to get the word out on all the latest breaking news of the Council.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

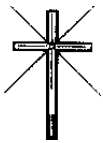
Congratulations to our two new members. Our goal again this year is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future at the KC Hall in Owatonna. We have our Major Degree scheduled for November 17. We need the help of our entire membership to make our 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 2018 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.

The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Dave Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Dick Thamert, Garrett Thigten, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Jim Wiggins, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Tim Ziemke.

IN MEMORY

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

Joseph Kleeman, brother of Brother Knight Tom Gebur, passed away on July 17.

Lorraine Kniefel, mother of Past Grand Knight John Kniefel, passed away on August 8.

Pam Bowe, sister of SK Brother Knight Gary Wandrey, passed away on August 22.

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

Benefits Corner by Ben Schleicher

If you have KC insurance questions or needs, contact Ben Schleicher. Here is his contact information.

Ben Schleicher, General Agent

Phone: 507-822-7173

E-mail: ben.schleicher@kofc.org

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights:

OK, I guess it is time for the "Myth Busters," episode of the Grand Knight's message. Last month, those who took the time to read my message read that I want to strive to do things to benefit others with no expectation to receive something in return. A brief discussion with our Reverend Chaplain at the picnic started me off re-thinking this a bit. What he reminded me was that both those we help, but also we who are serving others, receive Blessings from God by His Grace, as we do the charitable things we do.

One such blessing was Curt, a gentlemen who joined the Therapeutic Park and Recreation Director, at our annual picnic. For those in attendance, what a positive feeling from the gratitude Curt shared from our playing a small part in helping Curt be able to go bowling, something he truly loves! Our Deputy Grand Knight and a team of assistants led by Dave Lax grilled up some perfection, enough so that we may just be blessed to get Curt back next year! Beyond the belly full of great food, it is hard to argue that we all came away with a little bit of the joy our beneficiaries have as a result of our efforts. Another blessing was had by those who were able to serve at Monty and Nancy Mowry's Americans With Disabilities Ride for the Brand round-up dinner.

By the time you are reading this, we should all have had our fill of mini donuts, corn dogs and cheese curds and already be thinking about how our favorite football team will fare this fall. Although I can't tell you if the Packers or Vikings or Bears will win (didn't want to leave out Fr. Jim!), I can tell you that those who do will rely on a good dose of teamwork. This comradery that stems from men working together is contagious. Like a good football coach, it is time for us to go out and find more of the right kind of "players" for our team, fellow Catholic men who care about their Church and Community. As we look forward to our fall activities like our benefit breakfasts, the Rosary in the Park, the Pete Schneider Respect for Life Rosary March and golf outing, let's be on the lookout for more captain material among us to take on the leadership roles we need to fill to continue fulfilling our mission. Think about helping us kick off our Knights Visiting Knights program to reach Brother Knights who aren't able to get to Mass or KC events.

Let's pray for each other, that by God's Grace and through our Faith we can help others and receive His blessings along with those we serve.

Vivat Jesus!



State and Supreme have put in place policies that require Councils clarify that clubs like the Columbian Center are separate legal entities from the Councils. In order to comply and make this separation clear, we needed to put up signage. Brother Knight Lee Jardine worked with District Deputy Gary Sanford under the direction of State Advocate Jim Terwedo to purchase the signage that Brother Knights Steve Dornquist, Tom Elbert, and Joe Elbert installed. This is not a change for our Council, just makes clear what is already in place.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON JULY 30

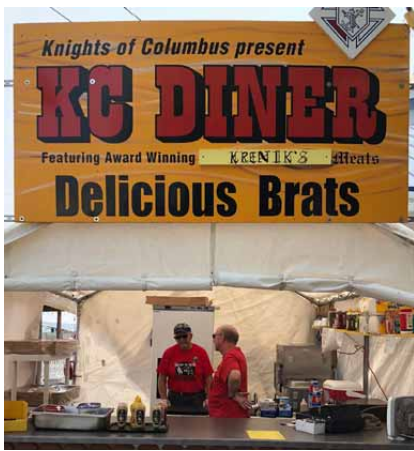


Benjamin Eirikson and his wife Jennifer, have one son, Barclay. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is contract manager for South Health Alliance. He was sponsored by SK Brother Bill Lawrence.



Donn Robinson and his wife Julie are members of St. Joseph Parish. Donn is retired from the US Air Force. He was sponsored by SK Brother Bill Lawrence.

