

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
May 30 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony - 9:30 a.m.
June 1 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 3, 4, & 5 - Smokin' in Steele
BBQ & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 5 - Benefit Pancake
Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden
June 6 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
June 8 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 23 - Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 25 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-Sacred Heart Church-5:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 1
KCHall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 5
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at the Steele County Fairgrounds
in the Beer Garden
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
milk, and coffee
\$6.00 at the door
Children under age 6 eat free
Everyone welcome.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.
at Sacred Heart Church
All members and their families are invited to
attend this Mass.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus
will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. All KC members
are encouraged to attend the parade and the
ceremony at the Four Seasons Centre after
the parade.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.
Our speaker will be Tanya Paley. Tanya is the project
coordinator for the Steele County Safe and Drug Free
Coalition. Ms. Paley will speak about programs in the
county keeping our youth free of drugs and alcohol, the
responsible use of alcohol, keeping our trash free of
hazardous waste from discarded prescription drugs, and
other education and information on illegal drug use.
(As a courtesy to our speaker & other members -
please arrive before 7:30 p.m.)

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 25
Mass - Sacred Heart Church - 5:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at Sacred Heart Church
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.
(Special Hawaiian theme - RSVP by June 21)

KC BBQ FRIDAYS

If you enjoyed the food at the Smokin' In Steele, you
will love the Friday evening meals at the KC Hall.
Featuring Pulled Pork sandwiches prepared on our
own smoker.
Friday, June 10, 17, and 24
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal includes Pulled Pork sandwich,
beans and coleslaw (buffet style)
\$6.00 plus tax.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ AND BLUES



The Steele County Fairgrounds
Owatonna, MN
Friday, Saturday, Sunday - June 3, 4, & 5

**Three Days of
Great Food,
Music, and FUN!**

Blues Bands

Friday, June 3 - Sena Ehrhardt Band opens the festival Friday evening.
Boom Boom Steve V & The Knockouts will play at 7:30 p.m.
and Rev Raven & The Chainsmokin' Altarboys will play at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 4 - Saturday opens with Bruce McCabe & The Rich Poor Man in the afternoon. Owatonna
The Fabulous Love Handles will play at 7:45 p.m.
And then Becky Barksdale will close out the event at 9:30 p.m..

Beneficiary this
year will be
**Special
Olympics -
Owatonna**



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 5 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

**BBQ Contest Garden Tractor Pull Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
Award Winning Food Vendors Delicious Pancake Breakfast**

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

Happy Easter. Remember we have a whole 50 days to celebrate. Right up to the Solemnity of Pentecost which is June 12 this year. I hope you have been doing something "party-like" every day.

What a pleasure it has been to serve as your chaplain for the past year. I will be turning over responsibilities to Fr. Vogel soon. I know that he will be a good chaplain going forward. This has been a momentous year. Especially considering the Fourth Degree exemplification which everyone worked so hard on. Even those not in the Fourth Degree took pride in the gathering. What a great way to support your Brother Knights.

Summer is often a time when we take a step back and find some time to relax and rest. It is a time of picnics, summer trips, days at the lake and in our back yard. It is important for us to have a breather. The same can be true of our spiritual life. Not in the sense that we take time off, but that we find a little time to get away and tend to it. I often find that when my life gets hectic, even chaotic, it is more important for me to carve out some time with God. Frankly, it is often filled with distractions and the concerns of my ministry. But it is important for me to remember that I am not in it alone. And in fact, it is really not my work that I am doing but God's work. And so, I don't have to go it alone.

The story is told that Blessed Pope John XXIII used to end each day in prayer. As he got into bed he handed everything over to God. "God, it is your world and your church. I have done my best today to tend it. Now I entrust it to you."

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Many of you know my father, Emmet Gallagher, life member of the Knights, who headed Federated Insurance Company's life insurance department for many years. When people ask me why I chose this profession, I'm sure dad's gentle influence and valuable lessons had a lot to do with it. I'd like to share one of those lessons with you.

One year, just before I was about to return to college, I joined dad on a short business trip. One morning, dad left the hotel room a few minutes before me. When I met him in the lobby, he asked me if I had seen the lady in the hallway pushing a cleaning cart. I told him I had. He asked me if I knew what she was doing. Being 20, I of course knew the answer (to everything) and replied..."she's cleaning the rooms." He replied slowly..."No...she's paying life insurance premiums...the hard way." I had no clue what he was talking about...but I was about to learn a lesson that would stay with me forever.

When we got into the car dad explained he had spoken with her briefly and learned her husband died a few years ago and did so without adequate life insurance. He went on to explain whether you purchase life insurance or not...someone always pays the premium...and she was the perfect example of someone doing it the hard way. Imagine how different her life would have been if only...

