

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE
2017

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 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony

June 2, 3, & 4

Smokin' in Steele
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds

June 4

Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

June 7

Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

June 12

Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

June 14

General Meeting- KC Hall
Officer Installation

June 22

Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

July 21

Relay for Life
Steele County Fairgrounds

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 7

KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 4

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

SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS

Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9, 16, & 23

Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets,
steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp
baskets, chicken strips, and more.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, June 19 - 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall Owatonna

Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 14

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Andy Limmer. He will be
speaking about Ducks Unlimited.

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

6th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k

Run/Walk for Special Olympics

Antique Tractor Display & Semi Truck Show

Award Winning Food Vendors

Steak Cook-Off Competition

Delicious Pancake Breakfast

June 2, 3, and 4

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 <http://www.smokininsteel.com/>
or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe
Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

MINNESOTA TWINS BUS TRIP

Sunday, August 6

Call Club for details.

HELP NEEDED

The KC Hall is looking for part-time bartenders.
Here is an opportunity to make some extra money. If
you enjoy people, having fun, & hard work, stop at
the Club and talk to Mark.

MINNESOTA TWINS

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

KC GOLF OUTING

September 16th at

Brooktree Golf Course.

It will be a four person scramble format and there will
lots of fun, prizes, dinner and did we mention fun?

Happy
FATHERS
Day

Grand Knight's Message by Gary Sanford

Dear Brother Knights,

The last eleven months went by very fast. What a humbling experience this year has been for me. It is hard for me to believe this is my last Grand Knight message. I could not have imagined how this year would have been with the help of many. Here a few thank you.

Thank you to me wife Deb. I cannot imagine this last year without your help.

Thank you to my family. All your help and support in many ways.

Thank you to the officers and their wives of our Council. You give so much time and effort to make our Council a success.

Thank you to all the committee chairs. Your generosity of your time allows our Council to be active part of our community.

Thank you to all members who recruited new members. Very important if we are to continue to be involved in our community.

Thank you to all new Knights this year.

Last of all, thank you to all members of Council 945.

Vivat Jesus

Fourth Degree Exemplification



The Spring Exemplification was held on April 22 in Mankato, Minnesota, at the Mankato Best Western. From left to right: Bob Mathewson, Past District Master, new member Ryan Heydon, Faithful Navigator Dave Lax, and Craig Larson, Current District Master.

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 2017 Relay for Life event on Friday, July 21 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.

Benefits Corner by Chris Retterath

About Knights of Columbus

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief, and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 15,100 Councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our three new members who took their First, Second, and Third Degree on May 7. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights. These First Degree Knights took their Second and Third Degrees on May 7, Matt and Ken Thurnua. 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 First Degree Exemplification on Monday, June 19, at the KC Hall in Owatonna. Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. We are also 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.

CLAY PIGEONS REAP REWARDS OF BENEFIT BREAKFAST

On Sunday morning, May 7, the St. Mary's School cafeteria was the scene for the benefit of the newly formed Owatonna High School Clay Target Team. The fine crew of Brother Knights served 386 patrons with the custom prepared breakfasts of delicious omelets and country breakfasts. The efforts of the group with prebreakfast ticket sales and walk-up patrons resulted in a good profit being raised for them.

Al Nelson, event coordinator, says "Thanks" to the workers who are listed here: Saturday prep team: *Jerry Barry, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Mike Jensen, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Walt Spindler, Ken Thurnau, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, and Ron Wolf.*

Breakfast Sunday team: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chiccos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff,*

Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine, Mark Kearin, Dennis Kelm, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Izzy Lennard, Troy Liebl, Al Nelson, Maria John Paul, Ethan Pieper, Jessica Pieper, Stephanie Pieper, Will Pieper, Greg Robillard, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Jeff Vortherms and Ellie, Eric Wandersee, Rick Wittrock, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.

There were a lot of workers, so if we missed anyone, please accept our apology and thanks for your efforts. Thanks also to the patrons who braved the breeze that day and came to the breakfast!

Please remember the next (and last of the season) breakfast which will be at the culmination of the Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 4, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Don't miss it . . .

OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 12, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2017-2018 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, July 12. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2017-2018.

