

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE  
2018

## 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 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### June 1, 2, & 3

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

### June 3 - Benefit Pancake Breakfast

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

### June 6 - Officers' and

Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

### June 11 - Building Meeting

KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

### June 13 - General Meeting- KC Hall Officer Installation

### June 27 - Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

### July 21 - Relay for Life Steele County Fairgrounds

## MINNESOTA TWINS

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

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 6

KC Hall

Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 13

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker will be Darrin Helget, candidate for  
Sheriff and Brother Knight.

### BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

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

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and potato salad every  
Tuesday in June

5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge.

### SACRED HEART CEMETERY MASS

Saturday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus  
will participate.

### FALL FISHING TRIP

Once again, we are planning a 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 start  
September 29 - you could have a 4-day trip - or  
make a whole week of it. Fishing has been good  
on this trip during the past few years - and the  
fall color scenery is really nice as well. The trip  
includes one free dinner (usually Sunday)  
provided by Mark and the Columbian Center.  
For more info, please contact Walt Spindler  
(451-7613). Would be glad to have you along.

### FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

KCHall - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 8, 15, 22, & 29

Get a jump on the Steele County Free Fair. The  
Club will have a food truck parked in the  
parking lot.

### ORDINATION OF THE HOANG

Friday, June 8 - 2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Sacred Heart of Winona  
Winona, MN

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Saturday, June 9 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish

### 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

7th 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 1, 2, and 3

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

### FLAG DAY

Elks Club - June 14 - 6:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus  
will participate.

### OWATONNA ACES BASEBALL

June 8 - Darts Park - 7:30 p.m.

KC Chorus will participate.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to our three new members who became Brother Knights on May 6. Congratulations to our new Second and Third Degree Knights. 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 in the near future, at the KC Hall in Owatonna, date to be announced. 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.

## 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 2018 Relay for Life event on Friday, July 20 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 p.m. 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 garage sale on Saturday, June 23 at 885 Crestview Lane, Owatonna. Contact Dan Wolfe at (507) 451-3935 to coordinate dropping off items. We encourage everyone to donate items.

## Grand Knight's Message by Nic Matejcek

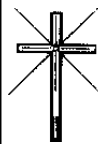
Dear Brothers,

Wow, I can't believe how the time went by. It feels like I was drafting my first Grand Knight message yesterday. I have learned so much over the past year about the importance of the Knights in the community and how great the people in this organization are. We, together, do great work for so many and I am so proud to say that I am a Knight in this Council. I am continually amazed by the selfless acts and incredible generosity of the people associated with this organization. I have developed so many great friendships and have enjoyed so many wonderful, rewarding experiences that will stay with me forever.

I am not going to attempt to thank all of the people who deserve a deep, heartfelt "Thank You" from me. I will do that in person. I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to my wife for all of the support, time, and energy she poured into this organization. I look forward to continuing my active participation and encourage all of you reading this to join me if you are not active. For those of you who are active, thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus Council 945 and the Owatonna community.

Vivat Jesus

## 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:

*Les Abraham, Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, John Berning, Ted Blockey, Bruce Born, Barb Claey's, Margaret Deml, Dave Dietz, Jack Dille'muth, Marilyn Dille'muth, Lois Doyle, Dave Fandel, Jan Fandel, Jim Gleason, Terri Grose, Rose Hoffman, Lorraine Jirele, Harlan Kern, Tom Kingsley, Barb Klecker, Jim Klecker, Larry Klocek, Marlys Knight, Bev Macht, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Msgr. James McCauley, Mary Meixner, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Darlene Mumm, Willard Peterson, Karen Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Steve Roden, Paul Schneider, Ivan Snorek, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Mary Lou Thurnau, Joe Wagner, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Steve Wiese.*

### IN MEMORY

**Please remember in your prayers the following individual and their families:**

*Brother Knight Harlan Mussman passed away on April 27.*

*Owen Charles Hager, great grandson of Sir Brother Knight Bud Schiller, passed away on May 14.*

*Sir Brother Knight Albert Liverseed, father-in-law of Sir Brother Knight Bruce Born, passed away on May 23.*

**If anyone knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or injured, please call Greg Nelson at (507) 676-1748.**



# OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, July 11, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2018-2019 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 11. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2018-2019.

