#### Owatonna The Key APRIL 2017 to greater Council unity. Council 945 **COLUMBIAN CENTER COMING EVENTS** 820 Elm Avenue South P.O. Box 623 Owatonna, MN 55060 **OFFICERS' MEETING** GENERAL MEETING 507.451.6103 KC LOUNGE Wednesday, April 5 Wednesday, April 12 Open: Mon-Sat 3:30-12:30 KC Hall Program - 7:30 p.m. Happy hour Mon-Fri 4 - 6 Free Hors d'oeuvres during Our speaker will be Sir Brother Knight Joe Elbert. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Friday happy hour. He will be speaking on Smokin' In Steele. Member discount for Hall rental. **BAR BINGO BENEFIT BREAKFAST** Every Tuesday in the St. Vincent DePaul Society & Lounge at 7:00 p.m. **Hospitality House** COUNCIL MEETINGS WE WANT YOU! Sunday, April 9, 8:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Officers' Meeting - KC Hall, To join us on April 8th for the at St. Mary's School First Wednesday 7:30 p.m. General Meeting - KC Hall, **Knights of Columbus Council 945** \$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 At the door, Free under 6 Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! "Celebration of Service" Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall, Featuring the delicious Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. (Formerly the Awards Banquet) KC Country Breakfasts & KC three egg omelets. A night you won't want to miss!! **KCWEBSITE** "KC Omelet Breakfasts" SAVE THE DATE! The Twins omelet - ham & cheese visit our website The Viking omelet - ham & cheese, Social 5:00 pm www.kofccouncil945.org with sauteed onions, red & green peppers **Delicious Prime Rib Dinner** The Wild omelet - cheese. MARK YOUR CALENDAR Celebration of Service program to follow with sauteed onions, red & green peppers featuring our guest of honor, retired decorated Each served with pancakes or French Toast, April 5 - Officers' and infantry Command Sergeant Major Harry Kerr. milk and coffee Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. "KC Country Breakfast" \$35 per couple - \$20 individual April 8- Celebration of Service Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage, Seating is limited KC Hall eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee **RSVP** to Mark at the KC Hall today Social - 5:00 p.m. All with table service - delicious food served <u>April 9</u>- Benefit Breakfast at 451-6103 hot from the grill to your table. St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION for St. Vincent de Paul Society **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -**& Hospitality House Monday, April 24 - Owatonna KC Hall April 9 - Divine Mercy Sunday **BENEFIT BREAKFAST SCHEDULE** Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m. Owatonna Clay Target Team May 7 <u>April 10</u>- Building Meeting PUB GRUB FRIDAYS KC Hall - 7:00 p.m. KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m. <u>April 11</u>- First Degree **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** Exemplification - KC Hall Friday, April 21 and 28 Sunday, April 9 Candidates please be at Hall Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak at 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church - 3:00 p.m. sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets, April 12 - General Meeting All are welcome to this hour of prayer. KC Hall chicken strips, and more. Program - 7:30 p.m. April 22 - 31st Annual Night of **BENEFIT LENTEN FISH DINNERS** Knights Auction St. Mary's School - 4:00 p.m. Every Friday during Lent - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. served in the KC Hall and Lounge April 22 - Fourth Degree Fried or Baked Fish Plate, whipped potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, roll, milk, & coffee Exemplification Presale tickets -\$10.00, \$11.00 at the door - Kids under six eat free Mankato, MN April 27 - Fourth Degree All you care to eat. Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. April 28, 29, & 30- Tootsie Roll **2017 Beneficiaries** Fund-raiser March 31 Compassionate Friends & Relay For Life April 7 Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree & Hospice House April 14 Izaak Walton League

