

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE
2012

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 28 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
June 1, 2, & 3 - Smokin' in Steele
BBQ & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 2 - Sacred Heart
Cemetery Mass
Sacred Heart Cemetery
10:00 a.m.
June 3 - Benefit Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden
8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
June 6 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 7 - First Degree
Exemplification-KC Hall -7:00 p.m.
June 11 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
June 13 - General Meeting and
Program - 7:30 p.m.
June 16 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social - KC Hall - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 6:30 p.m.
June 28 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
The speaker will be Owatonna Police Chief Keith Hiller.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 3

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.

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 16
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at St. Joseph Church
Social - KC Hall - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 6:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus
will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 28, 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.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Thursday, June 7
Owatonna KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Candidates report to the Hall at 6:30 p.m.
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ AND BLUES FEST

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands
Garden Tractor Pull
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
Bean Bag Competition
New in 2012 - 1st Annual Smokin' In Steele
5k run/walk and kid's 1/2 mile fun run!
Award Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast
June 1, 2, and 3
Steele County Fairgrounds
We need your help, call
Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629

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 8, 15, and 22 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal includes Pulled Pork sandwich,
beans and coleslaw (buffet style)
\$6.00 plus tax.

ORDER YOUR KC SHIRT

Orders for KC shirts are being taken until the end of
May. All sizes and colors. Prices are \$20.00 - \$25.00.
Contact Steve @ 456-4969 for orders and dates.

FALL FISHING TRIP

Fall Fishing Trip to Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE
corner of Lake Winnibigoshish) and there is
room for you to join the trip.
The reserved dates are Sept 29 - Oct 2, returning
on Oct 3. The trip includes one free dinner
(usually Sunday) provided by Mark and the
Columbian Center.
For more info, please contact Walt Spindler
at 451-7613.

Read The Key and Drinks Are On Us!

We will be hiding 6 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*. There is a copy of *The Key*
posted on the bulletin board. You will receive two
complimentary drinks. Winners' names will be
published in the next edition of *The Key*.
The May winners are: Thomas Kubista, William
Lawrence, Terry Vaith, James Wierzbinski, Mark
Wilson, and Steven Zappa.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

Having been in the business a long time, I have heard repeatedly from many so-called “experts” the argument against buying permanent, cash value life insurance. For years, others, temporarily popular talking heads who make a name for themselves by dispensing bad advice, have tried to define whole life insurance. I bought my first whole life policy a long time ago, and what the “experts” say and what I see happening in my policy are worlds apart.

For the record, there is nothing wrong with term insurance. We have a great term product that will provide coverage, for a limited term, at a very competitive price.

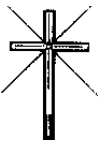
But the most popular myth these “experts” promote is avoiding cash value insurance and “buying term and investing the difference” to achieve the same result. I wonder how the difference is doing. My guess is: not so good. 2780192

The reality is, most people never get around to investing the difference. The enthusiasm dies quickly. Want proof? I knew a very professional and admired life insurance agent in Phoenix who for many years advertised in the Arizona Republic that he would give \$500 to anyone who could prove they bought term insurance and invested the difference for 20 years. Guess how many takers he had in all those years? Not one. Plus, and this is no surprise to anyone, the investment ride has been a difficult one. The “difference” isn’t making much of a difference.

I can tell you every time I get my annual statements for my whole life policies they increase in value. They have a nice positive internal rate of return and, more importantly, will take care of my family regardless if my death be early or later. For those who have let the Knights of Columbus invest their “difference,” it’s worked out quite nicely.

You might want to do the same. Call me for a discussion about how permanent life insurance can help you sleep well at night.

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:

Brother Knight Tom Knight is recovering from knee surgery.

Brother Knight Bruce Born is recovering from a stroke.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Harlan Kern, 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 Pirkil, Sylvia Prokopec, Kevin Raney, Lauren Ryan, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Brother Knight Linden Gross passed away on April 27.

Earl Latzig, father-in-law of Brother Knight Glen Meger and grandfather of Brother Knights Alex and Michael Meger, passed away on May 9.

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

Grand Knight’s Message by Randy Balausky



June, Already! Wow this has been a wonderful year for me! I have had the honor and pleasure to serve as the Grand Knight of Owatonna Council 945 and its 605 members, not to mention the countless benefactors of all of your hard work.

On June 16, we will be holding our annual awards banquet and officer installation. All members are invited. At the banquet we will have a chance to recognize all our Brother Knights for their hard work and it will also be a

great time to socialize and have fun. Spouses are welcome to attend.

