

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JULY  
2014

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 2** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**July 7** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**July 9** - General Meeting- KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**July 13** - SCHS Extravaganza  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**July 14** - First Degree  
Exemplification  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**July 18** - Relay for Life  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**July 24** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**July 27** - Litomysl 43rd  
Annual Summer Festival  
Mass - 10:00 a.m.  
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**July 31** - Music in the Park  
Central Park - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**August 12 - 17** - Steele County  
Free Fair  
Steele County Fairgrounds

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 2  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 9  
KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.

### For great food at the fair KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD STAND

Steele County Free Fair  
Aug. 12 - 17  
The KC Food Stand is located between  
the Beer Garden and Fair Square.

#### "Downright Delicious Food"

YOUR CHOICE OF GREAT BRATS AND  
our tasty "Holy Mojo sandwich"  
Please contact Jerome Spindler at (507) 213-0079  
if you would like to volunteer to help.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRANDSTAND BEER SALES

Steele County Free Fair  
Date to be determined  
Please contact LaVerne Klecker at 451-4102 or  
(507) 456-6738 or  
Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015  
if you would like to help.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### THE BOYS OF SUMMER ARE BACK

Stop at the Hall to catch all the Twins action and  
play *Taters for Toddlies* and guess the score to  
win free drinks.

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, July 14 at the KC Hall in Owatonna  
beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

### RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

\$10.00 a piece - must purchase by July 16  
See Mark at the KC Hall

### SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge  
Friday, July 11, 18, and 25  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and  
other grilled items.

### THE KC CHORUS

will sing your favorite patriotic & folk songs

#### Steele County Historical Society EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, July 13, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds

#### Relay For Life

Friday, July 18, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
Steele County Fairgrounds

#### Music in the Park

Thursday, July 31, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Central Park

#### Steele County Free Fair

Tuesday, August 12  
Fair Square

### LITOMYSL 43rd ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 27, 2014  
KC Chorus will sing before Mass, at 9:15 a.m.  
**Polka Mass - 10:00 a.m.**  
Fourth Degree Honor Guard will participate  
Festival - 11:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.  
Food - Drinks - Live Music  
Bands will be the "Klecker Band,"  
"Larry's Concertina," and  
"Dan Stursa Band."  
Auctions - Rides - Games  
Used-A-Bit Sale  
Garden Produce - Plants  
Display of old engines  
Prune, Poppyseed, and Apricot Biscuits  
Fun For All Ages!!  
Everyone welcome.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

July 1st starts a new fraternal year, and our goal again will try for our Council to achieve Star Council. We are having a First Degree Exemplification on July 14 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. If your son or grandson is home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

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 2014 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:***

*Brother Knight Dave Fandel is dealing with a serious knee infection.*

*Brother Knight Larry Klocek is dealing with health issues.*

***Let us be united in prayer for those facing ongoing challenges...***

*John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Jim Klecker, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Terry Nelson, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ron Schleif, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### INMEMORY

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

*Brother Knight John Schoen passed away on May 30.*

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



## Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Brother Knights,

My first official duty as the incoming Grand Knight of our council for the 2014-15 year is to write this first message to the membership in ***The Key*** monthly newsletter. This is a pretty easy one to write because it is all about a simple, two word message – thank you.

Those words apply to many individuals in this council who were instrumental in allowing me the honor and privilege to now serve as your Grand Knight. The first thank you belongs to our Membership Director LaVerne Klecker, who finally convinced me to fill out that Form 100 and join this great organization several years ago. If this were a baseball team, LaVerne would be the All-Star closer. His passion and pride in this council is infectious and it's why I refer to him affectionately as the face of the franchise. And while LaVerne may have been the one to sign me to my first major league contract, there were many Brother Knights on this team deserving of the next thank you. The many Brother Knights who welcomed me as a new member, set an example of what Charity, Unity and Fraternity really meant as a Knight and whose own commitment encouraged me to become more involved in our council's activities. They enabled me to see more of the great works done by our council and meet the people responsible for making it happen. And it became much easier to say yes when asked to take on a leadership role as a officer of Council 945. And speaking of leadership, the next thank you is reserved for our outgoing Grand Knight and now Trustee 1st Year Dustin Reese. Dustin did a great job leading our Council this past year. Despite the increasing time demands of a new job, a new family and highly sought after BBQ cooking talents, Dustin somehow found the time to faithfully carry out his duties as Grand Knight and help us write some significant success stories this past year. I look forward to working with this year's slate of council officers and carry on the traditions that Dustin and all the Grand Knights before him have established over the 109 years of Council 945. It should be a fun and eventful year.

