

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JULY  
2011

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 6** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- July 10** - Extravaganza  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds
- July 11** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- July 13** - General Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- July 16** - Fourth Degree  
Officer Installation  
St. Joseph Church -  
Mass - 4:00 p.m.  
Installation - 5:15 p.m.  
KC Hall - Social - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
- July 31** - Litomysl 40th  
Annual Summer Festival  
Mass - 10:00 a.m.  
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- August 16 - 21** - Steele County  
Free Fair  
Steele County Fairgrounds

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 6  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### FOR GREAT FOOD AT THE FAIR

#### "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD STAND"

Steele County Free Fair  
Aug. 16 - 21  
The KC Food Stand is located between  
the Beer Garden and Fair Square.

#### "Downright Delicious Food"

YOUR CHOICE OF GREAT BRATS  
Try our new tasty "Holy Mojo sandwich"

## 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:  
Six new members

### Steele County Historical Society EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, July 10, 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds

### SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge  
Friday, July 8, 15, 22, and 29  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Delicious marinated steaks or  
windsor chop, served with salad, roll,  
and baked potato.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Father John Sauer. The program is  
on the New Roman Missal.

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the  
*Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among  
other things, the revised edition of the *Missale  
Romanum* contains prayers for the observances of  
recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the  
Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and  
Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions,  
and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for  
the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of  
the *Roman Missal* will also include updated translations  
of existing prayers, including some of the well-known  
responses and acclamations of the people

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text  
containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of  
the Mass, is now being prepared for publication. The  
*Roman Missal* will be implemented in the United States  
of America on the First Sunday of Advent,  
November 27, 2011.

(As a courtesy to our speaker & other members - please  
arrive before 7:30 p.m.)

### LITOMYSL 40th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 31, 2011  
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. - 5:00 p.m.

Food - Drinks - Live Music  
Bands will be the "Klecker Band",  
"The Czech Lites", and  
"Luverne's Concertina".

Auctions - Rides - Games  
Used-A-Bit Sale

Garden Produce - Plants  
Display of old engines  
Prune, Poppyseed, and Apricot Biscuits  
Fun For All Ages!!

### The Key input deadline is the 15th of each month

Information received after that date will  
be published the following month.



HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE  
DAY!!!



## Special Thank You Message from the Past Grand Knight Steve Dornquast

Just when I have mastered writing again, (I have done very little since high school), I find that my time is up and I am turning over the reins to Randy. I have grown to enjoy writing this article. This being my last message, I just want to be sure and say; thank you & may God bless to all my fellow Knights who helped me throughout the last year.

Being Grand Knight does not give you some kind of special power. It does, however, teach you a lot about being a team player. I had some rough times in the last year, but the rest of our team was able to put us in the wining column without, or with very little of, my help.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus organization, you are an important player on the team. You don't have to participate other than to be in the stands cheering the rest of us on. Just like the crowd can change the output of a game, you can help us pull out the win.

However, if you want to participate in any of our many activities, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers listed in *The Key*. Any of us will be able to help you find the activity that suits you.

It's difficult to express my feelings at this time. I'm sad to leave, yet happy to be done. Perhaps this will give me more time for my "honey do" list. As Red Skelton would say: (many of you might not remember him) -- Good night and may God bless.

## Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

How would you respond if asked to name your greatest asset? If you're like most, your answer would likely be "my home" or "my retirement account" or something similar. The correct answer—and this surprises most people—is your ability to get up every day and earn a paycheck. It's easy to see the truth in that statement if you multiply your income by just 10 or 20 years . . . it is your greatest asset.

Most people overestimate the resources they have to cover this loss should an illness or injury prevent them from being able to work. Most would face financial difficulty, if not disaster, within a month or two of being unable to earn that paycheck. Most mistakenly believe coverage they have through their employer (if there is coverage) is sufficient. But usually this amount replaces only a percent of their income and continues for only a short period of time. Imagine your boss informing you that your income was going to be cut in half—and that even that amount would also be gone in 6 months to a year or two?

Also, when you consider there is a 3-in-10 probability that you will suffer a sickness or accident lasting 3 months or more during your working career . . . it really makes clear that this is definitely not something to leave to chance. And this may surprise you: 90% of all disabilities are a result of sickness, not an accident.

Fortunately there is a simple and cost-effective solution to this potential nightmare. Your Knights of Columbus Insurance Company has just released an income replacement plan called Income Armour, which is— as with all of our products— one of the very best available. In just a few minutes, I can show you what you have and from that you can determine if it is adequate or not.

