

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

AUGUST
2013

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 28 - Litomysl 42nd
Annual Summer Festival
Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 5 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
August 5 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
August 7 - General Meeting
Gainey Park
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
August 13 - 18 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds
August 22 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
August 27 - St. Joe's Sponsored
Men's Golf Day
Brooktree Golf Course - 12:30 p.m.
September 21 - Past Grand Knight
Event for 2013
KC Hall
Social - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
September 28 - Fall Fishing Trip

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Monday, August 5
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.



FOR GREAT FOOD
AT THE FAIR
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FOOD STAND

Steele County Free Fair
Aug. 13 - 18

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.

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.

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!

READ THE KEY AND DRINKS ARE ON US

We will be hiding six 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*. Winners' names will be published in the
next edition of *The Key*.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 7

Gainey Park
Meal - 6:00 p.m.

Note that our August Council meeting will be held
August 7 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: 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!

SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge
Friday, August 2, 9, and 23
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Delicious marinated steaks or
windsor chop, served with salad, roll,
and baked potato.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 28, 2013
Polka Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Festival - 11:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

KC CHORUS

will be performing at the
Steele County Fairgrounds
Village of Yesteryear
Friday, August 16 - 6:00 p.m.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
Thursday, September 12, 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.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

I am so pleased to be able to serve as the Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council #945. Ever since arriving in Owatonna one year ago, I have been impressed by the many activities of the Council in support of the Church and the local community. It is extraordinary to see the commitment, energy, and effort put forth by so many people to make this Council as vibrant and as successful as it has become. 301619

As you know, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in 1882 as Farther Michael McGivney and parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut, saw and responded to the needs of the community especially with regard to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. These are basically integral parts of living virtuous lives. Our local Council desires to support one another in virtuous living; that is why we are so involved in the many church, community, family, youth, and pro-life activities that make up the work of the Council. I don't think we have to look too far to see the positive results of the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in Owatonna and the surrounding area!

As good as all this is for the Knights of Columbus, the Church, and the local community, we need to continue to welcome new members into our ranks so that the good work of this historic Council will continue long after we are gone. And we also need to encourage current members to be actively involved in the work of the Council in any way possible. Even if age or infirmity limits participation, the Council will strive to make it possible for everyone to feel that they are contributing in positive ways.

Let us all set time aside to pray for the Church, the needs of this local community, and our beloved Council. Let us strive to the best of our ability with God's grace to serve God and all of our brothers and sisters with humble and contrite hearts.

Peace to you always.

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. Any Brother Knights who knows a college student they would like to get signed up, please let me know and we will plan an Exemplification just for them. This would be a perfect opportunity for any college student to join our Council before leaving for college. We are planning a Major Degree in November.

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 2013, please get them paid. Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council's expenses.



**SEE YOU
AT THE
STEELE COUNTY
FREE FAIR**

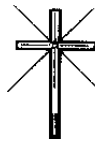
Grand Knight's Message by Dustin Reese

At the start of this fraternal year I would like to thank some of the people who helped with the change over. First of all, past Grand Knight Wade Schroeder -- the entire awards banquet would not have happened on time if he would not have stepped to the plate and gotten all of the invitations out as I was busy with getting ready for the birth of our first child, Harrison Lee Reese. Next, Tom Burke for coordinating the dinner -- when it comes to food, Tom knows his stuff. The staff at St. Joseph's for allowing us to use the Church and Father McGrath and Father Cronin for presiding. Also thank you to everyone who attended and made our annual awards banquet another great night. 4057372

This year will once again be a great year, just like the many great years our Council has experienced. I can't stress enough to get involved or ask a new member to a function to allow them to get involved, sometimes that is all it takes is an invitation. To put it in sports terms, the Knights of Columbus is a participation sport and everyone can get in the game.

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:
Cheryl Meger, wife of Brother Knight Glen Meger and mother of Brother Knights Alex and Michael Meger, is recovering from surgery.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, 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, Chris Nikolai, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Carol Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Francis Jenó, father of Brother Knights Dale and Wayne Jenó, and father-in-law of Brother Knight Jeff Wanous and Past Grand Knight Steve Wiese, passed away on May 25.

Brother Knight Joe Skala, father of Brother Knight Ed Skala and grandfather of Brother Knight Nathan Skala, passed away on June 19.