FAIR STAND PROFITS BENEFIT KC CHARITABLE CAUSES



Fairgoers were able to enjoy a delicious brat or “Holy Mojo” sandwich. The profits generated from the fair stand food booth go toward the numerous charitable programs supported by Council 945. The 2018 edition of the Steele County Free Fair saw great record attendance, the nice weather contributing to the record.

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; Tom Burke, Jim Joachim, Mark Kearin, Dan Sawyer, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.

2018 fair stand workers:

<i>Tom Bremer</i>	<i>Greg Jensen</i>	<i>Mike McKernon</i>
<i>Tom Docksey</i>	<i>Terry Jensen</i>	<i>Mike Meger</i>
<i>Steve Dornquast</i>	<i>Tom Jirele</i>	<i>Al Nelson</i>
<i>Tom Eichten</i>	<i>Jim Joachim</i>	<i>Tony Nguyen</i>
<i>Jackie Evans</i>	<i>Mark Kearin</i>	<i>Tracy Peterson</i>
<i>Terry Evans</i>	<i>Dennis Kelm</i>	<i>Mark Pfeifer</i>
<i>Deacon Pat Fagan</i>	<i>Becky Kelm</i>	<i>Dave Pfeifer</i>
<i>Tim Foster</i>	<i>John Kriesel</i>	<i>Tim Rice</i>
<i>Rich Gerdts</i>	<i>Tom Kubista</i>	<i>Brad Running</i>
<i>Dan Glaser</i>	<i>George Lambaere</i>	<i>Dan Sawyer</i>
<i>Karen Graff</i>	<i>Dave Lax</i>	<i>Tom Schmitt</i>
<i>Steve Graff</i>	<i>Troy Liebl</i>	<i>Walt Spindler</i>
<i>Vincent Guggisberg</i>	<i>Duane Ludewig</i>	<i>Eric Tucker</i>
<i>Ron Heim</i>	<i>Karen Ludewig</i>	<i>Jim Wencl</i>
<i>Lee Jardine</i>	<i>Nic Matejcek</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>
<i>Paul Jardine</i>	<i>Jo Matejcek</i>	<i>Ron Wolf</i>
<i>Robert Jardine</i>	<i>Ann McKernon</i>	<i>Dan Wolfe</i>
		<i>Eric Wandersee</i>

Council 945 expresses appreciation to *Brian Carlson* for his work in setting up the schedule, an extra big thanks to *Tom Burke* who spends the week at the fairgrounds making sure the fair stand runs smoothly, and *Dave Lax* for connecting to *Krenic's Meats* who have been very supportive of our cooking efforts. Also, a big thank you to the *Will Pieper family*, *Steve Dornquast*, *Rich Gerdts*, *Dave Lax*, *Tom Burke*, *Tom Eichten*, *Joe Elbert*, *Lee Jardine and sons*, and *Troy Liebl* for set-up and tear down of the stand, and *Dan Wolfe* for being the money man.

Grandstand Beverage Sales

Grandstand beverage sales for the KC night was chaired by *LaVerne Klecker* and *Joe Elbert*. Because of the beautiful and rainy weather the week of the fair, two of the three events that were scheduled were held. Great turnout by workers *Tony David*, *Steve Dornquast*, *Joe Elbert*, *John Green*, *Tom Jirele*, *LaVerne Klecker*, *Jo and Nic Matejcek*, *Tom Kubista*, *Al Nelson*, *Dan Sawyer*, *Mike Schaeffner*, *Ron Wolf*, and if we missed anyone we appreciate you helping. The fair stand food booth and the grandstand beverage sales were both 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 "Spinny" Spindler, Mike Schaffner for their help in preparing food for the event, and to future Knight Sam Matejcek for help manning the grill. Also, the Tootsie Roll drive would not have been as successful if it was not for the leadership of Nic Matejcek 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 \$5,700 in donations to support their efforts to create more opportunities for people with intellectual challenges. Congratulations, Council 945, on another successful program!



Grand Knight Dan Sawyer distributes funds to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients.



Fr. James Starasinich, Grand Knight Dan Sawyer, and Fr. John Sauer distribute funds to the Tootsie Roll fund recipients.



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

LITOMYSL 47TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION - JULY 29



The Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard and the KC Chorus participated in the Litomysl Festival on July 29.



PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



Grand Knight Dan Sawyer presented the Past Grand Knight Award to Nic Matejcek on August 8 at the summer picnic.

