

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 1 - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
July 6 - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
July 8 - General Meeting- KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
July 12 - SCHS Extravaganza  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
July 17 - Relay for Life  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
July 23 - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
July 26 - Litomysl 44th  
Annual Summer Festival  
Mass - 10:00 a.m.  
Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
August 18 - 23 - Steele County  
Free Fair  
Steele County Fairgrounds



## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 1  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### For great food at the fair KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD STAND

Steele County Free Fair  
Aug. 18 - 23  
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 plan on volunteering to work a shift at  
the food stand. More info on who to contact in  
the August *Key*.

### 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.

### RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

\$10.00 each - see Mark at the KC Hall

### MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

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

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 8  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Door Prizes Awarded

### THE KC CHORUS

will sing your favorite patriotic & folk songs  
*Steele County Historical Society*  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Sunday, July 12, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Village of Yesteryear  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**Relay For Life**  
Friday, July 17, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**Steele County Free Fair**  
Tuesday, August 18  
Fair Square

### LITOMYSL 44th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 26  
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  
"Dan Stursa Band."  
Silent Auction - Pony Rides - Games  
Used-A-Bit Sale  
Garden Produce - Plants  
Display of old engines  
Prune, Poppyseed, and Apricot Biscuits  
Fun For All Ages!!  
Everyone welcome.

### SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge  
Friday, July 10, 17, 24, and 31  
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and  
other grilled items.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY  
FOURTH OF JULY**

## Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

Of great sadness is the continuing travail of the Churches in the Middle East. The descendants of the first Christians are being martyred, murdered, persecuted, and driven out of the homeland of our faith. I ran across, recently, the account of an interview with the Archbishop of Mosul. Here are a few bits with the idea that our Knights can be aware of the sufferings of the faithful in other areas of the world.

This is from Catholic News Agency (CNA):

Marking the first anniversary of ISIS's capture of Mosul, Syrian Catholic Archbishop Yohanna Mouche called on "people who have the responsibility" to come to the rescue of the ousted Christian communities, whose people, he added, long to go home.

In an interview with international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need, the archbishop said that military action is the "best solution."

"We ask everyone to put pressure on the people who have the responsibility to free the [towns and villages] as soon as possible so the people can come back and live in peace in their homes and continue their lives there," he said.

The archbishop's comments reflect ongoing frustration felt by a number of senior Middle East clergy about what they perceive as the West's reluctance to commit to a full-scale intervention to confront and overcome extremism in the region – a move many Church leaders opposed until very recently.

Archbishop Mouche also said that if the West is unable to redouble its efforts in the fight against ISIS, it should open its doors to Christians and other minorities seeking asylum.

"I am calling on the international community: if they cannot protect us, then they must open their doors and help us start a new life elsewhere," he said, adding, however that "we would prefer to remain in Iraq and be protected here."

Speaking of his own hardship, the prelate said: "I am like someone who is dreaming or drunk. I can't understand what is going on around me. It is a nightmare."

Asked about widespread reports of destruction of religious artifacts and Churches buildings in Mosul, he said his contacts with the city had been severed. But he confirmed that "all our heritage is in Mosul, and in Qaraqosh," on the Nineveh Plain. He singled out the monastery of St Behnam, which dates back to the fourth century AD. The monastery is rumored to have been partially destroyed by ISIS.

"We have no news about our churches and monasteries, because we have no-one left in Mosul to report on it," the archbishop concluded.

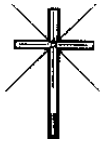
Thus concludes the account. Let us keep the Churches of Iraq, Syria, and other areas of the Middle East as well as in Africa in our prayer, and respond to appeals for assistance as needed.

## Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Dear Brother Knights,

My year as your Grand Knight has flown by very quickly. Looking back on the past 12 months, we had many accomplishments and shared many memories. I truly enjoyed my opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight. Our Catholic community here in Owatonna is truly blessed to have such a committed and supportive KC Council. I want to thank all of my fellow Brother Knights who helped make this past year a great success. Please continue your support of our new slate of officers for the coming year and I look forward to working with each of you at an upcoming event in the future. Thank you again and 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.

