

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE
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

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
May 31, June 1, & 2 -
Smokin' in Steele
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 2 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
June 5 - Officers' and Gambling
Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 10 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
June 12 - General Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Program
June 27 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
June 22 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social, Dinner, & Awards - KC Hall
following Installation

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 5
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 12
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 2

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 22
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at St. Joseph Church
Social and dinner following
installation at KC Hall.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands
Garden Tractor Pull
Antique Tractor Display
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
Bean Bag Competition
2nd Annual Smokin' In Steele
5k run/walk and kids' 3/4 mile fun run!
Award-Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast

May 31, June 1, and 2
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 7, 14, 21, & 28 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal includes Pulled Pork sandwich,
beans, and coleslaw (buffet style)
\$6.00 plus tax.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of Officers for next year will be
held at our General Meeting on Wednesday, June
12. The following Brother Knights have agreed to
represent you in 2013-2014.

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

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.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will participate
in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27,
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.

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

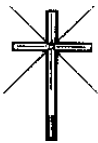
I noticed in our parish bulletin the other day an invitation to men to consider making a Jesuit retreat. Currently, we have one group from Owatonna that goes in January and one in the fall, and there's always the possibility of going with other parishes and groups. There are 50 retreats during the year at Demontreville. I highly recommend that our Knights who have not made a retreat give it a try. The retreats begin Thursday evening and conclude by 7 p.m. Sunday evening. These are great opportunities for spiritual direction, deepening prayer, discerning on a pressing matter, and enjoying fraternity. 2612263

Additionally, Knights might consider a brief pilgrimage with the family. Perhaps to New Mellery Abbey, a Trappist monastery near Dubuque. Similarly, but with a different charism, there is Holy Hill west of Milwaukee, WI. This is a very popular place for pilgrimage as is the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, and is a friary of the Discalced Carmelites.

Summer is a good time to commit to the discipline of prayer and to sacrifice some time for God. We can be pulled and tugged so many ways, so let prayer be our anchor. Time needs to be sanctified. I highly encourage making an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at least once a week. 2024262

I want to thank our councils for all the efforts you have made in support of marriage. Nothing has changed in natural law. Civil positive law has changed in our state. This is not the first time. Civil positive law does not recognize the personhood of the products of conception, and has made the marriage contract the easiest contract to cancel; there are more protections for a contract buying a used car, in my opinion. However, do not be discouraged. We need to evangelize simply and effectively, cheerfully and directly, always with respect for the human dignity and freedom we seek to support and encourage in Christ and through his body, Holy Mother Church.

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:

Janet Bates, wife of Brother Knight Larry Bates, is having health issues.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dillemath, 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 Pirkl, 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.

INMEMORY

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

Patricia J. Nelson, sister of Brother Knight Ron Probst passed away on May 4.

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

Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

One of the tools I sometimes use as a backyard mechanic/ part-time farmer is a come-along I bought quite a few years back. For those of you who are unfamiliar, the come-along is a tool designed to move objects that are difficult to move. When used correctly, it can move items you otherwise would have limited to no chance of getting to go where you want them to go. Its main component is a ratcheting wheel that allows the operator to apply pressure to an item and a locking mechanism keeps the movement from slipping backwards. The unique sound of the ratchet [Click] is recognizable to all who are familiar with this tool. While each [Click] only signifies a small amount of movement, together, many [Clicks] can signify the movement of even the most stubborn opposition.

It is unarguable that our society is moving away from the teachings of the church. While the movements are in many cases small movements like the small [Clicking] movements of the come-along; the movements are signifying a larger movement away from God's ways.

Tim Tebow was marginalized by the media when he began his pro football career for publically proclaimed he was a Christian but Jason Collins was declared a "hero" when he announced publicly that he is gay [Click]. Fellow Christian churches fracture as some decide to allow openly gay ministers to lead their churches [Click]. The Minnesota marriage amendment fails and within six months (at the time of this writing), Minnesota is on the cusp of becoming the twelfth state to legislatively recognize gay marriage [Click].

Roe vs. Wade is passed [Click] and within a few decades the "morning after pill" is readily available to all women [Click]. More recently, the FDA approved over-the-counter sales of this self-administered abortion drug to all girls over 15 years old [Click]... to which President Obama stated he is "comfortable" [Click]. Public funding for abortions is built into the government mandated Affordable Care Act [Click]. The Government is further mandating all companies to provide abortive and contraceptive services to their employees, regardless of the religious beliefs of the company (or Church) [Click]. President Obama speaks at Planned Parenthood's annual gala (the first President ever to do so) endorsing the "family planning" organization [Click]. While defending "women's rights" he said, "When you read about these laws you want to check the calendar. You want to make sure you're still living in 2013" [Click]. He never once used the word "abortion" [Click] despite the fact that Planned Parenthood is responsible for 40% of all abortions in the United States [Click].