Grand Knight:	Nicholas Matejcek	Advocate:	Lee Jardine	Outside Guard:	Harlan Kern
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dan Sawyer	Warden:	Open	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Chancellor:	Open	Inside Guard:	Jerome Spindler	Recorder:	Tony David

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON MAY 7



Ben Flemke and his wife Nicole, have a daughter Ava and a son Max. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as an insurance professional with American National Insurance. He was sponsored by his father-in-law Brother Knight Mark Cunningham.



Tony Jacobson (TJ) and his wife Teresa, have two sons and four grandsons. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed as a police officer in Rochester. He was sponsored by Sir Knight Brother Tony David.



Elliott Rysavy is a member of Holy Trinity Parish at Litomysl. He is a senior at Owatonna High School and is planning to attend St. Mary's University in Winona, pursuing a career in education. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Albert Rysavy.

I-35 CLEANUP

It was a very cool grey evening when 15 KC's headed out to do our semi-annual I-35 cleanup on Thursday, April 27th. Spirits were high as we worked for two hours and really picked up a lot of trash. Maybe people will learn someday!! My thanks to the Owatonna Bus Company for cleanup transportation and to First Supply for use of their parking lot. A big thanks to our cleanup crew including

Kevin Herzog, John Connor, Rich Will, Ron Wolf, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, George Lambaere, Steve Reller, Curt Suppala, Tom Kubes, Terry Kuck, Dale Tracy, and Frank Evans. Also thanks to Mark and Roxy at the KC Hall for their hospitality afterwards. Our next cleanup will be in September. Have a great summer and see you at Smokin' in Steele and the Steele County Fair. Jim Gleason.

2017 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!



Dan Walsh, Jim Gleason, Rob Kniefel, John Connor, and Tony David working at HyVee.



Kory Klecker and his sons at Wal Mart.



Deacon Pat Fagan, Tony David, and Dave Lax pass out Tootsie Rolls with hugh smiles.



MCKINLEY CROSSING GUARDS RECEIVE CHECK

Tony David presented a check to the McKinley crossing guard end-of-year party to watch the Twins play.



Paul and Lee Jardine greeting Tootsie Roll patrons.

A corps of dedicated workers made possible the raising of \$6,086.57 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

The weekend of April 28, 29, and 30 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 five percent will go to the Special Olympics Fall Classic.

Tony David, chairman, would like to offer a huge thank you to team leaders Tony David, Dave Lax, Dan Sawyer, and Dan Wolfe. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2017 Tootsie Roll Drive:

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| John Ahlberg | Gary Fisher | LaVerne Klecker | Tom Schmitt |
| Randy Balausky | Tim Foster | Rob Kniefel | Wade Schroeder |
| Tammy Balausky | Kevin Gallagher | Bruce Kubicek | Lavern Soukup |
| Scot Berkeley | Dan Glaser | Terry Kuck | Norm Spindler |
| John Berning | Tom Gebur | Dave Lax | Walt Spindler |
| Tim Blum | Jim Gleason | Ben Lempiainen | Grady Strand |
| Keven Boettcher | Steve Graff | Greg Lenz | Curt Supalla |
| Dan Buck | John Green | Troy Liebl | Ken Thurnau |
| Tom Burke | Vince Guggisberg | Al Martin | Matt Thurnau |
| Tim Chicos | Tim Hassing | Keith Martin | Troy Titus |
| Scott Clark | Darrin Helget | Mike Meger | Paul Trautman |
| John Connor | Jeff Hellman | Al Nelson | Jeff Vortherms |
| Pete Connor | David Hunt | Greg Nelson | Nathan Wagner |
| Andy Cowell | Ellyn Jardine | John Nelson | Dan Walsh |
| Tony David | Lee Jardine | Tony Nguyen | Eric Wandersee |
| Tom Docksey | Paul Jardine | Tim Rice | Gary Wandrey |
| Matt Durand | David Jen | Brad Running | Jim Wencil |
| Dave Emanuelson | Mike Jensen | Gary Sanford | Tara Wheeler |
| Pat Fagan | Tom Jirele | Ryan Sanford | Ray Willmott |
| Dave Fandel | Jim Kaplan | Dan Sawyer | Ron Wolf |
| Joe Elbert | Dennis Kelm | Mike Schaffner | Dan Wolfe |
| Steven Fisher | Kory Klecker | | |



John Nelson and his family at Wal Mart.