Take advantage of the excellent products we have . . . now including loss-of-income protection. I can be reached at 213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF

P.S. FYI . . . A.M. Best (a worldwide rating and information agency) has just reaffirmed the Knights of Columbus' highest rating possible (A++) for the 36th consecutive year. As I've said over and over . . . you can take great pride in the fact our company and products are some of the best of the very best.

## Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

Dear Knights:

Very Impressive!!! Close to 10,000 hours of service that our Council has logged this past year. That could not have been done without the guidance of all the chairman of all our activities, and to outgoing Grand Knight Steve Dornquast. Great Job to you all!

As the new Grand Knight, I look forward to this next year with great optimism. There are many things on our plate that we need to accomplish and, in order to continue to provide the services that we do as a Council, we will need to be sure that our membership is strong and continues to grow. Is your membership current? Do you have a friend, acquaintance, or family member who you have been thinking of bringing into the Knights of Columbus? We need your help by keeping our members current and recruiting others. Last month, I had the opportunity to attend the Knights of Columbus State Convention with Steve Dornquast, Wade Schroeder, and Joe Elbert. One big project that spiked our interest was the growing interest in Councils helping to provide ultrasound equipment for their local areas to help in the fight against abortions. More chances than none is the fact that once an expectant mother sees their child through an ultrasound, the greater the chance that the mother chooses not to have an abortion. Our Council is looking at the challenge of helping raise the money for an ultrasound machine for use in our area, and possibly a joint effort among the Councils in our district. If anyone is interested in leading or helping with this project, contact either Joe Elbert or myself. I look forward to working with everyone this coming year and I hope to see you at all of our events. God Bless Us All!

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

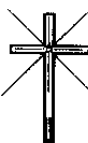
We appreciate all the efforts which have been made toward our membership this past year. We are planning on having a first Degree on August 10 before our General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your new members to this meeting, this would be a perfect opportunity for any college student to sign up before they leave. We are planning a Major Degree in November.

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

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 2011 please get them paid. Our Council needs the money we collect from dues to make ends meet and to pay our Council's expenses.

## 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:***

*Mary Jo Schroepfer who is undergoing serious medical treatment.*

*Joe Wagoner is home after having hip surgery in Rochester.*

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

*Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, 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, Walt Spindler, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rowndell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.*

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

## 2011 William Warner Scholarship Recipients

The Owatonna Council #945 of Knights of Columbus announced the recipients of the 2011 William Warner Scholarship at the Fine Arts Awards presentation at the Owatonna High School on May 19, 2011. Trustee Bill Lawrence presented five (5) \$300 scholarships to the following students:



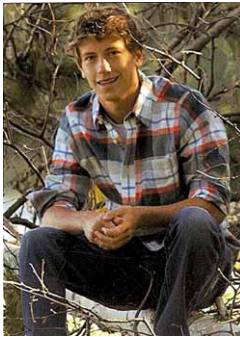
*Elizabeth Abbe*

**Elizabeth Abbe:** Elizabeth will be attending the University of St. Thomas. The selection committee recognized her outstanding academic achievement, her volunteer work with the Kindergarten class at St. Mary's School, her work with SHOC, Link Crew, Homecoming Committee, Key Club, and her sportsmanship award in 2009 and 2010.



*Mary Reller*

**Mary Reller:** Mary will be attending St. Mary's University in the fall and the selection committee was impressed with her solid academics, her volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and Sib Shop, a support group for siblings of children with disabilities. She was also noted for her involvement in Knowledge Bowl, Homecoming Committee, and choir, drama, and the school plays.



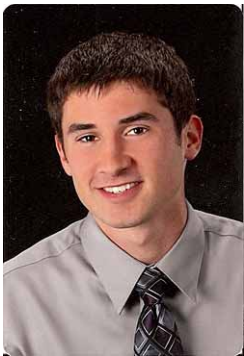
*Carson Running*

**Carson Running:** In the fall, Carson will be attending the University of Notre Dame. The selection committee was impressed with Carson's academic achievement, his involvement in sports and Concert Choir, his volunteer work with DOC-Disciplines of Christ, Festival of Trees, Sib Shop, Jumpstart Soccer, and Therapeutic Recreation Department of Owatonna Park & Rec.



