

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

AUGUST
2018

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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

KC WEBSITE

visit our website
www.kofccouncil945.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 1 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
August 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
August 8 - General Meeting & Picnic
Jaycee Park
Social - 5:00 p.m.
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
August 14 - 19 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds
August 22 - Fourth Degree
Assembly Picnic
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Jaycee Park

MINNESOTA TWINS

Stop past the Club to catch
all the Minnesota Twins
action. Play Taters For
Toddlies for chances to win
free drinks.

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 Tom Burke at (507) 363-1889 or
follow the instructions to use the sign-up genius
that went out via e-mail if you would like to
volunteer to help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRANDSTAND BEER SALES

Steele County Free Fair
Date to be determined
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!

FALL FISHING TRIP

Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE
corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
Sept. 29 - 4-day trip or make a whole week of it
Trip includes one free dinner (usually Sunday)
provided by Mark and the Columbia Center.
More info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613).

GENERAL MEETING & PICNIC

Wednesday, August 8
Jaycee Park
Social - 5:00 p.m.
Meal - 6:00 p.m.

Note that our August Council meeting will be held
August 9 at Jaycee Park, located at 631 Rice Lake
Street.
We will be treating the Tootsie Roll workers to a
meal, a preview of our Fair Stand menu. All members,
spouse/guest, and children are invited to attend.
Checks will be presented to the Tootsie Roll Fund
Drive beneficiaries: Therapeutic Recreation
(Owatonna Park & Recreation), Cedardale Homes,
Cedar Valley Services, and Steele County Special
Olympics
A short meeting will follow the meal.
We look forward to seeing you there!

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

LITOMYSL 47th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, July 29
KC Chorus will sing before Mass, at 9:30 a.m.
Polka Mass - 10:00 a.m.

MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

Sunday, August 5
Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals
\$75 includes great lower level tickets and bus ride.
Call Mark at the Club to reserve your seats.

SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge
Friday, August 3, 10, & 24
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.

See us on Facebook-many announcements and sharing from State and Supreme: Knights of Columbus Council 945 @kofc945 Be sure to like and follow and share posts frequently and encourage your friends to do the same. This won't replace *The Key* or Council web site, but may be a quicker way to get the word out on all the latest breaking news of the Council.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

July 1st started a new fraternal year. Our goal is to achieve Star Council. To achieve Star Council we need to have 35 new members. Star Council is the highest award that a Council can achieve from Supreme. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification on July 30 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. 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 2018 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.

WELCOME TO SIR KNIGHT FATHER JAMES STARASINICH

A hearty welcome to Sir Knight Father James Starasinich, new Pastor at St. Joseph's Church of Owatonna. Father Starasinich is a Missionary Priest and comes to the Diocese from Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, although he is originally from Illinois. We look forward to working closely with Father Jim in supporting men in their faith and service to our parishes and community.

STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

State Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament, August 25-26th, Alexander Park in Faribault. New and old members encouraged to play. May be a newly joining member. 5 games guaranteed, double elimination. Lots of fun and fellowship. Mass at the tournament between games on Sunday. See Mark at the hall for more details.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Soccer Challenge-Seeking Knights to assist in running a 1-day soccer shootout in September or October. Event is for all Owatonna boys and girls ages 9-14 for a soccer shootout with prizes and tons of fun!

KC FAMILY GOLF OUTING & PICNIC

September 15th at Brooktree Golf Course.

It will be a four person scramble format and there will lots of fun, prizes, dinner and did we mention fun?

HELP WANTED

Seeking Council Officers for this Fraternal Year, Warden, Advocate, Recorder, Director of Community Activities and Director of Life Activities, as well as Tootsie Roll Chairperson. please contact Dan Sawyer at (612) 840-6608.

