

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

MAY  
2016

## 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](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 29, 30, & May 1** - Tootsie Roll  
Fund-raiser  
**May 4** - Officers' and  
Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 9** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**May 9** - First Degree Exemplification  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
Candidates please be at Hall  
at 6:30 p.m.  
**May 11** - General Meeting - KC Hall  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
**May 26** - Fourth Degree  
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 Contest & Blues Fest  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**June 5** - Benefit Pancake Breakfast  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
Beer Garden -  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

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

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

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

### TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Serving BLTs and 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 6, 13, and 20  
Serving appetizers, assorted burger baskets, steak sandwiches, fish sandwiches, shrimp baskets, chicken strips, and more.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, May 29 - 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.

### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Monday, May 9 - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
Candidates please be at the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

### MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sunday, May 1  
Owatonna KC Hall  
First Degree Exemplification - 9:00 a.m.  
Second & Third Degree  
Exemplification - 10:30 a.m.  
Candidates please be at the Hall at 8:30 a.m.  
**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!**

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 11  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Our speaker will be Gina Shepherd from the Salvation Army. She will speak on the Red Kettle Drive.

### 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 CONTEST AND BLUES FEST

*BBQ Contest Famous Blues Bands  
Kids Que BBQ Contest Classic Cars  
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons  
Family Bike Cruise  
5th Annual Smokin' In Steele/Gopher Sport 5k  
Run/Walk for Special Olympics  
Antique Tractor Display & Parade  
Award Winning Food Vendors  
Delicious Pancake Breakfast*

**June 4, 5, and 6**  
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-smoking](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49afa92aa64-smoking) or contact Brian Carlson at (507) 451-9629 or Joe Elbert at (507) 279-4015 or (507) 455-1428.

### MINNESOTA TWINS

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

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY**



## Chaplain's Message by Rev. John Sauer

One of my favorite pieces of art is a first century statue of a shepherd which can be found in the Vatican museums. It is a rather famous statue and I imagine you have seen a picture of it. It is not terribly large and shows a young shepherd standing with a sheep draped over his shoulders. Traditionally it has been identified as Jesus, the good shepherd. Indeed, I like it so much that when we were building the new reconciliation room at the Cathedral we purchased one to be placed there.

Granted, this is an idealized picture of a shepherd with his shaven face and curly hair. In actuality, a shepherd's looks reflect the difficulties of their life and work. Real shepherds are often well tanned, leathery-faced, rugged individuals who constantly brave the elements and know sleepless nights and a lot of hard work as they protect their sheep from ravenous wolves and thieves, while constantly keeping them watered and fed. In short, being a shepherd is most certainly not for the faint of heart.

If you have ever been out in an open field with several shepherds present, you will see hundreds and hundreds of sheep intermingled. Then an interesting thing happens. The individual shepherd calls out to all of his particular sheep and they come running, leaving the others still mingling and paying no attention. Jesus would have seen this many times in his youth and it becomes the analogy in today's Gospel. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

As we listen to those words of Jesus, the question for us becomes: whose voice do you listen to? There are many voices that come to us from sources other than Jesus, the Good Shepherd. These voices are destructive voices from the evil one, either directly from him or through the voices of this world. Some of the characteristics of these voices are arrogance, cruelty, mockery, envy, jealousy, bullying, and those that instill fear and confusion, shame, and condemnation.

In contrast, when can you know that you are hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking? The loving voice of Jesus is pure beauty to the heart, mind, body, and soul. The voice of Jesus speaks humility, mercy, patience, gentleness. It is life-giving, sometimes challenging, but never condemning. The voice of Jesus builds us up and helps us be more compassionate, inspiring, and faithful. In essence, the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd is pure unadulterated, perfect, and eternal love. In the midst of the destructive and evil inspired voices that come at us daily, take some time for deep daily consistent prayer; take time to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

### A Prayer for Mothers

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.*

## Grand Knight's Message by David Lax

Brother Knights,

I have been engaged in many areas of need lately. My wife Mary had another surgery, and we became grandparents again for the eighth time.

The Knights of Columbus has also kept me busy, as all Past Grand Knights know. Trying to keep balance can be challenging. It is good for us all to keep that balance, for it is God's will that keeps us on track with help if we ask Him.

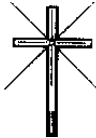
Owatonna Council 945 continues to keep busy with many programs and fundraisers that benefit many great causes. Thanks to all of you who make our Council efforts the best they can be.