I hope you will remember this lady and the valuable lesson she and my dad taught me 38 years ago. Regardless if life insurance is actually purchased or not...someone always pays the premium. The question is...will it be done the easy way... or the hard way?

Seize the opportunity to protect your loved ones. Don't let your family, like the cleaning lady I passed in the hotel hallway, be forced into paying life insurance premiums the hard way.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF

213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquist

Remember that saying? — Tell God your plans and listen to him laugh.

Only God knows the master plan. We make many twists and turns trying to follow what we think is the right path, only to sometimes find ourselves lost. God will guide you back to the road. All you need do is pray for his help. Being Grand Knight has shown me that all is possible with prayer. Prayers unanswered are because you cannot see the whole picture. Only God has the wide screen TV of life. We only need to pray for his guidance. That's how I get through the hard times. Oh Lord, please take a look at your big picture of life and see if I'm still in it. If not, please guide me back to where I belong. You will not mind.

God bless all.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

I would like to congratulate our four new First Degree members. Also, I would like to thank the Brother Knight dads who sponsored their sons to become new Knights of Council 945.

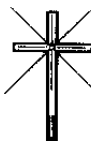
Now is the time to make contact with your prospective member. If you need any material or help in signing up a member, just give me a call at 507-451-4102.

The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are very important to our Council. We have 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.

They will thank you.

Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson



Please remember in your prayers and thoughts all of our sick or injured members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. Let's also offer up prayers for all deceased members and their families

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, 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 Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Walt Spindler, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell 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.

The Key input deadline is the 15th of each month

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Four New Knights Exemplified -- Three Father & Son Teams

May 11 found four new Knights being exemplified into our Council. Something that made it very special was the fact that three of the new Knights were sponsored by their fathers. Membership Director, LaVerne Klecker commented, "This is a true testament to the loyalty that members have to our Order. It is their strong commitment that would cause them to want their sons to experience the rewards of being members of the Knights of Columbus."



Will Ahlberg

Will Ahlberg is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a sophomore at Winona State University where his major is in physical therapy. Will's job this summer will be at Cash Wise Foods. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight John Ahberg.



Nathan Graff

John Degner and his wife Cindy have two daughters, Bethany and Anaka, and one son Brady. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. John is employed as District Manager for Aramark. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



John Degner

Nathan Graff is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He will graduate from Owatonna High School this spring. In addition, Nathan is a student at Riverland College, with plans to transfer to St Cloud State University. Nathan will be employed this summer at Cash Wise Foods. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Steve Graff.



Kyle Kozelka

Kyle Kozelka is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a sophomore at St. Mary's University in Winona where his major is in marketing and management. Kyle will be working this summer at the Owatonna Park and Recreation Department. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Scott Kozelka.



Fourth Degree to Conduct Flag "Turn In" June 11

The Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly will be conducting a worn and tattered flag "turn in" on Saturday, June 11. Citizens of Owatonna will be given the opportunity

to turn in their worn and tattered flags which will then be disposed of in a respectful, proper manner.

Here are the details:

Collection Points: HyVee and Cash Wise Food Stores

Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Two Sir Knights will man the collection points. They will be wearing their fourth degree formal attire (tuxedo & social baldric) or full regalia.

Besides receiving the flags to be retired, Sir Knights will be distributing leaflets explaining proper flag etiquette and will have replacement flags for sale at a reasonable cost. If you have a flag you would like retired and can't drop it off at one of these locations please call Tim Rice at 451-3606 to arrange for the flag to be picked up.

Spring I-35 Clean-up A Huge Success!

Our spring I-35 clean-up was held on Thursday, May 5th, and it was another beautiful evening to be out cleaning up the ditches! We again had a great crew and everything was cleaned up in a couple of hours. My thanks to Kevin Herzog, Keven Boettcher, Tom Standke, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Dale Tracy, Terry Kuck, Randy Balausky, Joe Elbert, George Lambaere, Greg Evans, Frank Evans, Dave Card, Ron Segner, Curt Supalla, and driver Al Jirele. Also thanks to First Supply for the use of their parking lot, to Owatonna Bus Company for use of their van, and thanks to Mark and Kerry at the hall for the refreshments afterwards! Our fall I-35 Clean-up will be in September. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Jim Gleason, Community Director

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our next general meeting on Wednesday, June 8. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2011-2012.

<i>Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Randy Balausky</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>
<i>Chancellor:</i>	<i>Dustin Reese</i>
<i>Advocate:</i>	<i>Steve Graff</i>
<i>Warden:</i>	
<i>Inside Guard:</i>	<i>Peter Schneider</i>
<i>Outside Guard:</i>	<i>Chuck Walerius</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Tom Eichten</i>
<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>Scot Berkley</i>

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the time of the meeting and anyone wishing to serve is welcome to make it known at that time. These members and the Committee Chairs will shape the direction of the Council for the upcoming year. Come and show your support.



