Owatonna



The Key

to greater Council unity.



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

<u>July 11</u> - Extravaganza Village of Yesteryear Steele County Fairgrounds

July 12 - Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

July 14 - General Meeting Program - 7:30 p.m. Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

July 16 - Cancer Relay For Life Steele County Fairgrounds

July 22 - Fourth Degree Picnic Medford Park 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

July 25- Litomysl 39th Annual Summer Festival Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

<u>August 17 - 22</u> - Steele County Free Fair Steele County Fairgrounds

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

COMING EVENTS

Officers' Meeting

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

SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge

Friday, July 9, 16, 23, and 30
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 TOPPINGS

The KC Chorus

will sing your favorite patriotic & folk songs, including:

"This Land is Your Land, America the Beautiful, God Bless the USA, Lion Sleeps Tonight, Sweet Caroline, & A Salute to the Armed Forces"

Introducing this year: "The KC Quartet"

Steele County Historical Society EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, July 11, 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Village of Yesteryear Steele County Fairgrounds



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 14

Program - 7:30 p.m. - Dana Petrecka on FOCUS Ministry
General Meeting 8:00 p.m.

General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



K OF C TWINS GAME

Sunday, August 22

Twins vs. Los Angeles Angels Game - 1:10 p.m.

Pre-Game Mass in the Epic Building at 10:00 a.m. this is one block from Target Field.

The Club will open at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and rolls. The bus will load at 8:00 a.m. and depart for the game at 8:20 a.m.

LITOMYSL 39th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 25, 2010 KC Chorus will sing before Mass, at 9:30 a.m.

Polka Mass - 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard will participate
Festival - 11:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.
Food - Drinks - Live Music
Auctions - Rides - Games
Used-A-Bit Sale
Garden Produce - Plants
Display of old engines
Prune, Poppyseed, and Apricot Biscuits
Fun For All Ages!!

CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE

July 16 - Steele County Fairgrounds

Anyone that would like to make a monetary donation, please contact LaVerne Klecker at 451-4102.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON JUNE 2, 2010, AT THE KC HALL IN OWATONNA, MN



Lucas Kaplan is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed with his dad's business, Jim Kaplan Construction. This fall, Lucas will be teaching at Manokotak, Alaska. Lucas was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Jim Kaplan.



Todd Supalla and his wife Heather are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed by Ag Power in Owatonna. Todd was sponsored by Brother Knight Aaron Jelinek.

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. The last time the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly received this honor was 2000. This presents a very special opportunity for our Assembly and all Council 945 Third Degree members.

We invite and encourage you to consider joining the Fourth Degree. Our membership has been increasing each year, but this membership drive is special. Rochester had outstanding participation by their Third Degree members at the Fourth Degree Exemplification held there last year. We feel that Owatonna has the same great potential. Join Bishop John Quinn, Fr. Edward McGrath, and many other Brother Knights in this exemplification class.

With all exemplification activities being local, there are no travel or lodging related expenses. The cost to join is very reasonable. More information will be available in the August *Key* and on the kofccouncil945.org website. A membership information picnic will be held August 26 to answer any questions. Please contact LaVerne Klecker at 451-4120 or Frank Conley at 451-1742.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We appreciate all the efforts which have been made toward our successful membership year. We are planning on having a First Degree in July or August, the date is yet to be determined. We are planning a Major Degree in November. Please sign up any new members now.

Our Council's goal is to achieve Star Council. To make Star Council, our quota is 35 new members.

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

Also, I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2010 please get them paid, Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council expenses. Thank you.

Grand Knight's Message by Bill Lawrence

Brother Knights

We are at the end of my term as Grand Knight and what a year it has been. We have added 36 new members, appointed a new Financial Secretary and Gambling Manager, added new officers, initiated new programs, continued several others programs, and have earned the highest honor a council can receive: **Star Council.**

Star Council is not an easy accomplishment. Among the many requirements for this award it meant recruiting 35 new members (a 7% increase), meeting an insurance enrollment goal (13 new policies), and offering at least four (4) service programs in six (6) categories (Respect for Life was added this year). I want to thank all of the officers, chairs and Brother Knights who took on a leadership role in helping to distinguish our Council as one of the finest in the nation. You should be proud of your accomplishment. And each Brother Knight made it possible as well by volunteering your time and talent to the many activities that we are involved in. Thank You.