I know some of our members were present at the Night of Knights auction. The energy and engagement by our families, supporters, and community has come together to set a new record this year for St. Mary's School. Federated Insurance put up a match challenge of up to \$100,000 towards the Capitol Campaign in the Spirit of the Night give. The Spirit of the Give raised \$144,000. After the dust of excitement settled, as Grand Knight I presented St. Mary's School with a pledge donation of \$500 from the Blooming Prairie Council, and \$25,000 from Owatonna Council 945. The gym was so loud with excitement, you could feel the unity of happiness for the teachers and families of our St. Mary's School. The Capitol Campaign is off to a great start, and we need to keep the fundraising efforts growing to the \$2.3 million dollars needed to finish the renovation of repairs for our Catholic School and more importantly our children. I would like to thank everyone for the help to our School.

We have much to be thankful for, and may our hearts continue to grow in Christ and enrich our faith.

Did you sign up a new member yet? We still have time to make Star Council. We need you to do just that. Sign up a new member today! 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:**

*Mary Lax, wife of Brother Knight Dave Lax, is recuperating from surgery.*

*Mary Lou Thurnau, wife of Brother Knight Ken Thurnau and mother of Brother Knight Matt Thurnau, is recovering from surgery.*

*Ted Blockey, brother-in-law of Brother Knight Tom Eichten, is recovering from surgery.*

*Dan Bauer, Julie Bauer, Jonathan Becker, John Berning, Bruce Born, Barb Claey's, Fr. Michael Cronin, Jack Dilleuth, Marilyn Dilleuth, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Rose Hoffman, 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 Pirkel, Ray Pirkel, Kevin Raney, Sharon Rohwer, Peter Schneider, Norbert Schrom, Sharon Skala, Ivan Snorek, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Duane Spindler, Barb Strand, Gary Wandrey, Wilfred Wagner, Jerry Weber, Ludwig Wencl, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, Shirley Wierzbinski, and Jan Wolf.*

### IN MEMORY

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

*Morris B. Carlson, father of Brother Knight Brian Carlson and grandfather of Brother Knight Dylan Carlson passed away on March 19.*

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

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

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus has supported area youth organizations for years. For at least ten years, the Knights have raised money for children in the community by hosting a spaghetti dinner, and this year was no different.

This year's event benefited the Owatonna area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the St. Mary's sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade Religious Education Programs as well as the Owatonna High School Cultural Club, Robotics Club, French Club, and bands.

Last year, the dinner was held for six youth organizations and about 425 people attended raising \$1,250 — the event's largest turnout by more than 50 people. This year we served over 550 people which exceeded last year's attendance.

For the second year, the Owatonna High School Jazz Band performed during the dinner.

The event raised over \$1,500.00 going directly to the organizations that participated. We also had at least 22 Brother Knights, their families, and friends help to put in over 180 *oak* hours. We had a total of 68 volunteers putting in over 283 volunteer hours.

A great big "THANK YOU" to all the Brother Knights who helped; this event could not have been done without you!!!

Thanks to those who helped, and I apologize if I missed anyone:

*Tammy Balausky  
Ron Wolf  
Tony David  
LaVerne Klecker  
Tom Docksey  
Dave Lax  
Dan Wolfe*

*Harlan Kern  
Kevin Sedivy  
Gary Sanford  
Tom Burke  
Mike Schaffner  
Jerome Spindler  
Eric Wandersee*

*Laura Richter  
Will Pieper  
Al Nelson  
Brad Running  
Nic Matejcek  
Sam Matejcek*



*Gary Sanford and Brad Running selling tickets.*



*Kitchen crew getting ready for the large crowd.*



*Two smiling workers ready to serve beverages.*



*Dan Wolfe and Deb Sanford ready to serve the sauce.*



*Jazz Band performing.*



*Jerome Spindler and Dan Wolfe take a break.*

## 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 October 1 thru October 5.

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).

