

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY
2011

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

April 29, 30, & May 1 - Tootsie Roll
Fund-raiser
May 4 - Officers' Meeting
and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
May 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 18 - Altar Attendants' Party
South Park Lanes - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
May 26 - Fourth Degree
Business Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
May 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.
May 30 - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
June 3, 4, & 5 - Smokin' in Steele
BBQ & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
June 25 - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-Sacred Heart Church-5:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 4
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.
Our program will be a First Degree Exemplification.
Come and welcome the new members to our Order.

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 AND BLUES FEST

Blues Music, BBQ,
Pancake Breakfast, Garden Tractor Pull,
& more.
June 3, 4, and 5
Steele County Fairgrounds
See insert in Key for details & times of events.

We need your help, call
Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629

SPRING BURGER BASKETS

Friday, May 6, 13, and 20
Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Baskets include burger, coleslaw,
fries or onion rings.
All for \$6.00.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION Sunday, May 29, 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church

"All members and their families are invited to
attend this Mass."

Smoked Ribs Dinner

Friday, April 29
KC Hall - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Get there early, we always sell out!

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 25
Mass - Sacred Heart Church - 5:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at Sacred Heart Church
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.

ALTAR ATTENDANTS' PARTY

Wednesday, May 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
South Park Lanes
Bowling, Food, Pop, & Fun

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
Thursday, May 5, 2011, 4:45 pm.
Call Jim Gleason at 676-0271 to sign up.
Meet in the parking lot at
151 Park Drive (First Supply).
Refreshments at the Hall after the clean-up.

Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser

For people with Developmental Disabilities
Collected funds are disbursed to local organizations,
with the exception of a small percentage (5%), which
helps fund the Fall Classic Special Olympic events held
in the Twin Cities.

April 29, 30, and May 1

At these locations: Cash Wise, HyVee, Wal-Mart,
& Post Office

Help us set a new record!

To help, call
Keven Boettcher at 455-0664.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus
will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 30, 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.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

It's party time! After forty days of Lenten penance the Church gives us fifty days of Easter joy! Although the flowers in the sanctuary begin to droop and lose their blooms the Easter season continues through Pentecost.

Contemporary society is better about preparation than lingering. Think of Christmas with decorations appearing in November and trees on the street corner the day after Christmas. The Church has a different logic. We take time to prepare but then we also celebrate the great mysteries of salvation that are at the heart of our liturgical year. We take the 12 days of Christmas to ponder and rejoice in the incarnation and 50 days to revel in the joy that comes from the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.


I invite you, during these fifty days of Eastertide, to keep the joy of Easter in your heart. Reflect on the ways that Lent helped you to conquer sin. Ponder what it means that Jesus died and rose for us. Think about what it means that we are freed from the chains of death and given the opportunity to enter the heavenly kingdom. At the Easter Vigil we sang the Exsultet, an ancient hymn that gives voice to our joy. Let it be the song in our heart throughout this season. "Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne. Jesus Christ, our King is risen!"

Grand Knight's Message by Steve Dornquist

Dear Knights:

Being the only radiator repair shop in the county, I have been repairing a lot of radiators lately. That got me to thinking about how a radiator is held together with solder. Much like our lives are held together with faith. When the solder starts to weaken, the radiator starts to leak. When our faith starts to weaken, our lives start to fall apart. When my faith was weak, my life was a mess. We need to use our faith to patch up our lives, like I use the solder to patch up the radiators. Just a little faith, just like a little solder, goes a long way in repairing a problem. Just a little insight into my regular job. God Bless All.

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 Peter Schneider is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

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

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, 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 Pirkel, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Walt Spindler, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Richard C. Nelson, father of Brother Knight Allen Nelson passed away on March 28.

Richard Srsen, brother-in-law of Brother Knight James Klecker and uncle of Brother Knight Mike Klecker passed away on March 29.

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

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

This month, I would like to address those of our members who might consider doing something really beneficial and unique for your church, our schools, members of the clergy, or religious orders. I'm talking about something out of the ordinary that could easily do a great deal of good... it could even be considered leaving a legacy.

This is one of those things that could easily be referred to as a "best kept secret." Its simplicity and the "impact" it can have, with even a modest contribution, makes this almost too good to be true. Sadly, however, it is seldom used, which is, in part, a function of those of us in the business not getting the word out and educating people about this possibility. I am convinced a great many more would take advantage of this idea if they only knew about it or had it offered to them.