***The KCs' prayers and good wishes go out to:***

*Jonathan Becker, son of Sir Brother Knight Lynn Becker, is recovering in the hospital.*

*Alex Gathje, grandson of Sir Brother Knight Dave Lax, is recovering in the hospital.*

*Brother Knight Ron Hanson has been facing health challenges.*

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

*John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, 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, Ron Schleif, 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:**

*Brother Knight Kenneth J. Dillemath, brother of Brother Knights, John (Jack), Paul, and Richard Dillemath, passed away on May 29.*

*Mary Ann Robertson, sister-in-law of Brother Knight Lyle Coleman, passed away on June 15.*

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

## Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

### Protecting your family... business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as: Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies;

Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business; and

Attraction and retention of valuable employees.

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knights of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Luke Rennie, FICF, LUTCF  
507-417-4169



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON JUNE 10**



**Tony David** and his wife Sonja have two daughters, Miranda and Danielle, and two adult stepchildren. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed with the Steele County sheriff office. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

**Andrew Cowell** and his wife Jessie have three daughters, Nora, Kate, and Emma. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Profinium. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

**SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS - JUNE 6**



*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard participated at the Cemetery Mass held on June 6. From left to right: Eric Wandersee, Tony Nguyen, LaVerne Klecker, Father John Sauer, Tim Rice, Bill Regan, and John Mumm.*



*Knights of Columbus Chorus provided the music for the Cemetery Mass.*



**MASS OF THANKSGIVING - JUNE 7**

Ordained by Archbishop John Nienstedt was Father James Joseph Pio Stiles on May 30 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Fr. Stiles' Mass of Thanksgiving was held on June 7 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, his home parish.

*Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Honor Guard participated in the Mass. From left to right are: Eric Wandersee, LaVerne Klecker, Tim Rice, Fr. Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stiles, Glen Meger, Dave Fairbrother, and Lynn Becker.*



# 8TH ANNUAL SMOKIN' IN STEELE

All of the Smokin' in Steele committee give a heartfelt thank you to all the rest of Council 945 for another wonderful year. Over 200 Brother Knights donated a total of close to 3000 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. Thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts.

No matter how you measure it, this year's festival was a remarkable success.

The music line up was amazing. And even on a rainy Friday evening, our Fabulous Love Handles packed the Beer Garden. The group of music fans that come and stay for the whole weekend continues to grow each year. The 5K run has grown to about 200 participants, and with the sponsorship of Gopher Sport has become an integral part of our weekend. Say thanks to any Gopher Sport employees that you know.

The antique tractor show added semi tractors this year and when they pulled out, a great collection of hot rods pulled in. Both are positive additions to give our weekend wider appeal. The family bike cruise was new this year and shows great promise for growth as it adds another dimension to the variety of activities we offer.

The Kids Q and Blues 4 Kids harmonica lessons continue to be important activities to round out our family appeal.

The VIP dinner fed just over 200 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 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 even donated unclaimed cash bonuses to Special Olympics! When you are at Fareway, tell them you are a KC and thank them for their help with KCs 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 banner 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. Bless all of you, each and every one.

**Mark your calendar for 2016 - 9th Annual Smokin' in Steele, June, 3, 4, and 5, 2016.**



*Smokin' in Steele committee members receive check from sponsor Gopher Sport.*



*KCs and wives ready to serve the VIP Banquet*



*Blues 4 Kids Harmonica Lessons*



*People in Fair Square enjoying great BBQ!*

The 2014 – 15 Breakfast Season is over as of May 31. About 250 people were served a delicious breakfast at the concluding event of Smokin' in Steele. \$1,250 was raised for charitable causes to be named by the KCs. Thanks to all who assisted. Take a rest for the summer – the next 'season' starts a short three months away – 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 – and have a great summer.

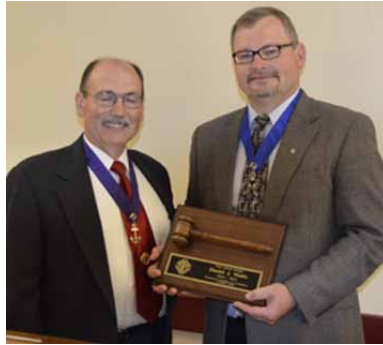
## OFFICERS FOR 2015



### Officers for 2015 — 2016, Owatonna Council 945

The officers pictured were installed on June 20 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. From left to right, Financial Secretary John Ahlberg, Trustee Dan Wolfe, Former Chaplain Rev. Edward McGrath, Inside Guard Peter Schneider, Deputy Grand Knight Gary Sanford, Grand Knight David Lax, Treasurer Tom Eichten, Recorder Dan Sawyer, and Chancellor Nicholas Matejcek.

