Owatonna



COLUMBIAN CENTER

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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 26, 27, & 28 - Tootsie Roll Fundraiser May 1 - Officers' and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. May 6 - Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m. <u>May 8</u> - General Meeting 7:30 p.m. - Program <u>May 9</u> - I-35 Clean-up First Supply - 4:45 p.m. KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. May 23 - Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m. May 27 - Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony <u>May 31, June 1, & 2</u> -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 22 - Officer Installation Mass

& Awards Banquet Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m. Installation following Mass Social, Dinner, & Awards - KC Hall following Installation

The Key

to greater Council unity.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' **M**EETING

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

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

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

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard and KC Chorus 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.

I-35 Clean-Up

We need your help with I-35 Clean-Up Project Thursday, May 9, 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.

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 Program - 7:30 p.m. Highlights of 2013 Smokin' in Steele

Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser 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.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday - April 26, 27, & 28 At these locations: Cash Wise, HyVee, Wal-Mart, & Post Office Help us set a new record! To help, call Al Nelson at (507) 456-4635

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.

FRIDAY BURGER BASKETS

Friday, May 3, 10, and 17 Serving Burger Baskets in the Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Baskets include burger, coleslaw, fries or onion rings.

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*.

God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers. Jewish Proverb



Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath Grand Knight's Message by Wade Schroeder

We are well into the Easter Season with Confirmation and First Holy Communion upcoming. The season gives us an annual opportunity to deepen our experience of faith in the Risen Lord Jesus and know Him especially in the breaking of the bread - Sunday and even daily Mass. As Jesus told Thomas and the others in the Upper Room, we are blessed who have not seen, directly, as Thomas, but have believed. We see with the sight of faith through eyes that just glimpse the glory yet to be revealed in the final Resurrection and Judgment.

In the meantime, we grow in knowledge of the Lord Jesus even in the details of daily life. If we simply look at the Resurrection appearances we get clues. Mary Magdalene is in deep sorrow and mourning, and the Lord is there. The eleven are behind locked doors in fear, and the Lord is there. Thomas, the next week, is with them, still stubborn, and the Lord is there. Two on the road to Emmaus are talking about their deep disappointment and hurt, and the Lord is there. Peter wants to go fishing and James and John, Thomas, Nathaniel, and two others go with him, and the Lord is there. Finally, Paul is off to Antioch filled with zeal to arrest Christians, and the Lord is there on the road. 1547897 Those occasions are rather ordinary, but filled with deep emotion. The emotion hides our expectation of sensing the Lord. Mourning, fear, stubbornness, disillusionment, boredom, and zeal - deep feelings in one way or another, but still rather ordinary. Behind all that faith, the gift of God, remains alert to the presence of God in Christ, and responds to His Word. Jesus speaks, "Mary, Do not be afraid; Do not remain unbelieving, but believe;" "How foolish you are and slow to understand the Scriptures;" "Children, have you caught anything?" and "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Expect in faith that one will hear the Lord speak. When things get figured out, be like Samuel, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." God certainly speaks to us through His Word proclaimed at Mass, and in the deep interior silence that accompanies Holy Communion. Be attentive.

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:

The victims, their families and friends who were killed or injured in the Boston Marathon bombing and the chemical plant explosion which occurred in the town of West, Texas.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dillemuth, 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:

Samuel John Rysavy, infant grandson of Brother Knight Paul Rysavy and nephew of Brother Knight Albert Rysavy passed away on April 5.

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

Each day brings its challenges, but inevitably it seems that we will all have a few days when it seems that a greater than usual number of challenges find a way to stack up between breakfast and going back to bed. As luck would have it, there is also arguably the same amount of days in each of our lives when everything seems to go just right. A wise man once explained to me how the two are much more aligned than one may think. He would say, "Good days and bad days... one without the other, we cannot survive." What he was really saying was that unless we have a few bad days happen to us, we can't necessarily identify what a good day is. Without a few bad days in the mix, it is difficult to appreciate and celebrate the good days when they happen.

The same idea can be applied to people one meets over their lifetime. Until you spend some time with people who are difficult for you to connect with, you may not be able to identify and appreciate the ones who share your values and you do connect with. The Knights of Columbus Council 945 is full of many of the kinds of people whom I look up to and have found a true connection with. The events within the Council over the last two months are only confirming what I already knew all along. Despite the short notice of my need to leave the state, the Council has continued flawlessly and did not miss a beat due to a few key individuals stepping forward when others may have taken a step back. The list of individuals who have stepped forward when I took my new work assignment in Maryland is large and, candidly, I know if I tried to name them all, I would forget some of them so I will not even try. I want all of them to know that their efforts and willingness to step forward are truly appreciated. 301465

I recently worked with a few of these same individuals in our Council putting together summaries of some of our key events our Council is involved in for our state convention. The task was to list all the events our Council is involved in each year and highlight a few of the more unique ones. When you list the many events we do and put some of the more exceptional ones under a microscope, you come to realize not only the amount of true talent and resolve to succeed we have in our Council membership but also the amount of impact we as a group have on our Christian and local communities.

