

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JULY
2016

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

July 6 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
July 13 - General Meeting- KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
July 15 - Relay for Life
Steele County Fairgrounds
July 28 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
July 31 - Litomysl 45th
Annual Summer Festival
and KC Family
Corporate Communion
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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

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 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

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

MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

Sunday, August 14
Call Club for details.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
The speaker will be Andy Limmer
from Ducks Unlimited.

LITOMYSL 45th ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, July 31
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

"Dan Stursa Band."

Silent Auction - Pony Rides - Games

Used-A-Bit Sale

Garden Produce - Plants

Display of old engines

Prune, Poppysseed, and Apricot Biscuits

Fun For All Ages!!

Everyone welcome.

SUMMER STEAK FRIES ARE BACK

Served in the Lounge
Friday, July 8, 15, 22, and 29
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Serving our wonderful grilled steaks and
other grilled items.

THE KC CHORUS

will sing your favorite patriotic & folk songs
Steele County Free Fair
Tuesday, August 16
Fair Square



Membership by LaVerne Klecker

July 1st starts a new fraternal year. Our goal is to achieve Star Council. We are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification on August 1 at the KC Hall in Owatonna. If your son or grandson is home for the summer, please invite him to join the Knights of Columbus.

We need the help of our entire membership to make our Council's membership goal. Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, please contact me at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. Don't wait any longer, call and visit your prospective member today. Explain our Council's accomplishments and invite them to join us, they will thank you.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into our Council.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. Statements have been sent out for the 2016 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.

Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

As we move forward to summer, we find ourselves closing out our fraternal year and changing Council 945's officers roll. I was just so moved by the standing ovation I received when I gave my farewell and honor speech to the Brother Knights who were at the general meeting June 8, 2016. It truly has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight this past year. I will never forget how we worked together and made things happen to accomplish so much. Our Council needs to continue to working together, to achieve a sense of accomplishment for the common wealth of our order and our beneficiaries. We have enjoyed working together and building new relationships. We also need to thank God for bring us together to do his work here on earth. With his guidance we will never fail.

We also will be saying good bye to Father McGrath, to a new calling that is waiting for him. We need to show our appreciation to him for 12 years of service to Saint Joseph Catholic Church and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus. We will truly miss him. Continue to keep him and all clergy in your prayers, as they will continue to do their very best to keep us close to God in word and deed. Great leadership is what inspires us to work for the right purpose in God's kingdom in heaven and here on earth.

May God guide us in his footsteps, and may He always keep us firm in our faith and forgive our faults as we need Him in our daily lives.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your involvement in our order. May we continue to grow in our faith and our prosperity in Christ.

May God Bless each and everyone of us in this namesake.

Vivat Jesus

WILLIAM WARNER RECIPIENTS

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, this year's recipients of the William Warner/ Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarships were announced at the 2015-16 Scholarship & Awards Reception at the Owatonna High School. Two high school seniors were selected and each will be receiving a \$500 check in their name and the school which they will be attending. The recipients are:

- Jessica Sawyer
- Emma Smith



Jessica Sawyer will be attending the College of St. Benedict & St. John's University. The selection committee was impressed with her academic achievement, her leadership as a Founding Member of the French Club, her involvement in SHOC, The National Honor Society, Key Club, and her volunteer efforts as a KC Breakfast and Free Fair Food Stand volunteer. She also was CYO Retreat Team Leader, and taught 2nd grade religious education. Jessica is the daughter of Dan Sawyer and wife Sheila.



In the fall, Emma Smith will be attending the University of St. Thomas. The selection committee was impressed with her academic achievement, her involvement in The National Honor Society, Speech Team, and Student Council, in her music and sports activities (swimming, Lacrosse, Band), and her volunteer work at Sacred Heart Church. Emma's parents are Chris and Lynn Smith.

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.

