

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

AUGUST  
2010

## COLUMBIAN CENTER

820 Elm Avenue South  
P.O. Box 623  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
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## 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  
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## 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

**August 4** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

**August 9** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

**August 11** - General Meeting  
Gainey Park  
Meal - 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**August 17** - KC Chorus  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
Fair Square - 4:15 p.m.

**August 20** - KC Chorus  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
Village of Yesteryear - 5:45 p.m.

**August 22** - Knights of Columbus  
Twin Game - 1:10 p.m.  
Twins vs. Los Angeles Angels

**August 26** - Fourth Degree  
New Member Picnic  
Gainey Park  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**August 29** - KC Family  
Corporate Communion  
St. Joseph's Church - 9:30 a.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

### SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge

Friday, August 6, 13, and 27  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Delicious marinated steaks or  
windsor chop, served with salad, roll,  
and baked potato.

### FOR GREAT FOOD AT THE FAIR "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD STAND"

Steele County Free Fair  
Aug. 17 - 22  
The KC Food Stand is located between  
the Beer Garden and Fair Square.  
"Downright Delicious Food"  
YOUR CHOICE OF GREAT BRATS  
(REGULAR, CHEDDAR, WILD RICE)  
WITH TASTY TOPPING AND  
TWO NEW SPECIAL MENU ITEMS THIS YEAR!!

### BINGO AT THE FAIR

St. Mary's Home & School Association will be  
running the bingo stand at the  
Steele County Free Fair this year.  
The bingo stand is located east of the  
Four Seasons building.  
Come and Play!

### K of C Chorus Schedule for August 2010

August 17 - Tuesday, 4:15 p.m. - Steele County  
Fair opening and flag raising ceremony.  
August 20 - Friday, 5:45 p.m. - Steele County Fair  
- Village of Yesteryear stage.  
August 29 - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph  
Catholic Church Corporate Communion.  
Everyone is invited to attend the performances  
and enjoy your K of C Chorus.  
New members are welcome.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 11  
Gainey Park  
Meal - 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Note that our August Council meeting will be held  
August 11 at Gainey Park, located at the corner of  
Selby and Lemond Road.

We will be treating the Tootsie Roll workers to a  
meal, a preview of our Fair Stand menu. All members,  
spouse/guest are invited to attend.

Checks will be presented to the Tootsie Roll Fund  
Drive beneficiaries.

A short meeting will follow the meal.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Prospective Fourth Degree Member Information Picnic Thursday, August 26

Gainey Park - Meal - 6:30 p.m.

All Third Degree members are invited and  
encouraged to attend this picnic. We will provide  
more information and answer any questions  
regarding the Fourth Degree and the exemption.  
Come out and have an enjoyable time. Current  
members, prospective members, and wives are  
invited. There is no obligation to join.

Please let LaVerne Klecker know at 451-4102 by  
Aug. 24 if you can attend. There is more  
exemption information inside.

### KC FAMILY

CORPORATE COMMUNION  
Sunday, August 29 - 9:30 a.m.  
at St. Joseph's Church

All members and their families are  
invited to attend this Mass.



### K OF C FAMILY PICNIC

More info will follow  
in the September Key.

Sunday, September 12, at  
Gainey Park

## BURNT BISCUITS

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom, and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things....and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others' faults - and choosing to celebrate each others' differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of Heavenly Father. Because, in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or siblings or friendship!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket - keep it in your own."

God Bless You.... Now, and Always....

## Benefits Corner by Aaron Jelinek, FIC, LUTCF

### PROTECT THE FAMILY

The objective of the offensive line in football is to protect the quarterback. To do this, the line must be strong and reliable.

Your wife and children must also be protected. The one thing that will protect them best is strong and reliable Knights of Columbus Family Protection.

With the benefits available from the Knights of Columbus, your family will be protected from financial disaster at the time of your death. If you die early, your children's education could be guaranteed and your wife and your children will continue to live as you would want them to live. If you die later, your wife will continue to live in the manner that you would want her to live.