Ben Lempiainen and his daughter at CashWise.

2016-17 COUNCIL OFFICERS

- Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
- Grand Knight: Gary Sanford (507) 456-3793
- Deputy Grand Knight: Nicholas Matejcek
- Chancellor: Dan Sawyer
- Advocate: Open
- Warden: Lee Jardine
- Inside Guard: Jerome Spindler
- Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
- Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
- Treasurer: Tom Eichten
- Recorder: Tony David
- 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
- KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
- 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 Balausk (PGK)
- District Deputy: Randy Balausk (PGK)
- KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
- Field Agent: Chris Retterath - (320) 266-8962

Knight of the Month



Tony David

Our Knight of the Month, Tony David, joined our Council in June 2015, following in the footsteps of his father, Wally who is a First Degree Knight with the Faribault, Minnesota Council #889. Tony joined the KC's at the urging of LaVerne Klecker after Tony had volunteered to direct the Smokin' in Steele 5k Run/Walk in 2015. Tony became a Third Degree Knight in November 2015 and became Sir Knight Tony of the Fourth Degree in April 2016.

Tony was born and raised in Owatonna and after high school graduation he attended Alexandria Technical College where he earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement in 1989. Tony began his career as a police officer with the St. Cloud Police Department. He later worked for the Police Departments in Waseca, Morristown, and Waterville. In 1998, Tony joined the Steele County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff, where he is currently assigned to the civil process division. Tony has also taught the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program

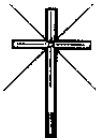
to elementary students in the NRHEG and Medford school districts for ten years.

Tony has been married to his wife Sonya for seven years and has two adult daughters, Miranda who lives in Mankato and Danielle, who is a student at the SC Technical College in North Mankato. Tony also has two stepchildren, Jordan and Tyler, along with three grandchildren Cooper, Ryder, and Charlotte and another due in June.

Tony enjoys turkey and deer hunting, fishing, and volunteer instructing youth firearms safety with the Minnesota DNR. For the past eight years Tony has been a volunteer coach with the Owatonna Special Olympics. He also serves on the Owatonna Special Olympics Area Management team and the MN Special Olympics Polar Plunge Committee.

Tony has been a very active member in our Council, helping with just about every Council event and activity during the year and was the Chairperson for the most recent Tootsie Roll Drive. He also serves as the Council Recorder and the Fourth Degree Assembly Scribe. Tony is a true example of service and support to our Council and our community. We are very blessed to have Tony as an active member helping our Council touch the lives of others and we congratulate him as our April Knight of the Month.

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...

- Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Marianna Bunkers, Barb Claeys, Margaret Deml, Tom Dietz, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Don Loeb, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, Steve Wiese, and Jan Wolf.*

IN MEMORY

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

Father Mark Lee Thamert, brother of Brother Knight Richard Thamert, passed away on April 29.

Patricia Kingsley, wife of Brother Knight Tom Kingsley, passed away on May 5.

Brother Knight Howard Snyder passed away on May 10.

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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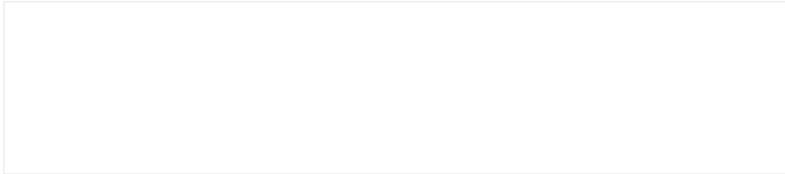


Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest

**June 2, 3, and 4
Steele County Fairgrounds**

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Benefit Pancake Breakfast
June 4, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden



JUNE 2017

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4 Benefit Pancake Breakfast Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 8:00 am-12:00 pm	5	6 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	7 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	8	9 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	10 Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass 10:00 am
11	12 Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	13 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	14 General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	15	16 Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	17
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