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Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 5 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

We need **volunteer** help for all of the different activities to make the Smokin' In Steele a HUGE success. Please volunteer to help. If you are contacted to help, please say "YES." If you do want to volunteer, please contact LaVerne Klecker at (507) 451-4102, Walt Spindler at (507) 451-7613, or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

Fo more info check out the website: smokininsteale.com



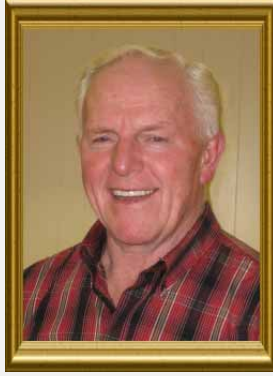
2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
Chancellor: Wade Schroeder
Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Chuck Walerius
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (2 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (1 year): PGK Bill Lawrence

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Randy Balausky
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
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



Dick Thamert

The April Knight of the Month is Dick Thamert. Dick says he can't recall when he joined the Owatonna KC's. But he's sure it's been at least 40 years that he's been a part of Council 945. He says back when he joined, it was good to "be a part of what was going on." In the year 2011, he's still a part of what's going on, and remains an active member of the Knights and the service projects they organize.

Among his favorite memories as a Knight are working the food stand at the Steele County Free Fair for a number of years. He looked forward to working it every year, because, "it was always kind of fun." He's also helped at pancake breakfasts and fish fries.

Dick grew up near Pratt and attended a small school at Pratt before moving on to St. Mary's in Owatonna. He finished his high school education in 1960 at Waseca's Southern School of Agriculture. After that, he farmed near Pratt and milked 80 cows. That farm also yielded 8 children, and a subsequent crop of 20 grandchildren.

Dick is a member of St. Joseph's Church. He's been married to his wife, Mary, for 46 years. He still spends a lot of time with his family, although he is able to break away occasionally and pursue his hobby of gardening. Even in retirement, he still has a big garden.

Congratulations to Dick Thamert, our April Knight of the Month!

Sacred Heart Cemetery Crucifix Project Update

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Cemetery Board, we would like to thank everyone who donated to the crucifix fund. It was through your generosity that our drive was very successful and we were able to raise in excess of \$25,000.00.

Also, a big thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus for supporting this project. Your donations and assistance helped tremendously.

At the request of our Council's future namesake, Reverend Edward Mountain, an altar was added to complement the project. The cost of the altar was covered by a very generous donation from Father Mountain.

The crucifix and altar have been ordered and will be delivered in September or October.

To serve as a constant reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins, the crucifix will be illuminated from dusk to dawn.

Thank you all for your generosity.

LaVern Soukup
Cemetery Board

Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet

On Saturday, June 25, the Officer Installation & Awards Banquet will be held to recognize and honor Knights for their years of membership, service to the community and church, and contribution to the Council. In addition, new officers will be installed for the 2011-2012 year. The evening will begin with a 5:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church where Fr. Vogel will preside.

The Officer installation ceremony will take place in Church immediately following Mass. The evening will then continue at the KC Hall with a social hour, dinner, program, and awards presentation. The program will include special recognition to Reverend Edward Mountain for his 68 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus, which makes him the longest tenured member of our Council. Individual Membership Awards (25-Year, 50-Year, and Honorary Life Members), OAK (Owatonna Active Knights) hours will be recognized, as well as the Knight of the Year, Trustee's Service Award, and Past Grand Knight Award will also be announced.

A special Hawaiian theme and menu is planned. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening. Your RSVP by June 21 is appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council No. 945
 P.O. Box 945
 Owatonna, MN 55060

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**KC Family Corporate Communion**

May 29, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest

June 3, 4, and 5

Steele County Fairgrounds

KC Day with the Minnesota Twins

Sunday, June 12

Twins vs. Texas Rangers - Ticket & bus trip \$35 -
 Contact Mark Cunningham at 451-6103 for details

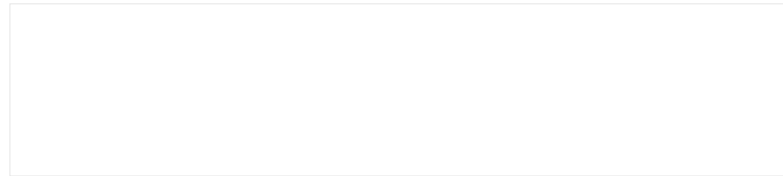
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**JUNE 2011**

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