However, like a football team that plans and practices to protect the quarterback, you should plan to protect your wife and children.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Aaron Jelinek GA

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Visit The Order's Web Site At: <http://www.kofc.org>

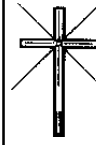
## Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquast

Brother Knights,

I'm sorry to make this so short, but I am still trying to settle some of the things from the passing of my father. It is so nice to have the Knights to support me in this time of need. I hope to give a better and more informative letter next month. God bless all.

Vivat Jesus

## 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:*

*Harley Janke, brother-in-law of Brother Knight Tom Brick, and husband of Nancy Janke, proofreader of the Key, is facing some health challenges.*

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

*Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Jerry Kent, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rowell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.*

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at 455-3976.**

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations Council 945 for reaching our goal for this past year of Star Council. Thank you to all members who sponsored any new members this past year. Star Council is the highest award a Council can achieve and we can all feel very proud of this accomplishment. Our goal again, this year is to make Star Council.

We are planning on having a First Degree Exemplification at the KC Hall in the very near future. Anyone who has a prospective candidate, let's get them signed up or contact me at (507) 451-4102 or cell (507) 456-6738.

Also keep in mind we are having a Major Degree in November. The date for this Major Degree is Saturday, November 20. More information will follow in a later edition of *The Key*.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

## An Invitation to all Third Degree Members

Owatonna has been selected as the location for the Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held on Saturday, October 23. Some Third Degree members have delayed joining the Fourth Degree because of the time and travel-related issues when the exemplification location is not close-by. To take advantage of the local exemplification opportunity, we are conducting a special recruiting effort to invite Third Degree members to join. Come to the "Prospective Fourth Degree Member Information Picnic" to be held at Gainey Park on August 26, at 6:30 p.m. to learn more. There is no obligation.

Join Bishop John Quinn, Fr. Edward McGrath, Fr. John Sauer, and many other Brother Knights in this exemplification class.

Please contact LaVerne Klecker at 451-4102 for more information.

# SMOKIN' IN STEELE - A SMOKIN' SUCCESS

by John Hammer

June 4-6 were the dates for the third annual Smokin' In Steele BBQ Competition and Blues Fest held at the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna, MN. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #945, this Kansas City BBQ Society-sanctioned state championship cook off is a fundraiser for our local chapter of the Special Olympics. It featured thirty-nine professional teams competing in four categories for \$10,000.00 in cash prizes; nine local amateur teams soliciting donations for samples of their best grillin' skills and competing for bragging rights; Blues For Kids harmonica lessons with free souvenir harmonicas; a hot rod garden tractor pull; plenty of food vendors; a pancake breakfast; and local and regional blues acts.



Joe Wagoner enjoyed the Backyard BBQ competition.

Friday, the air was filled with the savory aroma of sweet BBQ as the competing teams fired up their smokers and the Blues rocked the joint. The BBQ teams had their final instructions. We welcomed sponsors and VIPs to a grand feast with all four categories of competition (chicken, ribs, brisket and pork) with all the trimmings. Local participants of our local Special Olympics got the opportunity to meet some of the BBQ teams. The Boy Scouts were on hand selling water and soda and helping with parking duties. Folks were trying some of the best BBQ

around from our vendors, then dancing off the calories in the Beer Garden to the sounds of NiteRail and the Brandon Scott Sellner Band.

Saturday, we got off to an early start as the pro BBQ teams were making final preparations before judging by our panel of KCBS judges. The amateur grillers were given instructions and provided 25 lbs of pork to prepare and solicit donations for the Peoples' Choice Award. The team with the most BBQ Bucks at the end of day would be the winner. The 'sampling' was absolutely scrumptious! The kids arrived to attend the first round of three scheduled harmonica classes. The first band of the day, the Dee Miller Band, was amazing crowds with Dee's powerhouse

vocals and the band's tight backline. Later on, the winners of the professional competition were given their awards. The Grand Champion dominating two categories and overall best was Tippy canoe BBQ Crew, with Nothing Butt Smoke team taking Reserve Champion. Other notable teams were Big Bubba's Roadhouse BBQ heading up the ribs and Z's Smokin' Bones taking the chicken division.