Every Brother Knight in Council 945 should be proud to be a member of our Council as we consistently have been able to demonstrate our core principles of charity, unity, and fraternity in our parishes and locally around Owatonna with every event we are involved in. The members who are active in these events are aware how much work goes into them and how much coordination is necessary to be as successful and should be full of pride for our success. Thank you to all active members of the Council. You are the reason we are as successful as we are and your efforts are worthwhile and appreciated.

Viviat Jesus



Mark Your Calendars for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser April 26, 27 & 28. Call Al Nelson to volunteer at 507-456-4635.

Owatonna Knights of Columbus Sponsor Annual Scout Spaghetti Dinner



Tammy Balausky, Steve Fisher, and Dan Wolfe are all set on the serving line just waiting for the first customers.



The dining room at St. Mary's School was busy with patrons enjoying the spaghetti featuring the secret KC recipe sauce.

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 sponsored their annual Scouting Spaghetti Dinner for Owatonna area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts on Tuesday, March 19, at St. Mary's School cafeteria. Proceeds went directly to the Scouts and their units. More than 400 people were served a "Special Recipe." Thanks to all the KC members who helped make this a great event. Great thanks to Mark Cunningham, Dustin Reese, Gary Sanford, Dan Wolfe, Chris Nikolai, Joe Elbert, LaVerne Klecker, Steve Fisher, Gerald Spindler, Laverne Soukup, Ed Beaupre, Ron Heim, Ron Wolf, all the Scouts and leaders who helped, and event chairman Randy Balausky. 3754197



Making sure the pasta is done just right are left to right; Ron Wolf, LaVerne Klecker, and Joe Elbert.



Boy Scout Troop 253 Eagle Scouts Present at General Meeting

At the April General Meeting three Eagle scouts from our Councilsponsored Boy Scout Troop, spoke about the values and experiences they have had while in scouting. They also talked about their Eagle Scout projects and what their future education and career goals are. Presenting were Troop 253 Eagle Scouts, pictured left to right, Joe Kearin, Trent Tucker, and Casey Balausky.

Knights of Columbus Contributes to Owatonna Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Track



Cub Scouts participating in the annual Pinewood Derby.

At a recent meeting, \$300 was contributed to Council 945 sponsored Cub Scout Pack 354 of St. Mary's School. Now, all Cub Scout Packs in Owatonna have a new all-aluminum race track that is fully automated. The system keeps track of times, speeds, and placement of racers. The track replaces an old wooden track that was built many years ago. Pack 354 is our main feeder Pack of Council 945 sponsored Scout Troop 253.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Two New Knights Exemplified on April 8

Casey Balausky is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He is a junior at Owatonna High School, is employed at HyVee, and is planning on attending college after graduation. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 253, which is the troop sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Randy Balausky.



Jake Rysavy is a member of Holy Trinity Church at Litomysl. He is the director of Rice County Parks and Facilities. He also farms with his dad, Brother Knight Joe Rysavy, and his brother, Brother Knight Ben Rysavy. He was sponsored by his dad, Brother Knight Joe Rysavy.

Officer Installation Mass & Awards Banquet

On Saturday, June 22, 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 2013-2014 Council year. The evening will begin with a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church, where Rev. Ed McGrath 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 and 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. 1547899

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our general meeting on Wednesday, June 13. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2013-2014.

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

Foul Weather Challenges Breakfast Goers, Again

Sunday morning,

Owatonna were

freezing rain and

April 14, citizens of

greeted by a mix of

sleet. This inclement

weather did not keep

away 300 attendees

from enjoying the

excellent breakfast

by members of

prepared and served



Mark Kearin, Eric Tucker, Keven Boettcher, and Randy Balausky.