I also wanted to extend a great “Thank You” to the officers and trustees for their help to make my service as Grand Knight a meaningful experience. A special “Thank You” to Tim Rice and the recently passed Frank Conley, who I considered my “Secret Service.” These two gentlemen helped in guidance, history, and advice, which was very valuable in understanding my role. 2218184 To my wife Tammy Balausky, I would not have been able to serve you without her support, and guidance. “Thank You, Tammy, I love you!”

I believe we have accomplished great things this past year and it looks like we are on a great track to attaining “Star Council”. Next year will be even greater, Wade Schroeder, who will be our next Grand Knight, was a great right hand guy for me this past year, and I can see that his transition into his new role will be a smooth one. I will look forward to helping Wade and I encourage everyone else to support Wade and the Council this next year.

From James 2:14 – 17: “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” We have “faith” and we have “works” That is what we do as a council and we all do it well. Thank you all for a wonderful year! God Bless you all!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to the eleven members who have joined the Knights of Columbus in the past month. We are only three members away from making our membership quota for Star Council. We are holding a First Degree Exemplification at the KC Hall in Owatonna on June 7. Also, we are planning a summer exemplification 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 2012 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Four New Knights Exemplified on April 25



Matt Durand

Matt Durand and his wife Jessica have two daughters, Regan and Gracyn, and one son Calden. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Matt is employed by the City of Owatonna. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.

Jason Iacovino and his wife Shannon have one daughter Lauren and one son Fletcher. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Jason is employed as a law clerk and also works part-time at KRFO. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Jim Gleason.

Chris Nickolai is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Chris is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Randy Balausky.

Gerald Wacek is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Gerald is employed at HyVee. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Chris Nickolai



Jason Iacovino



Gerald Wacek

Six New Knights Exemplified on May 17



Chuck Keohen

Chuck Keohen and his wife Amy have one daughter Emily and one son Patrick. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Chuck is employed at Gopher Sports. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Dave Lax.

Michael Mulet is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Michael is a student at the University of Florida where he is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

Dr. Miguel Mulet and his wife Stacy have one daughter Liana and two sons, Michael and Miles. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Miguel is an ophthalmologist at the Owatonna clinic. He was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

Todd Schwanke and his wife Mary have one daughter Samantha. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Todd is employed as a deputy with the Steele County Sheriff's Department and is also in the Army reserve. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.

Matt Thurnau and his wife Karen have three daughters Grace, Sophie, and Anne. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Matt is employed at Federated Insurance. He was sponsored by Brother Knight John Ahlberg.

Ken Thurnau and his wife Mary Lou have three grown sons Matt, Luke, and Peter. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Ken is retired from Federated Insurance and works part-time at Owatonna Ford. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Lyle Coleman.



Ken Thurnau



Michael Mulet



Matt Thurnau



Dr. Miguel Mulet



Todd Schwanke

Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet

On Saturday, June 16, the Officer Installation & Awards Banquet will be held to recognize and honor Knights for their years of membership, service to the community, and contribution to the Council. In addition, new officers will be installed for the 2012-2013 year. The evening will begin with a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church where Rev. Ed McGrath 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. Individual Membership Awards (25-Year, 50-Year, and Honorary and 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 Hoedown theme and menu is planned. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening. Your RSVP by June 12 is appreciated. 4132330

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our next general meeting on Wednesday, June 13. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2012-2013.

Grand Knight:	Wade Schroeder	Inside Guard:	Peter Schneider
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dustin Reese	Outside Guard:	Harlan Kern
Chancellor:	Dan Wolfe	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Advocate:	Dave Lax	Recorder:	Scot Berkley
Warden:	Gary Sanford		

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the May and June meetings, 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.

2012 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success

A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$5,304.00 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

The weekend of April 27th through the 29th found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise Foods, HyVee, Post Office, and Wal Mart. 3952701

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 Tim Chicos, Steve Dornquist, Steve Graff, and Jim Kaplan. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2012 Tootsie Roll Drive:



Ron Wolf and Casey Balauskay volunteer at HyVee.



Dan Wolfe helps out this year at HyVee.