Finally, congratulations to Grand Knight *Steve Dornquast* and a new set of officers. We are in good hands as we continue forward with our 107th year and our second century of service to God, Church, and Community.

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, 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, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Phyllis Farnsworth, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Todd Tacheny, passed away on May 27.

Alvin Dornquast, father of Brother Knight Steve Dornquast passed away on June 8.

Donald Jensen, brother-in-law of Brother Knights Joe and Tom Elbert, passed away on June 26.

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

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).

AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET - JUNE 12

he 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 Tim Rice, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church. He was assisted by Chaplain Fr. Edward McGrath and Warden George Zwack.

The banquet was the culmination of a very successful fraternal year for the Council. At the 2010 State Convention, Council 945 was recognized with the following awards:

State Officer's Excellence Award and

First Place in Outstanding Project in Family Activities for the Christmas Extravaganza. This entry will be forwarded to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council where it will be entered into Supreme competition with the winner to be announced at the Supreme Council Convention in August.

It was also announced that the Council had met its membership and insurance requirements to receive the top award, Star Council, for this fraternal year. All that remains are the completion of some reports and the results will be officially announced.

The Officers installed for the 2010-11 Council year are as follows:

Chaplain - Rev. John Sauer
Grand Knight - Steve Dornquast
Deputy Grand Knight - Randy Balausky
Chancellor - Wade Schroeder
Warden - Steve Graff
Advocate - Dustin Reese
Inside Guard - Pete Schneider
Outside Guard - Chuck Walerius
Recorder - Scot Berkley
Treasurer - Tom Eichten
Financial Secretary - John Ahlberg

Following the Installation, activities moved from St. Joseph's to the KC Hall. Attendees enjoyed fellowship during the social hour and then were served an excellent meal prepared by Columbian Center Manager Mark Cunningham. He was assisted by Brother Knight Tom Elbert. Serving was handled by the Council's sponsored Boy Scout troop, assisted by a number of adult volunteers.

Master of Ceremonies' duties were split between Grand Knight Bill Lawrence and Deputy Grand Knight Steve Dornquast. Fr. John Sauer offered the opening and closing prayers for the banquet. He also shared some of his experiences and memories of the KCs as he reflected on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

The featured entertainment for the evening was a performance by the K of C Chorus under the direction of Stephen Nelson. Their excellent program is always appreciated.

The membership and Oak awards were presented by Bill Lawrence and Steve Dornquast. The Trustee Service award was presented to Will Pieper by Trustee Joe Elbert. The prestigious Knight of the Year Award for 2009 - 10 was presented to Stephen Nelson by LaVerne Klecker.

50-Year Members	25-Year Members
Dr. James McEnaney Ron Schleif Lawrence Spindler (dec.) Rownell Weber James Wierzbinski	Conrad Bahe Mike Schaffner Dale Besonen Jerome Spindler Bruce Born Jeffrey Wanous Craig Hanson Steven Wencl John Rohwer

Honorary Members	Honorary Life Members		
Clyde Christofferson	Myron Homuth		
Otto Lehrer	James Postlewaite		
Donald Rosha	F. Wayne Starman		
Robert Seykora	Joseph Sweere		
James Skalicky	Donald Trenda		

Grand Knight Bill Lawrence and Program Director Steve Dornquast presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

200 - 249 hours	250 - 299 hours	Over 300 hours
Tom Burke Tom Elbert Wade Schroeder Walt Spindler	Will Pieper Tim Rice	Frank Conley Steve Dornquast Joe Elbert LaVerne Klecker Bill Lawrence Al Nelson

		Al Nelson
100 - 1	149 hours	150 - 199 hours
John Ahlberg Keven Boettcher Bill Foreman O. J. Havelka Mark Kearin Terry Kuck Mark Nelson	Pete Schneider Lee Staupe Eric Tucker Chuck Walerius Ron Wolf Dave Wunderlich	Brian Carlson Lyle Coleman Steve Fisher Tom Gebur Dennis Kelm Tom Knight Stephen Nelson Eric Wandersee Ray Willmott

