

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JULY
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

June 30 - KC Family Corporate
Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
July 3 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 8 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
July 10 - General Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Program
July 14 - SCHS Extravaganza
Village of Yesteryear
Steele County Fairgrounds
July 24 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - 6:30 p.m.
July 25 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 28 - Litomysl 42nd
Annual Summer Festival
Mass - 10:00 a.m.
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 13 - 18 - Steele County
Free Fair
Steele County Fairgrounds



**HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY!!!**

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 3
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, June 30, 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church

All members and their families are invited to
process in and be seated together at this Mass.

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.

THE KC CHORUS

will sing your favorite
patriotic & folk songs
**Steele County Historical Society
EXTRAVAGANZA**
Sunday, July 14, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Village of Yesteryear
Steele County Fairgrounds
Relay For Life
Friday, July 19, 8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Steele County Fairgrounds

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 10
Program - 7:30 p.m.
*Speakers will be the William Warner Scholarship
Recipients...Jessica Sedivy, Sean Grubish, and
Robert Jardine.*
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

SUMMER STEAK FRIES

Served in the Lounge
Friday, July 12, 19, and 26
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Delicious marinated steaks or
windsor chop, served with salad, roll,
and baked potato.

LITOMYSL 42nd ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 28, 2013
KC Chorus will sing before Mass, at 9:15 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!!
Everyone welcome.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, July 24
Owatonna KC Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Candidates be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

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**.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

Matt Birk, former Baltimore Raven center, took a principled stand for life in response to the President's remarks to Planned Parenthood and his support for unrestricted abortion, and quietly did not attend the post-Super Bowl photo opportunity at the White House. I propose his action to the Knights as an example for us of how to live faith and patriotism in our time.

As we approach Independence Day our country is facing a maelstrom of constitutional and cultural questions that have been simmering for over 40 years and now have new attention with the IRS intrusive oversight, the roll out of the Affordable Health Care Act which is not respectful of conscience let alone the wallet, and the on-going disputes about right to life and the nature of marriage: What is a Knight to do? 3293553

It is patriotic to dissent. Matt Birk did so in a quiet and respectful way. In the midst of the storm we are in the world as Christ. With his word, the sea can be calmed, especially the storm tossed heart. We take up with Christ the standard of innocence, love and justice. With Christ there is no question of destruction of the sinner, but of repentance and regeneration. Thus all anger must be given away.

When the press picked up on Birk's absence, the criticisms began. Brother Knights, reflecting in this Year of Faith what it means to be a follower of Christ we have to recognize that there are consequences to taking the principled stand. Folks will walk away from the Church in part because the stand we take for life, for marriage in our imitation of Christ.

Others will charge us with hypocrisy because we don't live perfectly the faith we profess or the love we seek to live. That simply points more deeply to the mystery of Christ. The death of Christ delivers from all sin, even the sins of his followers. Apart from Christ we are simply a faction, another opinion, or passing fad. With Christ we need not despair. Christ has won the victory, this too shall pass. But that does not give us excuse for complacency for we are indeed called to witness.

So this summer let us reflect on our treasured freedoms and how fragile they are in the light of the glory of the grace of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called to give witness to the values that endure and lead us and all to eternal life.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a summer exemplification on Wednesday, July 24, be at the KC Hall in Owatonna at 6:30 p.m., to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son will be 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, just give me a call at 451-4102 or 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council.

Our Council has accomplished a great deal, but with new talent and renewed energy we can do more. 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.

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 expenses. Thank you.

Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

Ever since I was very young, I have always been fascinated by machinery. Well designed and maintained machinery can do amazing things... even the seemingly impossible. One of the worst spots I found myself in when I was growing up was when I was caught taking my mom's sewing machine apart to find out how it looped the stitches through each other every time. My mother made draperies for a living so, for starters, I had made a poor choice of equipment to "experiment" with. Although I never did figure out how it worked, I found out that putting it together was harder than taking it apart, dad was not a sewing machine expert either, the nearest repairman had to drive out from the Twin Cities and the cost to fix it was way more than my allowance.