Each year, the Council Trustees review applications and select recipients. Currently the fund stands at \$26,576 as of January 1, 2016, 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 2015 totaled \$1,141. 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.

2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
 Grand Knight: Gary Sanford
 Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
 Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
 Advocate: Lynn Becker
 Warden: Lee Jardine
 Inside Guard: Tony David
 Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
 Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
 Treasurer: Tom Eichten
 Recorder: Open
 Trustee (3 year): PGK Dustin Reese
 Trustee (2 year): PGK Dan Wolfe
 Trustee (1 year): PGK Dave Lax

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Nicholas Matejcek (DGK)
 Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
 Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Wolfe
 Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
 Stand In KC Chorus Director Raymond Bissen
 Building Director Tom Elbert
 Director of Church Activities: Open
 Director of Youth Activities Will Pieper
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: Stephen Nelson
 Gambling Manager: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
 KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
 Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Ron Starman

Ron Starman was named the Knight of the Month at the recent regular Council 945 meeting. Ron said the announcement was a 'nice surprise' and doesn't feel that he really deserves it. Well, he does – and that's why he was chosen.

He has been a member of the Knights for over 30 years. During that time he has worked on many projects – Free Throw Contests, Breakfasts, the Tootsie Roll handout, and Smokin' in Steele. His favorite projects are the last two since they "Raise funds for such a great cause" (Special Olympics).

He has served on the Building Committee for around 20 years, assisting with the operation of the KC Hall. Many hours were spent doing annual cleanups, lawn and shrubbery care, and any all around 'stuff' that is needed to keep the place looking good.

Ron is the Produce Manager at Cashwise where he has worked for many years. His free time is spent reading and watching various sporting events.

Ron and his wife Erica belong to Sacred Heart parish and have helped out there as well. He is a Eucharistic Minister and has taught JH REP a number of years. He also is a member of a Bible Study group that he enjoys a great deal.

They have three grown children: Tana, 25, a French teacher in Omaha who is moving to China for a two-year stint teaching English; Tess, 22, a recent graduate of Creighton who just started a job with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Nebraska assisting chapters with their work; and Timothy, 19, a sophomore at MSU-Mankato, majoring in French education.

Ron said, "I really enjoy working with my Brother Knights as well as the social aspect of the group. Now that the kids have moved on, I hope to get a little more active with the Knights."

Now that's the kind of excitement we like to see !!!

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

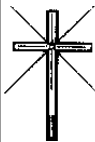
Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife, Dorian, attended the 6th Poland State Convention which took place April 22-24, 2016 in Lomza, Poland. Located northeast of the capital city of Warsaw, Lomza was one of the original six cities where the first Knights of Columbus councils were established in 2006. This year's State Convention coincides with the 10th anniversary of the first ceremonial exemplifications that established the Order of the Knights of Columbus in Poland.

In 2010, Council 8157 formally established Knight Hands as a way for members to help parishioners in need at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, where the council is based. If they needed assistance, parishioners were asked to fill out an application. Then, pending review and approval by the Knight Hands' advisory board, a team would then be sent to the worksite to get the job done - at no cost to the client.

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.

Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Tom Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claeys, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Mary Lax, 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, Peter Schneider, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

IN MEMORY

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

Brother Knight Norbert Von Ruden passed away on May 22.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

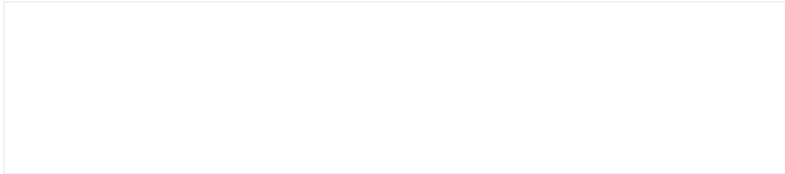
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Litomysl 45th Annual Summer Festival
and
KC Family Corporate Communion
Sunday, July 31
Mass - 10:00 a.m. Festival - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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