## PAST GRAND KNIGHT AWARD



Changing of the Guard. Pictured is Dan Wolfe (right) as he is being recognized for his just completed term as Grand Knight by newly elected Grand Knight, David Lax.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



A special presentation was made by Tim Rice, PGK recognizing Nancy Janke for her role as **The Key** proofreader for the past 20 years.

## KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR



**Otto Havelka** is one of our 2014-15 Knights of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, Knights of Columbus Manager, Mark Cunningham, PGK noted Otto's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus in 1961, and becoming a very active member, including: holding the position of "Grand Knight", "Faithful Navigator", participating in the Tootsie Roll Drive, Smokin' in Steele, KC Chorus, member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree, on various committees in the Knights. He was also instrumental in opening the bar at the KC Hall.

## TRUSTEE SERVICE AWARD



Our 2014 - 2015 Trustee Service Award recipient is **John Ahlberg**. John joined the Knights of Columbus in 1992. He has been a very active Knight. Some of the activities he is involved in are; benefit breakfasts, Tootsie Roll drive, Smokin' in Steele, and is also serving as the current Financial Secretary.



**Mark Nelson** is one of our 2014-15 Knights of the Year. In making the presentation of this prestigious award, Knights of Columbus Manager Mark Cunningham, PGK noted Mark's many accomplishments after joining the Knights of Columbus in 1964, and becoming a very active member, including: Lenten Fish Fries, Smokin' in Steele, Tootsie Roll Drive, fair foodstand, I-35 ditch clean-up, KC Chorus, is a member of the Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree, volunteered whenever asked, and was the Health Director for many years.

## - MEMBER RECRUITMENT -

### New First Degree Members

| MEMBER          | SPONSOR         |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Scott Balzer    | LaVerne Klecker |
| Andrew Cowell   | LaVerne Klecker |
| Anthony David   | LaVerne Klecker |
| Jeffrey Hellman | Mark Kearin     |
| Robert Jardine  | Lee Jardine     |
| Paul Jardine    | Lee Jardine     |
| Patrick McGrath | Mark Kearin     |
| Joseph Nelson   | Stephen Nelson  |
| John Rivers     | LaVerne Klecker |
| Benjamin Trom   | Lee Jardine     |

### New Third Degree Members

| MEMBER           | SPONSOR          |
|------------------|------------------|
| Joseph Docksey   | Thomas Docksey   |
| Thomas Docksey   | William Lawrence |
| Tom Jirele       | LaVerne Klecker  |
| Matthew May      | Timothy Rice     |
| Albert R. Rysavy | Albert Rysavy    |

# AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET - JUNE 20

The 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 Joe Elbert, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. He was assisted by Former Chaplain Rev. Edward McGrath and Warden Glen Meger. The banquet was the culmination of a very successful fraternal year for the Council.

The Officers installed for the 2015-16 Council year are as follows:

- Chaplain - Rev. John Sauer**
- Grand Knight - David Lax**
- Deputy Grand Knight - Gary Sanford**
- Chancellor - Nick Matejcek**
- Advocate - Open**
- Warden - Lynn Becker**
- Inside Guard - Pete Schneider**
- Outside Guard - Harlan Kern**
- Recorder - Dan Sawyer**
- Treasurer - Tom Eichten**
- Financial Secretary - John Ahlberg**

Following the Installation, activities moved from St. Joseph to the KC Hall. Attendees enjoyed fellowship during the social hour and then were served an excellent meal prepared by Tom Burke and Ryan Sanford. Serving was handled by Brother Knight Will Pieper's children, Deputy Grand Knight Gary Sanford's daughter, Past Grand Knight Wade Schroeder's daughter and son, and the Boy Scouts. They all did a great job.

Master of Ceremonies' duties were conducted by PGK Tim Rice.

The membership and Oak awards were presented by Dan Wolfe and David Lax. The Trustee Service award was presented to John Ahlberg by Trustee Wade Schroeder. The prestigious Knight of the Year Awards for 2014 - 15 was presented by PGK Mark Cunningham to Otto Havelka and Mark Nelson.

