

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE  
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](http://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  
**June 1** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**June 3, 4, & 5**  
Smokin' in Steele  
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**June 5** - Benefit Pancake Breakfast  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
Beer Garden -  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
**June 6** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**June 8** - General Meeting- KC Hall  
Officer Installation  
**June 22** - Fourth Degree  
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**June 23** - Knights of Columbus 945  
Relay for Life Spaghetti Supper  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**July 15** - Relay for Life  
Steele County Fairgrounds

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will march in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program follows immediately after the parade at the Four Seasons Centre. The KC Chorus will be performing at the program. All KC Council members are urged to attend.

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

### PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Friday, June 10, 17, and 24  
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and more.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, May 29 - 9:00 a.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church  
All members and their families are invited to process in and be seated together at this Mass.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 945 RELAY FOR LIFE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Thursday, June 23  
KC Hall - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
\$7.00 in advance or  
\$7.50 at the door.  
Advance tickets can be purchased from the KC945 Relay for Life team members and at the KC Hall.

*The greatest gift I ever had  
came from God  
I call him DAD!*

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 8  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Officer Installation following meeting.

### 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

### SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

*BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands  
Kids Que BBQ Contest Classic Cars  
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons  
Family Bike Cruise  
5th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k  
Run/Walk for Special Olympics  
Antique Tractor Display & Parade  
Award Winning Food Vendors  
Delicious Pancake Breakfast*

June 4, 5, and 6  
Steele County Fairgrounds

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, sign-up for Smokin' in Steele at [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49afa92aa64-smoking](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49afa92aa64-smoking) or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

### 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.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights. These First Degree Knights took their Second and Third Degrees on May 1, Alex Pieper and John DeVetter. We have done a great job with recruiting new members this fraternal year. Thank you to all of the dads who have sponsored their sons to become Brother Knights. Thank you to all the members who have sponsored new Brother Knights this past year.

We want to keep recruiting new members for our Council. We are planning a summer exemplification to accommodate the schedules of college students home for the summer. If your son or grandson 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, please contact me. 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.

If you have overlooked paying your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We use money from the dues to make ends meet running our Council.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

## OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, June 8, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2016-2017 Council year. The Officer Installation ceremony will take place at the KC Hall. Please mark your calendar.

### *Election of Officers*

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our general meeting on Wednesday, June 8. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2016-2017.

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Gary Sanford</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Nicholas Matejcek`</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Dan Sawyer</b>
<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Lynn Becker</b>
<b>Warden:</b>	<b>Lee Jardine</b>
<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Tony David</b>
<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Harlan Kern</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Eichten</b>
<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Open</b>

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.

## Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

As I look back on the past eleven months as Grand Knight of Council 945, I look at the many things of importance that we as Brother Knights have accomplished together. First, I want to thank all of you for your participation in making our programs a great success. When we unite together, the almost impossible become achieved. As a leader of this fine Council, I want to reach out to all members who have not helped much or have not helped at all, to become a larger part and looking to become actively engaged in our many programs. Unity is so important for all of us. I also want to reach out to new members in the past year, and invite you to become active and share your ideas and help us. I personally welcome you!

We are moving ahead now to June 3rd, 4th, and 5th with one of our largest fundraisers, Smokin' in Steele. The main beneficiary, Special Olympics, allows a lot of opportunity for Knight of Columbus members to sign up a time commitment to help make it an even greater success. Unity, what a great thing!

The Minnesota State Knights of Columbus State Convention was held in St. Cloud May 13th through the 15th. Being in attendance at the convention was a great event not only for myself, but other officers from our Council in attendance. The State recognized Owatonna Council 945 for outstanding programs performance. Fresh ideas from all of the Council membership makes this happen. The Knights of Columbus State Raffle drawing was held on Saturday night and was huge for Owatonna. One of our very own members won the \$5,000 grand prize. It does not get any more exciting than that.

The Knights of Columbus fraternal year ends June 30th, and with great honor, I am pleased to announce that Council 945 has reached membership quota of 35 new members, and we are now working on insurance membership quota of 14. If you are not an insurance member, please consider insurance membership. An annuity of a \$300 minimum investment counts as insurance! What are you guys waiting for? Contact Luke Rennie Agency today. We are so close to Star Council status. We need your help with this. I believe we need five new insurance members yet to qualify.

It has been a great pleasure for me as your Grand Knight, and I look forward to the continued work of the Council we do together as Brother Knights. May God Bless us and keep us strong.

