

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY  
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

**May 7** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 8** - I-35 Clean-up  
First Supply - 4:45 p.m.  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 12** - First Degree  
Exemplification  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**May 12** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**May 14** - General Meeting - KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 22** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 26** - Memorial Day Parade  
& Ceremony  
**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 14** - Officer Installation Mass  
& Awards Banquet  
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.  
Installation following Mass  
Social, Dimmer, & Awards - KC Hall  
following Installation

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 7  
KCHall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 14  
KCHall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.

### I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help with I-35 Clean-Up Project  
Thursday, May 8, 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.

### Knights of Columbus - Benefit Breakfast Schedule 2014

June 1 Smokin' In Steele

### 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.

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will march in  
the Memorial Day parade and the KC Chorus will  
sing for the program at the Four Seasons Centre  
on Monday, May 26, 2014. The parade begins at  
9:30 a.m. and the program follows immediately  
after the parade. All KC Council members are  
urged to attend.

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, May 12 at the KC Hall in Owatonna  
beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
**Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

### PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

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

### 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

### SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

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

### COMFORT FOOD

Serving homemade soup and BLTs every  
Tuesday in May  
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge  
Enjoy comfort food before winning  
at bar bingo.

May 30, 31, and June 1  
Steele County Fairgrounds

We need your help, call  
Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629  
or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015  
or go the KC Website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org) to sign-up.



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

On Monday of Holy Week, the priests, laity, and religious of the Diocese of Winona gathered around the altar with Bishop John Quinn for the annual Chrism Mass at St. Casimir Church in Wells. The liturgy was a beautiful manifestation of God's Church in the southern counties of Minnesota that make up the Diocese of Winona. Priests of the Diocese were present at this liturgy to renew in a very public way our priestly commitment. Deacons and their wives, members of religious communities, seminarians, and the laity presented the oils to be blessed by the bishop and used throughout the diocese during the year. The blessing of the Oil of the Sick asks the Lord to grant His healing grace to all who are ill and that they have the strength to bear suffering in union with the passion of Christ. The Oil of Catechumens strengthens us during our journey of faith. The oil is used to anoint the elect during the final weeks of preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, and in the rite for the Baptism of infants and young children. The Sacred Chrism is used in Baptism and Confirmation, in the Ordination of Priests, in the Consecration of Bishops, and in the dedication of churches and altars. In this homily, Bishop Quinn reminded those in attendance of God's merciful love, the desire to be unified in the Church, and to work together to finally bring healing and justice for those who have been tragically hurt by misconduct of any kind. In his thanks at the conclusion of the liturgy, he especially thanked the Knights of Columbus, with a strong presence as the honor guard, for their commitment to Life and to the Church. What a blessing the liturgy was for all in attendance. The blessings will flourish throughout the diocese in the use of the sacred oils and in the dedication and commitment of all God's people. Blessing to you all during the Easter season and beyond!

## 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:**

*Duane Spindler, brother of Brother Knight Walt Spindler, who is battling cancer.*

**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 Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, 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.**

## 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.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, May 12 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 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 still have a ways to go to achieve our membership goal for Star Council. We are planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son 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



Life Insurance  
Annuities  
Long Term Care  
Disability

*Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC*  
213-9410

*Kevin.gallagher@kofc.org*



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

~DEATH~

**WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT ..**

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to Leave the examination room and said,  
'Doctor, I am afraid to die.  
Tell me what lies on the other side.'  
Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know..'  
'You don't know? You're, a Christian man,  
And don't know what's on the other side?'  
The doctor was holding the handle of the door;  
On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,  
And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room  
And leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.  
Turning to the patient, the doctor said,  
'Did you notice my dog?  
He's never been in this room before.  
He didn't know what was inside.  
He knew nothing except that his master was here,  
And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.  
I know little of what is on the other side of death,  
But I do know one thing...  
I know my Master is there and that is enough.

# Smokin' in Steele



May 30

Presented By:  
Owatonna  
Knights of Columbus



To  
Benefit: *Special Olympics*  
Minnesota  
Owatonna

- **11:00am** Food Vendors open for lunch
- **5:00pm** Greetings and Instructions to Pro BBQ Teams
- **5:30pm** Kids Q Kick Off (Instructions and distribution of meat/ grills)
- **5:30pm** VIP Reception / Dinner with Brother Sun & Sister Moon
- **5:30pm** James Armstrong in the Beer Garden
- **6:30pm** Pro Tips in Park Square Free
- **7:00pm** Brother Sun & Sister Moon in Park Square Free
- **7:30pm** Nashville Artist RB Stone in the Beer Garden
- **9:30pm** Fabulous Lovehandles w/Brian 'Zoot' Simonds in Beer Garden