Grand Knight Dan Wolfe and Program Director David Lax presented the following Owatonna Active Knights (OAK) awards:

| Over 200 Hours  | 50 - 99 Hours   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Randy Balausky<br/>Thomas Burke<br/>Brian Carlson<br/>Lyle Coleman<br/>Steven Dornquast<br/>Joseph Elbert<br/>John Hammer<br/>LaVerne Klecker<br/>David Lax<br/>Tim Rice<br/>Dan Wolfe</i>   | <i>Conrad Bahe<br/>Gerald Barry<br/>Lynn Becker<br/>Tom Bremer<br/>John Carlson<br/>John Degner<br/>Thomas Eichten<br/>Thomas Elbert<br/>Terry Evans<br/>David Fandel<br/>Gary Fisher<br/>Robert "Bill" Foreman<br/>Thomas Gebur<br/>Steve Graff<br/>Dennis Heimerman<br/>Steven Heimerman<br/>Lee Jardine<br/>Al Jirele<br/>James Kaplan<br/>Mark Kearin</i> | <i>Dennis Kelm<br/>John Kriesel<br/>Wayne Kubicek<br/>Lloyd Mans<br/>Glen Meger<br/>Tony Nguyen<br/>Daniel Ruter<br/>Dan Sawyer<br/>Peter Schneider<br/>John Schulz<br/>Lyle Snider<br/>Ken Thurnau<br/>Troy Titus<br/>Dan Walsh<br/>Eric Wandersee<br/>Earl Wheeler<br/>John Wheeler<br/>Raymond Willmott<br/>Ronald Wolf<br/>David Wunderlich</i> |
| 100 - 199 Hours   |   |   |
| <i>John Ahlberg<br/>Thomas Docksey<br/>Steve Fisher<br/>Harlan Kern<br/>William Lawrence<br/>Nicholas Matejcek<br/>Al Nelson<br/>Stephen Nelson<br/>William Pieper<br/>Dustin Reese<br/>Gary Sanford<br/>Wade Schroeder<br/>Jerome Spindler<br/>Walter Spindler</i> |   |   |

| Knight of the Month Recipients in 2014-2015 |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| July .....                                  | Ryan Sanford    |
| August .....                                | Bruce Born      |
| September .....                             | Jim Joachim     |
| October .....                               | George Lambaere |
| November .....                              | Jim Wencl       |
| December .....                              | Ron Kubicek     |
| January .....                               | Tom Jirele      |
| February .....                              | Tim Blum        |
| March .....                                 | Chris Prohaski  |
| April .....                                 | Ben Trom        |
| May .....                                   | Luke Rennie     |
| June .....                                  | Dan Pirkel      |

| Owatonna K of C Chorus Members  |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Lynn Becker<br/>John Carlson<br/>John Degner<br/>Steve Dornquast<br/>Christopher Fazzi<br/>Tom Gebur<br/>Mike Goddard<br/>Dennis Heimerman<br/>Steve Heimerman</i> | <i>Matt Jessop<br/>Jim Joachim<br/>Harlan Kern<br/>LaVerne Klecker<br/>Wayne Kubicek<br/>David Lax<br/>Lloyd Mans<br/>Jim Nelson<br/>Johnathon Nelson</i> | <i>Sam Nelson<br/>John Schulz<br/>Lee Staupé<br/>Chuck Walerius<br/>Dan Walsh</i> |
| <i>Stephen Nelson (Director)</i>  |   |   |

| Honorary Members  |
|---|
| <i>J Thomas Brick<br/>Daniel Deml<br/>Thomas Eichten<br/>David Fandel<br/>Larry Glovka<br/>Gerald Gunderson<br/>James Hermes<br/>George Wacek</i> |

| 50-Year Members      |
|----------------------|
| <i>Wayne Kubicek</i> |

| 25-Year Members   |
|---|
| <i>Steve Addabbo<br/>Donald Boesen<br/>J Thomas Brick<br/>Kenneth Dillemath<br/>Thomas Eichten<br/>David Fandel<br/>Larry Glovka<br/>Ronald Hanson<br/>Darrin Helget<br/>James Hermes<br/>James Jirele<br/>Roland Kelzenberg<br/>Harlan Kern<br/>Scott Kozelka<br/>Jeffrey Kramer<br/>Robert Mensing<br/>James Nash Jr<br/>Gerald Redman<br/>Albert G. Rysavy<br/>Kenneth Warner<br/>Raymond Willmott</i> |

| Honorary Life Members  |
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| <i>Clyde Christofferson<br/>Otto Lehrer<br/>Robert Mensing<br/>Donald Roshia<br/>Robert Seykora<br/>James Skalicky<br/>Kenneth Warner<br/>Raymond Willmott</i> |

## 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



Chuck Wencil

The May Knight of the Month hails from Medford. Chuck Wencil has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1974, when he returned from serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Most of those years, Chuck has served in a leadership role - the last 10 as his Council's Financial Secretary.

