

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 30, 31, & June 1 -
Smokin' in Steele
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 1 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
June 4 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
June 11 - General Meeting- KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
June 14 - Worn & Tattered
Flag Turn-In
Hy-Vee, Cashwise, & Fareway
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
June 14 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social, Dinner, & Awards - KC Hall
following Installation
June 19 - Knights of Columbus 945
Relay for Life Spaghetti Supper
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
June 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 18 - Relay for Life
Steele County Fairgrounds

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 4
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 11
KCHall
Program - 7:30 p.m.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands
Garden Tractor Pull
Antique Tractor Display
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
3rd Annual Smokin' In Steele/
Gopher Sport 5k Run/Walk for Special Olympics
Award-Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast

May 30, 31, and June 1
Steele County Fairgrounds

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 14
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at St. Joseph Church
Social and dinner following
installation at KC Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 945 RELAY FOR LIFE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Thursday, June 19
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
\$7.00 in advance or
\$7.50 at the door.
Advance tickets can be purchased from the
KC945 Relay for Life team members
and at the KC Hall.

BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 1
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at the Steele County Fairgrounds
in the Beer Garden
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
milk, and coffee
\$6.00 at the door
Children under age 6 eat free
Everyone welcome

WORN & TATTERED FLAG TURN-IN

Saturday, June 14 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
At the following locations:
Hy-Vee, Cashwise, and Fareway

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Every Friday in June, serving appetizers, assorted
burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish
sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips,
and more.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our General Meeting on Wednesday, June 11. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2014-2015.

Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
Deputy Grand Knight: Dave Lax
Chancellor: Gary Sanford
Advocate: Nicholas Matejcek
Warden: Open
Inside Guard: Peter Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Ben Lampinein

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the June meeting, and anyone wishing to serve is welcome to make it known at that time. These members and the Committee Chairs will shape the direction of the Council for the upcoming year. Come and show your support.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

As we gradually move toward the summer season, our Church is filled with the excitement of the Easter season. Together we rejoice in the Risen Lord who offers us joy in the midst of sorrow, hope in the midst of despair, and the promise of eternal life in a world that promises but fails in so many other ways. It a season of new Life.

We are a Church and a people that stand for Life. One of the main ways we experience this Life is through the Church's sacraments.

When we celebrate baptism we mark the point at which a young baby or a person of any age, enters the Christian community and begins to live for Christ. At Confirmation, we celebrate our reception of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and at the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives—we celebrate the greatest joy as Catholics, receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, our redeemer and the Savior of the World.

And in the midst of such tremendous goodness that is unparalleled in all of existence, the Lord still blesses us with the opportunity to ask for and receive forgiveness for our sins and selfishness, through the Sacrament of Penance, another way we experience God's love and mercy. And when we are sick, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick give us hope and healing and courage. And if that wasn't enough, the Lord invites us to keep moving forward as Catholic Christians in the Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

How fortunate we are to inherit such a wonderful sacramental life. We are blessed. As a Church, we have a great message to share. It is Life.

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 Ron Schleif is very ill.

Brother Knight Ray Pirkel 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, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

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

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Welcome to our three new First Degree Brother Knights. Thank you to everyone who signed up a new member from this past year. Also, welcome again to all of our new members who joined in the past year. July 1st starts a new year, and our goal again will try for our Council to achieve Star Council.

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.

We are planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son or grandson will be home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

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.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

From the very beginning, your Knights of Columbus has emphasized the importance of ethical behavior, with every aspect and person associated with the organization. In March, 2014, the Knights of Columbus were named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute. This award recognizes organizations that continue to raise the bar on ethical leadership and corporate behavior. It is interesting to note that among the 2014 honorees, we were one of only two chosen in the life insurance category.

To be among those few selected, 5 categories are screened. Ethics & compliance (25%), reputation, leadership & innovation (20%), governance (how a company is run by its leadership) (10%), corporate responsibility (25%) and culture of ethics (20%).

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights can be proud of. We are unapologetic about conducting business in line with Catholic principles. This means, among other things, adhering to a strict screening process for our investments. Stock prices, shareholders, profit margins, golden parachutes, etc. etc. etc. is not our focus. Rather, it is doing what is right for our members and their families. And...when you add the fact that we are one of North America's largest and most highly rated life insurers...why would a brother Knight look further than the Knights to do business with?

Thanks again for taking the time to read and think about the things I have written this month. I can be reached at 213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

THE BOYS OF SUMMER ARE BACK

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

2014 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success



Greg Lammers, Steve Reller, and Don Trenda at Hy-Vee.



Dan Ruiter and Tom Bremer at Fareway.