May 31

**Tickets for Beer Garden Music:**  
*2 day advance \$10 -or- \$8 per day at the door*

- **7:00am** Backyard Amateur BBQ Competition (Cooks' Meeting)
- **7:00am** Registration for 5K Walk/Run
- **8:30am** Start of 5K Walk/ Run
- **11:00am** Food Vendors open for lunch/ Antique Tractor Parade
- **11:30am** Mark Cameron Band in Park Square Free
- **12:00pm** Special Olympics Chefs Tour
- **12:30pm** Dave Lambert & The Motivators in Park Square Free
- **1:30pm** Blues 4 Kids Harmonica lessons Park Square Free
- **2:00pm** The The Rusty Wright Band in the Beer Garden
- **2:00pm** Blues 4 Kids' Harmonica lessons Park Square Free
- **2:30pm** The Swamp Kings in Park Square Free
- **4:00pm** Awards Ceremony Park Square
- **4:30pm** Garden Tractor Pull in front of the Grandstand Free
- **5:30pm** The Ori Naftaly Band from Israel in the Beer Garden
- **6:00pm** Mike Fugazzi in Park Square Free
- **7:30pm** Rickey Godfrey in the Beer Garden
- **9:30pm** Smokin' in Steele Band in the Beer Garden

SMOKIN' IN STEELE supports Breast Cancer awareness 

June 1 **8:00am** Pancake Breakfast in the Beer Garden *only \$6*

**Turn this flyer in at our ticket booth for TWO BBQ BUCKS!**

**LIMIT: One flyer per customer,  
offer valid only May 30-June 1, 2014**

**BBQ Bucks are good for food and beverage purchases at SIS  
No Cash redemption value**

**www.smokininsteale.com**

**HEY KIDS:**  
**Smokin in Steeje**  
**HAS TWO GREAT**  
**EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**



**May 30**

**KIDS - Q BBQ COMPETITION**

Open to the first 25 entries in each age group

We supply the Grill & the Meat!

Age Groups: 7-10 and 11-15 Prizes!

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**May 31**

**BLUES & KIDS**

**HARMONICA LESSONS**

Open to the first 40 entries

We supply the Harmonica & you get to keep it!

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**WWW.SMOKININSTEELE.COM**

**Hey Folks**  
**Smokin in Steeje**  
**HAS GREAT**  
**EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**



-Pre-registration  
Required

-Slots are  
filling fast!

**Backyard Amateur**

**BBQ Competition**

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**WWW.SMOKININSTEELE.COM**

**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 Dornquist  
 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: ..... Josh Klecker  
 District Deputy: .....Randy Balausky (PGK)  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
 Benefits Advisor: ..... Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

***Knight of the Month***



*Jeff Otto*

Our March Knight of the Month joined Council 945 about five years ago – perhaps out of peer pressure by friends Brian Carlson, Mark Kearin, and Dave Wunderlich – but it’s been something that’s allowed Jeff Otto an opportunity to serve his community and have a good time doing it.

Jeff is often seen helping out at the Sunday Morning Benefit Breakfasts and also volunteers time at Smokin’ in Steele. He says he enjoys the work because, “it’s fun to meet new people and get involved with the different activities.” It gives him a way to volunteer in the community and his faith community. He says Council 945 has done a good job of keeping it enjoyable for the men involved. “They are providing a fun way to get in to volunteering and giving back to your community. It’s an enjoyable way to do that.”

Jeff is a graduate of Bemidji State University, and is a computer programmer at Federated Insurance, where he’s been for 17 years. He has a daughter, Ava, and son, Colton, at St. Mary’s School. He is a member at St. Joseph’s.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoys golfing, hunting, and camping. Congratulations to Jeff Otto, our March Knight of the Month!

***Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet***

On Saturday, June 14, the Officer Installation & Awards Banquet will be held to recognize and honor Knights for their years of membership, service to the community, and contribution to the Council. In addition, new officers will be installed for the 2014-2015 Council year. The evening will begin with a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church, where Rev. Ed McGrath will preside. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place in Church immediately following Mass. The evening will then continue at the KC Hall with a social hour, dinner, program, and awards presentation. Individual Membership Awards (25-Year, 50-Year, and Honorary and Life Members), OAK (Owatonna Active Knights) hours will be recognized, as well as the Knight of the Year, Trustee’s Service Award, and Past Grand Knight Award will also be announced. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening.

***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.

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

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the May and June meetings, 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.



***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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council No. 945  
 P.O. Box 945  
 Owatonna, MN 55060

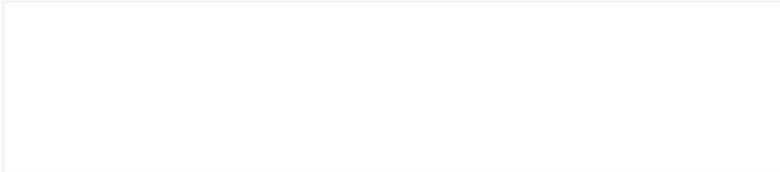
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**Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest**  
 May 30, 31, and June 1  
 Steele County Fairgrounds

Nonprofit Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
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 Owatonna, MN  
 Permit No. 202

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



**MAY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	3 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
4	5	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Comfort Food 5:45 - 6:45 pm	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	8 I-35 Clean-Up First Supply 4:45 pm	9 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	10 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
11 Mother's Day	12 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  First Degree Exemplification 6:30 pm KC Hall	13 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Comfort Food 5:45 - 6:45 pm	14 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	15	16 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	17 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
18	19	20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Comfort Food 5:45 - 6:45 pm	21	22 Fourth Degree Meeting-KC Hall 7:30 pm	23 Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	24 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm
25	26 Memorial Day  Memorial Day Parade - 9:30 am Program at Four Seasons Centre following parade.	27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Comfort Food 5:45 - 6:45 pm	28	29	30 Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest  Pub Grub Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm	31 Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
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