

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY
2015

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 6** - Officers' and Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- May 11** - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
- May 13** - General Meeting - KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
- May 25** - Memorial Day Parade
& Ceremony
- May 28** - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- May 29, 30, & 31**
Smokin' in Steele
BBQ Contest & Blues Fest
Steele County Fairgrounds
- May 31** - Benefit Pancake Breakfast
Steele County Fairgrounds
Beer Garden -
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- June 20** - Officer Installation Mass
& Awards Banquet
Mass-St. Joseph Church-4:00 p.m.
Installation following Mass
Social, Dimmer, & Awards - KC Hall
following Installation

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 6
KC Hall
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Door Prizes Awarded

NO I-35 CLEAN-UP

There will be no I-35 Clean-up this spring
because of the highway construction.

BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 31
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

ALTAR SERVER BOWLING PARTY

Wednesday, May 20 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Spartime Entertainment
Pizza...pop...bowling
For more information, call (507) 676-5582

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard will march in
the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25.
The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program
follows immediately after the parade at the Four
Seasons Centre. All KC Council members are
urged to attend.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, May 31 - 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.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

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

PUB GRUB FRIDAYS

KC Hall - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1, 8, 15, & 29
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak
sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets,
chicken strips, and more.

RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE FUND RAISER

Saturday, May 2 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dan Wolfe residence - 885 Crestview Lane
Owatonna, MN

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 20
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.
Installation - following Mass
at St. Joseph Church
Social and dinner following installation at KC Hall.

SMOKIN' IN STEELE BBQ CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands
Antique Tractor Display & Parade
Hot Rod Car Show Big Rigs
Family Bike Cruise
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons
4th Annual Smokin' In Steele/
Gopher Sport 5k Run/Walk for Special Olympics
Award-Winning Food Vendors
Delicious Pancake Breakfast

May 29, 30, and 31
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-smokin3
or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or
Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.



Chaplain's Message by Rev. Edward McGrath

Thank you to the Fourth Degree Knights for your Honor Guard for the Blessed Sacrament during the period watching with Jesus on the evening of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It was good to see several of you at the Chrism Mass and for your presence at the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Holy Week and Easter solemnities benefited from your presence.

These months I have been pondering the renewed role of the Knights of Columbus as we move more deeply as a society into a culture which does not easily support religious faith. At the other extreme is the intolerance of the terrorists who are motivated by an Islamic ideology to inflict death and pain on Christians, Muslims, and Jews who do not agree to their demands. That persecution is outward and visible. The cultural shift in the USA is more subtle, but is also corrosive of perseverance in the faith for some.

To that end, when you raise your ceremonial swords, be aware of the history and the needs of our current age. We need defense of the faith, to be sure, but it must be a defense that is evangelical and has the underpinning of Catholic apologetics. What we used to take for granted that all but a few in our culture would understand and respect even if they did not embrace the faith, can no longer be taken for granted.

In December we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the decree of the Second Vatican Council on religious liberty, *Dignitatis humanae*. We do not compromise on the truth of revelation received in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, but we recognize that our understanding of the faith grows and develops over the centuries. We have come to believe that religious freedom is a necessary component of the dignity of the human person. God coerces no one to faith, but desires that all come to know the truth in Jesus Christ.

May the Knights of Columbus, of whatever degree attained, be aware of your very important role in evangelization.

I hope that your generous participation in the sacred liturgy and in devotional opportunities has and will continue to deepen your understanding and love of the mysteries of the faith - the truth that sets us free.

Grand Knight's Message by Dan Wolfe

Dear Brother Knights,

This past week I attended a leadership seminar and was fortunate to hear the inspiring story of Liz Murray. Liz shared her compelling life story growing up in New York with two drug addicted parents, each day wondering where the next meal would come from. By age 15, she was alone and homeless, living on the streets, riding the subway all night and eating from dumpsters. She eventually turned her life around, finished high school and went on to receive a full scholarship to Harvard University. The details of her journey were amazing, from tragic conditions and hopelessness, to one day realizing what if there could be a better life ahead, to rising up, and accomplishing something remarkable.

What stood out in her message to the audience, was that she would never have made that journey back from the brink of despair had it not been for the help of someone along the way. In Liz's case, it was a counselor at an alternative school who reached out to a homeless dropout and supported and challenged her to reach her dreams. We all have people who have made a positive impact on our lives, who have mentored us, cared for us, helped us get through difficult times. People who are doing God's work here on earth. Each of us can and should look for ways to be that person for someone else. Every interaction we have with others presents an opportunity to make a positive difference. Remember that for us who much as been given, much is expected. I can't always do much, but I can do this for you.