A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$5,600.00 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

The weekend of April 25th through the 27th found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise Foods, HyVee, Fareway, and Wal Mart.

After deducting the cost of the Tootsie Rolls, the remaining money will be distributed to the following beneficiaries: Owatonna Special Olympics, Rainbow Residence, Cedar Valley Services, Owatonna Park & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation, and 5 percent will go to the Special Olympics Fall Classic.

Jerome Spindler, chairman, would like to offer a huge thank you to team leader Wade Schroeder. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2014 Tootsie Roll Drive:

John Ahlberg	Tom Gebur	Greg Lammers	Dan Sawyer
Randy Balausky	Jim Gleason	Ted Leon	Denise Sibenaller
Tom Barry	Steve and	Nick Matejcek	Pete Snyder
Lynn Becker	Karen Graff	Glen Meger	Lavern Soukup
Tim Blum	Steve Grubish	Allan Nelson	Leo Spindler
Keven Boettcher	Pete Guenther	Gary Nelson	Norman Spindler
Tom and	Gerry Gunderson	Greg Nelson	Ron Starman
Bonnie Bremer	Del Hartle	Michelle Nelson	Dan Stursa
Tom Burke	Tim Hassing	Dillion Noble	Curt Supalla
John Connor	Chris Herzog	Tony Nguyen	Richard Thamert
Pete Connor	Gordy Hofus	Alex Pieper	Lon Thiele
Rian Copeland	Scott Holzerland	William Pieper	Kenneth Thurnau
Mark Cunningham	Jay Hudrlik	Curt Pritchard	Don Trenda
Todd Deming	Dale Janke	Joe Procopio	Joe Wagoner
Tom Dietz	Dave Jen0	Steve Reller	Dan Walsh
Tom Docksey	Harlan Kern	Tim Rice	Eric Wandersee
Joel Dulas	Robi Kniefel	Steve Roden	Jim Wencl
William Effertz	Tom Knight	Pat Rose	Dennis Werner
Tom Eichten	Don Kramer	Dan Ruiter	Earl Wheeler
Joe Elbert	John Kriesel	Greg Salmonsen	Ray Willmott
Gary Fisher	Tom Kubista	Gary Sanford	Ron Wolf
Steve Fisher	Terry & Lisa Kuck	Ryan Sanford	
Terrance Fisher	George Lambaere		



Gary Sanford and Bill Foreman welcome patrons with smiles.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus sponsored Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner for area Scouting, OHS Cultural Club, and the OHS Jazz Band

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 sponsored their annual Spaghetti Dinner for Owatonna area Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, OHS Jazz Band, and OHS Cultural Club on Tuesday, April 29, at St. Mary's School cafeteria. More than 350 people were served a "Special Recipe." Thanks to all the KC members who helped make this a great event. Great thanks to Conrad Bahe, Tammy Balausky, Mark Cunningham, Joe Elbert, Bill Foreman, Gerry Gunderson, Ron Heim, Mark Kearin, LaVerne Klecker, Dave Lax, Gary Sanford, Jerome Spindler, Tim Rice, Ron Wolf, and all of the volunteers who helped, and event chairman Randy Balausky.



Tim Rice and LaVerne Klecker prepare the pasta.



Jerome Spindler and Tammy Balausky serve the delicious meal.



Joe Elbert boils the spaghetti.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Three New Knights Exemplified on May 12



John Hepp is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed with Phillips Wines and Spirits in sales. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Tim Blum.



Chris Fazzi and his wife Lillian have one son, Giancarlo They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the music director at Sacred Heart and St. Theodore Parish in Albert Lea. He was sponsored by Brother Knight David Lax.



Aaron Heim is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Curt's Truck and Diesel as a mechanic. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Ron Heim.

Chrism Mass



"I attended the Diocesan Chrism Mass in Wells on Monday, April 14. I want to compliment all of the 4th Degree members who participated in the Honor Guard. It was very impressive and I was proud to be from Owatonna. My personal thanks to everyone who was there." Nancy Janke



Relay for Life

The Owatonna Council 945 is proud to announce that we have formed a Knights of Columbus Council 945 Relay for Life team for 2014. Here are the names of current KC945 Relay for Life team members: Wade Schroeder, Lynn Becker, Dan Wolfe, John Ahlberg, Joe Elbert, Dave Lax, and Gordon Hofius.

The Relay for Life is an organized, family friendly overnight community fund raising event most noted for raising money for the American Cancer Society and the use of luminaria on the night of the event. This year's event is scheduled for the evening of July 18th on the east end of the Steele County Fairgrounds. Besides the many beautiful lit luminarias lining the walking track, there will be activities for kids, live entertainment, food, and a silent auction on the night of the event.

Each and every one of us in our Council has been indirectly or directly affected by cancer and involvement in or support of this event is a fun and rewarding way to raise money to continue to fund cancer research. Individual Brother Knights who would like to join the Council's Relay for Life team can contact Wade Schroeder at (507) 573-1586. Individuals who would like to purchase luminaria can purchase them at the KC Hall or contact any member of the Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team.

The Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team will also be hosting a spaghetti supper on Thursday, June 19th to raise money for the relay. Dinner will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the upstairs of the KC Hall – Cost is \$7.00 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from the KC945 Relay for Life team members, at the KC Hall, or at the door on the night of the event.

2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Michael Cronin
Grand Knight:Dustin Reese (507) 456-3523
Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
Chancellor: Dave Lax
Advocate: Gary Sanford
Warden: Nicholas Matejcek
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Ben Lampinein
Trustee (3 year): PGK Steve Dornquast
Trustee (2 year): PGK Randy Balausky
Trustee (1 year):PGK Wade Schroeder

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Wolfe (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
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 Balausky (PGK)
District Deputy:Randy Balausky (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Bill Bunkers

Bill Bunkers is a lover of antiques, sports, and public service – and for that last item, Council 945 is loving him back and recognizing him as the April Knight of the Month.

A native of Fulda, (in southwest Minnesota), Bill graduated from college at South Dakota State University, eventually earning his Master's Degree from Mankato State University and the University of Minnesota. He worked in public education for 32 years, and eventually settled in as Junior High Principal in the Waseca School District, serving there the last 12 years of his career before retiring in December of 2012. However, he was coaxed out of retirement and now serves as administrator (part-time) at St. Isidore's in Litomysl.

Bunkers first joined the Knights of Columbus when he was living in Blooming Prairie back in 1979. Giving back was the

draw. He said, "I wanted to be more active in the church and the community, and that was one way to do it." However, he's gotten much more out of it after helping out at the fair, the Tootsie Roll drive, the many benefit breakfasts, the Fish Fries, or Smokin' in Steele. He said the best part is the comradarie and fellowship with his Brother Knights, adding, "I like doing public service, but I really like the guys I meet, regardless of the project we're helping out on. It's nice to get to know guys you wouldn't otherwise meet."

Bill is a member of the Fourth Degree. He and his wife Alana are members at St. Joseph's parish, and have three grown children. He is proud of the fact that all three have college degrees. In his spare time, he enjoys collecting antiques, including this three classic cars – one of which was his great grandfather's car. He and Alana also enjoy traveling.

Bill is proud to be a member of Council 945. He says it's because the organization has "a lot of good people who do a lot of good things that are behind the scenes. It's a great organization."

And Council 945 is proud to have Bill Bunkers as a member. Congratulations to Bill Bunkers, our April Knight of the Month!

St. Vincent DePaul Society and Respect for Life Benefit From Breakfast

Sunday morning, April 27, 250 hungry attendees made their way to the St. Mary's School cafeteria for the breakfast conducted for the benefit of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and Respect for Life Committee. The usual fine crew of brother knights served the patrons with little waiting for the custom prepared breakfasts. The delicious omelets and country breakfasts continue to be rated as the best breakfast in Owatonna! The efforts of the two groups with pre-breakfast ticket sales and walk up patrons resulted in a \$750 being raised for the groups. Al Nelson, event coordinator, reported that workers from the two groups and the Council did an excellent job and there was plenty of help. He wants to thank the workers who are listed here:

Saturday prep team: Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Al Jirele, Tom Kingsley, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Knight, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.

Sunday team: Kevin Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steven Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, and Dave Wunderlich.

There were a lot of workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apology and thanks for your efforts. Thanks also to the patrons who braved the elements and came to the breakfast!

Please remember the next breakfast, which is the culmination of the Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest as well as the 2013 – 2014 breakfast season. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 1, from 8:00 am to Noon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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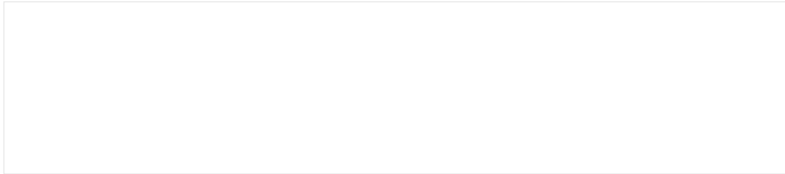
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Benefit Pancake Breakfast
June 1, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden

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Officer Installation Mass and Awards Banquet
June 14, Mass - 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church
Installation after Mass
Social, Dinner, & Awards to follow at KC Hall



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Benefit Pancake Breakfast Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 8:00 am-12:00 pm	2	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 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	7
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