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Sawyer

Brother Knights:

I'm still in the first month serving as Grand Knight of Council 945 and I'm already surprised how fast things are moving. At the recent installation of officers and in passing, before and since then, our Brother Knights and family members have offered their help and confidence in what we can accomplish together. I feel truly blessed to represent such a great group of Faithful men. One characteristic I think many good people share is an ability to see where help is needed and just offer their help or just jump right in and do what needs to be done. In order for us to continue to grow our impact on our Church, Families, and Community, we will need to have you all continue to step up as servant leaders and do what needs to be done.

I have thought before about what it means to be a servant leader and aspired to be a better one. We all are guilty at times of doing things in order to get something back in return. A comment I saw on social media recently really got me thinking about living that way, doing things for others in return for what they do for us. I decided I don't want to be that way. I think if we focus more on doing what needs to be done, giving of our time and talents because others need our help, that the Grace of God will more than make up the difference from what these people do for us.

Sometimes those who aren't able to do anything for us directly are exactly the ones who need our thoughts, prayers or help the most! A great example of this is with those who are the beneficiaries of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Our Council puts in a lot of hours raising funds during that weekend in April, but seeing the smile on someone's face who is able to go to a Twins game, participate in bowling, or have pride in their work in a job that allows them to be productive in our community is more than "repayment" for taking the time in service in the drive. Be sure you and your family join us for our annual Council 945 Picnic Wednesday, August 8th at the Jaycee Park. Social hour will start at 5 PM, followed by our meal at 6. We present the checks to the organizations who benefit from the Tootsie Roll drive and hope to have members of the various groups join us for the picnic.

August brings a couple of big opportunities to serve at the SCFF. These are fundraisers for our council that allows us to have funds to help others and both require quite a few hours to run smoothly. Be sure to sign up to help at the fair food stand or selling beer at a Grandstand event. I can promise you will at least have fun serving others and we will benefit from having you and your family there. Please Pray that our Parishes, Council, and Families may be strengthened through our service.

Vivat Jesus!

2018-19 Council Officers



Front row from left to right: Past Grand Knight Gary Sanford, Grand Knight Dan Sawyer, Sir Knight Father James Starasinich, Sir Knight Father John Sauer, Deputy Grand Knight Tom Jirele, and Chancellor Lee Jardine. Back row from left to right: Inside Guard Eric Wandersee, Trustee Dave Lax, Financial Secretary Dan Wolfe, Treasurer Tom Eichten, and Trustee Nic Matejcek.

11TH ANNUAL SMOKIN' IN STEELE

All of the Smokin' in Steele committee give a heartfelt thank you to all of Council 945 for another wonderful year. Over 200 Brother Knights donated a total of close to 3,000 man hours for this year's event. It does not matter if you worked all year, or only an hour or two during the weekend. Every bit of help was vital and is much appreciated.

No matter how you measure it, this year's festival was another success. The BBQ Contest part of our weekend was extra special this year. First, we were the recipient of a \$4,000 grant from Smithfield Pork to deepen our prize pool. Second, Grand Champion of 2018 is our own PGK Dustin Reese with Team Hogline. A few short years ago Dustin began in the Backyard Contest. Now after multiple Grand Championships, Hogline is a major contender in any contest they enter. Winning Smokin' in Steele was extra special and extra sweet for Dustin, Mary, and helpers. Make sure and congratulate Dustin when you see him. Council 945 is fortunate to have his talent helping us.

The music line up this year was amazing again. The group of music fans who come and stay for the whole weekend continues to grow each year and the Beer Garden was crowded with hungry and thirsty music fans both nights. The 5K run has grown to about 200 participants, and with the sponsorship of Gopher Sport is an integral part of our weekend. Say thanks to Gopher Sport employees that you know. The antique tractor, big rig, and hot rod show and the family bike cruise are positive additions to give our weekend wider appeal. The Kids Q and Blues 4 Kids harmonica lessons continue to be important activities to round out our family appeal.