As a Brother Knight, we have many opportunities to pay it forward to others in need and to set an example of caring and generosity. Your volunteer efforts make a difference to someone down the line. I thank all of you who gave your time to the Tootsie Roll drive in April to help those with developmental disabilities. I hope you will support our great Smokin in Steele event the end of May, which benefits Owatonna Special Olympics. Lastly I want to remind all of you to support our KC Relay for Life team. We are having a Garage Sale Fundraising Event on May 2nd, with all proceeds from the sale going to the Relay for Life. We encourage you to donate items that you think will sell and help raise funds for this inspiring event. More information on the Relay for Life is in this month's Key. I hope you will join us.

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.

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

John Berning, Bruce Born, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dillemath, Marilyn Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, Sharon Skala, 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, Karen Pirkl, Ray Pirkl, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Ron Schleif, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Earl Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.

Please remember in your prayers all of our sick and injured Assembly members and family members.

IN MEMORY

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

Rita Schiller, wife of Sir Brother Knight Frank Schiller, mother of Brother Knights Ken Schiller and John Schiller, grandmother of Brother Knight Tony Schiller, sister of Brother Knight Lyle Snider, and brother-in-law of Sir Brother Knight Jim Kenney, passed away on March 22.

Brother Knight James D. Postlewaite passed away on April 8.

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

Heroes are ordinary people with hearts of steel. Their courage, determination, and will power make them rise as sentinels of peace and liberty. On this Memorial Day, salute those brave-hearts who lay down their life defending the nation.



POSTER CONTEST

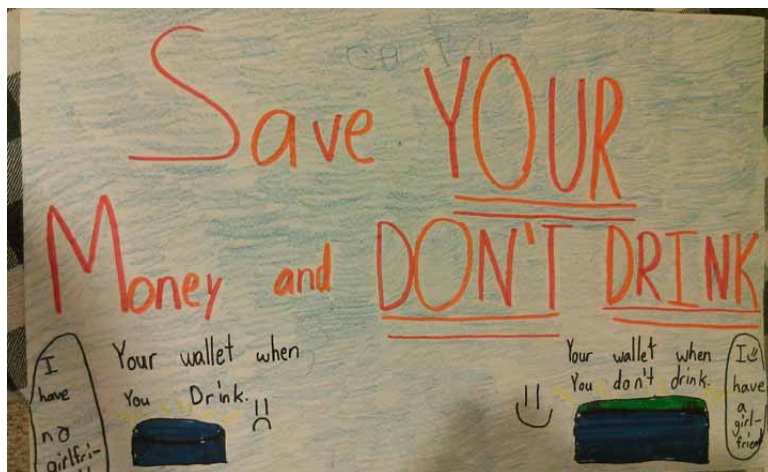
The Knights of Columbus Drug and Alcohol awareness poster contest was held locally during the early part of 2015. Students from St. Mary's 4th Grade created and illustrated posters about Drug and Alcohol awareness, with winners chosen in each category. Each student was allowed to compete in only one of the categories.

Representatives from Council 945 gathered on March 4th, 2015, to judge the posters the students put together. \$150.00 savings bonds were awarded for the first place winners this year who are Andrew Skov (Alcohol Awareness) and Carter Oltman (Drug Awareness).

Second place winners received \$100.00 savings bonds which went to Morgan Lien (Alcohol Awareness) and Chase Martin (Drug Awareness).

Third place was awarded \$50.00 savings bonds and went to Morgan Suarez (Alcohol Awareness) and Kalina Boubin (Drug Awareness).

All of the judges this year were complimentary of the students creativity and artistic talent... judging was reported to have been the toughest yet. All of the students who participated in the contest are appreciated for the level of creativity and talent shown in the entries and the winners are congratulated for being recognized. Special thanks to Mrs. Bastyr for helping coordinate the contest.



Dave Lax, Tammy Balausky, and Dan Wolfe greet patrons with smiles.

OWATONNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR AREA YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945 sponsored their annual Spaghetti dinner for Owatonna area Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, OHS Cultural Club, OHS Close-up, OHS Robotics Club, and the OHS Marching/Jazz Band on Tuesday, April 14th at St. Mary's School Cafeteria with the Jazz band playing to the audience. This year was the largest in participation, meals served, and volunteer hours provided. Over 425 meals were served and 59 volunteers helped with all aspects of the event. The spaghetti dinner raised approximately \$1,250.00 that went directly back to the youth organizations. We recorded 161 hours of volunteer time. A huge "Thank You" to all those who took the time to help.



OHS Marching/Jazz Band performs for the dinner.

OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

On Saturday, June 20, 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 2015-2016 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.

Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our general meeting on Wednesday, June 10. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2014-2015.