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Dan Sawyer</b>	<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Harlan Kern</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Tom Jirele</b>	<b>Warden:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Eichten</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Lee Jardine</b>	<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Tony David</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 June 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.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON MAY 6



**Nick Jirele** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is employed at Waseca Recycling and McDonalds. He is a Second Degree member and was sponsored by Brother Knight TJ Jacobson.



**Michael Mahoney** is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is retired from FCI Waseca and is working part-time at Smart Transit. He is a Third Degree member and was sponsored by Sir Knight Brother Tom Burke.



**Alan Steinbauer** and his wife Kim, have a son, Taylor, and a daughter, Emilee. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. He is employed at Federated Insurance as a claims manager. He was sponsored by Sir Knight Brother LaVerne Klecker.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ADVANCED FROM FIRST DEGREE MEMBERSHIP

Lynn Sibenalter advanced to a Third Degree Member  
Grady Strand advanced to a Third Degree Member  
Joe Plemel advanced to a Third Degree Member  
Mike Schroeder advanced to a Second Degree Member



## *FATHER'S DAY PRAYER*

*"We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.*

*Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.*

*We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.*

*This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.*

*So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.*

*For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.*

*In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen."*

## 2018 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!



Eric, Zach, and Allie Lenz.



Brandon and Shelly Noble.

Great weather and the dedication of almost 100 Knights and their families, made the 2018 Tootsie Roll drive a great success. The Knights collected over \$5,700 for people with developmental disabilities in the Owatonna Community. Thank you to our host locations: Fareway, CashWise, HyVee and WalMart. A special thanks to *Dan Wolfe, Dan Sawyer, Gary Sanford, Lee Jardine, Brad Running, and Dave Lax* for calling, coordinating, counting and/or collecting for the drive. Also, thank you to *Matt Durand and his son, Ron Heim, Bruce Kubicek, Walt Spindler, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Travis Oltmans, Tim Chicos, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Burke, Gary Wandrey, John Green, Nate Wagner, Tom Schmitt, Scot Berkley, John Mouser, Tony Nguyen, Ron Kubicek family, Jim Wencil, Troy Liebl family, Dave Hunt, Tom Kubes, Jim Schroeder, John Wheeler, Dave Wunderlich Family, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Greg Lenz family, Eric Tucker, George Lambaere, Mark Cunningham, Lee Jardine family, Paul Jardine, Tim Rice, John Noble, Dennis Ringhofer, Andy Cowell, Keith Martin, Tom Bremer, Vince Guggisburg, Craig Larson, Bruce Louks, Ray Wilmott, Tim Hassing, Ron Wolf, Gerry Gunderson, Mike Meger, Don Boesen, Michael Schroeder, Bill Bunkers, John Connor, Denny Kelm, Mike Ingvalson family, Jeff Hall Family, Ryan Sanford, Rob Kniefel, Jeff Hellman Family, David Joachim, Brandon Noble, Nate Skala, Nate Gleason, Tim Truelson family, Tony Schiller family, Don Mullenbach, Patrick Rose, Tom Eichten, Jeff Vortherms family, Kevin Skalicky, Spinny, Jim Abbe, Scott Seykora family, Jed DeWitz family, Miguel Mulet, Grady Strand, Patrick Haberman family, Ray Bissen Family, Tom Jirele family, Steve Borgerding, Jerry Berry, Jeremy Hullopeter family, Greg Nelson, James Joachim, Troy Skalicky, Mark Pfeifer, Tom Gebur, Dan Glaser, Phil Clubb, and Al Nelson.*

I am truly sorry if I missed anyone or their family members. Know that I am grateful to one and all who participated in this great event. I strongly encourage you to mark August 8th on your calendars, and make it a point to come out and see the distribution of the Tootsie Roll funds to people with developmental disabilities at our annual picnic. Details on the picnic will be out soon!!! Be proud to be associated with and committed to the Owatonna Knights of Columbus!!

Nic Matejcek, Grand Knight



Tony Schiller family and Mark Cunningham at HyVee.



Jim Abbe at WalMart.



Scott Seykora passing out Tootsie Rolls.



Joe Elbert at CashWise.