This day, we were slightly hampered by unsettled weather, but all events went off as planned. The Hot Rod Garden Tractor pull roared to life as we had a break in the rain. Afterwards, all headed back to the Beer Garden as local favorite sons, The Fabulous Lovehandles, filled the dance floor with their infectious R&B. During breaks in main stage music, we were entertained by the all original local acoustic duo of Max Anderson and Andrew McMannimon. As the weather turned wet again, fabulous pianist Tom Hunter displayed his skills and kept things hoppin'.



Some of the Saturday morning breakfast team members are pictured here: (L-R) Frank Conley, Ron Wolf, Al Jirele, Earl Wheeler, and LaVerne Klecker.

Sunday morning, our breakfast specialists served up one of the best meals you can find anywhere. Midday, volunteers gathered for clean up, sharing stories of events concluded and already planning to make next year's event bigger and better than ever.

In spite of the challenges provided by the weather, this year's Smokin' In Steele was our most successful yet. We raised more than \$4,000.00 for the Special Olympics, as well as a contribution back to our Council.

Tom Elbert presented Dave Fandel with a Backyard BBQ competition award for tri tip beef.



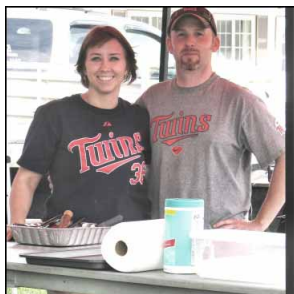
Lyle Coleman presented an award to Mark Born representing The Heat Is On crew.



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Backyard BBQ competitors Jon Hanson and Jeff Hanson.



Backyard BBQ competitors Mary Friedrich and Dustin Reese.



Joe Elbert presented the Grand Champion award to Joe Beland representing the Tippycahoe BBQ Crew.

Many hands and love of what you are doing make light work. We had more than 100 volunteers insuring a smooth event. Planning and leadership is crucial for the success of any event. A big 'THANK YOU' to Brother Knights and team leaders: Joe Elbert as head honcho, Wade Schroeder for Backyard BBQ, Dr. Lyle Coleman for Judging, John Hammer for entertainment and marketing, Grand Knight Steve Dornquist for Grounds Control, Al Nelson and Tom Burke for VIP dinner, Brian Carlson volunteer recruitment/management, Dustin Reese vendor liaison, Tom Gebur website management, Walt Spindler Pro Team Coordinator, Ray Willmott Comptroller, Tim Rice Outreach and Sponsorship recruitment, Tom Elbert event 'go to guy' and Tractor Pull liaison, Frank Conley Breakfast Specialist Manager, Randy Balusky Boy Scouts liaison, Laverne Klecker Beer Garden manager, Terry Evans and Duane Ludwig Financials, and all the other countless members who made this a grand succe

Put June 2-5, 2011, on your calendar, because we will be Smokin' In Steele once again, and it wouldn't be a proper party without you! For more info, updates and a complete listing of this year's winners visit [www.smokininsteelle.com](http://www.smokininsteelle.com).



## DESSERT ANYONE?

Why not sign up to have your favorite dessert in a People's Choice Contest. I am looking for about 20 people to donate a dessert for the Friday Night Dinner for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in October. I am sure all of the desserts donated will be wonderful....but a little competition could be fun. The judges for the event have not yet been determined. No monetary winnings will be handed out, although the winner will have bragging rights along with their name and dessert announced in the Sextant and the Key. Thank you in advance for donating the dessert, it will help us out so much in keeping our cost of the meal down. It's easy to sign up just email me Renae Jen0 @ [drjeno@hughes.net](mailto:drjeno@hughes.net) or call me at 451-0625 to say you would love to volunteer. Once you sign up, I will email you back with more details.

## KC GOLF TOURNAMENT Four person Best Ball

When: Friday August 6  
 Where: Brooktree Golf Course  
 Tee Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Cost \$35.00 (Members of Brooktree \$15.00)  
 Prize includes: golf, cart, meal, prizes, and lots of fun  
 Meal will be served at the KC Hall at 7:30 p.m. with awards and prizes after dinner  
 Dinner includes: Steak or Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Salad (Guest Dinner - \$10.00)  
 P.S. Euchre tournament after supper  
 For more information ask Mark or call Casey at 456-0271.

## 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 Oct 2 – Oct 5, returning on Oct 6. 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).

## 38th ANNUAL STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OVER-30 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

August 28 - 29, 2010  
 Sand Creek Park - Coon Rapids, MN  
 Questions - Ray Danzl (763) 691-9632



## 2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. John Sauer  
 GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628  
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 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Joe Elbert  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Bill Lawrence

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Randy Balausk  
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 Council Activity Director: ..... PGK Kevin Raney  
 Family Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Health Director: ..... Dr. Mark Nelson  
 Recruit Director: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Youth Director: ..... Will Pieper  
 Membership Director: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
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 Lecturer: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
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 Retention Chairman: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 KC Chorus Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Building Comm Chairman: ..... Tom Elbert  
 Gambling Manager: ..... Josh Klecker  
 District Deputy: ..... PGK Joe Elbert  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Benefits Advisor: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



Lyle Coleman

June's Knight of the Month is Lyle Coleman. Coleman's involvement with "everything having to do with Smokin' in Steele" earned him the distinction. After all, he's been involved with the annual event from its very beginnings, and was in charge of this year's Certified BBQ Judges with the Kansas City Barbecue Society.

Coleman is a native of Creston, Iowa, and has been active with Council 945 for many years, first joining the KCs back in 1980. He was also on the Building Committee, and was the former Faithful Comptroller for the KC Fourth Degree Assembly.

Coleman is a self-employed chiropractor with Chiropractic Health Services in Owatonna. He and his wife Lucy have been married for 40 years. Together, they have two daughters and one grandchild.

When he's not working, spending time with his family, or dedicating many hours to KC projects, Lyle enjoys auto racing of all forms, including NASCAR and Outlaw Sprint Cars. He also enjoys reading and the Public Library, golfing, and music of all types, especially the Blues – which explains his dedication to Smokin' in Steele.

Congratulations to Lyle Coleman, the June 2010 Knight of Month!

## KC Chorus provides entertainment at Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Chorus pleased the audience with a wide variety of patriotic and popular songs at the Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza stage at the Village of Yesteryear on Sunday, July 11. Fourteen chorus members were present and enjoyed singing as much as the audience enjoyed hearing their favorite songs for nearly an hour. Director Stephen Nelson commented after the performance, "Each performance, I think we have reached our best. Then the next performance comes and we out-do ourselves again. This is a first-rate choir and I am proud to be part of it."



KC Chorus members participating in the Historical Society Extravaganza program include (L-R): David Lax, Jim Nelson, Wayne Kubicek, Steve Dornquast, Sam Nelson, Chuck Walerius, Dan Walsh, LaVerne Klecker, Matt Jessop, Lynn Becker, Pete Schneider, Lee Staupé, Lloyd Mans, Dennis Heimerman, and Director Stephen Nelson.



The audience had a beautiful Sunday afternoon to enjoy the KC Chorus.

The Extravaganza provides a full weekend of entertainment with food, displays, reenactments, antique equipment and tractors. The Village of Yesteryear is kept in perfect condition and each year additional buildings and features are added.

The KC Chorus continues their busy summer schedule with the Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 25. The Chorus will sing at 9:30 a.m. in church, 30 minutes before Mass. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will also participate in this Mass. Come out and enjoy the day.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Steele County Free Fair**

**Steele County Fairgrounds**

**August 17 - 22**

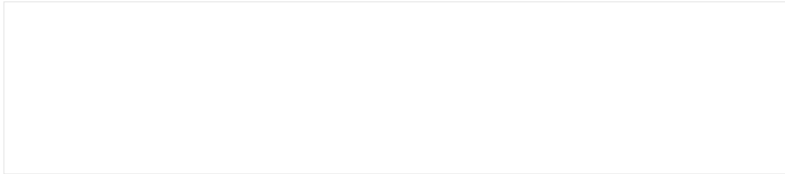
**Enjoy a brat at the KC Food Stand.**

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**KC Family Corporate Communion**

**Sunday, August 29**

**St. Joseph's Church - 9:30 a.m.**



**AUGUST 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5	6 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	7
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15	16	17 KC Chorus 4:15 pm Steele County Fair Fair Square	18 Enjoy a Brat at the KC Food Stand	19 Play a game of Bingo at the St. Mary's Home & School Assn. stand	20 KC Chorus 5:45 pm Village of Yesteryear	21 Enjoy a Brat at the KC Food Stand
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