Like most machinery, our Council is made up of many individual parts. Each one alone is limited in potential but together we perform the "seemingly impossible". Also, like parts on a good piece of machinery, there is no one individual who defines our Council, there are many who contribute, some are vital, none are useless and it takes all of them to create the whole. I could not be more blessed and proud to have been the Grand Knight of Owatonna Council 945 and I owe many of the Council parts hearty thanks for their support over the last year. Specifically, I would like to thank Dustin Reese for stepping forward and the rest of the Council officers, trustees, and others for their support when my work schedule changed earlier this year.

Thanks to all the members of the Council for making my year as Grand Knight fun, challenging, and unforgettable. I have personally not only gained a deeper understanding of what it takes to make our Council as great as it is but also lifelong friendships, a reverent respect for the Knights of Columbus and I have grown in my faith and as an individual. I look forward to the future of the Council and have confidence that this upcoming year will be even better than the last. 3464219

Thanks

Viviat 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.

The KC's' prayers and good wishes go out to:
Brother Knight Tim Rice is recovering from ear surgery.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dilleuth, 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 Pirkil, 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 Rodman Bailey passed away on June 6.

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

2013 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success

A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$5,417.00 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled. 301633

The weekend of April 26th through the 28th found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise Foods, HyVee, Post Office, 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 Graff, Jim Kaplan, Don Trenda, and Jerome Spindler. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2013 Tootsie Roll Drive:

<i>Les Abraham</i>	<i>Brian Haggerty</i>	<i>Greg Lammers</i>	<i>Pat Rose</i>
<i>John Ahlberg</i>	<i>Patrick Hawkins</i>	<i>Greg Lenz</i>	<i>Dan Ruiter</i>
<i>Randy Balauskys</i>	<i>Ronald Heim</i>	<i>Kurt Lindenbaum</i>	<i>Greg Salmonsens</i>
<i>Tom Bauer</i>	<i>Scott Holzerland</i>	<i>Jordan Ludewig</i>	<i>Dan Sawyer</i>
<i>Bill Bunkers</i>	<i>Michael Jensen</i>	<i>Jim Nelson</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>
<i>Tom Burke</i>	<i>Jim Kaplan</i>	<i>Tony Nguyen</i>	<i>Lynn Sibenaller</i>
<i>John Connor</i>	<i>Dennis Kelm</i>	<i>Brandon Noble</i>	<i>Darin Simon</i>
<i>Tom Docksey</i>	<i>Harlan Kern</i>	<i>Roger Noble</i>	<i>Lavern Soukup</i>
<i>Steve Dornquast</i>	<i>Tom Knight</i>	<i>Andy Nylund</i>	<i>Leo Spindler</i>
<i>Joel Dulas</i>	<i>Donald Kramer</i>	<i>Andy Oberstein</i>	<i>Don Trenda</i>
<i>Gary Fisher</i>	<i>Jeff Kramer</i>	<i>Brandon Pofahl</i>	<i>George Wacek</i>
<i>Steven Fisher</i>	<i>John Kriesel</i>	<i>Jeff Pumper</i>	<i>Eric Wandersee</i>
<i>Bill Foreman</i>	<i>Bruce Kubicek</i>	<i>Janie Rappe</i>	<i>Ron Wolf</i>
<i>Bruce Fox</i>	<i>Ronald Kubicek</i>	<i>Russ Redman</i>	
<i>Kevin Gallagher</i>	<i>Tom Kubista</i>	<i>Steve Reller</i>	
<i>Tom Gebur</i>	<i>Terry Kuck</i>	<i>Dustin Reese</i>	
<i>Jim Gleason</i>	<i>George Lambaere</i>	<i>Steven Roden</i>	



2013 K of C State Convention Awards Presented to Council 945

This past month, the State Convention of the MN Knights of Columbus was held in Rochester, Minnesota. Attending the convention from Council 945, along with their spouses, were Council officers Randy Balauskys-Trustee, Dan Wolfe-Chancellor, Dave Lax-Advocate, and Gary Sanford-Warden. Our Insurance Representative Kevin Gallagher was also in attendance. Our Council received as much recognition as any other Council in the state, receiving four awards for our Council's work this past year. These included an Award of Excellence for Grand Knight Wade Schroeder, an Award for Excellence in Public Relations, an Event Award for our Constitution Day program, and finally an Award in the Community Category for our Red Kettle Event, in which we manned all the Salvation Army kettles for the day and raised more than \$4,000. It was great to see Council 945

come up on the big screen at the convention for each of these awards and have the hard work of our membership recognized by the rest of the Councils across the state. It was also interesting to hear about events and activities being done by other Councils. A big thank you goes out to Tim Rice for his efforts in completing our nomination paperwork and submitting to the state council on a short deadline so we could be considered for these awards. The convention overall was very informative and featured a number of very good speakers. It was a great opportunity to learn more about what the Knights of Columbus are doing at the local, state, and national level and share experiences with fellow Brother Knights from around Minnesota. 4282619



Representing Owatonna Council 945 are from left to right: Dave Lax, Randy Balauskys, Dan Sanford, and Dan Wolfe.



Craig Larson, Minnesota State Deputy, presents award to Dan Wolfe.

2013 WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Wednesday, May 29, 2013, Trustee Bill Lawrence (PGK) announced at the annual Owatonna High School Fine Arts Award Program this year's recipients of the William Warner/ Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarships. Three high school seniors were selected and each will be receiving a \$600 check in their name and the school which they will be attending. The recipients are:



Sean Grubish will be attending Creighton University. The selection committee recognized him with his solid academics, his involvement, and his volunteer work with Young Life, Knights of Columbus, the Steele County Food Shelf and the annual chili cook-offs benefiting the Andrew Lawrence Scholarship Fund. Sean's parents are Steve and Samona and they attend Sacred Heart Parish.



Robert Jardine will be attending the University of St. Thomas. The selection committee was impressed with his outstanding academic achievements, his involvement in Church activities, and his expression of his Catholic faith. Robert has taught REP classes, participated in mission trips, and has served as a Eucharistic Minister. He has also been a frequent volunteer at KC events including numerous benefit breakfasts, assisting at the Special Olympic Bowling Tournament, and a Salvation Army Bell Ringer. Robert's parents are Lee and Ellyn. They attend St. Joseph's Catholic Church.



In the fall, **Jessica Sedivy** will be attending Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The selection committee was impressed with Jessica's academic achievement, her involvement with the parish nursery, bake sales, funerals, and helping at Vacation Bible Camp. She has also attended the Christ the King Silent Retreat Center the past three years. Jessica's parents are Kevin and LaVonne Sedivy and they are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The William Warner Scholarship was established on May 10, 1972 by the William Warner Family and the Knight of Columbus. The original funds came from the William Warner Family, whose son died at a young age, and the KC members have also contributed funds over the years. The Council is responsible for Fund investments and administration of the scholarships.

To be eligible... applicants must:

- be a member of the Catholic Church
- plan to attend a Catholic College or University.
- be average or above in academic achievement.
- be an active participant in school, church, and community activities.
- be a member of the current senior class of a Steele County High School.
- Sons or daughters of Knights of Columbus or deceased Knights shall receive preference.

The Council Trustees review application and select recipients. Currently the fund stands at \$29,733 as of January 1, 2013, and is supported by KC members through their voluntary donations in addition to their annual dues. Total voluntary collections from KC members for the William Warner Fund contributed in 2012 totaled \$1,229. These funds are invested and managed through "The Hartford" family of funds. Knights who would like more information about the scholarship fund, the candidates, or the process of selecting recipients are welcome to contact any of the trustees.

LEADERSHIP SNAPSHOT

Council 945 has been blessed with many fine officers and chairmen over these past 100 plus years. They dedicate their time and talents to the Council and it pays off in the awards the Council achieves each year, as well as the quantity of hours and dollars the Council donates to community and church activities.

Each year a new officer core is selected from the membership to represent the Council and make decisions. Usually, each officer moves up one spot in the line to becoming Grand Knight. Then, they stay on for another three years, assisting the Grand Knight and officers with background and advice so that each Grand Knight is successful. They have never let us down.