There are, of course, more examples, more [Clicks] that can be cited; the important part is that we are not fooled into believing these small movements [Clicks] are not important. Revelations 12:9 calls Satan "the deceiver of the whole world." Don't be deceived into thinking that these small changes are nothing to be worried about, not really important or will not affect us. 3297896

Viviat Jesus

I-35 Cleanup A Success

Our I-35 Cleanup was postponed one day due to wet weather, so a smaller, hard working group gathered on Friday, May 10th, to clean our stretch of I-35. It was another perfect evening and there was again plenty of garbage to pick up so we worked at it for more than two hours. My thanks to our great driver, Al Jirele, along with Ron Wolf, Kevin Herzog, Steve Fisher, Tom Kubes, Steve Reller, Curt Supalla, Dave Card, and Bob Hardcopf. Also thanks to Owatonna Bus Company for use of their van, First Supply for use of their parking lot, and to Mark for providing pizza and refreshments afterwards. Our fall cleanup will be right after Labor Day. Have a good summer and see you at the Fair! 301641

Jim Gleason

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder (507) 573-1586
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Chancellor: Dan Wolfe
Advocate: Dave Lax
Warden: Gary Sanford
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Bill Lawrence
Trustee (2 year): PGK Steve Dornquist
Trustee (1 year):PGK Randy Balausky

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dustin Reese (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



Tom Bremer

The April Knight of the Month can be compared to a boomerang. That's because Tom Bremer joined the Knights of Columbus in the mid-80's when he was living in Cannon Falls. Tom moved his family to Illinois, where he lived until last year, when he moved back to Minnesota and chose Owatonna. That's when he decided to once again get involved with the many KC events. "We were new to town, and I was just looking for the fellowship and an opportunity to volunteer," he said.

Tom now helps out with publishing *The Key*, and has been a regular on the Saturday prep crew for the Sunday benefit breakfasts. He will be helping out with Smokin' in Steele. It's a good opportunity for him to meet people and help others, saying, "I like to volunteer and working with all the people. I enjoy it, and I enjoy getting involved."

Tom is retired from Del Monte, where he worked as the Area Controller. He and his wife of 43 years, Bonnie, have three children and ten grandchildren. They're members at Sacred Heart. Tom says he'd now like to get back in to golfing, but he also enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, reading, and travelling.

Tom says, "I enjoy being back in Minnesota, and have really found the community of Owatonna to be very welcoming." It's people like Tom who give back to the community that help Owatonna be the great, welcoming place it's become. Congratulations to Tom Bremer, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

There is a long-believed adage that life insurance will not be bought...that it must be sold. But what if death were imminent and all you had to do was raise your hand to get it? Would you raise your hand? Before you confidently answer to the affirmative...consider this amazing and true story.

During World War II, servicemen in the trenches at Bataan in the Philippines, following the Japanese invasion, were offered the chance to purchase life insurance by simply raising their hand. No applications, no underwriting, no premiums to be collected...only raise their hand. Each of them knew that, within minutes, they would be shooting and shot at. Remarkably, fewer than half chose to be insured. And just as remarkable, those who raised their hands selected, on the average, half of the amount they could have chosen.

This scenario was repeated time and time again until the military established a life insurance selling organization in November of

1942. The head of the Armed Forces, General George Marshall, established a goal of 100% insured, each for \$10,000. At the end of the campaign, 98% of U.S. Servicemen in the South Pacific were insured with an average death benefit of \$9,800.

These historical facts give dramatic testimony to the reality that the great majority of people (even some facing a high probability of death) will not buy life insurance unless a life insurance salesperson asks them to. It is for this reason, among others, that I consider my work so important. 2946173

Would you have been one of those uninsured or under-insured? Are you one of them now?

Thank you for taking the time to read (and think about) my article this month. As always, I can be reached at 213-9410. Have a great month!

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,
Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

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. 2496678

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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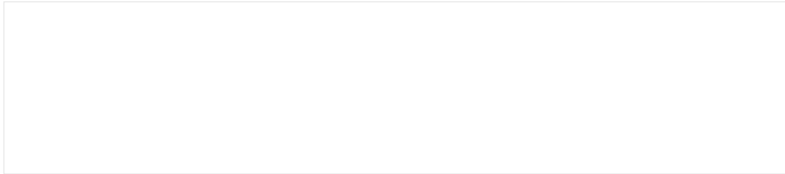


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