So there you have it, my first monthly message. Thank YOU for reading it. Until next month...

## Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Sometimes...things are just so simple...

Many years ago I remember hearing or reading that in order to buy life insurance you must first love someone. I have come to believe that is 100% true.

Buying life insurance means you love someone...

Sometimes...things are just that simple...

Thanks for taking the time to read my (short but to-the-point) note...have a great month.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC 213-9410 [kevin.gallagher@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.gallagher@kofc.org)

## I-35 Cleanup A Success

Our I-35 Cleanup was postponed one week due to wet weather, so a hard working group gathered on Thursday, May 15th, to clean our stretch of I-35. It was another perfect evening and there was again plenty of garbage to pick up so we worked at it for more than two hours. My thanks to our great driver, Al Jirele, along with Ron Wolf, Kevin Herzog, Steve Fisher, Steve Reller, Curt Supalla, Joe Elbert, Nate Skala, Terry Fisher, Frank Evans, Greg Evans, Tom Standke, and George Lambaere Also thanks to Owatonna Bus Company for use of their van, First Supply for use of their parking lot, and to Mark and Roxy for providing pizza and refreshments afterwards. Our fall cleanup will be right after Labor Day. Have a good summer and see you at the Fair!

Jim Gleason



## FOURTH DEGREE OBSERVES FLAG DAY

Members of the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly manned three collection points for Owatonna citizens to turn in their worn and tattered flags on Flag Day, June 14. Flags were collected at Fareway Foods, Cashwise Foods and HyVee between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Assembly members were decked out in their official Fourth Degree dress of a black tuxedo and social baldric.

Members in their tuxedos give great visibility to the Knights of Columbus and the good work they do in the community. While no official count was made of the retired flags, it is estimated that approximately 300 were collected.

A respectful, dignified disposal ceremony is being planned for early fall. A big thank you to these Sir Knights who manned the collection stations:

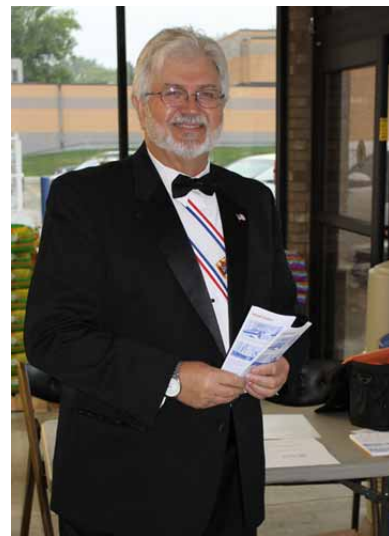
Joe Elbert	Jerome Spindler	Tony Nguyen
Dan Walsh	Ray Willmott	Greg Salmonsens
Steve Fisher	Al Nelson	Glen Meger
Gary Fisher	Dave Lax	Mark Nelson
John Kriesel	Greg Nelson	Bill Bunkers
Tim Rice	LaVerne Klecker	



*Joe Elbert and Dan Walsh at Cashwise.*



*Tim Rice sorting out a number of the worn and tattered flags.*



*Greg Nelson at Fareway.*



*Tony Nguyen and LaVerne Klecker accept a retired flag from Dan Wolfe.*



*Al Nelson, Ray Willmott, and Jerome Spindler receive a retired hand held flag from Joyce Pribyl.*

## FALL FISHING TRIP



Once again, we are planning a Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish) and there is room for you to join the trip. The reserved dates are Sept 27 – Oct 1, returning on Oct 2. Fishing has been good on this trip during the past few years – and the fall color scenery is really nice as well. The trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday) provided by Mark and the Columbian Center.

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

“Fathers Hargesheimer & Berning are very anxious to attend with us, and are in need of a boat (with captain). So if you’d be interested in helping out with that – and have a good time as well, please let me know.”