*Anna Segner*

**Anna Segner:** Anna will be attending the College of St. Benedict, and the selection committee paid special attention to her academic achievement, her peer helpers, is a Big Sister to a student at St. Mary's School, her work with the marching band, tennis, and Concert Choir. The committee was especially impressed with her commitment to honoring our deceased soldiers by playing taps at military funerals over the years.



*Tyler Supalla*

**Tyler Supalla:** Tyler will be attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. The committee recognized Tyler's academic achievements and his nomination for the Minnesota Basketball Academic All State Award. In addition, Tyler has participated in sports, the school choir, is a volunteer with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, and volunteered for countless activities at Sacred Heart Church. The committee was also humbled by his weekly attendance at Eucharistic Adoration.

The William Warner Memorial Scholarship was established on May 10, 1972 by the William Warner family and the Knights of Columbus. The original funds came from the Warner Family, whose son, William, died at a young age, and Council 945 has also contributed funds over the years. The Council is also responsible for fund investments and administration of the scholarships. The Knights of Columbus are proud to award these fine graduates with the 2011 William Warner Scholarship and wish them good luck in their studies.

## KC Chorus & Fourth Degree Honor Guard participate in Memorial Day & Flag Day Ceremonies

Members of the Council 945 KC Chorus and Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Assembly Honor Guard joined together to participate in events to show respect for our veterans and to honor our Nation's flag.

Our Chorus and Honor Guard were pleased to participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 30. The parade unit was comprised of the eight Fourth Degree members and 19 Chorus members. Special thanks to the float assembly crew: Frank Conley, Mike Goddard, O. J. Havelka, LaVerne Klecker, Wayne Kubicek, and Dave Lax. O.J. also provided the float tow vehicle. Ray Willmott commented, "It is encouraging to see the increased respect for the flag in recent years and to hear the applause from the spectators in response to the patriotic songs by the Chorus."

We were also honored to participate in the Elks Flag Day ceremony held on Tuesday, June 14. The program included a dinner at 5:00 p.m. and program at 6:00 p.m., in which the history of each our Nation's 8 flags was read by the Elks officers. Our Honor Guard presented each of the 8 flags during the ceremony. During the program, the Chorus sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," and at the conclusion, "America the Beautiful." The tradition of participating with the Elks in the Flag Day ceremony goes back many years and we are pleased to join them in this program.



KC Chorus members who sang in the parade are: Director Stephen Nelson, John Carlson, David Lax, Brandon Pofahl, Johnathon Nelson, Steve Dornquast, Jim Nelson, Chuck Walerius, John Degner, Dan Walsh, Lloyd Mans, Lynn Becker, Matt Jessop, Harlan Kern, Mike Goddard, Pete Schneider, Lee Staupe, Wayne Kubicek, & O.J. Havelka driving the float.



Fourth Degree members pictured here are (L-R): Greg Salmonsens, Frank Conley, Ray Willmott, Joe Elbert, (directly behind Ray), LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, and Tim Rice. Glen Meger is not pictured.



The Elks Flag Day ceremony was held on June 14. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard members included: Frank Conley, Joe Elbert, LaVerne Klecker, Tim Rice, Pete Schneider, Walt Spindler, Eric Wandersee, & Ray Willmott. Chorus members included: Director Lloyd Mans, Lynn Becker, John Degner, Steve Dornquast, Tom Gebur, Dennis Heimerman, Harlan Kern, Wayne Kubicek, Dave Lax, Chuck Walerius, & Dan Walsh.



### 2011 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success

A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$5,404.56 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

The weekend of April 28th through the 30th found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise Foods, HyVee, and Wal-Mart.

After deducting the cost of the Tootsie Rolls, the remaining money will be distributed to the following beneficiaries: Owatonna Special Olympics, Rainbow Residence, Cedar Valley Services, Owatonna Park & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation, and 5 percent will go to the Special Olympics Fall Classic.