The Thursday night VIP dinner fed just over 250 sponsors and is vital for showing our appreciation and for strengthening our bond with those who provide money and services to us. The BBQ contest brought teams and judges from at least seven states and our Backyard event had a record number of teams and raised a record amount to go straight to Special Olympics. Fareway Foods again this year was another strong partner with the BBQ portion of our weekend. They donated all the rib eye steaks for the Steak Cookoff and challenge money for the Backyard Contest. When you are at Fareway, tell them you are a KC and thank them for their help with KC's in general and Smokin' in Steele in particular.

Curiosity may bring spectators or participants to Smokin' in Steele once. But we have people who come back year after year. That return business is because of the positive experiences they have here. And a lot of that is because of you my fellow Knights. Many thanks again.

We don't have final numbers yet, but this was another good year for us. Special Olympics will benefit greatly as will several other charities. There is a lot to feel good about and a lot to be thankful for again this year with Smokin' in Steele. This event demonstrates how good it is to live and be a part of the Owatonna Community. And, how good it feels to help others less fortunate than ourselves. This is Knights of Columbus in action as we put into practice Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Thank you, each and every one of you.



2018 SMOKIN' IN STEELE MEMORIES

2019 12TH ANNIVERSARY SMOKIN' IN STEELE MAY 31, JUNE 1, & 2

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SMOKIN' BREAKFAST

The 2017 – 18 Breakfast Season is over as of June 3. About 125 people were served a delicious breakfast at the concluding event of Smokin' in Steele. Thanks to all who assisted. Take a rest for a few weeks – the next 'season' starts in September – giving us another chance to promote all the great things we do as an organization. While raising money for many needy groups (Charity), we get to work together (Unity) to further the original wishes of Fr. McGivney to always help others (Fraternity). Thanks again to all who helped as well as those who supported the event by their attendance.



Owatonna Knights of Columbus Family Golf Outing and Picnic Saturday, September 15, 2018

Where: Brooktree Golf Course – 369 Cherry Street, Owatonna, MN

Time: Registration begins at 10 am. Shotgun start at 11 am.

Format: 4 person best ball scramble. *Fun for golfers of all levels.*

Open to all KC members, spouses and adult children. Guests (potential future Knights) are also invited to join us.

Golf includes on course competitions, skins game and team flight prizes.

Picnic: Immediately following golf, event moves to Mineral Springs Park Chalet next door to the golf course.

Dinner will be served; awards presented; and raffle prizes drawn.

Non-golfing family members are invited to join the picnic. (A \$5.00/per person donation is requested to help cover food cost.) The park has plenty of activity areas for kids of all ages, with a bonfire to end the evening.

Cost: \$40/per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, dinner and prize drawings. *What a sweet deal!*

Sign Up: Sign up deadline is September 1st . You can register as a team or as individuals. *We ask that you register early so we can get counts to the golf course and there are still spots available.*

To register, please contact: John Kniefel – 507-456-3805 John.Kniefel@wengercorp.com
or Dan Wolfe – 507-451-3935 dkwolfe@charter.net

Come join us for a day of fun and fellowship.



2018-19 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Open
Grand Knight: Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Jirele
Chancellor: Lee Jardine
Advocate: Open
Warden: Open
Inside Guard: Eric Wandersee
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Open
Trustee (3 year): PGK Dave Lax
Trustee (2 year): PGK Gary Sanford
Trustee (1 year): PGK Nic Matejcek

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Tom Jirele (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe (PGK)
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director Tom Elbert
Director of Church Activities: Dave Lax (PGK)
Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
Gambling Manager: Ron Probst
District Deputy: Gary Sanford (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Field Agent: Open

Knight of the Month



John Kniefel

This month we honor a long time member of our council, John Kniefel, as our Knight of the Month. John joined the Knights back in 1983 and was recruited by Joe Breckner. He eventually moved through the officer chairs and served as Grand Knight of the Council in 1986. Recently John has been helping with our KC bell ringing, Tootsie Roll drive, Smokin' in Steele, as well as co-chairing our KC Family Golf Outing in September.