Council 945. The beneficiaries of the breakfast were the Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund and the Respect for Life group. A good pre-sale ticket effort contributed to the success of the breakfast. The beneficiaries realized a profit of \$750, while the Council made \$408. Al Nelson, event coordinator, reported that workers from the two groups and the Council did an excellent job and there was plenty of help. He wants to thank the workers who are listed here:

Saturday prep team: Jerry Barry, Bob Grebe, John Henry, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, Tom Knight, Al Nelson, John Oberstein, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf. Sunday team: Randy Balausky, Keven Boettcher, Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joe Elbert, Dave Fandel, Steve Fisher, Bill Foreman, Kevin Gallagher, Roger Green, Ron Heim, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Mark Kearin, Harlan Kern, Terry Kuck, Ben Lempianen, Tony Nguyen, Al Nelson, Chris Nikolai, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper and family, Dan Sawyer, Lavern Soukup, Tom Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Dick Thamert, Eric Tucker, 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 elements and came to the breakfast!

Please remember the next breakfast, which is the culmination of the Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest as well as the 2012 – 2013 breakfast season. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 2, from 8:00 am to Noon.

2012-13 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: Wade Schroeder (507) 573-1586
Deputy Grand Knight:Dustin Reese
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 Dornquast
Trustee (1 year):PGK Randy Balausky
Directors and Chairmen
Program Director: Dustin Reese (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruiter
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director
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



Jeff Pumper

Our March Knight of the Month is one busy person. By day, Jeff Pumper is a sales representative for Hillyard, but during his off time, his list of commitments is long: President of the board for Owatonna Girls' Fastpitch Softball, a coach for St. Mary's Girls' Basketball and Softball, member of the Eagles Club, and, also, member of the Lion's Club. Did we also mention he's very active in Council 945? Jeff has helped out at plenty of KC events like the Steele County Free Fair brat stand, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Tootsie Roll fundraiser, benefit breakfasts, fish fries, and Smokin' in Steele. Jeff joined the KCs about 10 years ago, and is a member of the Fourth Degree. Jeff says he remains active in the Council because he says, "It's a great organization that does a lot of things for the community."

Jeff is a native of Northfield and attended college at Southwest State University (now

known as Southwest Minnesota State University) in Marshall. He and his wife Shari have been married for 17 years. Together, they have two children, Kirsten and Sam. They're members of Sacred Heart, where Jeff helps out with the Readings and serving as Eucharistic Minister. He's also served on the Parish Council.

If there is time to relax and enjoy a hobby, Jeff says he enjoys watching his children play sports, and looks forward to spending time at the cabin in the summer. Congratulations to Jeff Pumper, our March Knight of the Month!

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

This month I would like to address a topic I encounter each and every month. As you know, I have always been a proponent of both term and permanent life insurance. Unfortunately, there are many so-called "experts" who believe there is only one kind of life insurance to own...most often term insurance.

Now I'm not saying you're crazy if you buy term insurance—far from it. I have many, many clients who own term life insurance...at my recommendation. But virtually every time I meet with a 60- or 70-year-old who has relied on term insurance only (be it group coverage or individually purchased coverage)...I get an entirely different story about exactly what kind of insurance they wish they now had. And for some of them...their buying days are over, either because their health isn't what is used to be or the cost is now prohibitive, or both.

I recall years ago reading an article about things you'll never hear a 65-year old say. At the top of the list was... "I wish I hadn't purchased as much permanent life insurance as I did when I was younger." What you'll hear instead is exactly the opposite—and with a good deal of regret.

Often I'm asked why someone 60 or older would want life insurance. The simple answer is...so my spouse will have an additional guaranteed amount of money when I'm gone. It's as simple as that. And often times...it's still a good buy!! 3513591 The best plan? Of course it depends on your situation. But a combination of term and permanent — eventually becoming all permanent coverage— appears to be the best for the vast majority. That's my opinion, of course, based on 35+ years of personal experience and observing my clients. The comfort permanent life insurance provides, especially in later years, is beyond question. Just ask people who have painted themselves (and their spouses) into a corner without life insurance that will be in force when one dies. Remember, less than 2% of term insurance is paid out as a death claim. Why? It's actuarially designed NOT to be in force when you die. Now THAT is something to think about.

Thank you for taking the time to read my article. As always I'm happy to discuss how I might help you and your family. Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF, FIC 213-9410

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations and welcome to our two new members, *Casey Balausky and Jake Rysavy*. We are planning a summer exemplification to accomodate 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. 2804243

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.

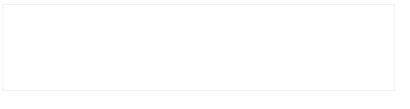
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Smokin' in Steele BBQ Contest & Blues Fest May 31, June 1, and 2 Steele County Fairgrounds Nonprofit Organization U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** Owatonna, MN Permit No. 202

Benefit Pancake Breakfast June 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden



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