Rosella Faulkner, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Deacon Pat Fagan, passed away on June 24.

Brother Knight Otto Lehrer II, father of Brother Knight Otto Lehrer III and grandfather of Brother Knight Otto Lehrer IV, passed away on June 25.

Robert Buryska, brother of Brother Knight David Buryska, passed away on July 2.

Dorothy Kubicek, mother of Brother Knights Bruce and Wayne Kubicek, grandmother of Brother Knights Daryl, Joshua, Ronald, and Scott Kubicek, passed away on July 4.

Lillian Robertson, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Al Martin and grandmother of Brother Knight Keith Martin, passed away on July 8.

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



FOR 38TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, A.M. BEST REAFFIRMS A++ RATING FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

No North American insurer more highly rated

For the 38th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). 3901993

Established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, the Knights of Columbus has worked since its inception to help members protect their families' financial futures. What began as a "pass-the-hat" benefit program has grown into one of the nation's premier insurers. The K of C now offers a diverse portfolio of permanent and term life insurance, disability income insurance, annuities, and long-term care programs to members and their immediate families.

In addition to the Knights of Columbus' strong market presence in Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, also cited the Order's large network of local councils and "consistently positive statutory ratings, excellent persistency and a solid level of risk-adjusted capitalizations" as positive ratings factors.

The report also observed that the Knights of Columbus' continued growth in membership reflects its wide geographic coverage, expanding network of local councils, and variety of fraternal benefits.

"Earning A.M. Best's top rating again this year underscores the strength of our sustainable business model, despite the slow recovery and continued economic uncertainty," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We have continued to outpace the industry, reflecting a growing flight to quality."

He added: "A.M. Best's top rating for almost four decades is a testament to our commitment to our mission of protecting Catholic families, our excellent sales force made up exclusively of members of the Knights of Columbus, and the fact that we view our members as part of our family."

In just over a decade, under Supreme Knight Anderson's leadership, the Knights of Columbus insurance in force has doubled to more than \$90 billion, with more than \$19.8 billion in assets under management.

ST. JOE'S SPONSORED MEN'S GOLF DAY

The annual St. Joe's Sponsored Men's Golf Day will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2013. This event is open to all Catholic men. The event will be held at Brooktree Golf Course, Owatonna, Minnesota, with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. Format is a 4-person team scramble. A regular division sign-up is available for those playing 18 holes and a senior division is available for those wishing to play only 9 holes. Standard Brooktree golf rates apply to all members and non-members. This is to be paid directly to Brooktree Golf Course upon your arrival for the event. Additional rates per person are the same as previous years, \$15.00. This to be paid at the time of check in. This covers refreshments, dinner, and door prizes following the event at St. Joseph Hall. Additional prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, and others will also be awarded. Sign up deadline is August 25, 2013. RSVP to pkniefel@chartermi.net or call John Kniefel at 456-3805.



PAST GRAND KNIGHT EVENT FOR 2013

Owatonna Knights of Columbus will honor Past Grand Knights, spouses, and widows of Past Grand Knights at a special Past Grand Knights event on September 21, 2013. This event is held every five years.

This event will take place at the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Hall, Saturday, September 21, 2013. A social reception will begin at 6:00 PM, with refreshments and snacks, followed with a dinner at 7:00 PM. A program will follow.

We look forward to once again gathering together to share stories, past history and enjoy each other's company, and celebrate our successes. 4552936

John Kniefel, PGK 1986-87

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 Sept 28 – Oct 1, returning on Oct 2. 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).

2013 WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Speaking at the regular, July Council meeting were recipients of the William Warner Scholarships. These are awarded each year at the Owatonna High School Fine Arts Banquet. The students spoke about their activities in high school and shared their college plans with the Council. Pictured left to right: Randy Balausky, Trustee, Jessica Sedivy, recipient, Bill Lawrence, Trustee, Robert Jardine, recipient, and Fr. Michael Cronin, Chaplain. Unable to attend was recipient Sean Grubish.

STEELE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXTRAVAGANZA



The KC Chorus performed for the Steele County Historical Society 27th annual Extravaganza on Sunday, July 14. A VFW honor guard raised the colors. Pictured are VFW members Joe Falteysek (left) and Brother Knight, Wayne Starman. The Chorus part in the opening ceremony was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner (pictured). Following the opening ceremony the Chorus performed a repertoire of religious, folk, and patriotic songs for the attendees.