50-99 Hours				
Conrad Bahe Randy Balausky Gerry Barry Scot Berkley Tim Biegert Don Boesen John Carlson Tim Chicos Jack Dillemuth Tom Eichten Steve Graff Bob Grebe	Roger Green Gerry Gunderson Ron Heim John Henry Jim Kaplan Matt Jessop Al Jirele Tom Kingsley Doug Kloos Wayne Kubicek Duane Ludewig Lloyd Mans	Brent McCulloch Glen Meger Jim Nelson Sam Nelson Roger Noble John Oberstein Dave Pfeifer Joe Rose Paul Schneider Frank Schiller Lyle Snider	Curt Supalla Dan Walsh Ludwig Wencl Earl Wheeler Jim Wiggins Rick Wittrock	

Knight of the Month Recipients in 2009-2010

July	Pat Fagan
August	Chuck Walerius
September	Jim Kaplan
October	Paul Schneider
November	Bob Grebe
December	Wade Schroeder
January	Randy Balausky
February	Tom Docksey
March	John Ahlberg
April	Russ Bowar
May	Curt Supalla
June	Rick Wittrock

Owatonna K of C Chorus Members

Lynn Becker Don Boesen John Carlson Steve Dornquast Tom Gebur Dennis Heimerman Frank Conley (Admin	Matt Jessop LaVerne Klecker Wayne Kubicek David Lax Lloyd Mans Jim Nelson nistration)	Sam Nelson Stephen Nelson (Director) Brandon Pofahl Joe Rose Pete Schneider Lee Staupe	Dan Walsh Chuck Walerius
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Knight of the Year

Stephen Nelson is our 2009-10 Knight of the Year. Stephen, pictured on the right, with LaVerne Klecker, the 2006-07 Knight of the Year. In making the award, LaVerne noted Stephen's many accomplishments during years as a KC member, including: serving over nine years as the KC Chorus Music Director, a job to which he has devoted thousands of hours. He is an active recruiter bringing many new members into the KCs and the Chorus, in addition to teaching Religious Education, Math Olympics, serving on St. Mary's School Board, parish councils, and singing in choirs at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart.

TRUSTEE'S SERVICE AWARD



Will Pieper is the proud recipient of the 2009-10 Trustee's Service Award. Pictured here from left to right are Trustee Joe Elbert and Will Pieper. Trustee Joe Elbert presented the award and noted that Will's accomplishments are very active participation in all KC Benefit Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll fund raiser, KC Fair food stand, Smokin' in Steele, and the Altar Servers party. Will has also served as chairman of the KC Halloween party for many years.

Officers for 2010



Officers for 2010 — 2011, Owatonna Council 945

The officers pictured were installed on June 12 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Front row left to right, Randy Balausky, Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Dornquast, Grand Knight, Steve Graff, Warden. Back row left to right, John Ahlberg, Financial Secretary, Scot Berkley, Recorder, Bill Lawrence, Past Grand Knight and Trustee, Joe Elbert, Trustee, Chuck Walerius, Outside Guard.

DISTRICT DEPUTY APPRECIATION AWARD



Grand Knight Bill Lawrence, pictured left, presents an appreciation award to District Deputy, Tim Rice on the completion of his 4-year term serving District 32. The councils of Blooming Prairie, Medford, Owatonna, and Waseca comprise District 32.

- Member Recruitment -

New First Degree Members

MEMBER Thomas Docksey Lee Jardine Lucas Kaplan Michael Klecker Jon Konold Ryan Schrom Darrin Simon Todd Supalla Thomas Wondra

SPONSOR Bill Lawrence Rev. Mr. Patrick Fagan Jim Kaplan James Klecker Wayne Starman Norbert Schrom Eugene Simon Aaron Jelinek LaVerne Klecker

Reinstatements

MEMBER Gregory Jensen Joseph Plemel Jeffrey Titus

SPONSOR LaVerne Klecker David Fandel Randy Balausky

MEMBER

Eric Anderson Lynn Becker Timothy Flattery Joel Garten Brian Haggerty John Hammer Patrick Hawkins Joe Herzog Jeffrey Hodapp Lanny Huemann Nicholas Johnson James Kaplan Nicholas Klinkner Paul Klinkner Justin Kuhlman