Al Nelson, chairman, would like to offer a huge thank you to team leaders Steve Dornquast, Steve Graff, and Jim Kaplan. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2011 Tootsie Roll Drive:

Jim Abbe	Dwight Gebur	Mark Kenney	Eric Lattery	Brandon Pofahl	Lavern Soukup
Les Abraham	Jim Gleason	Harlan Kern	Dave Lax	Jeff Pumper	Tom Soukup
Steve Addabbo	Steve Graff	LaVerne Klecker	Kurt Lindenbaum	Russ Redman	Leo Spindler
John Ahlberg	Gerry Gunderson	Tom Knight	Ron McCann	Steve Reller	Walt Spindler
Keven Boettcher	Mitch Haberman	Jeff Kramer	Al Nelson	Tim Rice	Curt Suppalla
Joel Dulas	Patrick Haberman	Tom Kubista	Gary Nelson	Pat Rose	Jim Wencl
Steve Dornquast	Brian Haggerty	Terry Kuck	Jim Nelson	Dan Ruiter	George Wacek
Gary Fisher	Ron Heim	Phil Lamb	and children	Greg Salmonsens	Ron Wolf
Steve Fisher	Jim Kaplan	George Lambaere	Mark Nelson	Ben Schneider	Dan Wolfe
Bill Foreman	Dennis Kelm	Greg Lammers	Tony Nguyen	Lynn Sibenaller	
Tom Gebur			Brandon Noble		

We have many workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

## 2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Andrew Vogel  
 GRAND KNIGHT: ..... Randy Balausky  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Wade Schroeder  
 Chancellor: ..... Dustin Reese  
 Advocate: ..... Steve Graff  
 Warden: ..... Dan Wolfe  
 Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
 Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Scot Berkley  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Joe Elbert  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Bill Lawrence  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Steve Dornquast

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Wade Schroeder  
 Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Dan Ruter  
 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



John Wheeler

Council 945's Knight of the Month for May is John Wheeler. The announcement was made at the regular June Council meeting by Grand Knight, Steve Dornquast. In making the announcement Steve had this to say, "Our Knight of the month is one of our newer members and also one of our more active members. In addition he is the son of Honorary Life member Earl Wheeler."

A native of Owatonna, John joined the Knights of Columbus July 8, 2009. John attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Owatonna High School. He also attended Dakota County Vocational Technical College where he studied drafting and

design. John is self-employed, his company is Wheeler Design – Build. He works primarily in the residential market in new construction, remodeling and home additions.

John lists his favorite KC project as Smokin' In Steele, but he rarely misses one of the benefit breakfasts where he is a proficient griller and a regular on the closing (clean-up) crew.

John and his wife Donna are members of Sacred Heart Church and they have four children; two sons Cole and Lucas and two daughters Gretchen and Hannah.

Besides his KC activities, John enjoys home brewing and camping.

An interesting note, John is the president of the "anti scrap booking" group. This is a neighborhood group of men who enjoy getting together and sampling John's home brew.

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



## Flag Turn-In a Huge Success



Lynn Becker, (left) and Chuck Walerius on right, display one of the flags that were offered for sale during the worn and tattered flag collection program.

were offered for sale at a reasonable cost, and the inventory was depleted by early afternoon.

People have old flags stashed away in their garages, attics or basements and are not quite sure what to do with them. The Assembly offers this community service as it ties in very well with the principle of the Fourth Degree which is patriotism.

"When the event ended we had a pickup truck load of retired flags. We even picked up some flags at people's homes who were unable to come to our collection points or some just forgot to bring them along," Rice added.

Now we are faced with the job of disposing of the flags in a proper, respectful manner. "It will be a big job, but our dedicated membership is up to the task."

Thanks to these Sir Knights who helped with this project; Gary Wandrey, John Kriesel, Chuck Walerius, Lynn Becker, LaVerne Klecker, Dennis Kelm, Wade Schroeder, Brian Rozeske, Joe Elbert, Dan Walsh, and Tim Rice.

"They came in all sizes, but one thing they did have in common, was that they were all worn out." This is the quote by Tim Rice, chairman of the just completed flag turn-in project conducted by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Worn and tattered flags were collected at Hy Vee and Cashwise Food stores on Saturday, June 11. In addition, replacement flags



Joe Elbert, (left) and Dan Walsh on right shown with the pickup load of flags collected. The flags were later sorted and organized into 7 boxes and 2 large bags.



Gary Wandrey (left) and John Kriesel, (center) receive a large box of retired flags during their shift at Cash Wise Foods.

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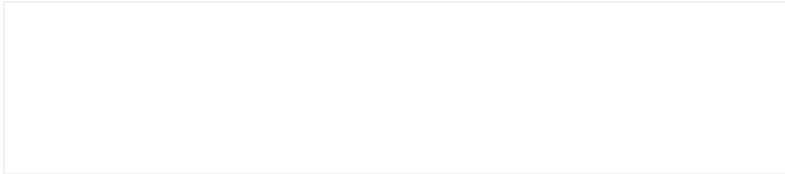
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***Litomysl 40th Annual Summer Festival***

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