SPECIAL GUESTS



We were blessed at the Officer Installation and Awards banquet held on June 22, 2013 at the Knights of Columbus Hall to have three priests join us. Pictured left to right are Rev. Edward Mountain, Rev. Michael Cronin, Rev. Edward McGrath, and Grand Knight Dustin Reese.

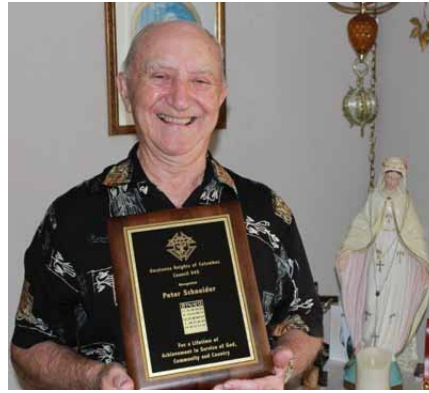
OFFICERS FOR 2013



Officers for 2013 — 2014, Owatonna Council 945

The officers pictured were installed on June 22 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. From left to right, Trustee Randy Balausky, Membership Director LaVerne Klecker, Inside Guard Peter Schneider, Trustee Steve Dornquast, Advocate Gary Sanford, Financial Secretary John Ahlberg, Deputy Grand Knight Dan Wolfe, Past Grand Knight Wade Schroeder, Grand Knight Dustin Reese, Treasurer Tom Eichten, Chaplain Rev. Michael Cronin, Chancellor Dave Lax, Celebrant and Former Chaplain Rev. Edward McGrath, and District Deputy Joe Elbert.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - PETER SCHNEIDER



A special presentation was made at the Officer Installation and Awards banquet held on June 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Mark Cunningham, PGK and Columbian Center Manager, made the presentation to Peter Schneider. The award recognizes Peter for his 37 years as the manager of Sunday night bingo. In addition he has served as Church Director for many years. When asked about the Church Director position Peter said he has held that position

for at least 40 years. He went on to say that he was totally surprised and it choked him up a bit when he was called up to accept the plaque. He said that he even got a standing ovation, which he appreciated very much. The plaque copy reads as follows: For a Lifetime of Achievement in Service of God, Community and Country. The graphic of a small bingo tear sheet is shown. Peter currently serves as the Council's Inside Guard.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



Will Pieper is our 2012-13 Knight of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, 2011-12 Knight of the Year recipient Tom Burke noted Will's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus in 1998, and becoming a very active member, including: holding the position of "Youth Director" for several years, participating in the KC breakfasts, Smokin' in Steele, Steele County Free Fair food stand, Halloween party, altar server party, and many other events.

TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our 2012 - 2013 Trustee Service Award recipient is **Mark Kearin**. Mark joined the Knights of Columbus 18 years ago. In those 18 years he has been a very active Knight. Some of the activities he is involved in are; benefit breakfasts, Salvation Army bell ringing, Tootsie Roll drive, Smokin' in Steele, Steele County Free Fair food stand, Andrew Lawrence Chili Cook-Off, and many other events.

PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



Changing of the Guard. Pictured is Wade Schroeder (left) as he is being recognized for his just completed term as Grand Knight by newly elected Grand Knight, Dustin Reese.

- MEMBER RECRUITMENT - New First Degree Members

MEMBER

Casey Balausky
Hunter Roden
David Introne
Patrick Lehman
Tracy Mullenbach
Travis Oltmans
Jacob Rysavy
Scott Seykora
Lon Thiele
Troy Titus

SPONSOR

Randy Balausky
Steven Roden
Brian Carlson
William Lawrence
Wade Schroeder
Wade Schroeder
Joseph Rysavy
LaVerne Klecker
LaVerne Klecker
Brian Carlson

New Third Degree Members

MEMBER

James D'Costa
John Degner
Nicholas Matejcek
Joseph Procopio
Gerald Wacek

SPONSOR

Wade Schroeder
LaVerne Klecker
Thomas Elbert
Brian Carlson
LaVerne Klecker

Reinstatements

REINSTATEMENTS

Edward Skala

SPONSOR

LaVerne Klecker

AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET - JUNE 22

The Council 945 annual Awards and Installation Banquet was attended by a large number of members and their spouses. Officers for the upcoming term beginning July 1 of this year were installed by District Deputy Joe Elbert, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. He was assisted by Chaplain Rev. Michael Cronin and Warden LaVerne Klecker. The banquet was the culmination of a very successful fraternal year for the Council.