# Smokin' in Steele



Presented By:  
Owatonna  
Knights of Columbus



To  
Benefit: *Special Olympics  
Minnesota  
Owatonna*

## June 3

- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch**
- **4:30pm Greetings and Instructions to Pro BBQ Teams**
- **5:30pm Kids Q Kick Off (Instructions and distribution of meat/ grills)**
- **5:30pm VIP Reception**
- **5:30pm Tweed Funk in the Beer Garden**
- **6:30pm Steak Cook-Off**
- **7pm Brother Sun Sister Moon in Park Square Free**
- **7pm Special Olympics Chef's Tour**
- **7:30pm Bridget Kelly Band in the Beer Garden**
- **9:30pm Fabulous Lovehandles in Beer Garden**

**Tickets for Beer  
Garden Music:**  
*2 day advance \$10 -or- \$8  
per day at the door*

## June 4

- **7am Backyard Amateur BBQ Competition (Cooks' Meeting)**
- **7:00am Registration for 5K Walk/Run**
- **8:30am Start of 5K Walk/ Run**
- **9:30am-2pm Antique Tractor & Big Rig display**
- **10am Start Family Bike Cruise**
- **11am Food Vendors open for lunch/ Antique Tractor Parade**
- **11:30am The Swamp Kings in Park Square Free**
- **12:30pm Mark Cameron in Park Square Free**
- **1:30pm Blues 4 Kids Harmonica lessons Park Square Free**
- **2pm Tullie Brae in the Beer Garden**
- **2pm Mike Fugazzi in Park Square Free**
- **2:30pm Armadillo Jump in Park Square Free**
- **4pm Awards Ceremony Park Square Free**
- **4:30pm Dave Lambert & The Motivators in Park Square Free**
- **4:30pm Hot Rod Car Show Free**
- **5:30pm The Beat Daddys in the Beer Garden**
- **7:30pm The Jimmys in the Beer Garden**
- **9:30pm Smokin' in Steele Band in the Beer Garden**

## June 5 **8:00am Pancake Breakfast in the Beer Garden *only \$6***

**Turn this flyer in at our ticket booth for TWO BBQ BUCKS!**

**LIMIT: One flyer per customer,  
offer valid only June 3-5, 2016**

**BBQ Bucks are good for food and beverage purchases at SIS  
No Cash redemption value**

**www.smokininsteale.com**



**HEY KIDS:**  
**Smokin in Steelee**  
**HAS TWO GREAT**  
**EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**



**JUNE 3**

**KIDS - Q BBQ COMPETITION**

Open to the first 25 entries in each age group

We supply the Grill & the Meat!

Age Groups: 7-10 and 11-15 Prizes!

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**JUNE 4**

**BLUES & KIDS**

**HARMONICA LESSONS**

Open to the first 40 entries

We supply the Harmonica & you get to keep it!

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**WWW.SMOKININSTEELE.COM**

**Hey Folks**  
**Smokin in Steelee**  
**HAS GREAT**  
**EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**



-Pre-registration  
Required

**JUNE 3**

-Slots are  
filling fast!

**SCA SANCTIONED**  
**STEAK COOK OFF COMPETITION**

Visit our website for  
full rules and entry form

**WWW.SMOKININSTEELE.COM**

# OFFICER INSTALLATION

On Wednesday, June 8, the Officer Installation will be held. New officers will be installed for the 2016-2017 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, June 8. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2016-2017.

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Gary Sanford</b>	<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Lynn Becker</b>	<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Harlan Kern</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Nicholas Matejcek</b>	<b>Warden:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Eichten</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Dan Sawyer</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 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.

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## 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 2016 Relay for Life event on Friday, July 15th 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. This year's event is scheduled for the evening of July 15th 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 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 the relay. More information will be available in an upcoming edition of *The Key*.



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## St. Vincent De Paul Society and Hospitality House Benefit Breakfast

On Sunday morning, April 10, nearly 300 hungry attendees made their way to the St. Mary's School cafeteria for the breakfast conducted for the benefit of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and Hospitality House.

The usual fine crew of Brother Knights served the patrons with little waiting for the custom prepared breakfasts. The delicious omelets and country breakfasts continue to be rated as the best breakfast in Owatonna! The efforts of the group with pre-breakfast ticket sales and walk-up patrons resulted in a good profit being raised for them.