I'm referring to a life insurance policy paid with a single lump sum contribution. As an example, if you qualify, you make one payment and the corresponding death benefit is significantly more than your gift, whether it is \$3,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000, or more. There are no more premiums to pay and the recipient, such as your church, a school, or an individual, receives the corresponding death benefit tax-free. No waiting around for 10 or 20 years to earn interest on a C.D. which may or may not materialize (and you may not live that long!). This is a vastly overlooked option, available to many, which maximizes the bottom-line to the organization or individual receiving the money.

If you have ever thought of gifting to your church, school, or a religious community and would like to learn more about how this might work for you (not to mention the recipient!), please call me to learn more. It may be one of the best calls you ever make!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF 507-213-9410 or kevin.gallagher@kofc.org

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

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 (507) 451-4102. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. We have 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.

I would like to remind anyone who has not paid their dues for 2011 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



Peter Guenther and his wife Holly have five children, one daughter Carly and four sons, Ryan, Brandon, Max, and Evan. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. Peter is Director of Bands at Owatonna High School. Peter was sponsored by Brother Knight LaVerne Klecker.



Keith Martin and his wife Wendy have four children, one daughter Lillian and three sons, Kollin, Broderrick, and foreign exchange student Son Renan Sontag. They are members of St. Joseph Parish. Keith is owner and operates Block Plumbing. Keith was sponsored by his dad Brother Knight Allan Martin.



Smokin in Steele

JUNE 3

Presented By:
Owatonna
Knights of Columbus



To
Benefit: **Special Olympics**
Minnesota
Owatonna

- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch**
- **5pm Greetings and Instructions to Pro BBQ Teams**
- **5:30pm VIP Reception / Dinner for sponsors and patrons**
- **5:30pm Kids Q Kick Off (Instructions and distribution of meat/ grills)**
- **5:30pm Sena Ehrhardt Band in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **6:30pm Pros VS Joes**
- **7:30pm Boom Boom Steve V & The Knockouts in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **9:30pm Rev Raven & The Chainsmokin' Altarboys in Beer Garden 🎵**

JUNE 4

🎵 **Tickets for Beer Garden Music:**
2 day advance \$5 -or- \$4 per day at the door

- **7am Backyard Amateur BBQ Competition (Cooks' Meeting)**
- **7:30am Cornhole Tournament Registration (ACO Bean Bag Toss)**
- **8:30am Cornhole Tournament (ACO Bean Bag Toss)**
- **10:30am The Mark Cameron Band in Park Square Free 🎵**
- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch**
- **12 noon Special Olympics Cornhole Tournament**
- **12 noon Annie Mack & The Havenots in Park Square Free 🎵**
- **1:30pm Blues 4 Kids Harmonica lessons Park Square Free**
- **2pm Bruce McCabe & The Rich Poor Men in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **2:30pm Blues 4 Kids' Harmonica lessons Park Square Free**
- **4pm Awards Ceremony Park Square**
- **4:30pm Garden Tractor Pull in front of the Grandstand Free**
- **5:30pm Trent Romens Trio in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **7:45pm The Fabulous LoveHandles in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **9:30pm Becky Barksdale in the Beer Garden 🎵**
- **Mike Fugazzi & Drew Hurst during band breaks in the Beer Garden 🎵**

JUNE 5

- **8am Pancake Breakfast in the Beer Garden *only \$6***

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2010-11 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. John Sauer
GRAND KNIGHT: .. Steve Dornquast - 455-1628
Deputy Grand Knight: Randy Balausky
Chancellor: Wade Schroeder
Advocate: Dustin Reese
Warden: Steve Graff
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Chuck Walerius
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Al Nelson
Trustee (2 year): PGK Joe Elbert
Trustee (1 year): PGK Bill Lawrence

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: Randy Balausky
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



Steve Graff

Owatonna. Steve and his wife Karen are members of St. Joseph's Parish where he serves as a lector. They are the proud parents of six children.
Congratulations to Steve Graff, our March Knight of the Month.

The March Knight of the Month is Steve Graff. Steve's been with Council 945 for about 10 years. He is currently serving as our Council's Warden. He's been seen helping out with the KC Benefit Breakfasts, Bell-Ringing for the Salvation Army; the Tootsie Roll sales, and the KC Diner Food Stand at the Steele County Free Fair. "I enjoy being around the guys and helping out," he said.