“As a kid, I'd watch the Knights come up on special occasions, and I always thought, 'what a great organization.' They've always put so much importance on families, members' wives, and the parish's altar boys.” That impression stuck with him, and he eagerly joined once he was asked. He maintains his loves for the Knights of Columbus, calling it one of the greatest organizations. “I love to help out, and I love to meet people,” he said.

“When I see other people so passionate about the Knights, how can you doubt an organization

with so many passionate members?” he said, adding that it's been a great experience, and that it doesn't feel like work. That's a good thing, considering the amount of time Chuck gives back. He's a member of the First Degree team, and has served as his Council's recorder for 21 years.

Chuck and his wife Jerrie are members at Christ the King Catholic Church in Medford. He says he's served on the parish council there, and will help with landscaping and decorating projects at his church. “Any time there's a need,” he said, “I'm ready to volunteer, because it makes me feel a part of the church.”

Among Chuck's pastimes, tinkering, and fixing things, sight-seeing on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and dancing to 50's and 60's rock and roll music. In fact, you might have seen Jerrie and him perform at this past year's “Dancing with the Steele County Stars” in the Senior Spotlight.

Chuck has been working at Viracon for 41 years, and says he has no plans to retire any time soon. “Work is entertaining,” he said. “I get to teach optics in the glass industry. I just hope the next 41 years are as great as the last 41 years.”

Chuck does have a bit of sage advice for everyone. It is, “Learn to laugh at yourself, and you'll be entertained for a lifetime.” And the Knights of Columbus is fortunate to have had Chuck's membership and fellowship for most his lifetime.

Congratulations to Chuck Wencil, May's Knight of the Month!

*Note: Chuck is a member of the Medford Council. He has served many years as the Warden on our first and second degree ceremonial staffs.*

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our two new members, Anthony David and Andrew Cowell.

July 1st starts a new fraternal year. 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



***Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza***

**Sunday, July 12**

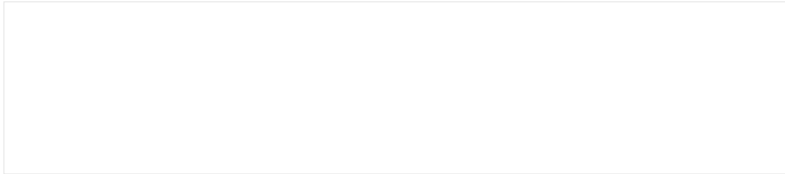
**K of C Chorus performs at 11:00 a.m.**

***Litomysl 44th Annual Summer Festival***

**Sunday, July 26**

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

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**JULY 2015**

| Sunday   | Monday                         | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                                    |
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|  |                                |  | <b>1</b><br>Officers' Meeting<br>and Gambling<br>Meeting - 7:30 pm | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Independence Day<br>Club Closed |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm | <b>7</b><br>Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm<br><br>Tuesday Night at the<br>Club<br>5:45 - 6:45 pm  | <b>8</b><br>General Meeting<br>Program - 7:30 pm                   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Summer Steak<br>Fries<br>KC Hall<br>6:30 - 7:30 pm   | <b>11</b>                                   |
| <b>12</b><br>Extravaganza<br>Steele County<br>Fairgrounds<br>KC Chorus -<br>11:00 am<br>Village of<br>Yesteryear | <b>13</b>                      | <b>14</b><br>Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm<br><br>Tuesday Night at the<br>Club<br>5:45 - 6:45 pm | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                                       | <b>17</b><br>Summer Steak<br>Fries<br>KC Hall<br>6:30 - 7:30 pm<br><br>Relay for Life<br>Steele County<br>Fairgrounds | <b>18</b>                                   |
| <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>.                 | <b>21</b><br>Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm<br><br>Tuesday Night at the<br>Club<br>5:45 - 6:45 pm | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>Fourth Degree<br>KC Hall - 7:30 pm | <b>24</b><br>Summer Steak<br>Fries<br>KC Hall<br>6:30 - 7:30 pm   | <b>25</b>                                   |
| <b>26</b><br>Litomysl 44th<br>Annual Summer<br>Festival<br>Mass - 10:00 am<br>Festival - 11:00 am                | <b>27</b>                      | <b>28</b><br>Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm<br><br>Tuesday Night at the<br>Club<br>5:45 - 6:45 pm | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                                       | <b>31</b><br>Summer Steak<br>Fries<br>KC Hall<br>6:30 - 7:30 pm   |   |