But what exactly do these officers or chairmen do? Is it a lot of work? How do I go about becoming an officer or chairman?

These are important questions that we will try to answer in the coming editions of *The Key*. Our hope is to educate the membership on the role that the officers and chairman play, the duties and responsibilities of each, and the variety of options that members have in becoming involved in the Council leadership. 1547894

Our hope is that more and more members attend the Council meetings (held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month) and are interested in becoming an officer. You never know...you may be a future Grand Knight!

2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Mike Cronin
Grand Knight: Dustin Reese (507) 456-3523
Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
Chancellor: Dave Lax
Advocate: Gary Sanford
Warden: Open
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Steve Dornquist
Trustee (2 year): PGK Randy Balauskys
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

Knight of the Month



Troy Titus

Congratulations to Troy Titus, our May Knight of the Month!

The May Knight of the Month may be a relative newcomer, but he's already made an impact to Council 945. Troy Titus joined in January, and quickly volunteered his time for numerous benefit breakfasts before going on to devote a number of hours to Smokin' in Steele.

Troy says he joined to "get involved in the community and to get to know more people." That hasn't disappointed. He says, "I enjoy the breakfasts, the guys, and getting involved is where you meet the new people."

Troy is a native of Austin and a graduate of Mankato State University. He's been married to his wife Lori for 23 years. Together, they are members of St. Joseph's Church, and have two boys. He has worked at Federated Insurance for 26 years, where he works in the Claims Department.

In Troy's spare time, he enjoys golf, tennis, and running.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

A couple nights ago I woke at 3 am and my immediate thought was... what am I going to write about this month? After thinking about it for a few minutes, for whatever strange reason, Lynn Cain came to mind. I've thought about her often over the years and have referenced her story to many of my clients. Her story made an impact on me and countless people. I just learned she passed way at age 63.

In a nutshell, Lynn's husband Martin died in his 40's, leaving behind Lynn and their two or three children. The impact his death had on her and her children prompted her to write a book titled "Widow" which became a best seller, and from that came a documentary with the same title.

Martin died of a heart attack and left the family with inadequate life insurance. One thing that really stood out in her book and movie was that Lynn often said she was angry with Martin--and herself--for putting her and her kids in the awful state they were in. In the documentary, you could "feel" her anger, fear, and hurt. She was basically saying..."Hey look...don't let what happened to me and my kids happen to you...this should never have happened and now we'll pay dearly for a long, long time.

At one point she tells about how their life insurance advisor proposed additional coverage on Martin and she responded by saying "Oh...that's peanuts". She said she regretted that statement more than anyone will ever know, because--in her words--it wasn't peanuts...it was peanut butter, clothes, medical and dental bills, phone bills, school expenses, and on-and-on. 3668451

I believe I have her video somewhere and possibly a copy or two of her book, which I am now going to find. If anyone would like to view it please let me know.

Thanks Lynn, for having the courage to speak up and tell your story. Hopefully we will listen...

Have a great month.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC
213-9410

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Whose Birthday Is It?

*Some birthdays come in winter,
Some birthdays come in spring.
On birthdays there are games to play
And lots of songs to sing.
My favorite birthday is in July,
And it doesn't belong to me!*

*It's the birthday that lights up the sky
For all the world to see!
Rockets glare, trumpets blare,
And bands begin to play.
Happy Birthday America,
It's Independence Day!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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***Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza***

Sunday, July 14

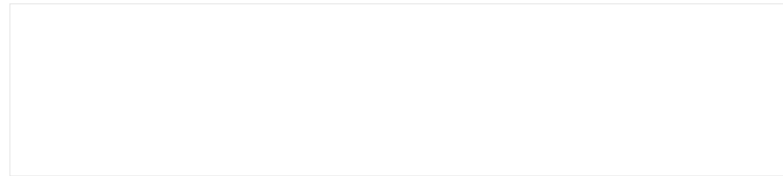
K of C Chorus performs at 11:00 a.m.

Litomysl 42nd Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 28

Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 KC Family Corporate Communion Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 am	1	2 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	3 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	9 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	10 General Meeting 7:30 pm program	11	12 Summer Steak Fries KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	13
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