Steve has lived in Owatonna since 1998, and was sponsored by Duane Ludewig. He joined the KC's because of the respect he held for the organization. "I always admired the Knights and the work they do in the community," he said.

A native of Janesville, Steve attended and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College. He is a Vice President at the First National Bank of Waseca, and lives in

Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet

On Saturday, June 25, 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 2011-2012 year. The evening will begin with a 5:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church where Fr. Vogel 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 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. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening.

Outstanding Breakfast

The breakfast held on Sunday, April 10 for the Sacred Heart Cemetery Crucifix Project and Respect for Life was one our best attended breakfasts. The fine work of Lavern Soukup and the ticket sales team set a new record for advance ticket sales. Combined with the work of the Respect for Life team, breakfast attendance was outstanding. The breakfast income report for the crucifix project is provided in the following article.

These are the Saturday prep team members: *Jerry Barry, Frank Conley, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Walt Spindler, Earl Wheeler, Jim Wiggins, and Ron Wolf.*

The Sunday team included: *Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Mark Cassen, Frank Conley, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Graff, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine with sons Paul & Rob, Terry Kuck, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, Bill Lawrence, Al Nelson, Tony Nguyen, Will Pieper, Jeff Otto, Doug Phillips, Mark Phillips, Paul Schneider, Lavern Soukup, Curt Supala, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Dan Wolfe, and Dave Wunderlich.*

Our Sunday closers were: *Frank Conley, Mike Goddard, Christopher Graham, LaVerne Klecker, Dave Pfeifer, John Wheeler, and Chuck Walerius.*

Our thanks to all of you for an outstanding effort. If we accidentally omitted your name, please accept our apology and let us know. And thanks to all the breakfast patrons whose participation made the breakfast project so successful.

Please remember the next Smokin' In Steele pancake breakfast at the beer garden on Sunday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Sacred Heart Cemetery Crucifix Project Update

Council 945 KC Members,

We want to thank everyone who helped make the benefit breakfast such a success on April 10th. It was a record breaking breakfast for the KC's. We had a steady flow of people all morning.

With the profits from the breakfast, donation jar, and several contributions that morning, the total breakfast income came to \$2,179.00. That amount will be added to the crucifix project fund, which will then total \$21,100.

Everyone said the breakfast was superb! Nice work everyone and thanks again for all the hard work. The crucifix will be a nice addition, not only to our cemetery, but also the community.

Best Regards, Lavern Soukup

Spaghetti Supper a Huge Success

Our Spaghetti Supper held on Tuesday March 22nd was again a big success! We helped raise a combined total of more than \$1,900.00 for the Scouts, the OHS Close-Up Group and Council 945. My thanks to another great crew of workers, including Gerry Gunderson, Ron Wolf, Lavern Soukup, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, George Lambaere, Joe Elbert, Tom Elbert, Dan Stangl, and Brian Carlson, along with the Scouts, the Close-Up Group, and Kohl's. Thanks to St. Mary's for use of their facilities.

Our spring I-35 Cleanup will be held on Thursday, May 5th starting at 4:45pm at the First Supply parking lot. If you'd like to help, call me at 676-0271. Happy Spring!

Jim Gleason, Community Director

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council No. 945
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



KC Family Corporate Communion

May 29, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

Smokin' in Steele BBQ & Blues Fest

June 3, 4, and 5

Steele County Fairgrounds

KC Day with the Minnesota Twins

Sunday, June 12

Twins vs. Texas Rangers - Ticket & bus trip \$35 -
Contact Mark Cunningham at 451-6103 for details

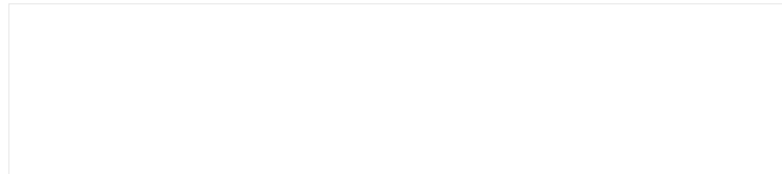
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MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser	2	3 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	4 Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	5 I-35 Clean-up First Supply 4:45 pm	6 Spring Burger Baskets KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	7
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