Vivat Jesus

## What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He call it .....Dad.*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON MAY 1 AND 16



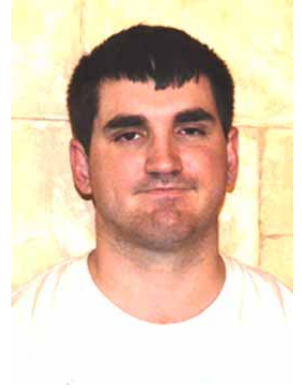
**Luke Berkley** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He will graduate from Owatonna High School this year and will attend Luther College this fall where he will major in music performance. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Scot Berkley.



**Phil Clubb** and his wife Katie, have three children, Jonathan, Amanda, and Charlie. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is a stay-at-home dad. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



**Allan Duchon** and his wife Amy, have two sons, Alex and Adam. They are members of All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville, Minnesota. He is a national sales manager at Transpac USA Inc.. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



**Vince Guggisberg** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He helps area farmers on their farms. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Tom Jirele.



**Chris Laughlin** and his wife Megan, have three children, Sophia, Gavin, and Benjamin. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is the head golf pro at the Owatonna Country Club. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight Bill Lawrence.



**Troy Liebl** and his wife Holly, have five children, Nicholas, Alexandra, Stephanie, Zachary, and Samantha. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is the product development manager at Sage. He was sponsored by Brother Knight Lee Jardine.



**Ethan Pieper** is a member of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Amesbury Truth Hardware. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight William Pieper.



**Jon Scheeler** and his wife Amy, have a daughter, Adalynn. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a stay-at-home dad. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight David Lax.

### WELCOME TO OUR REINSTATE MEMBERS

**Brandon Simmons, Joe Falteysek, James Supalla, and John Noble** sponsored by Sir Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

**David Joachim and Jed DeWitz** sponsored by Sir Brother Knight David Lax.

**Robert Benson** sponsored by Sir Brother Knight Luke Rennie.



**Grady Strand** and his wife Julie, have two adult children, Jesse and Krista. Grady is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is retired from Federated Insurance and now works part-time for Combined Insurance. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight Tim Rice.



**Alfredo Torres** and his wife Guadalupe, have four children, Andreina, Javier, Isaac, and Ivette. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a tomato grower at Bushel Boy. He was sponsored by Sir Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.

### Fourth Degree Spring Exemplification



The Spring Exemplification was held on April 16 in St. Cloud, Minnesota at the Kelly Inn. Congratulations to Sir Knight Tony David who became a member of the Fourth Degree. Tony was sponsored by Sir Knight Tim Chiccos.

## I-35 CLEANUP

After a two year absence due to construction on the freeway, it was time to get my I-35 Cleanup crew back together to do the stretch of freeway from Bridge Street to the Highway 14 interchange. After postponing once due to rain, we got together on Monday, May 2nd, and it was a beautiful evening!

We worked at it for two hours and had plenty of bags of garbage that we picked up. My thanks to the Owatonna Bus Company for providing the van and driver, to First Supply for letting us use their parking lot, and to Mark and Tim at the Hall for their hospitality afterwards. My cleanup crew has pretty much been together for the past 20 years and they do a great job.

Thanks to Kevin Herzog, Greg Evans, Frank Evans, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Ron Wolf, Bob Hardcopf, Steve Reller, Terry Kuck, Curt Suppalla, Tom Kubes, Dale Tracy, Tom Standke, and Keven Boettcher. Also, thanks to those other cleanup crew members who have also helped over these past many years, you know who you are! Our fall cleanup will be in September. Have a great summer and see you at the Fair!

Jim Gleason

## RELAY FOR LIFE

The Owatonna Council 945 is proud to announce we will again be having a Knights of Columbus Council 945 Relay for Life Team participating in the upcoming 2016 Relay for Life event on Friday, July 15th at the Steele County Fairgrounds. We invite all fellow Brother Knights and their family members to come and join us in this event. Come and listen to our KC Chorus as they open the event at 6:00 that evening and then join us throughout the evening as we walk the luminary trail in remembrance of loved ones touched by cancer and celebrate those survivors among us. Co-chairs of this event are Wade Schroeder and Dan Wolfe.

The Relay for Life is an organized, family-friendly, overnight community fund raising event most noted for raising money for the American Cancer Society. Besides the many beautiful lit

luminarias lining the walking track, there will be activities for kids, live entertainment, food, and a silent auction on the night of the event.

Each and every one of us in our Council has been indirectly or directly affected by cancer and involvement in or support of this event is a fun and rewarding way to raise money to continue to fund cancer research. Individual Brother Knights who would like to join the Council's Relay for Life team can contact Dan Wolfe at (507) 838-9541. Individuals who would like to purchase luminaria can purchase them at the KC Hall or contact any member of the Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team.

The Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team will also be hosting a spaghetti supper to raise money for Relay for Life. The date is June 23 at the KC Hall.

## 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success

A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$7,021.64 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

The weekend of April 29, 30, and May 1 found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise, HyVee, Fareway Foods, Sterling Drug, and Wal Mart.

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.

Jerome Spindler, chairman, would like to offer a huge thank you to team leaders Keven Boettcher, Tony David, LaVerne Klecker, and Dave Lax. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive:



Walt Spindler is ready to pass out some Tootsie Rolls.



Jim Skalicky passing out Tootsie Rolls.



Mark Cunningham greets Tootsie Roll recipients with a huge smile.



Les Abraham	Steve Grubish	Jordan Ludwig	Jim Skalicky
Randy Balausky	Patrick Haberman	Al Martin	Chris Smith
Tom Burke	Mike Hamilton	Glen Meger	Lavern Soukup
Scot Berkley	Stacey Hannover	Mike Meger	Jerome Spindler
Pete Connor	Ron Heim	John Mouser	Leo Spindler
Mark Cunningham	Jim Herzog	Jim Nash	Walt Spindler
Tony David	Scott Holzerland	Al Nelson	Tom Standke
Todd Deming	Lanny Huemann	Greg Nelson	Curt Supalla
Marie John Paul Dominic	Jason Iacovino	Tony Nguyen	Matt Thurnau
Matt Durand	Lee Jardine family	Will Pieper family	Don Trenda
Joe Elbert	Dave Jenö	Dustin Reese	Dan Walsh
Tom Elbert	Tom Jirele	Steve Reller	Eric Wandersee
Dave Emanuelson	Jim Kaplan	Tim Rice	Dennis Werner
Terry Evans	Dave Keno	Jean Roden	Earl Wheeler
Brad Fischer	Rob Kneifel	Pat Rose	Ray Willmott
Gary Fisher	John Kriesel	Dan Ruiter	Rick Wittrock
Steve Fisher	Bruce Kubicek	Gary Sanford	Ron Wolf
Jim Gleason	Tom Kubista	Mike Schaffner	
John Green	Greg Lammers	Wade Schroeder	
Gerald Gunderson	Ben Lempiainen	Kevin Sedivy	
	Greg Lenz	Tom Shea	

## 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 Wolfe  
 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



Matt Durand

Our Knight of the Month Matt Durand joined our Council as a First Degree member in April 2012. Matt's father was an active KC member and Matt recalls attending many KC events while growing up in Medford, Minnesota, and living not far from the KC Hall in town.

Following high school, Matt attended college at Minnesota State-Mankato and graduated with a degree in Construction Management and just recently completed his Masters Degree. He initially spent five years in commercial construction with Kraus Construction and then went on to become the Storm Water Manager for the City of Owatonna, a position he held for six years. Currently, he works with Moes Homes doing residential construction.

Along the way, he met his wife Jennifer from Owatonna and they have three children ages 14, 9, and 8.

Matt has been involved in many Council activities and events and says he joined the KC's because he wanted to stay involved in the community. In fact, volunteering in the community is one of Matt's hobbies as he calls it. He served a number of years on the Cannon River Watershed Board and is also on the Steele Co. United Way Board. Matt says that the work our Council does in the community is phenomenal and he is glad to be a part of it. We are glad too Matt. Congratulations on being our Knight of the Month recipient.

## Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

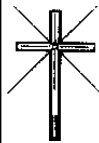


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## Aid & Assistance by Greg Nelson



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 Schrom, father of Brother Knight Dean Schrom passed away on April 29.*

**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



**KC Family Corporate Communion**  
 May 30 - 9:00 a.m.  
 Sacred Heart Church

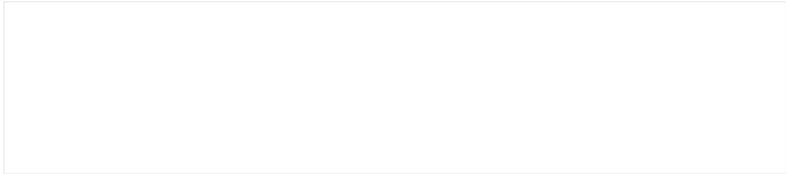
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			<b>1</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Smokin' in Steele	<b>4</b> Smokin' in Steele
<b>5</b> Benefit Pancake Breakfast Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 8:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>6</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>8</b> General Meeting - 7:00 pm Officer Installation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> Father's Day	<b>20</b> Summer Begins	<b>21</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>22</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	<b>23</b> K of C Relay for Life Spaghetti Supper KC Hall 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>24</b> Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		