The Officers installed for the 2013-14 Council year are as follows:

- Chaplain - Rev. Michael Cronin**
- Grand Knight - Dustin Reese**
- Deputy Grand Knight - Dan Wolfe**
- Chancellor - Dave Lax**
- Advocate - Gary Sanford**
- Warden - Open**
- Inside Guard - Pete Schneider**
- Outside Guard - Harlan Kern**
- Recorder - Scot Berkley**
- Treasurer - Tom Eichten**
- Financial Secretary - John Ahlberg**

Following the Installation, activities moved from St. Joseph to the KC Hall. Attendees enjoyed fellowship during the social hour and then were served an excellent meal prepared by Brother Knights Tom Burke, Al Nelson, and Jerome Spindler. Serving was handled by Brother Knight Casey Balausky and friends of the Randy Balausky family.

Master of Ceremonies' duties were conducted by Deputy Grand Knight Dan Wolfe. 3341235

The membership and Oak awards were presented by Wade Schroeder and Dustin Reese. The Trustee Service award was presented to Mark Kearin by Trustee Randy Balausky. The prestigious Knight of the Year Award for 2012 - 13 was presented by Tom Burke to Will Pieper.

Grand Knight Wade Schroeder and Program Director Dustin Reese presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

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| <i>John Ahlberg</i> | <i>John Hammer</i> | <i>Greg Salmonsens</i> |
| <i>Conrad Bahe</i> | <i>Ronald Heim</i> | <i>Gary Sanford</i> |
| <i>Gerald Barry</i> | <i>Dennis Heimerman</i> | <i>Mike Schaffner</i> |
| <i>Randy Balausky</i> | <i>John Henry</i> | <i>Paul Schneider</i> |
| <i>Lynn Becker</i> | <i>Lee Jardine</i> | <i>Peter Schneider</i> |
| <i>Scot Berkley</i> | <i>Al Jirele</i> | <i>Wade Schroeder</i> |
| <i>Keven Boettcher</i> | <i>James Kaplan</i> | <i>John Schulz</i> |
| <i>Tom Burke</i> | <i>Dennis Kelm</i> | <i>Lyle Snider</i> |
| <i>Brian Carlson</i> | <i>Harlan Kern</i> | <i>Lavern Soukup</i> |
| <i>John Carlson</i> | <i>LaVerne Klecker</i> | <i>Jerome Spindler</i> |
| <i>Lyle Coleman</i> | <i>Thomas Knight</i> | <i>Walter Spindler</i> |
| <i>John Degner</i> | <i>Wayne Kubicek</i> | <i>Lee Staup</i> |
| <i>Thomas Docksey</i> | <i>Terry Kuck</i> | <i>Richard Thamert</i> |
| <i>Steve Dornquast</i> | <i>William Lawrence</i> | <i>Charles Walerius</i> |
| <i>Joseph Elbert</i> | <i>David Lax</i> | <i>T. Dan Walsh</i> |
| <i>Thomas Elbert</i> | <i>Lloyd Mans</i> | <i>Eric Wandersee</i> |
| <i>Mike Goddard</i> | <i>Nicholas Matjcek</i> | <i>Earl Wheeler</i> |
| <i>Tom Eichten</i> | <i>Al Nelson</i> | <i>Raymond Willmott</i> |
| <i>Terry Evans</i> | <i>Stephen Nelson</i> | <i>Rick Wittrock</i> |
| <i>David Fandel</i> | <i>Tony Nguyen</i> | <i>Ron Wolf</i> |
| <i>Gary Fisher</i> | <i>Chris Nikolai</i> | <i>Daniel Wolfe</i> |
| <i>Steve Fisher</i> | <i>John Oberstein</i> | <i>David Wunderlich</i> |
| <i>Bill Foreman</i> | <i>William Pieper</i> | |
| <i>Kevin Gallagher</i> | <i>Dustin Reese</i> | |
| <i>Thomas Gebur</i> | <i>Tim Rice</i> | |
| <i>Steven Graff</i> | <i>Dan Ruiter</i> | |

Knight of the Month Recipients in 2012-2013

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| <i>July</i> | <i>Peter Guenther</i> |
| <i>August</i> | <i>Jerome Spindler</i> |
| <i>September</i> | <i>Kevin Sedivy</i> |
| <i>October</i> | <i>Dennis Heimerman</i> |
| <i>November</i> | <i>Dan Ruiter</i> |
| <i>December</i> | <i>Nic Matejcek</i> |
| <i>January</i> | <i>Mike Schaffner</i> |
| <i>February</i> | <i>Joel Garten</i> |
| <i>March</i> | <i>John Degner</i> |
| <i>April</i> | <i>Chris Nikolai</i> |
| <i>May</i> | <i>Jeff Pumper</i> |
| <i>June</i> | <i>Tom Bremer</i> |

50-Year Members

Stanley Ennis
Alphonso Langer
Leroy Meier
Joseph Sweere
Thomas Voracek

25-Year Members

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| <i>Lawrence Bates</i> | <i>George Lambaere</i> |
| <i>David Emanuelson</i> | <i>Mark McDermott</i> |
| <i>Terry Ebeling</i> | <i>Donald Nollet, Jr.</i> |
| <i>Jed Ebner</i> | <i>Roger Noble</i> |
| <i>Terrence Fisher</i> | <i>Stephen Reller</i> |
| <i>John Haas</i> | <i>Steven Roden</i> |
| <i>Michael Hamilton</i> | <i>Paul Rysavy</i> |
| <i>Gilbert Herget</i> | <i>Daniel Stursa</i> |
| <i>Harold Kerkvliet</i> | <i>Gary Wandrey</i> |
| <i>Thomas Kubista</i> | |

Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

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| <i>Erick Anderson</i> | <i>Ryan Heimerman</i> | <i>Jim Nelson</i> |
| <i>Lynn Becker</i> | <i>Steve Heimerman</i> | <i>Johnathon Nelson</i> |
| <i>Don Boesen</i> | <i>Matt Jessop</i> | <i>Sam Nelson</i> |
| <i>John Carlson</i> | <i>Jim Joachim</i> | <i>Brandon Pofahl</i> |
| <i>John Degner</i> | <i>Harlan Kern</i> | <i>Pete Schneider</i> |
| <i>Steve Dornquast</i> | <i>LaVerne Klecker</i> | <i>John Schulz</i> |
| <i>Tom Gebur</i> | <i>Wayne Kubicek</i> | <i>Lee Staup</i> |
| <i>Mike Goddard</i> | <i>David Lax</i> | <i>Dan Walsh</i> |
| <i>Dennis Heimerman</i> | <i>Lloyd Mans</i> | <i>Chuck Walerius</i> |
| <i>Stephen Nelson (Director)</i> | | |

Honorary Members

Martin Gathje
George Lambaere

Honorary Life Members

Lawrence Bates
Keith Freundl
Gilbert Herget
Harold Kerkvliet
Roger Schiltz
James Wencl

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: Scot Berkley
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Steve Dornquast
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Randy Balauskay
 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: Joe Elbert (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

FREEDOM *by Clara Smith Reber*

*Freedom is a breath of air,
 Pine-scented, or salty like the sea;
 Freedom is a field new-plowed ...
 Furrows of democracy!*

*Freedom is a forest,
 Trees tall and straight as men!
 Freedom is a printing press lll
 The power of the pen!*

*Freedom is a country church,
 A cathedral's stately spire;
 Freedom is a spirit
 That can set the soul on fire!*

*Freedom is a man's birthright,
 A sacred, Living rampart;
 A pulsebeat of humanity ...
 The throb of a nation's heart!*

Knight of the Month



Fr. Michael Cronin

The June Knight of the Month is a dedicated leader of Owatonna's faith community, a lover of travel and good music, and enjoys photography. And to most people, he's known as Father Mike.