New Third Degree Members

SPONSOR LaVerne Klecker Charles Walerius Timothy Rice Bill Lawrence Mark Kearin Thomas Elbert LaVerne Klecker Kevin Herzog Charles Walerius LaVerne Klecker LaVerne Klecker

MEMBER David Lax Ben Lempiainew Gerald Lynch Johnathan Nelson Stephen Nelson Tony Nguyen Andy Oberstein Tim Oberstein Brandon Pofahl Daniel Ruiter Kevin Weckman John Wheeler Daniel Wolfe

SPONSOR LaVerne Klecker Bill Lawrence LaVerne Klecker Peter Schneider Dustin Reese John Oberstein LaVerne Klecker Bill Lawrence Mark Kearin John Ahlberg LaVerne Klecker

2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
Chancellor: Wade Schroeder
Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Chuck Walerius
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (2 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (1 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN
Program Director: Randy Balausky
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruiter
Church Director: Pete Schneider
Community Director: Jim Gleason
Council Activity Director: PGK Kevin Raney
Family Director: Open
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 DirectorStephen 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



John Hammer

Council 945's Knight of the Month for May is John Hammer. The announcement was made at the regular June Council meeting by Grand Knight, Bill Lawrence. In making the announcement Bill had this to say, "Our Knight of the Month is one of our newer Brother Knights, but he has really been an active participant. He has really worked hard at taking our Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest to a new level."

A native of Minneapolis, John joined the Knights of Columbus November 21, 2009. John attended Owatonna High School and the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities where he majored in art with a minor in psychology. In addition, he holds an associate degree in social services. He also attended Brown

Institute, where he received a degree in electronics. John is self- employed as the publisher of *Blue Monday Monthly* magazine and is the producer and host of his own radio show *Hammered by the Blues*. He is also the property manager for several buildings he owns.

When asked about his favorite KC project, not surprisingly, he responded Smokin' In Steele.

John and his wife of 18 years, Dayne, are members of St. Joseph's Church. They have four children and 2 grandchildren; Harley and Leland.

Besides his KC activities, John enjoys music and photography and has a very strong interest in the environment.

Congratulations to our May Knight of the Month, John Hammer.

KC Chorus & Fourth Degree Honor Guard part of Memorial Day Observance and Flag Day Ceremony

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Chorus and Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard were proud to show the patriotism of our order on May 31, at the Memorial Day parade and ceremony honoring our Country's veterans in the Four Seasons Centre. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard members in the parade were: Joe Elbert, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Glen Meger, Greg Salmonsen, Pete Schneider, Eric Wandersee, and Ray Willmott. Many other participating KC members are also members of the VFW and American Legion, the primary organizers of this very patriotic event.



KC Chorus members participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony include (L-R): Tom Gebur, Matt Jessop, Chuck Walerius, Dan Walsh, Brandon Pofahl, John Carlson, LaVerne Klecker, David Lax, Jim Nelson, Wayne Kubicek, Sam Nelson, Steve Dornquast, Director Stephen Nelson, Lloyd Mans, Lynn Becker, Dennis Heimerman, and Lee Staupe.

The Flag Day Observance held by the Elk's Club on June 14, was a second opportunity for the KC Chorus and Fourth Degree Honor Guard to work together and represent the Knights of Columbus in this patriotic program held each year by the Elk's Club.



Fourth Degree Honor Guard presented the eight United States flags which have been used by our country. During the program, the history and significance of each flag was read. Honor Guard members are: (L-R) Glen Meger, Tim Rice, Joe Elbert, Ray Willmott, Paul Schneider, Mark Nelson, O.J. Havelka, and Pete Schneider.

KC Chorus members singing at this event were: Lynn Becker, Tom Gebur, Matt Jessop, John Carlson, Dennis Heimerman, David Lax, LaVerne Klecker, Wayne Kubicek, Lloyd Mans, Brandon Pofahl, Lee Staupe, Chuck Walerius, Dan Walsh, and Director Stephen Nelson.

Attendees appreciated the program and touching speech given by Betty Hall Strohfus from Faribault about her experiences as a female pilot during World War II.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza Sunday, July 11 K of C Chorus performs at 1:00 p.m.

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U.S. POSTAGE

Litomysl 39th Annual Summer Festival
Sunday, July 25
Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

JULY 2010						
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