Al Nelson, event coordinator, reported that workers from SVDPS, Hospitality House, 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, Tom Bremer, Tony David, Bob Grebe, Al Jirele, LaVerne Klecker, John Kriesel, Al Nelson, Tim Rice, Lyle Snider, Jerome Spindler, Matt Thurnau, Earl Wheeler, Ray Willmott, and Ron Wolf.*

St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hospitality House Benefit Breakfast Sunday team: *Tom Burke, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Tom Docksey, Steve Dornquast, Joel Dulas family, Steve Fisher, Kevin Gallagher, Steve and Karen Graff, Lee Jardine, Paul Jardine, Jim Kaplan, Dennis Kelm, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Terry Kuck, Dave Lax, Pat McGrath, Al Nelson, Dave Pfeifer, Will Pieper family, Lavern Soukup, Jerome Spindler, Curt Supalla, Ben Trom, Eric Tucker, John Wheeler, Eric Wandersee, 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 breakfast, which is the culmination of the Smokin' In Steele Barbeque Contest and Blues Fest, as well as the 2015 - 2016 breakfast season. It will be held in the Beer Garden on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds and will be served on Sunday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

## 2015-16 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

### Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: ..... Gary Sanford (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: ..... Pete Schneider  
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)  
Benefits Advisor: Luke J. Rennie - (507) 417-4169

## Knight of the Month



Gary Keller

Gary Keller, our Knight of the Month, got started as a Knight with our Council back in July 1975 at the urging of his father-in-law Pete Schneider. Gary married Pete's daughter Margaret, or Peggy as she is most known by, in 1974 shortly after he arrived in Owatonna from North Dakota.

Gary was raised on a farm in North Dakota and went to school at Wahpeton State School of Science. While he was there, he talked to a recruiter from Owatonna Tool Co. and upon graduation, he and two of his classmates ventured east to Minnesota and began their work careers at OTC. Over his first 27 years at OTC, Gary worked as a machinist, then moved to Engineering, Quality Assurance, and finally spent a number of years in Purchasing. After leaving OTC for 12 years of work with Foldcraft, Gary eventually returned to his old employer, which is now Bosch, and just retired in 2015. Over that time Gary and Peggy raised three daughters, Gwen, Carla, and Mary, who in turn have

provided 7 grandchildren for Gary and Peggy to enjoy spending time with. Since his retirement Gary stays busy with his hobby farm, gardening, and tending to his horses. He has started to do more traveling, which included a recent train trip to North Dakota and California and more is in the planning stages now that every day is Saturday in his retirement world.

Gary recalls fond memories of his many years working with the Bingo Crew and also activities such as the fair food stand and pancake breakfasts. Now that he has more time on his hands he hopes to again get more active in Council activities going forward. While talking about his time with the KC's Gary said he has particularly enjoyed the camaraderie and working with all his fellow Knights doing good work in the community and for the Church. Gary is a Fourth Degree member and belongs to the Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly. He joined the Fourth Degree in October 2010. Congratulation Gary on being our Knight of the Month and thank you for your many years of service with our Council.

## Benefits Corner by Luke J. Rennie

### Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me - and it could be for you too. Now we can help members that we couldn't help before. Are you or one of your Brother Knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family.

## Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are having a Major Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 1, at the KC Hall. Please have the candidates at the Hall by 8:30 a.m. Also, we are planning to have a First Degree Exemplification on May 9, at the KC Hall. Please have the candidates at the Hall by 6:30 p.m. We need 15 additional members to make our Star Council goal for this fraternal year. 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council No. 945  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**KC Family Corporate Communion**

**May 30 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sacred Heart Church**

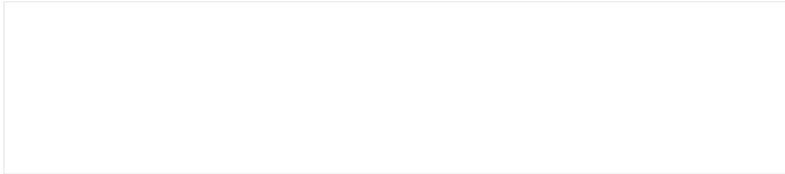
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**First Degree Exemplification**

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

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**MAY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Major Degree KC Hall First Degree - 9:00 am Second & Third Degree - 10:30 am Candidates please be at Hall at 8:30 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>4</b> Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm  First Degree Exemplification KC Hall Candidates please be at Hall at 6:30 am	<b>10</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>11</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pub Grub Friday KC Hall 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Fourth Degree KC Hall - 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> KC Family Corporate Communion Sacred Heart 9:00 am	<b>30</b> Memorial Day  KC Hall closed  Memorial Day Parade - 9:30 am Program at Four Seasons Centre following parade	<b>31</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm  Tuesday Night at the Club 5:45 - 6:45 pm	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b> Smokin' in Steele	<b>June 4</b> Smokin' in Steele