Grand Knight:	Dave Lax	Advocate:	Thomas Burke	Outside Guard:	Harlan Kern
Deputy Grand Knight:	Gary Sanford	Warden:	Open	Treasurer:	Tom Eichten
Chancellor:	Nick Matejcek	Inside Guard:	Peter Schneider	Recorder:	Dan Sawyer

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Owatonna Council 945 is proud to announce that we have formed a Knights of Columbus Council 945 Relay for Life team for 2015. Here are the names of current KC945 Relay for Life team members: Wade Schroeder, Dan Wolfe, John Ahlberg, Joe Elbert, Dave Lax, Dustin Reese, Randy Baluasky, and Gary Sanford.

The Relay for Life is an organized, family friendly overnight community fund raising event most noted for raising money for the American Cancer Society and the use of luminaria on the night of the event. This year's event is scheduled for the evening of July 17th on the east end of the Steele County Fairgrounds. 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 Wade Schroeder at (507) 573-1586. 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 Relay for Life Garage Sale Fund Raiser will be held on Saturday May 2nd, from 8 am to 2 pm. It will be hosted by Grand Knight Dan Wolfe and Chairperson Wade Schroeder at 885 Crestview Lane. We are looking for good saleable items, no clothing please, that will help raise funds for the cause. Please drop off sale items beginning April 27th. Contact Dan at (507) 451-3935 or Wade at (507) 573-1586.

The Knights of Columbus 945 Relay for Life team will also be hosting a spaghetti supper on Thursday, June 25th to raise money for the relay. Dinner will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the upstairs of the KC Hall – Cost is \$7.00 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from the KC945 Relay for Life team members, at the KC Hall, or at the door on the night of the event.



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 are Sept 26 – 29, returning on the 30th.

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).

2014-15 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Edward McGrath
Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe (507) 451-3935
Deputy Grand Knight: .. Dave Lax (507) 456-1575
Chancellor: Gary Sanford
Advocate: Nicholas Matejcek
Warden: Thomas Burke
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Dan Sawyer
Trustee (3 year): PGK Randy Balausky
Trustee (2 year): PGK Wade Schroeder
Trustee (1 year): PGK Dustin Reese

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dave Lax (DGK)
Membership Director: LaVerne Klecker (PGK)
Adv/Publicity Director: Dan Ruitter
Aid & Assistance: Greg Nelson
KC Chorus Director Stephen Nelson
Building Director Tom Elbert
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: Randy Balausky (PGK)
District Deputy: Randy Balausky (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

Knight of the Month



Luke Rennie

The March Knight of the Month is a relative newcomer to Owatonna, but not to the Knights of Columbus. Many of us may already know Luke Rennie through his work with the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Although he's been with Council 945 since last November, he's been a Knight since 1994. "It seemed to be the right thing to do," he said of joining back then. Luke was a college student at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, when he joined. "I was asked. A lot of guys don't join unless they're asked. My friends and I were asked, and we all joined," he said.

Luke is a native of Bloomington, Minnesota. He got a degree in theology at Franciscan University. Along the way, Luke owned his own construction and remodeling business – but all along he wanted to work for a good business that held his same Catholic values. Then, about

eight years ago, he was contacted because the Knights of Columbus were looking for a field agent. He answered the call, and has been working for - and with - the Knights of Columbus ever since. He says he got what he wanted.

Luke has been married to his wife Amanda for 15 years. Together, they have five children that range in age from 13 to 1. In his spare time, Luke enjoys activities such as camping, hunting, fishing, and hiking. They attend Holy Trinity at Litomysl.

Luke says he enjoys the brotherhood because of all the opportunities the Knights offer. He says, "There's something for everyone. You make new friends, develop a lot of good friendships, you have the chance to volunteer, to network with other businessmen, and there's a chance to get my kids involved in the community, too. There's just so many opportunities."

And his involvement has given Council 945 the opportunity to recognize his contributions. Those contributions include being a field agent for the insurance program, council meeting participation, and he's also helped out at the fish fries. Congratulations to Luke Rennie, Council 945's Knight of the Month for March!

Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Luke Rennie, FICF
General Agent
507-417-4169

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

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 at (507) 451-4102 or (507) 456-6738. The publication rack at the club also has Form 100s and information brochures. New members are important to our Council. 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.

The members in the KCs who are involved in our projects have a lot of enthusiasm and enjoy the projects that they participate in. We need to continue to sign up new members to provide us with new ideas for projects that we could bring into 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.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid. Statements have been sent out for the 2015 dues. Please pay them as soon as possible so you can remain a member in good standing. We need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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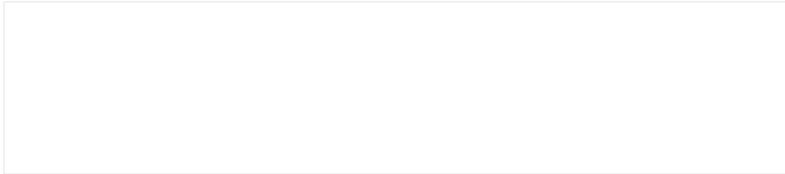
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Benefit Pancake Breakfast
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