Eric Tucker at CashWise.



## COUNCIL 945 DONATES MONEY TO ST. MARYS

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus donated \$5,000 during the "Spirit of the Knight" to support St. Mary's School at the Night of Knights Auction. Pictured are Deputy Grand Knight Dan Sawyer, Grand Knight Nic Matejcek, Faithful Navigator Dave Lax, and Past Grand Knight LaVerne Klecker.

**2017-18 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain: ..... Open  
 Grand Knight: ..... Nicholas Matejcek  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Dan Sawyer  
 Chancellor: ..... Tom Jirele  
 Advocate: ..... Lee Jardine  
 Warden: ..... Open  
 Inside Guard: ..... Open  
 Outside Guard: ..... Harlan Kern  
 Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Tony David  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK Dan Wolfe  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Dave Lax  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Gary Sanford

**Directors and Chairmen**

Program Director: ..... Dan Sawyer (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: ..... Dave Lax  
 Director of Youth Activities ..... Will Pieper  
 Dir. of Family Life Activities: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Gambling Manager: ..... Ron Probst  
 District Deputy: ..... Gary Sanford (PGK)  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... Mark Cunningham (PGK)  
 Field Agent: ..... Open

**Knight of the Month**



*Nate Skala*

This month we honor Nate Skala as our Knight of the Month. Nate became interested in joining the Knights while playing with fellow Knights on a KC sponsored volleyball team and with some additional encouragement from master recruiter LaVerne Klecker, he joined the Council in 2012.

Nate grew up in Owatonna and after graduation from OHS, Nate continued his education at Winona State University, where he also continued his football career. Nate received his BS Degree in Criminal Justice and began his professional career with Federated Insurance in the Twin Cities. Three years later he moved back to Owatonna and just completed his 10th year with Federated, in his current role as a Special Investigator.

Nate and his wife Diane are members of St. Joseph Church. They are busy parents with

4 1/2 year old twin son and daughter and the most recent addition of a 9 month old son.

Nate is a big sports enthusiast and also works as a football coach for Owatonna High School. Nate has been involved in several KC activities over the years such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, Bell Ringing, and Smokin' in Steele. He loves the volunteer opportunity that the Knights provide to give back to the community as well as the family involvement that is encouraged. We thank Nate for his time and support of our Council and again congratulate him as our nominee for Knight of the Month.



**CLAY PIGEONS REAP REWARDS OF BENEFIT BREAKFAST**



On Sunday morning, May 6, the St. Mary's School cafeteria was the scene for the benefit of the Owatonna High School Clay Target Team. The fine crew of Brother Knights served 537 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, Mike Jensen, LaVerne Klecker, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, and Walt Spindler.*

Breakfast Sunday team: *Pat Baldwin, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chiccos, Tony David, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Tom Gebur, Richard Gerdts, Steve and Karen Graff, Roger Green, Vince Guggisberg, Jeff Hall, Lee Jardine,*

*Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Doug Kloos, Izzy Leonard, Reegan Lindholm, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Alex Pieper, Ethan Pieper, Steph, Jess, and Will Pieper; Greg Robillard, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Troy Titus, Eric Tucker, Jeff Vortherms, 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 for the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund 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 3, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Don't miss it . . .

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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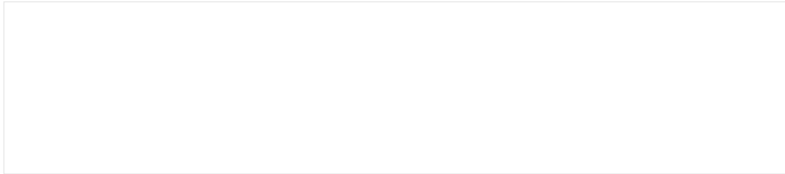
***Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest***

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Steele County Fairgrounds**

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***Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Benefit***

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



**June 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Smokin' in Steele	<b>2</b> Smokin' in Steele
<b>3</b> Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Benefit Pancake Breakfast Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden 8:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>6</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Food Truck Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass 10:00 am
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>13</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Our speaker will be Darrin Helget	<b>14</b> Flag Day Elks Club 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> Food Truck Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Father's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Food Truck Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>27</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Food Truck Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>