1st Annual KC Council 945 Family Campout / Picnic / Bonfire

SPONSORED BY THE OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

“COLUMBIAN CENTER”

FRIDAY OCT 5TH – SUNDAY OCT 7TH

THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR KC MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

LOCATION: Izaak Walton League Redding Center - 1546 SW 58th St., Owatonna, MN 55060. (off of Co Rd 45)

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Friday October 5th

5:30pm – Begin check-in – Redding Center – Camping and social

6:30pm – Pot Luck – Bring a dish to pass and BYOB

Campfire and social afterwards

Saturday October 6th

6:00pm – Brat Dinner – Provided by the Columbian Center (BYOB)

BONFIRE AFTERWARDS – Bring a chair!



TENNATIVE EVENTS: (SUBJECT TO RSVP AND INTEREST):

***Indoor and Outdoor Fun, Games, Tournaments**

***Camping**

***Bonfires**

***Socializing**

***Whatever anyone can think of**

****RSVP by September 14th for Camping reservations or if you are only coming to Saturday Picnic/Bonfire (and number of adults and children)**

To: Randy or Tammy Balausky

Phone/Text 507-213-9862

E-Mail: rbalausky@gmail.com

2018-19 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Knight of the Month

Chaplain: Fr. James Starasinich
 Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608
 Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Jirele
 Chancellor: Lee Jardine
 Advocate: Open
 Warden: Open
 Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
 Outside Guard: Rich Gerdts
 Financial Secretary: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Open
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dave Lax
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Gary Sanford
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Nic Matejcek

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Tom Jirele (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 Open
 Dir. of Life Activities: Nic Matejcek (PGK)
 Dir. of Community Activities: Open
 Gambling Manager: Terry Evans
 District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 General Agent: Ben Schleicher



Ethan Pieper

This month we honor Ethan Pieper as our Knight of the Month. Ethan joined the Knights back in June of 2016 and was recruited by his dad, Brother Knight William Pieper. He has been helping with our KC bell ringing, Tootsie Roll drive, Smokin' in Steele, kids Halloween party, fairstand, and Sunday Benefit Breakfasts. Ethan is following in the footsteps of his active father and fellow Knight Will Pieper.

Ethan was born in Clovis, New Mexico, while his father served in the USAF. He and his family moved to Owatonna in 1997. Ethan graduated from Owatonna High School in 2010. After graduation, he attended college for a short time. He returned to Owatonna and started working at Amsbury Truth in 2014. He resides with his brother Alex in Medford, Minnesota.

We thank Ethan for his service and support to our Council and congratulate him on being our July Knight of the Month.

KNIGHTS VISITING KNIGHTS

Knights Visiting Knights needs you! A number of our Brother Knights have had recent health problems that keep them from being able to participate in our regular Council activities or in some cases even come to Mass or to go out. We would like to create a committee that sets up a regular visit schedule to go see these Brother Knights on a regular basis, either at their

homes or in various assisted living or nursing homes. These men were often times active members of our Parishes and Councils and a visit would mean a lot to them, just to catch up on what is going on in the Council or in town or to hear what things were like when they joined. Please contact Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608 or Tim Rice (507) 456-7480 to volunteer.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION - OCTOBER 21

The Fourth Degree Fall Exemplification will be held in Lino Lakes, Minnesota, on October 26 and 27. If you would be interested in joining the Fourth Degree please contact Duane Ludewig at (507) 676-4709

KC FAMILY GOLF OUTING & PICNIC

September 15th 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?

SOCCER CHALLENGE

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!

HELP WANTED

Seeking Council Officers for this Fraternal Year, Warden, Advocate, Recorder, Director of Community Activities and Director of Life Activities, as well as Tootsie Roll Chairperson. please contact Dan Sawyer at (612) 840-6608.

IT'S THE END OF FOOTBALL BOARD PROHIBITION

Stop past the Club and purchase a spot on a newly legalized football board. Boards will be available for all regular season Minnesota Viking games.



The Festival of Fall

*"Just before the death of flowers,
 And before they are buried in snow,
 There comes a festival season
 When nature is all aglow."*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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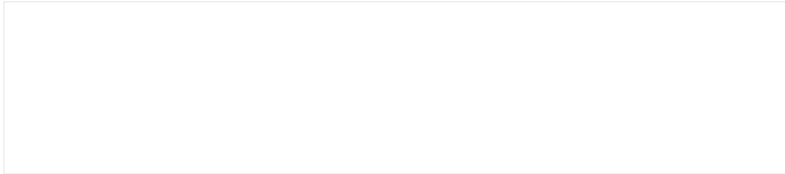
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Benefit Breakfast
 for Serra Club
Sunday, September 23 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 St. Mary's School

Nonprofit Organization
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 Owatonna, MN
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Corporate Communion
 Sacred Heart Church
 September 30, 10 a.m.



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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