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Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford   Dear Brother Knights,   April is another busy month for our Knights of Columbus Council   945. We have our Celebration of Service banquet, Tootsie Roll Drive,   Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Mary's Night of Knights Auction, our Fish   Dinners, and most importantly Holy Week and Easter Sunday.   I hope I will see many of you at the Celebration of Service banquet,   (formerly Awards banquet). I am looking forward to listening to our   guest speaker. It will be a fun night celebrating everything Council   945 has done for charity.   Speaking of charity, Tootsie Roll Drive we need your help. Tony and   site captains need your help in filling time slots. This drive is so   important to help fund all the great organizations in Steele County   that assist people with disabilities. Please sign up to help. I   encourage you to ask a prospective member to help, it's a great way   to introduce them to the Knights of Columbus. Just a couple of   hours out of your day can impact so many of our neighbors.   I would like to welcome our three new members. We need new   members. Our Council is hosting our second Major Degree   Exemplification on May 7th. Our quota to achieve Star Council is 35.   Star Council is our goal for the year, but the bigger picture is growth   and being able to maintain our cha		Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.   Annuity. What is it?   An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity can pay you a regular income stream or provide for distributions of money, including lump sum if desired.   Who needs it?   There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it. Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement.   But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. With a properly structured retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.   Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.   How does it work?   Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.   Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.   Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guaranteed.   First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed.   Rotinghts of Columbus annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.   Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, eventua			
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BANQUET Saturday, April 1 Social - 5:30 p.m. Meal - 6:30 p.m. Awards and program to follow.	<b>BAR TRIVIA</b> Get your team of one to four together to play trivia, every Saturday in April at the KC Hall at 4:00 n m Weekly winners	CORPORATE	MINNESOTA TWINS Stop past the Club to catch all the Minnesota Twins action. Play		

Awards and program to follow. at 4:00 p.m. Weekly winners receive a \$25.00 bar tab. Club (507) 451-6103.

Call Mark at the

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

the Minnesota Twins action. Play Taters For Toppers for chances to win free drinks.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON FEBRUARY 13



**Patrick Baldwin** and his wife Shari have two children, son Jackson and daughter Amelia. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is the night manager at The Hyatt in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Matt Thurnau.



**Dan Buck** and his wife Jennifer have five children, Reese, Caleb, Elizabeth, Mariam, and Ezra. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the director of Kids Korner. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



**Tony Glynn** and his son Blaine are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Northern Natural Gas. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Mike Meger.

# **RECENT BREAKFASTS WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL**

The 4–H Purple Ribbon Club enjoyed their second year on the breakfast schedule. And we enjoyed a great day on Feb. 26 with them. Four hundred and fifty (450) fine meals were served that day – one of our biggest turnouts ever, as was last year's event.

The strong support of this group is very good to see. Council 945 takes special pride in helping this group as they provide great leadership training to a wide variety of young people in the community.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Tom Bremer, Brian Carlson, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, and Ron Wolf.* 

The Sunday team included: Brian Carlson, Tony David, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Doug Kloos, Rob Kniefel, Terry Kuck, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Greg Robillard, Thomas Robillard, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.

The breakfast held on March 12 was for the St. Mary's Music Boosters where 350 meals were served – much better than last year. We also appreciate the opportunity to provide support to this fine group of students who provide some very nice entertainment.

Saturday prep team members are: *Tony David, Bob Grebe, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.* 



The Sunday team included: Patrick Baldwin, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tony David, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Dave Pfeifer, Ethan Pieper, Will Pieper, Greg Robillard, Thomas Robillard, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Eric Tucker, Eric Wandersee, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.

The schedule shows that there is one "regular" benefit breakfast remaining this season. On April 9, the breakfast will be held for the benefit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Hospitality House. Both these groups "extend helping hands" to many people in need and thus our support will be much appreciated.

There is one new breakfast scheduled on May 7 for the Owatonna Clay Target Team, please support this group.

The final "special" breakfast will be held on June 4 at the Beer Garden in the Steele County Fairgrounds. The proceeds of this breakfast are for the charitable work of Council 945. It marks the culmination of the 2016-17 benefit breakfast season. Also, this will be the 10th annual Smokin' in Steele barbeque contest and blues festival.

A huge THANKS goes out to everyone who supports our benefit breakfasts. That includes attendees and all our dedicated workers.Please join us next fall for the next great season.







# 10th Annual Smokin' In Steele



**BBQ Contest & BLUES FEST** 

Three Days of Great Food, Music, and FUN!

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands Kids Que BBQ Contest Steak Cook Off Competition Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons Family Bike Cruise 6th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k Run/Walk for Special Olympics Antique Tractor Display & SemiTruck Show Award Winning Food Vendors Classic Cars Delicious Pancake Breakfast

> The Steele County Fairgrounds Owatonna, MN Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 2, 3, & 4 Beneficiary this year will be *Special Olympics - Owatonna*

> > **Blues Bands**

Joyann Parker Band Brother Sun Sister Moon Shaun Murphy Band Jeremiah Johnson Band Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altarboys Harrison Street Mark Cameron Band

Renee Austin Mike Munson & Mikkel Bckmen Dee Miller Band Norman Jackson Band Southern Avenue Mississippi Bigfoot

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 4 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

We need *volunteer* help for all of the different activities to make the Smokin' In Steele a HUGE success. Please volunteer to help, if you are contacted to help, please say "YES." If you do want to volunteer, sign-up for Smokin' in Steele at **http://www.smokininsteele.com/** or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 456-8971 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

More info in the May Key or check out the website: smokininsteele.com.