## 2014 WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Wednesday, May 28, 2014, Bill Lawrence (PGK) announced at the 2014 Scholarship & Awards Reception at the Owatonna High School this year's recipients of the William Warner/ Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarships. Three high school seniors were selected and each will be receiving a \$500 check in their name and the school which they will be attending. The recipients are:

- Mary Ahlberg
- Joseph Nelson, and
- Lisa Nguyen

**Mary Ahlberg** will be attending Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The selection committee was impressed with her academic achievement, her involvement at Sacred Heart Church, her music activities (Concert Choir, Band, Christmas Carolers) and her OHS Youth Service Leadership Program. Mary is the daughter of John Ahlberg and wife Angie.

In the fall, **Joe Nelson** will be attending the University of Notre Dame, and the selection committee was impressed with his academic achievement, his music activities (Concert Choir, Symphony, Dinner Ensemble), MN Boys State, Varsity Boys' Soccer Captain, and his volunteer work at Sacred Heart Church and the Knight of Columbus. Joe's parents are Steven and Margaret Nelson.

**Lisa Nguyen** will be attending Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio in the fall and the selection committee was impressed with her solid academics, her involvement at St. Joseph's Church (piano, lector, leading the rosary, training altar servers) and working with youth on mission trips and St. Mary's School, Knowledge Bowl, and the National Honor Society. Tony and Yen Nguyen are Lisa's parents.

The William Warner Scholarship was established on May 10, 1972 by the William Warner Family and the Knight of Columbus. The original funds came from the William Warner Family, whose son died at a young age, and the KC members have also contributed funds over the years. The Council is responsible for Fund investments and administration of the scholarships.

To be eligible... applicants must:

- be a member of the Catholic Church
- plan to attend a Catholic College or University.
- be average or above in academic achievement.
- be an active participant in school, church, and community activities.
- be a member of the current senior class of a Steele County High School.
- Sons or daughters of Knights of Columbus or deceased Knights shall receive preference.

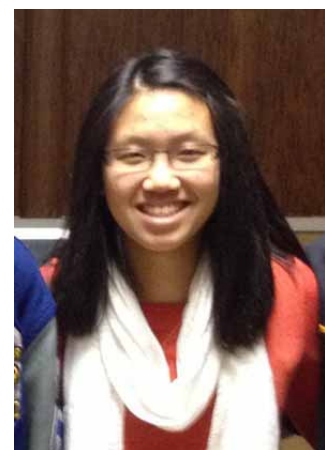
The Council Trustees review application and select recipients. Currently the fund stands at \$27,371 as of January 1, 2014 and is supported by KC members through their voluntary donations in addition to their annual dues. Total voluntary collections from KC members for the William Warner Fund contributed in 2013 totaled \$1,209. These funds are invested and managed through "The Hartford" family of funds. Knights who would like more information about the scholarship fund, the candidates, or the process of selecting recipients are welcome to contact any of the trustees.



Mary Ahlberg



Joe Nelson



Lisa Nguyen



## OFFICERS FOR 2014



### Officers for 2014 — 2015, Owatonna Council 945

The officers pictured were installed on June 14 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. From left to right, Former Chaplain Rev. Edward McGrath, Trustee Randy Balausky, Advocate Nick Matejcek, Inside Guard Peter Schneider, Grand Knight Dan Wolfe, Deputy Grand Knight Dave Lax, and Trustee Wade Schroeder.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Josh Klecker



Scot Berkley

A special presentation was made at the Officer Installation and Awards banquet held on June 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Mark Cunningham, PGK and Columbian Center Manager, made the presentation recognizing Brother Knight Josh Klecker for his role as gambling manager for five years.

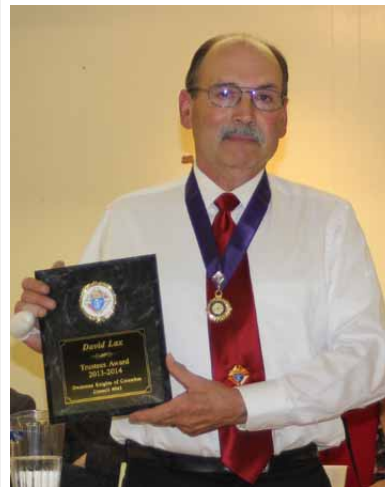
A special presentation was made by Grand Knight Dan Wolfe recognizing Brother Knight Scot Berkley for his role as recorder for ten years.

## KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



**Randy Balausky** is our 2013-14 Knight of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, 2012-13 Knight of the Year recipient Will Pieper noted Randy's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus in 2003, and becoming a very active member, including: holding the position of "Grand Knight" participating in the Tootsie Roll, Bell Ringer, KC breakfasts, Chili Cook-off, I-35 Clean-up, Smokin' in Steele, Steele County Free Fair food stand, altar server party, Friday night suppers, grandstand beer sales, working banquets, coat drive, and many other events.

## TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our 2013 - 2014 Trustee Service Award recipient is **Dave Lax**. Dave joined the Knights of Columbus in February 2010. He has been a very active Knight. Some of the activities he is involved in are; benefit breakfasts, membership blitz, Red Kettle drive, KC Chorus, KEY prep, Lenten fish dinners, scout spaghetti supper, fair grandstand, Smokin' in Steele, and doing lots of hours of volunteer work at the area churches.

## PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



Changing of the Guard. Pictured is Dustin Reese (right) as he is being recognized for his just completed term as Grand Knight by newly elected Grand Knight, Dan Wolfe.

## - MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

### New First Degree Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR
Christopher Fazzi	Dave Lax
Jeffrey Hall	Mark Hall
Aaron Heim	Ronald Heim
John Hepp	Timothy Blum
Gordon Hofius	Dave Lax
Robbe Kniefel	Dave Lax
Dillion Noble	Michael Noble
Kevin Skalicky	James Skalicky
Troy Skalicky	James Skalicky
Christopher Smith	LaVerne Klecker

### New Third Degree Members

MEMBER	SPONSOR	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Casey Balausky	Randy Balausky	Dale Janke	LaVerne Klecker
Timothy Blum	LaVerne Klecker	Julio Letona	LaVerne Klecker
William Effertz	Gregory Nelson	Michael Meger	Glen Meger
Jay Hudrlik	Paul Hudrlik	Ryan Sanford	Gary Sanford

# AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET - JUNE 14

The Council 945 annual Awards and Installation Banquet was attended by a large number of members and their spouses. Officers for the upcoming term beginning July 1 of this year were installed by District Deputy Randy Balauskys, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. He was assisted by Former Chaplain Rev. Edward McGrath and Warden Glen Meger. The banquet was the culmination of a very successful fraternal year for the Council.

The Officers installed for the 2014-15 Council year are as follows:

**Chaplain - Rev. Michael Cronin**  
**Grand Knight - Dan Wolfe**  
**Deputy Grand Knight - Dave Lax**  
**Chancellor - Gary Sanford**  
**Advocate - Nick Matejcek**  
**Warden - Tom Burke**  
**Inside Guard - Pete Schneider**  
**Outside Guard - Harlan Kern**  
**Recorder - Ben Lempiainen**  
**Treasurer - Tom Eichten**  
**Financial Secretary - John Ahlberg**

Following the Installation, activities moved from St. Joseph to the KC Hall. Attendees enjoyed fellowship during the social hour and then were served an excellent meal prepared by Grand Knight and chef Dustin Reese, assisted by his able assistant Brother Knight Jerome Spindler. Serving was handled by Brother Knight Will Pieper's children and Deputy Grand Knight Dan Wolfe's daughter. They all did a great job.

Master of Ceremonies' duties were conducted by Brother Knight Peter Connor.

The KC Chorus performed musical selections.

The membership and Oak awards were presented by Dustin Reese and Dan Wolfe. The Trustee Service award was presented to Dave Lax by Trustee Randy Balauskys. The prestigious Knight of the Year Award for 2013 - 14 was presented by Will Pieper to Randy Balauskys.

Grand Knight Dustin Reese and Program Director Dan Wolfe presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

Over 200 Hours	100 - 199 Hours	
Randy Balauskys Brian Carlson Steven Dornquast Joseph Elbert LaVerne Klecker William Lawrence David Lax Tim Rice	Thomas Burke Lyle Coleman Thomas Docksey Steve Fisher Harlan Kern Thomas Knight Al Nelson Stephen Nelson	William Pieper Dustin Reese Paul Schneider Wade Schroeder Jerome Spindler Walter Spindler Dan Wolfe

50 - 99 Hours		
Conrad Bahe Gerald Barry Lynn Becker Tom Bremer John Carlson John Degner Thomas Eichten Thomas Elbert Terry Evans David Fandel Gary Fisher Robert "Bill" Foreman Thomas Gebur	Steve Graff John Hammer Dennis Heimerman Steven Heimerman Al Jirele James Kaplan Mark Kearin Dennis Kelm John Kriesel Wayne Kubicek Lloyd Mans Nick Matejcek Tony Nguyen	Daniel Ruiter Gary Sanford John Schulz Lyle Snider Ken Thurnau Troy Titus Charles Walerius Dan Walsh Eric Wandersee Earl Wheeler Raymond Willmott Ronald Wolf David Wunderlich

## Knight of the Month Recipients in 2013-2014

July ..... Troy Titus  
August ..... Fr. Michael Cronin  
September ..... Gary Sanford  
October ..... Gerald Wacek  
November ..... Ben Lempiainen  
December ..... Joe Procopio  
January ..... John Kriesel  
February ..... Ken Thurnau  
March ..... Tom Dietz  
April ..... Dan Sawyer  
May ..... Jeff Otto  
June ..... Bill Bunkers

## Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

Lynn Becker  
John Carlson  
John Degner  
Steve Dornquast  
Christopher Fazzi  
Tom Gebur  
Mike Goddard  
Dennis Heimerman  
Steve Heimerman  
Stephen Nelson (Director)

Matt Jessop  
Jim Joachim  
Harlan Kern  
LaVerne Klecker  
Wayne Kubicek  
David Lax  
Lloyd Mans  
Johnathon Nelson  
Sam Nelson

John Schulz  
Lee Staupe  
Chuck Walerius  
Dan Walsh

## 50-Year Members

Francis Deml  
Paul Dilleuth  
Joseph Edel  
Bernard Jirele  
Donald Kalkman  
Richard Lalonde  
Mark Nelson  
Richard Reyant  
Donald Tenda  
Francis Tenda  
Raymond Tenda

## 25-Year Members

James Berning, Sr.  
Thomas Bremer  
William Bunkers  
Mark Edel  
Roger Ginter  
Dale Jenio  
Raymond Kirchner  
James Klecker  
Gary Lurken

Joseph Mamer  
Robert Mamer  
Matthew Pirkkl  
Dennis Ringhofer  
Eugene Spindler  
Ronald Starman  
Joseph Tupy  
Joseph Wagoner  
Dennis Werner

## Honorary Life Members

James Berning, Sr.  
Cecil Claey's  
Richard Connelly  
Ronald Hanson  
Kenneth Dilleuth  
Paul Dilleuth  
James Herzog  
Roland Kelzenberg

Raymond Kirchner  
James Klecker  
Thomas Knight  
Lloyd Little  
Eugene Spindler  
Joseph Tupy  
Dennis Werner

## Honorary Members

Thomas Bremer  
James Jirele  
Thomas Kubes  
John Wagner  
Gary Wandrey



## 2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Grand Knight: ..... Dan Wolfe  
Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Dave Lax  
Chancellor: ..... Gary Sanford  
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Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
Recorder: ..... Ben Lampinein  
Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Randy Balauskys  
Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Wade Schroeder  
Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Dustin Reese

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Dave Lax (DGK)  
Membership Director: ..... LaVerne Klecker (PGK)  
Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Ruiter  
Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
KC Chorus Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
Building Director: ..... Tom Elbert  
Director of Church Activities: ..... Pete Schneider  
Director of Community Activities: ..... Open  
Director of Council Activities: ..... Open  
Director of Youth Activities: ..... Will Pieper  
Dir. of Family Life Activities: ..... Stephen Nelson  
Gambling Manager: ..... Randy Balauskys (PGK)  
District Deputy: ..... Randy Balauskys (PGK)  
KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
Benefits Advisor: ..... Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

## Knight of the Month



*Ryan Sanford*

The May Knight of the Month is a young man with plenty of energy – and he's sharing it with Council 945. Ryan Sanford joined the Knights back in 2012. Sponsored by his father, Gary Sanford, Ryan saw how he gave back to the community, and wanted to be a part of it. He said, "I saw how much fun he was having while giving back to the community, and I thought it was something I'd like to do."

Ryan's been involved with the Friday night dinners, Smokin' in Steele, the Tootsie Roll drive, and he's helped solve computer issues at the KC Hall's business office. It's all something he's more than happy to do, saying that simply "giving back to the community is the best part about being a Knight."

Ryan's spent most of his life living in Owatonna, and after high school, graduated from ITT Tech in Eden Prairie. He's been working in the computer IT field in Edina for Dell Compellent for the past two and a half years.

A member of Sacred Heart, he likes to work on computers in his spare time, in addition to hunting, fishing, and playing disc golf.

Congratulations to Ryan Sanford, Council 945's May Knight of the Month!

## Better Keep in Touch by Stanley Parker

Jake, the rancher, went one day  
To fix a distant fence.  
The wind was cold and gusty  
And the clouds rolled gray and dense.

As he pounded the last staples in  
And gathered tools to go,  
The temperature had fallen,  
The wind and snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup,  
He felt a heavy heart.  
From the sound of that ignition  
He knew it wouldn't start.

So Jake did what most of us  
Would do if we had been there.  
He humbly bowed his balding head  
And sent aloft a prayer.

As he turned the key for the last time,  
He softly cursed his luck  
They found him three days later,  
Frozen stiff in that old truck.

Now Jake had been around in life  
And done his share of roaming.  
But when he saw Heaven, he was shocked –  
It looked just like Wyoming !

Of all the saints in Heaven,  
His favorite was St. Peter.

So they sat and talked a minute or two,  
Or maybe it was three.  
Nobody was keeping' score –  
In Heaven, time is free.

'I've always heard,' Jake said to Pete,  
'that God will answer prayer,  
But one time I asked for help,  
Well, he just plain wasn't there.'

'Does God answer prayers of some,  
And ignore the prayers of others?  
That don't seem exactly square –  
I know all men are brothers.'

'Or does he randomly reply,  
Without good rhyme or reason?  
Maybe, it's the time of day,  
The weather or the season.'

'Now I ain't trying to act smart,  
It's just the way I feel.  
And I was wonderin', could you tell me –  
What the heck's the deal?!

Peter listened very patiently  
And when Jake was done,  
There were smiles of recognition,  
And he said, 'So, you're the one!!'

That day your truck, it wouldn't start,  
And you sent your prayer a flying,  
You gave us all a real bad time,  
With hundreds of us trying.'

'A thousand angels rushed,  
To check the status of your file,  
But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard  
From you in quite a long while.'

'And though all prayers are answered,  
And God ain't got no quota,  
He didn't recognize your voice,  
And started a truck in Minnasota'

**BETTER KEEP IN TOUCH!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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Owatonna, MN 55060

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza***

**Sunday, July 13**

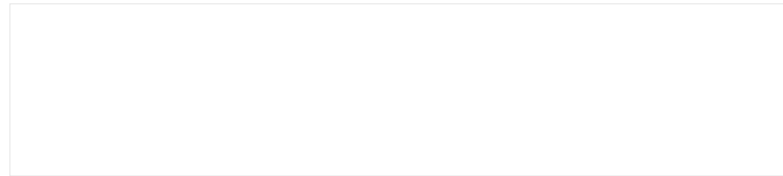
**K of C Chorus performs at 11:00 a.m.**

***Litomysl 43rd Annual Summer Festival***

**Sunday, July 27**

**Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

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**JULY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>2</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Fourth of July	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>9</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Extravaganza Steele County Fairgrounds KC Chorus - 11:00 am Village of Yesteryear	<b>14</b> First Degree Exemplification KC Hall - 7:00 pm Candidates be at the Hall at 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm  Relay for Life Steele County Fairgrounds	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Fourth Degree Meeting-KC Hall 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Litomysl 43rd Annal Summer Festival Mass - 10:00 am Festival - 11:00 am	<b>28</b> .	<b>29</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Music in the Park Central Park KC Chorus 7:00 - 8:00 pm		