

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

AUGUST
2012

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

July 29 - Litomysl 41st
Annual Summer Festival
Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 31 - First Degree
Exemplification-KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
August 1 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
August 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
August 8 - General Meeting
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
Brown Park
August 14 - 19 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds
August 23 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.



SEE YOU
AT THE

STEELE COUNTY
FREE FAIR

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, August 1
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.



FOR GREAT FOOD
AT THE FAIR
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FOOD STAND

Steele County Free Fair
Aug. 14 - 19
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 Brian Carlson at 451-9629 if you
would like to volunteer to help.

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!

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.

SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge
Friday, August 3, 10, and 24
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Delicious marinated steaks or
windsor chop, served with salad, roll,
and baked potato.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 8
Brown Park
Meal - 6:00 p.m.

Note that our August Council meeting will be held
August 8 at Brown Park, located at 16th Street
Southwest.

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: Therapeutic Recreation
(Owatonna Park & Recreation), Rainbow
Residence, Cedar Valley Services, and Steele County
Special Olympics

A short meeting will follow the meal.
We look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Tuesday, July 31
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates report to the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

LITOMYSL 41st ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 29
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.

Read *The Key* and Drinks Are On Us!

We will be hiding 6 KC membership numbers
someplace in the newsletter. Find your number
and collect two free drinks at the KC Club Room.
Simply present your membership card and show
the bartender your number in *The Key*. There is a
copy of *The Key* posted on the bulletin board.
You will receive two complimentary drinks.
Winners' names will be published in the next
edition of *The Key*.

The July winner was Conrad Bahe.

Summer Prayer

Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. 2739490

Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We appreciate all the efforts which have been made toward our membership goal this past year. Our Council's goal is to achieve Star Council this coming year. To make Star Council our quota is 35 new members. We are planning on having a First Degree on July 31 at 7:00 p.m. This would be a perfect opportunity for any college student to join our Council before leaving for college. Candidates should report at 6:30 p.m. We are planning a Major Degree in November. 3477081

If you have any questions or need help signing up new members, please call me at 451-4102 or 456-6738.

Also, I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2012, please get them paid. Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council's expenses.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

I met an old acquaintance, Norm Levine, who was a keynote speaker at an industry related conference last week in Indianapolis. There are four industry awards that are considered the ultimate awards in the industry and Norm is the only person to ever receive all four. When he speaks...everyone gets quiet real fast.

He made a couple comments I'd like to share with you. He began his presentation with the question "What is the most important thing in your life?" Like me, you might want to spend some time with this question. He said everyone should be clear about the answer no matter what the answer might be. For many...the answer will be "My Family". If that is the case...what have you done to guarantee their lives will not suffer when you die or become disabled? That question... may be the 2nd most important question to answer.

He also commented that the life insurance business should be a matter of "guarantees." In other words...risk has no place when it comes to the products we choose to make sure dollars will be there when the breadwinner will never again earn another dime. It is no coincidence that the products your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company offers its members have the most guarantees in the industry. He also mentioned the policy size being sold is way too small...that the general public is woefully underinsured. And he's right...I've never met a widow or widower who has ever said their spouse had too much life insurance. Sadly, it's always the other-way-around.

Well, you all know where this is leading. We should be talking. Why not make that most important call. I guarantee you will be glad you did. **I can be reached at 213-9410.**

Have a great month.

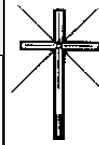
Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

Brother Knights; summer 2012 is in full swing and a lot of families are busy with vacations, summer activities with the kids or grandchildren, gardening, fishing, etc. Our recent stretch of warm weather has added to some of the normal activity levels as people are venturing out to enjoy each day with plenty of sunshine and seemingly few mosquitoes... Summer in Minnesota is the perfect time to focus on spending time with our families and create those great memories that ensure the bonds of family remain strong and healthy for generations to come. 4096719

As busy as we all are, mid-summer is also one of the busier times for the Council. Our Chorus is busier than ever with few weekends this summer left where they have not been asked to perform somewhere. They are being recognized for what they are; an awesome group of singers who sound great together and the demand for them to perform locally is increasing each year. We are also finalizing the preparations for the food stand at the Steele County Free Fair. Each year, many members of our Council enjoy working at the stand and they take the opportunity to get together at one of the premier events that happen locally. If you have never worked at the stand, are looking for that one event to be involved in, or are part of the core group that gets together each year at the food stand, please give Brian Carlson a call and get your name on the workers' schedule early. We are looking for a couple of individuals to step forward and become day captains for each of the days of the fair and there is plenty of opportunity for every one of our members to work the grill or sales counter; please volunteer soon and volunteer often!

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.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Lauren Ryan, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rowell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Renee Kern, wife of Brother Knight Harlan Kern and mother of Brother Knight Rev. Jason Kern, passed away on June 6.

JoAnne LaLonde, wife of Brother Knight Richard LaLonde, passed away on June 19.

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

SMOKIN' IN STEELE

By any measure, the 5th annual Smokin' in Steele on June 1 and 2 was a resounding success. Five years ago we began the transition from the old Spring into Summer Fest.

Now we are a complex major event with activities for the whole family that draws participants from five or six states and spectators from the whole region.

First, Joe Elbert and all the committee want to say a heartfelt thank you to Council 945. More than 140 council members and families helped with the weekend. In addition, 60 Boy Scouts and leaders worked. Also the morning breakfast crew fed all the cooking teams Saturday morning, then returned to do the Sunday pancake breakfast that fed over 400. There will be an appreciation celebration on September 8 for everyone who helped. Watch *The Key* for details.

58 pro teams competed for \$10,000 in cash prizes, 15 teams more than last year. Grand Champ was Big Tz's Q Cru from Ames, Iowa.

The ancillary category called Anything Butt is a separate contest and produced our first ever perfect score for team Hogline (Dustin Reese is part of that team) in their very first pro contest. Congratulations! 301667

The Kids Q had 31 entries, a huge number, of 7 to 15 year olds who cooked either hamburger or steak on donated EZ Grills.

Pro vs. Pro was a "chopped" format that pitted Tippi Canoe of Iowa (American Royal Grand Champ) vs. Shiggin' and Grinnin', MN BBQ Society team of the year.

Secret ingredient was beef tongue with a 1-hour time limit cooked on an EZ Grill.

In a very close contest, Tippi nosed out Shiggin' by the tip of a tongue. Both Kids Q and Pro vs. Pro drew good crowds of spectators.

On the music side, a total of 10 bands poured out the blues to big crowds of hungry and thirsty blues fans. The quantity and quality of the music talent that John Hammer brings to Smokin' in Steele makes us very attractive to the blues community throughout the upper midwest. Bar sales in the Beer Garden are an integral part of our financial success. 964093

A real measure of the growth of our event is the media attention we attracted. Both Rochester and Mankato TV stations sent reporters with cameras plus Owatonna Today from our local cable company taped a full half-hour show. KOWS radio did live interviews throughout Friday and local print media provided before and after coverage. The National BBQ News had full-page articles both before and after our event courtesy of the MN BBQ Society. And the Kansas City BBQ Assn. newsletter will have a wrap-up article coming out shortly.

The modified garden tractor pull provided a big crowd of onlookers a real up-close experience to the sight and sound of these highly modified mighty mites.

Our first year of having a 5K run plus ½ mile kids run produced more than 150 entrants and promises to grow next year. Also new this year was an antique tractor display that also shows good potential for next year.

Our backyard contest for local cooks again was popular with the crowd with spirited voting for the people's favorite.

The bean bag tournament had great competition plus gave our Special Olympians a chance to have their own contest that was cheered on by Steele County Fair mascots, Steeley and Stella.

The VIP dinner on Friday night fed 200 of our sponsors. We could not do this event without their support.

Most important is our relationship with our local Special Olympians. Seeing their involvement in the weekend events is heart warming for all of us. Being able to directly help them by donating our profits is the reason for all our hard work. We got a great picture of Special Olympians with some Knights plus Steeley and Stella that is a reminder and an inspiration for all of us.

Already we are at work to make next year even better.



Special Olympians along with Steeley & Stella and KC volunteers pose for a picture at the conclusion of their bean bag tournament.

SCENES FROM SMOKIN' IN STEELE



Tom Burke, on left, and Dustin Reese serve up ribs for the VIP Dinner.



Stella and Steeley, fair mascots, with Joe Elbert (left) and John Hammer.



Marie and Bill Lawrence anxiously await the first course of the VIP Dinner.



Tim Rice heads out to serve ribs to the VIP Dinner attendees.



Dave Fandel, on left, and Rick Kozelka enjoy the taste of professionally prepared BBQ at the VIP Dinner.



Team Hogline's first year of professional competition garnered a perfect score in the Anything Butt competition. Pictured team members Dustin Reese and Jon Hanson.



John Hammer shows off one of the official Smokin' in Steele bean bag competition boards.

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: .. Wade Schroeder (507) 573-1586
Deputy Grand Knight: Dustin Reese
Chancellor: Dan Wolfe
Advocate: Dave Lax
Warden: Gary Sanford
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
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Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
Trustee (2 year): PGK Steve Dornquist
Trustee (1 year): PGK Randy Balausky

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Dustin Reese
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
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
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
Lecturer: PGK Mark Cunningham
Historian: Open
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: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Jerome Spindler

The June Knight of the Month is a chef in the making. Jerome "Spinny" Spindler is someone who enjoys the kitchen at the KC Hall almost as much as the people he works with.

Spinny joined the KC's back in 1975, sponsored by Ken Miller. He became a part of the Council because "it's a great organization that I wanted to be in." He's an active Knight, taking part in Smokin' in Steele, the breakfasts, handing out Tootsie Rolls, and the Friday night meals. His favorite is the breakfasts, saying "I like making the food."

Spinny grew up in Owatonna and is a graduate of O.H.S. He also has a daughter, and is a member of St. Joseph's.

In his spare time, he likes to collect cookbooks, and laughed as he said, "I could use a little training to get better." He also collects beer cans and beer signs.

In his spare time he helps at the hall with what ever needs to be done. Mark Cunningham, Club Manager, says "he is extremely helpful, especially when needing to locate something, the man can find anything."

Knights of Columbus and the campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 will be presenting checks to four local agencies and charities that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in their annual "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" picnic to be held at Brown Park on August 8th, 2012. This campaign, also known as the Tootsie Roll drive, is held in early May, and generates dollars through donations from the public at various locations around Owatonna. The proceeds from this effort are then given to the local agencies to support their efforts.

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus have continues to support the following agencies and services with campaign funds.

- Cedar Valley Services
- Rainbow Residence
- Special Olympics
- Therapeutic Recreation Department, City of Owatonna

More than 60 Knights and their families participated in this year's event, donating more than 250 hours and raising over \$4,500.00.

Vote on November 6

On November 6, 2012, we have an important vocation to protect, that is marriage! Our leaders of Minnesota want to redefine the definition marriage! I urge everyone to visit www.Minnesotaformarriage.com and educate yourself and I urge you to vote YES on November 6th.

Help Needed for Fair Stand

It's KC Food stand time again and we hope you will be able to help us make the KC Steele County Food Stand a huge success again this year. 3847881

The hours of operation and time slots will be the same as last year (11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., & 6:30 pm to 10:30 p.m.).

The menu will be similar to previous years with the return of the Holy Mojo and Brats being planned again. Please look at your schedules and see if you can help us out again by working a shift or maybe two (on separate days) if possible. The schedule is wide open right now so be the first to call Brian Carlson at 451-9629 in order to get your choice of shifts.

We are also looking for a couple veterans to step forward and be our "day captains." These would be the individuals who have the most experience in helping in the stand and can fill in teaching others and managing the shop for a day. As usual, your help is always appreciated!

Spring I-35 Cleanup A Success

Our spring I-35 Cleanup was held on Thursday, April 26th and we had another nice evening to clean the ditches. Our experienced crew once again did a great job. My thanks to Driver Al Jirele and to the Owatonna Bus Company for use of their van. Also thanks to Ron Wolf, Keven Boettcher, Randy Balausky, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Tom Standke, Ron Segner, Kevin Herzog, Greg Evans, Terry Kuck, and Bob Hardcopf. Thanks to First Supply for use of their parking lot and to Keri and Mark at the Hall for their hospitality afterwards. Our fall I-35 Cleanup will be September 13th at 4:45 p.m. at First Supply. We'll see you at the Steele County Free Fair August 14th -19th.

Jim Gleason, Community Director

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Litomysl 41st Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 29

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

First Degree Exemplification

Tuesday, July 31

KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

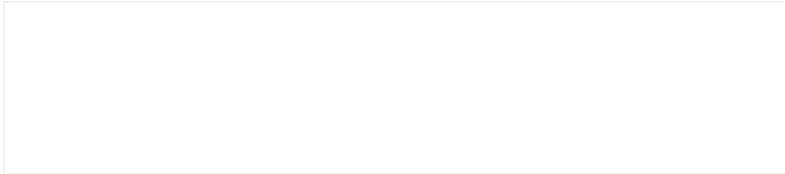
Steele County Free Fair

Steele County Fairgrounds

August 14 - 19

Enjoy a brat at the KC Food Stand.

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5	6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	8 General Meeting Meal - 6:00 pm Brown Park	9	10 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	11
12	13	14 KC Chorus 4:15 pm Steele County Fair Fair Square	15 Enjoy a Brat at the KC Food Stand	16 Play a game of Bingo at the St. Mary's Home & School Assn. stand	17 KC Chorus 5:45 pm Village of Yesteryear	18 Enjoy a Holy Mojo sandwich at the KC Food Stand
19 Enjoy the last day of the Steele County Free Fair	20	21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	22	23 Fourth Degree Business Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 pm	24 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	25
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