# Back in 2017 -Bicycle Cruise





6th Annual Antique Tractor and Semi Truck Show: Saturday June 3rd from 9am-2pm, with a parade at 11am!

> ...and back this year, Classic Cars!



2017 Smokin' in Steele/Gopher Sport 6th Annual 5K RUN/WALK for Special Olympics - June 3



### **2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793
Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
Advocate:Lynn Becker
Warden: Lee Jardine
Inside Guard: Jerome Spindler
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Tony David
Trustee (3 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dave Lax
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# Knight of the Month



Mike Jensen

Our Knight of the Month, Mike Jensen, has been a member of our Council since March 1996. Mike joined not long after he and his family moved to Owatonna, following in the footsteps of his grandfather who was a Fourth Degree Knight.

Mike grew up in Worthington, Minnesota, in the southwest part of Minnesota. After graduation from high school, he went on to pursue a degree in Business Administration at St. John's University in Minnesota. Right after graduation he started working for 3M Company and spent the next 15 years living in the Twin Cities. Mike later changed jobs to work at E.F. Johnson in Waseca and Mike and his family moved to Owatonna.

Mike and his wife Kathleen raised a set of twins. Their son now lives in St. Paul working as a science teacher at Hill Murray High School and their daughter studied at Columbia University and now lives and works in New York City. Mike and Kathleen have been active in St. Mary's

School, where Kathleen has worked for a number of years as a Teacher's Aide and Mike on the school board. Mike retired in 2011 and spends his new found free time playing golf, reading, occasional fishing, hunting trips, and working KC events. Mike has been a fixture on the Saturday morning breakfast set up crew and has also helped with the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing, and benefit suppers. Mike says it is great to see that the Knights of Columbus have so many people who give so much of their time and effort for charity and service to others. We thank Mike for his many years of service and support to our Council and congratulate him on being our Knight of the Month for February.

#### 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: Barb Strand, wife of deceased Sir Brother Knight Willard Strand, is recovering from an illness. Let us be united in prayer for those facing ongoing challenges... Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemuth, Marilyn Dillemuth, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Council. Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, They will thank you. Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf. **IN MEMORY** Please remember in your prayers the following individuals and their families: running our Council. Mary Standke, sister of Brother Knight Lyle Snider passed away on February 23. my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

Alfred "Alfie" Wondra, brother of Brother Knight Tom Wondra passed away on March 9.

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

### Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations and welcome to our new members. We are planning on having a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, April 24, at the KC Hall. Please have the candidates at the Hall by 6:30 p.m. We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 7. We still need additional members to make Star Council goal for this fraternal year. 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. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our

Our Council has accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and renewed energy we can do more. Don't wait any longer, call and visit your prospective member today. Explain our Council's accomplishments and invite them to join us.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues. If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as **possible.** We use money from the dues to make ends meet

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or

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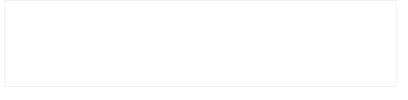
### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast St. Vincent DePaul Society & Hospitality House April 9, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School

> Benefit Lenten Fish Dinners Every Friday during Lent KC Hall 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*First Degree Exemplification* KC Hall - April 24 Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. Nonprofit Organization U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** Owatonna, MN Permit No. 202



APRIL 2017								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
						1 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm K of C Fishing Banquet KC Hall Social - 5:30 pm Meal - 6:30 pm		
2	3	<b>4</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>5</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	6	7 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree & Hospice House 5:00 - 7:00 pm	8 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Celebration of Service KC Hall Soc - 5:00 pm		
9 Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 am-12:30 pm for St. Mary's Music Boosters Divine Mercy Sunday - 3:00 pm St. Joseph Church	<b>10</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	11 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	12 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	13	14 Benefit Lenten Fish Dinner for Izaak Walton League 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm		
16 Easter Sunday	17	18 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	19	20	21 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	22 Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Fourth Degree Exemplification Mankato, MN 31st Annual Night of Knights Auction 4:00 pm St. Mary's School		
23	24 First Degree Exemplification Owatonna KC Hall Candidates please be at Hall at 6:30 pm	25 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	26	<b>27</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	28 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser	<b>29</b> Bar Trivia KC Hall - 4:00 pm Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser		
<b>30</b> Corporate Communion Sacred Heart 10:00 am Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser								