

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

AUGUST
2015

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

August 5 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
August 10 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
August 12 - General Meeting
Gainey Park
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
August 18 - 23 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds
August 27 - Fourth Degree
Summer Picnic
Brown Park - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
September 26 - Fall Fishing Trip



COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, 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. 18 - 24

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 Jerome Spindler at (507) 213-0079
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.

MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

Sunday, August 2
Bus transportation, refreshments, and great seats.
\$65.00 per person
Call Club for details.

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!

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and potato salad every
Tuesday in August
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 12
Gainey Park
Meal - 6:00 p.m.

Note that our August Council meeting will be held
August 12 at Gainey Park, located at 431 Selby Ave.
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!

THE KC CHORUS

will sing your favorite patriotic & folk songs
Steele County Free Fair
Tuesday, August 18 - Fair Square

SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge
Friday, August 7, 14, and 28
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.



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 26 - 29,
returning on the 30th.
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).

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, August 30 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church
All members and their families are invited
to process in and be seated together at this Mass.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

It is good to return to the role of chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus. We are so grateful for all that you do – whether for the parishes or the local community. Such generous service is an inspiration.

This summer I am taking a road trip to Glacier National Park in northern Montana. I worked at Many Glacier Hotel for five summers during my college and early post-college years. Many Glacier opened on July 4, 1915 which makes this the centenary of the hotel. A reunion of former employees is planned and many of my friends from those years will be coming together to reminisce, hike, make music, and enjoy each other's company.

I have been spending the last couple weeks planning and making lists. Taking my car in for an oil change and check, deciding what to take, making decisions about my route and where I will stay along the way. And sometimes in the planning our original route needs to be modified. I had planned to come back through Yellowstone and Grand Tetons and then stop by Mount Rushmore. I discovered that the Sturgis rally is on at the same time and so there is not a hotel room less than \$400 in the area. Needless to say, I am making other plans. Anyone who has taken a road trip or family vacation knows all of the work that goes into the endeavor.

Have you ever noticed that when Jesus sends his disciples on their missionary road trips he gives them a list of do's and don'ts? Usually the list is filled with items they are to leave behind. Mark, for example, tells us that they are instructed to take a walking stick and sandals, but no money belt, no traveling bag, no second tunic. In other words, travel light. My tendency, since I am driving, will be to load up the car with things "I might need. . ."

Jesus is asking his disciples to trust. To trust that God would care for them. To trust that they would have what they need. To trust that their mission would be successful – whether they saw the fruits of their labors or not. Such trust is not easy. We have this tendency to want to rely on ourselves. After all, "the Lord helps those who help themselves." To take the risk of relying on God is a big step.

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not...

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70.

Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me - and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your Brother Knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF (507) 417-4169

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

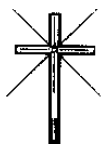
Dear Brother Knights,

As I begin my service as the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 945, I want to thank all of you for being a part of this wonderful organization. I especially want to thank all of you who help behind the scenes who make it all come together. We all deal with way too busy of a lifestyle, that time management is almost impossible. We somehow, however, make our priorities help us become who we are. I hope that this next Council year is the best it can be. The calendar year of events is filled with many opportunities for all of us to sign-up our time and talents for many of these events, to make it an even greater success story. As this year begins, I would like to challenge all members to help the Owatonna Council become a Star Council once again. It starts by being active in events and to sign up new members. If each member signed up one new member this year, our Council size would double. We only need 35 new members for Star Council!

With your help, we can achieve that. Let's start the calendar year off as we should. Sign up a new member this year, get them involved, you yourself stay involved, and continue to grow our Council through charity, unity, and fraternity. If you need help with anything, I can be reached at (507) 456-1575.

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...

Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Alex Gathje, Ron Hanson, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Helen Klapperich, mother-in-law of Sir Knight Duane Gallea, passed away on July 2.

Brother Knight Ron Schleif passed away on July 5.

Victor Rysavy, father of Brother Knight Loren Rysavy and brother of Brother Knight Otto Rysavy, passed away on July 18.

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



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

2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight: Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Deputy Grand Knight: Gary Sanford
Chancellor: Nicholas Matejcek
Advocate: Open
Warden: Lynn Becker
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Dan Sawyer
Trustee (3 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (2 year): PGK Dustin Reese
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dan Wolfe

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Gary Sanford (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 Youth Activities Will Pieper
Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
Gambling Manager: Randy Balausk (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balausk (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Steve Heimerman

Steve Heimerman's musical talents are getting him noticed. While he's modest about his musical abilities, the time and talent he puts in to the KC Chorus have helped the choir be as good as it can be – and it's also earned him honors as Council 945's Knight of the Month.

Steve has been a member of Medford's Council 4909 for about 20 years, but he joined the KC Chorus a couple of years ago after his brother, also a choir member, helped him join. Steve had been singing with the church choir for a number of years, so the transition to the KC Chorus seems a natural one. However, he hasn't limited his contributions to just the weekly rehearsals – he's also active in his own Council, having participated in the Tootsie Roll sales and the KC Lodge fundraiser when they held it years ago.

"I enjoy helping," Steve said. "All the different programs and goodwill that is done – there are

just so many different ways the Knights help. I just like the opportunity to help a lot of other organizations and groups through the Knights."

Steve and his wife Laurie have been married 28 years. They have two adult children and one grandchild. They are members at Sacred Heart in Owatonna, where Steve also sings in the choir.

Steve's new calling is at Owatonna's Bushel Boy, where he recently signed on as the Facilities Manager. Prior to that, he spent 28 years working for Malt o Meal in Northfield.

Steve enjoys riding motorcycles and snowmobiles, and also enjoys working on an antique car that he owns – a 1929 Model A.

Congratulations to Steve Heimerman, Council 945's June Knight of the Month!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Our goal is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification in the near future. If your son or grandson is home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. Don't wait any longer, call and visit your prospective member today. Explain

our Council's accomplishments and invite them to join us, they will thank you.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. Statements have been sent out for the 2015 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

Best Poem In The World -- Author Unknown

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, ...
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp --
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
'I would love to hear Your take.
'How'd all these sinners get up here?
'God must've made a mistake.'

'And why is everyone so quiet,
'So somber -- give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'They're all in shock!
'No one thought they'd see you.'

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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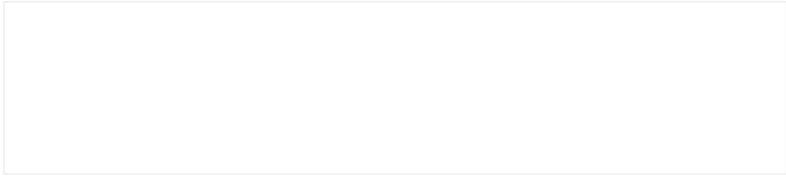
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KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, August 30
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Steele County Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds
August 18 - 23
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