John grew up and went to high school in Medford, Minnesota. After high school he attended Winona State University where he studied Industrial Technology and received his teaching degree. John taught HS Industrial Arts in Kenyon, Minnesota for five years where he also coached basketball. He then moved into the manufacturing field and took a job with Wenger Corporation in the new product development for 12 years. John then

transferred over to work at Cybex for five years as Manufacturing Manager, and later returned to Wengers in the same position where he has been for the past 19 years.

John has also served as a volunteer on the St. Mary School Board and the Sacred Heart Parish Council. He and his wife Pat raised two daughters, Melanie and Molly, who both live in the Twin Cities area. John enjoys golf, woodworking, and spending time with his three grandchildren. We thank John for his many years of service and support to our Council and congratulate him on being our very worthy Past Grand Knight and Knight of the Month.

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:

Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Dave Dietz, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Dick Thamert, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Jim Wiggins, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Tim Ziemke.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Raymond Pirkl, father of Brother Knight Randy Pirkl, passed away on July 10.

Barbara Klecker, wife of Brother Knight Jim Klecker and mother of Brother Knight Mike Klecker, passed away on July 11.

Brother Knight Alphonso Langer passed away on July 13.

Leona Pogones, sister of Sir Knight Frank Schiller and sister-in-law of Sir Knight Jim Kenney, passed away on July 17.

Gabriel Kuhlman, son of Brother Knight Justin Kuhlman and grandson of Brother Knight Gerald Lynch, passed away on July 17.

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

KNIGHTS VISITING KNIGHTS

Knights Visiting Knights needs you! A number of our Brother Knights have had recent health problems that keep them from being able to participate in our regular Council activities or in some cases even come to Mass or to go out. We would like to create a committee that sets up a regular visit schedule to go see these Brother Knights on a regular basis, either at their

homes or in various assisted living or nursing homes. These men were often times active members of our Parishes and Councils and a visit would mean a lot to them, just to catch up on what is going on in the Council or in town or to hear what things were like when they joined. Please contact Dan Sawyer (612) 840-6608 or Tim Rice (507) 456-7480 to volunteer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council No. 945
P.O. Box 945
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



General Meeting & Picnic

Wednesday, August 8

Jaycee Park

Social - 5:00 p.m. Meal - 6:00 p.m.

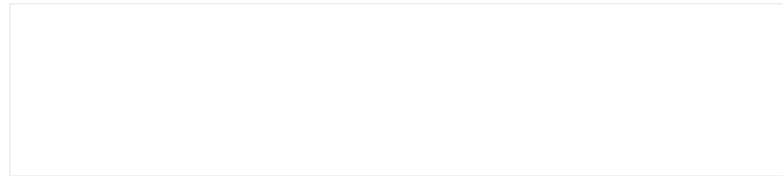
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Steele County Free Fair

Steele County Fairgrounds

August 14 - 19

Enjoy a brat at the KC Food Stand.



August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	2	3 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 p	4
5 Minnesota Twins Bus Trip Minnesota Twins vs Kansas City Royals Call Club for details.	6 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	7 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	8 General Meeting & Picnic Jaycee Park Social - 5:00 pm Meal - 6:00 pm	9	10 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	11
12	13	14 NO Bar Bingo First day of the Steele County Free Fair	15 Enjoy a brat at the KC Food Stand	16 Enjoy the fair and all of the activities	17 Play a game of Bingo at the St. Mary's Home & School Assn Stand	18 Enjoy a Holy Mojo sandwich at the KC Food Stand
19 Last day of the Steele County Free Fair - enjoy one more brat at the KC Food Stand	20	21 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	22 Fourth Degree Assembly Picnic 5:00 - 7:00 pm Jaycee Park	23	24 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	25
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