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| Jim Abbe | Tom Kubista | Tina Soukup |
| Les Abraham | Terry Kuck | Tom Soukup |
| Steve Addabbo | Phil Lamb | Leo Spindler |
| John Ahlberg | George Lambaere | Curt Suppalla |
| Randy Balauskay | Greg Lammers | Dave Thamert |
| Casey Balauskay | Dave Lax | George Wacek |
| Tom Bauer | Ted Leon & kids | Eric Wandersee |
| Keven Boettcher | Greg Lenz | Ron Wolf |
| Bill Bunkers | Kurt Lindenbaum | Dan Wolfe |
| Tim Chicos | Jordan Ludewig | |
| Steve Dornquist & grandson | Jeff Malo | |
| Joel Dulas | Al Nelson | |
| Gary Fisher | Gary Nelson | |
| Steve Fisher | Jim Nelson | |
| Bill Foreman | Brandon Noble | |
| Bruce Fox | Tony Nguyen | |
| Tom Gebur & daughter | Andy Nylund | |
| Karen Graff | Andy Oberstein | |
| Steve Graff | Brandon Pofahl | |
| Gerry Gunderson | Curt Prichard | |
| Dan Haberman | Jeff Pumper & kids | |
| Brian Haggerty | Russ Redman | |
| Tim Hassing | Steve Reller | |
| Pat Hawkins | Tim Rice | |
| Ron Heim | Steve Roden | |
| Scott Holzerland | Pat Rose | |
| Jim Kaplan | Dan Ruitter | |
| Dennis Kelm | Greg Salmonsens | |
| Harlan Kern | Gary Sanford | |
| Donald Kramer | Dan Sawyer | |
| Jeff Kramer | Pete Schneider | |
| John Kriesel | Wade Schroeder | |
| Ron Kubicek | Lynn Sibenaller | |
| | Darrin Simon | |
| | Laverne Soukup | |



Brian Haggerty and Bill Bunkers visit with young customers at HyVee.



Pat Hawkins talks with a Wal Mart patron.



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



2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Andrew Vogel
Grand Knight: .. Randy Balausky (507) 213-9862
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 Dornquist

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Wade Schroeder
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



Tom Soukup

Tom Soukup is Council 945's Knight of the Month for April. Tom joined more than a decade ago, sponsored by his father, Laverne Soukup. Tom's activities with the Knights include Smokin' in Steele, the many benefit breakfasts, Tootsie Roll sales (his favorite), as well as taking turns at the fair's brat stand and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Tom joined the KC's because he wanted to help out, and has met a lot of great guys along the way.

He says he continues to be impressed with the KC's work of giving to the community – especially the support for the Boy Scouts of America, calling the Knight's sponsorship of Troop 253 "awesome." In fact, Tom's son Kory is an Eagle Scout.

Tom is a member of Sacred Heart, and along with his son Kory, he also has a daughter, Kalley. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with them. He also likes to go fishing in the Boundary Waters.

Congratulations to Tom Soukup, our April Knight of the Month!

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass Saturday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a dedication Mass to celebrate the new Crucifixion Scene at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. All parishioners are welcome to come to this special Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the cemetery. Bishop Quinn will join Fr. Sauer, Fr. McGrath, and Fr. Mountain for this special celebration. The Knights of Columbus chorus and a Fourth Degree honor guard will also be there. Please bring your own chairs. 3416387



Attention Knights & Family

"Estate Planning 101, Powers of Attorney & Healthcare Directives"

When: Tuesday, June 12.

Morning Session: 10:00-11:30

"Protecting Your Assets from the Nursing Home"

Evening Session: 7:00-8:30

Location: St. Joseph Church, Lower Level, 512 S. Elm, Owatonna.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC, at 213-9410.

Welcome our Reinstated Member

Otto Rysavy entered the Knights of Columbus on April 1, 1964. He was reinstated on May 8 and was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

Vote on November 6

On November 6, 2012 we have an important vocation to protect, that is marriage! Our leaders of Minnesota want to redefine the definition marriage! I urge everyone to visit www.Minnesotaformarriage.com and educate yourself and I urge you to vote YES on November 6th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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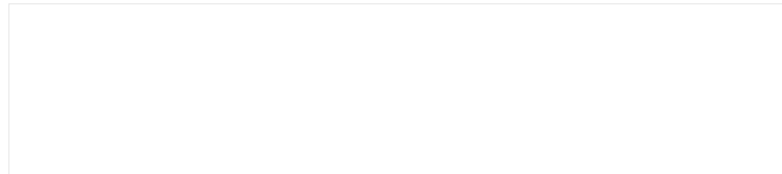
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Benefit Pancake Breakfast
June 3, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 2176206

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Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest
June 1, 2, and 3
Steele County Fairgrounds



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			May 30 KC Chorus will perform at Methodist Church at 6:30 pm Proceeds will go to Lily Sparrow House		1 Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest	2 Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass 10:00 am
3 Benefit Pancake Breakfast Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 8:00 am-12:00 pm	4	5 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	6 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	7 First Degree Exemplification 7:00 pm KC Hall	8 KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	9
10	11 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	12 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	13 General Meeting 7:30 pm program, Owatonna Police Chief Keith Hiller	14 Elks Flag Ceremony Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus will perform.	15 KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	16 Officer Installation Mass and Awards Banquet Mass -4:00 pm St. Joseph Church Installation after Mass Social -6:00 pm Dinner & Awards to follow at KC Hall
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