Fr. Michael Cronin currently serves as Sacred Heart's Parochial Vicar, a position he's held since last July. Fr. Mike is a native of Rochester, and is a graduate of St. John's University. Upon receiving his degree in Political Science, he took a job working for then-Congressman Tim Penny. However, he took a leave of absence from his job in the Congressional office to enter the seminary in Winona before taking four more years of theology studies at the University of St. Thomas. He was ordained in 1995 and assigned to his home parish of St. Pius in Rochester. After three years, he moved to Winona to become Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception, Wilson. He also served as Chaplain for Winona State

University. However, that hunger for more knowledge pulled him back to study in 2000 at Catholic University of America. He received his degree in Canon Law in 2002 before returning to serve as Pastor of parishes in Rollingstone and Minneiska, Minn. However, Fr. Mike took a leave of absence in 2005 after a series of three heart attacks. He returned to Washington, DC and worked in the US House of Representatives office of the Inspector General. Fr. Mike was called back to work in the priesthood in 2011 at the Cathedral in Winona until getting assigned to Sacred Heart in Owatonna in July 2012.

Fr. Mike joined the Knights while still a sophomore in Collegeville. He said he joined because he always had an affinity for the organization. "My father was a member of the Fourth Degree, so I had a lot of exposure to it growing up." Through all of Fr. Mike's career stops, he says he's always made time to stay connected with his brother Knights. Even though the demands of the priesthood are many, he still finds it important to help the KC's in their works. "I look at it as a way to join other people in common cause, and the fraternity is great," Fr. Mike said. "It's a good thing for men and the Church."

Fr. Mike says he's been blessed to have traveled to many interesting locales like Egypt, Israel, Rome, and most recently Poland, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. Other past times include photography, spending time with family, and an eclectic taste in many different genres of music. While he enjoys riding a bicycle, he doesn't push himself to extremes. He saves that for his faith, quipping, "It's not rocket science, but it is an extreme sport."

And Council 945 is extremely grateful for Fr. Mike's service and fraternity. Congratulations to Father Michael Cronin, our June Knight of the Month!

LEADERSHIP SNAPSHOT -- THE GRAND KNIGHT AND TRUSTEES



The **Grand Knight** is the highest ranking elected officer and is responsible for observing the laws of the Order and the Council. Elected annually by the membership, the **Grand Knight** provides leadership to the Council officers, program directors, activity chairmen and Council members. More specifically, his duties include: presiding over Council meetings, convening officers for a monthly meeting, working with the officers on setting the agenda for the month and year, and making sure that all reports and reporting forms required by the state or Supreme Council offices are submitted on time.

In Council 945, the **Grand Knight** is first elected as a Warden, and then moves through the officer chairs (Warden, Advocate, Chancellor, and Deputy Grand Knight) until finally serving as the **Grand Knight**. This provides all the needed knowledge and orientation for the **Grand Knight** to be successful. 2235435

The **Trustees** serve for an additional three years and are **Past Grand Knights**. The primary goal of the **Trustees** is to provide advice and counsel to the **Grand Knight** and his officers and to make sure that nothing falls through the cracks and the **Grand Knight** is successful. They also serve as guardians of the Council's funds and audit financial statements for accuracy and compliance.

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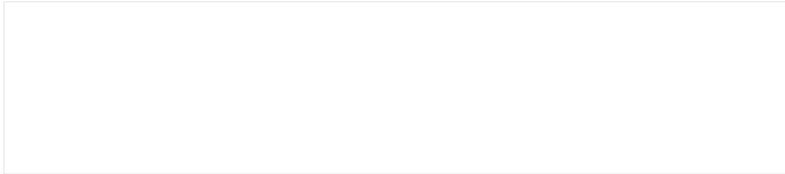
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| July 28 Litomysl 42nd Annual Summer Festival Mass - 10:00 am Festival - 11:00 - 5:00 pm | | | | 1 | 2 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm | 6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm | 7 General Meeting Meal - 6:00 pm Gainey Park | 8 | 9 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 NO Bar Bingo First day of the Steele County Free Fair | 14 Enjoy a Brat at the KC Food Stand | 15 Play a game of Bingo at the St. Mary's Home & School Assn. stand | 16 KC Chorus 6:00 pm Village of Yesteryear | 17 Enjoy a Holy Mojo sandwich at the KC Food Stand |
| 18 Enjoy the last day of the Steele County Free Fair | 19 | 20 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm | 21 | 22 Fourth Degree Meeting-KC Hall 7:30 pm | 23 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm St. Joe's Sponsored Men's Golf Day Brooktree Golf Course - 12:30 pm | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |