

Owatonna



Council 945

The Key

to greater Council unity.

SEPTEMBER
2013

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

September 4 - Officers' and
Gambling Meeting
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 8 - Benefit Breakfast
St. Mary's School
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
for SERRA Club
September 9 - Building Meeting
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.
September 11 - First Degree
Exemplification
KC Hall - 6:30 p.m.
New candidates arrive by 6:00 p.m.
September 11 - General Meeting
KC Hall
Program - 7:30 p.m.
September 26 - Fourth Degree
Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.
September 21 - Past Grand Knight
Event for 2013
KC Hall
Social - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
September 28 - Fall Fishing Trip
September 29 - KC Family
Corporate Communion
St. Joseph Church - 9:30 a.m.
October 12 - America Needs Fatima
Rosary Rally
Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October 13 - Respect Life
Rosary March
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' MEETING

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

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Wednesday, September 11
Owatonna KC Hall
Time: 6:30 p.m.
New candidates be at the Hall at 6:00 p.m.
ASKA FRIEND TO JOIN!

BENEFIT BREAKFAST SERRA Club

Sunday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at St. Mary's School
\$6.00 Advance, \$6.50 at the door
Kids under six eat free
All are welcome!

"KC Omelet Breakfasts"

The Twins omelet - ham & cheese
The Viking omelet - ham & cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
The Wild omelet - cheese,
with sauteed onions, red & green peppers
Each served with pancakes or French Toast,
milk and coffee

"KC Country Breakfast"

Pancakes or French toast; ham or sausage,
eggs - scrambled or fried-to-order, milk, & coffee

All with table service - delicious food served
hot from the grill to your table.

KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, September 29 - 9:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph Church

PAST GRAND KNIGHT EVENT FOR 2013

Saturday, September 21
KC Hall
Social - 6:00 p.m Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

FALL FISHING TRIP

September 28 - October 1
Cut Foot Sioux (off the NE corner of
Lake Winnibigoshish)
For info, contact Walt Spindler (451-7613)

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Speaker will be Peter Schneider. He will be
speaking about his trip to Medugorje.
Door prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

KC BBQ RIB NITE

Served in the Lounge
Friday, September 13 & 20
Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Meal will feature the
Award Winning Smoked BBQ Ribs
served with French Fries and Coleslaw

TUESDAY BLT NITE

Serving BLT sandwiches with chips
Every Tuesday in September in the lounge
Served from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
For only \$4.00. The perfect pre bar bingo meal.

THURSDAY SPUD NITE

Build your own baked potato
Every Thursday in September in the lounge
Served from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Wide variety of toppings available. All for \$3.50.

FALL GET TOGETHER

Check in the October Key for an upcoming
Fall Get Together.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

We need your help - I-35 clean-up project
Thursday, September 12, 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.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 13
Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 12 Central Park - 1:00 p.m.
October is Rosary Month.

Chaplain's Message by Rev. Michael Cronin

During the month of August I was fortunate enough to be able to take a retreat and a vacation. Actually both are required of priests so that they maintain a proper and healthy balance in order to minister well to God's people. If a priest says that he neither goes on retreat nor takes a vacation, that would be a concern.

Retreats provide a time for rest, reflection, and renewal, usually at a place that affords a person the opportunity to experience the sacred, especially in the Catholic tradition.

The retreat I just experienced at Daylesford Abbey, in Paoli, PA. focused on charisms. God, the great giver of gifts, creates each person out of love and bestows upon them special gifts to share. They can include gifts of wisdom and knowledge and healing to name a few.

Vacations are a break from the usual routine of life. The kinds of vacations people take vary widely depending on work schedules and financial resources. Some people aren't able to take any sort of vacation.

I was blessed to be able to take a brief vacation to get out of my normal routine and to visit friends. I travelled in Boston as well as upstate New York. It was a great time to share stories, laughter, fellowship, and great food.

Needless to say, I am grateful for the opportunity for both a retreat and a vacation and I hope this summer has given you a chance for renewal and relaxation.

God's blessings to you always!

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 Jack Dillemath has been admitted to hospital with a hip problem.
Brother Knight Earl Wheeler is recovering from leg surgery.

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

Bruce Born, Marilyn Dillemath, 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, Karen Pirkel, 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:

Andy Robertson, father-in-law of Brother Knight Al Martin and grandfather of Brother Knight Keith Martin passed away on July 21.
Brother Knight Terry O'Brien passed away on August 12.

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



Grand Knight's Message by Dustin Reese

I hope that everyone had a great fair, and were able to get out and take in the best county fair in Minnesota. I would like to thank everyone involved in helping with the KC brat stand and making it a success.

Looking back on last month, we had our annual disbursement of funds from the campaign to help the people developmentally disabled or "The Tootsie Roll Drive." Four worthy organizations that help the disabled live better, fuller lives were the recipients of the money we raised. I was proud to present the checks and to represent the Knights, who do so much to help the Community and the Church. Thank you to all who make it happen.

Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher

Recently, someone asked if and how the Knights, now and in the past, have supported our military. I would like to share a little bit about the answer to that question, which I think you'll find interesting.

For almost a century the Knights of Columbus have walked hand-in-hand with the men and women of our Armed Forces. It began in 1916 with the Mexican Campaign commanded by General John J. Pershing, with the Knights establishing recreation centers to address both the physical and spiritual needs of enlisted men.

This program was so successful that it was greatly expanded in WW I with the "Hut Program". The motto of these huts was "Everyone Welcome...Everything Free". These "huts" were located near the front and served all branches of the military, providing recreation and freely dispensed personal items. Soon entertainment was provided in a manner later emulated by the USO. It is of interest to note the Knights raised more than \$14,000,000 (in 1917 dollars) in the U.S. war relief. Following WW I the Knights established both a tuition-free education program for veterans and a job bank that placed more than 300,000 veterans with employers throughout the country.

During WW II, the above programs were continued. In addition, full tuition scholarships to any Catholic college were provided for the child or children of a member of the Knights killed in WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, Beirut, the Persian Gulf War and the current war on terror in Iraq & Afghanistan. The first recipient of this scholarship was Paul X. Kelly, later General P.X. Kelly, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

You might ask how this specifically relates to the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company. Simply this...It's all a part of the big picture of what the Knights are all about, what and why we do what we do and why it's all so important to so many people in so many ways.

Thanks for taking the time to read my column...I hope you enjoyed it. Have a great month.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,

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



SMOKIN' IN STEELE 2013

By any measure, the 6th annual Smokin' in Steele was a solid success. 51 pro teams, including some of the best in the nation, competed for \$10,000 in cash prizes.

A world class line up of blues bands attracted music fans from across the region. Our backyard event continues to be a proving ground for future pro teams. 21 kids were in the Kids Q.

The pancake breakfast filled the Beer Garden Sunday morning with a hoard of hungry folks. The 5K run grows in importance. The antique tractor show, modified garden tractor pull, and helicopter rides all provide diverse entertainment for the whole family.

From another perspective, we had more sponsors in both cash and in kind than ever before. There was a new major sponsor for the Kids Q, Fruita Wood Chunks from Colorado.

And we forged an affiliation with the World BBQ Championship in Laughlin, Nevada. Because of the Steele County connection with Don Laughlin, our grand champion -- three time winner Tippi Canoe of St. Ansgar Iowa -- got a free entry into that contest and free hotel rooms while there.

Looking at membership involvement, about 150 members and wives plus about 50 Boy Scouts and leaders helped in some way during the weekend. That is great participation.

We even had four KCs from Waseca come over and help with the Kids Q, along with the new OPD community police unit.

From a community perspective, we took over a spring event that was not flourishing. From the kernel of an idea and a dream, Smokin' in Steele has grown into a high profile regional event that Owatonna points to with pride. Plus Steele County Special Olympics gets to use our profits to enhance the lives of our own hometown Special Olympians.

We enjoy a great reputation in both the BBQ and Blues communities because of the warm and friendly way all of you treat our participants and spectators. Thanks be to all of you.

As thanks for all your hard work, we are planning a worker appreciation party in October. Keep looking at *The Key* for details.

We are already hard at work to make next year even better. We have made a good start, but the best is yet to be.



Kids Q



Our grand champ, Joe Beland of Tippi Canoe



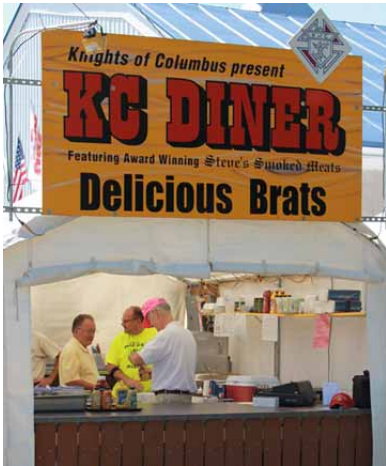
VIP sponsors dinner



Dancing at the Beer Garden.

**Keep in mind the dates for SMOKIN' IN STEELE 2014 are
May 30 - June 1, 2014!**

FAIR STAND PROFITS BENEFIT KC CHARITABLE CAUSES



Opening of 2013 Fair Stand

Preparing for the first shift of the 2013 KC fair stand season, volunteers review the guidelines for workers. Pictured left to right; Lavern Soukup, Tom Burke, Fair Stand Chairman, and Tom Eichten.

Besides providing fair goers with a delicious brat or "Holy Mojo" sandwich, the profits generated from the fair stand food booth go toward the numerous charitable programs supported by Council 945. The 2013 edition of the Steele County Free Fair saw near record attendance with nice, dry weather the main contributing factor.

Fair Stand Chairman, Tom Burke, expressed his thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time to operate the stand for the six day run of the fair. He added special thanks to the day captains; Randy Balausky, Kevin Boettcher, Brian Carlson, Tim Chicos, Mark Kearin, Will Pieper, and Dave Wunderlich.



Tribute to Frank Conley

Brad Conley, Frank Conley's son, and Nate Reiter, Frank's son-in-law worked two evenings at this year's KC fair stand. They wanted to do this in memory of the late Brother Knight, Frank Conley. Frank enjoyed the fair stand and he devoted many hours to it, one of his favorite projects. Pictured left to right; Brad, Nate, and Tom Docksey.

2013 fair stand workers;

John Ahlberg	Jackie Evans	Don Kramer	Dave Pfeifer	Jerome Spindler
Bruce Born	Terry Evans	John Kriesel	Joe Procopio	Troy Titus
Tom Bremer	Dan Filzen	Tom Kubista	Jeff Pumper	Dale Tracy
Tom Burke	Steve Fisher	George Lambaere	Nate Reiter	Eric Tucker
John Carlson	Bill Foreman	Duane Ludewig	Tim Rice	Jerry Wacek
Brad Conley	Karen Graff	Karen Ludewig	Pat Rose	Eric Wandersee
Mike Cox	Steve Graff	Ann McKernon	Greg Salmonsens	John Wheeler
John Degner	Lanny Huemann	Mike Meger	Tom Schmitt	Roy Willmott
Tom Docksey	David Introne	Chris Nikolai	Lavern Soukup	Rick Wittrock
Tom Eichten	Dennis Kelm	Tony Nguyen	Tom Soukup	Ron Wolf
				Dan Wolfe

Council 945 expresses appreciation to Brian Carlson for his work in setting up the schedule and extra big thanks to Tom Burke who spends the week camped at the fairgrounds making sure the fair stand runs smoothly. Also, a big thank you to the Will Piper family for set-up and tear down of the stand, and Tim Rice for being the money man.

Grandstand beverage sales for the KC night was chaired by LaVerne Klecker and Joe Elbert. "Our workers made certain there were no thirsty people anywhere in the stands." said Joe Elbert. LaVerne worked with the fair officials on the night selections, Bull Riding on Tuesday night and Hairball In Concert on Thursday night, and together they worked on staffing. This was another example of our Council's incredible teamwork. Thank you grandstand workers:

Eric Anderson	Tom Docksey	Steven Fisher	Dave Lax	Dan Sawyer	Carmen VanOsdale
Randy Balausky	Steve Dornquast	Lil Franken	Jo Matejcek	Tony Schiller	Mark VanOsdale
Tammy Balausky	Jessica Durand	John Green	Nick Matejcek	Wade Schroeder	Jerry Wacek
Scott Balzer	Matt Durand	Tom Jirele	Mike Padgett	David Schroht	Dave Wunderlich
Tom Burke	Joe Elbert	Kory Klecker	Suzy Peterson	Jerome Spindler	Tim Ziemke
Jake Busho	Linda Elbert	LaVerne Klecker	Deb Sanford	Troy Titus	
Tom Dietz	Dave Emanuelson	Kevin Krumholz	Gary Sanford	Cale Vaith	

All proceeds from the food stand and grandstand beverage sales go toward KC charitable projects.

COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL PRE-FAIR PICNIC



Karen Otto, representing Cedar Valley Services, accepts a check from Dustin Reese, Grand Knight. This represents their share of the funds collected at this spring's Tootsie Roll Drive.

As is the custom, Council 945 held their annual pre-fair picnic on Wednesday, August 7 at Gainey Park. At this event, attendees are treated to a sneak preview of the brats that will be served at the KC food stand during the Steele County Free Fair.

In addition, checks are distributed to the beneficiaries of the Fund Raiser For People with Developmental Disabilities (more commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive). Roy Koenig with the Owatonna Special Olympics and Karen Otto representing Cedar Valley Services were on hand to accept their checks and tell a little bit about what their organization does with the funds. Two other beneficiaries were not able to attend; Owatonna Park & Recreation – Therapeutic Services and Cedardale Homes. Funds totaling \$5417.13 were distributed to these organizations.



Accepting a check on behalf of Owatonna Special Olympics is Roy Koenig (right) from Grand Knight Dustin Reese. This check represents a share of the funds raised during the annual Tootsie Roll Drive which was held this spring.

2013-14 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Rev. Michael Cronin
Grand Knight: Dustin Reese (507) 456-3523
Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Wolfe
Chancellor: Dave Lax
Advocate: Gary Sanford
Warden: Nicholas Matejcek
Inside Guard: Pete Schneider
Outside Guard: Harlan Kern
Financial Secretary: John Ahlberg
Treasurer: Tom Eichten
Recorder: Scot Berkley
Trustee (3 year): PGK Steve Dornquast
Trustee (2 year): PGK Randy Balausky
Trustee (1 year): PGK Wade Schroeder

Directors and Chairmen

Program Director: Dan Wolfe (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: Josh Klecker
District Deputy: Joe Elbert (PGK)
KC Hall Manager: Mark Cunningham (PGK)
Benefits Advisor: Kevin Gallagher - 213-9410

Knight of the Month



Gary Sanford

The July Knight of the Month has been a KC for more than 15 years. Gary Sanford is a Knight who's become more and more familiar to his fellow KCs. The current Advocate is proud to be a member of Council 945's leadership team.

Gary is a native of Spring Valley, MN, and graduated from Mankato State University. He is currently a Sales Manager at Modern Metal Products in Owatonna. However, it was his sense of needing to give back that drew him to the Knights of Columbus. Sponsored by Scott Kozelka, Gary said that it "was a great way to meet people, be involved, and give back to the community."

However, it's that same sense that keeps him getting more and more involved with Council 945. "It's important to give back," he said. One of the best things about being a Knight is when you get to see the groups and meet the people you've had a chance to help."

In addition to serving as Advocate, Gary's involvement includes Smokin' in Steele, The Steele County Free Fair's beer sales, the fair brat stand, and the I-35 clean-up. He even recalls helping out with BINGO games when it was a KC mainstay. Outside of the KCs, Gary had been very involved with Owatonna Youth Fastpitch Softball.

Gary and his wife Deb have been married for 27 years. Together, they have four children and one granddaughter. They are members at Sacred Heart Church in Owatonna. His son, Ryan, is now a knight.

In Gary's spare time, he says he likes to read, camp and hike, spend time with his family, and root on the Minnesota Vikings.

Congratulations to Gary Sanford, Council 945's Knight of the Month!

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

We are holding a First Degree Exemplification on Wednesday, September 11. Please have all new candidates at the KC Hall in Owatonna by 6:00 p.m.

We are planning on having a membership blitz. Date will be announced.

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.

Keep in mind we are having a Major Degree Exemplification on November 23 at the KC Hall in Owatonna.

Any members who have not paid their dues for the past year, please get them paid, we need the money from our dues to make ends meet for our Council expenses.

If you have any questions, please call me at (507) 451-4102 or my cell phone (507) 456-6738.

LEADERSHIP SNAPSHOT -- THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



The *Deputy Grand Knight* is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists the Grand Knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight, the *Deputy Grand Knight* presides at council meetings and functions as the Grand Knight would.

This is his final officer chair before becoming the Grand Knight in one year's time. This year is used for him to become prepared for running a meeting, helping set the agenda for the year, understanding the various reports that need to be sent to Supreme and the State Council, and learn the importance of recruitment and retention of members. It is capped off with attending the annual State Convention in May the following year, where he receives additional orientation and training.

NEW CATHOLIC WEB SITE

A new web site has been created to keep the Catholic community of Owatonna informed of events involving our faith. You will find information on meetings, festivals, bake sales, retreats, breakfasts and many other events. Visit www.CatholicsofSteele.org check out this valuable new resource.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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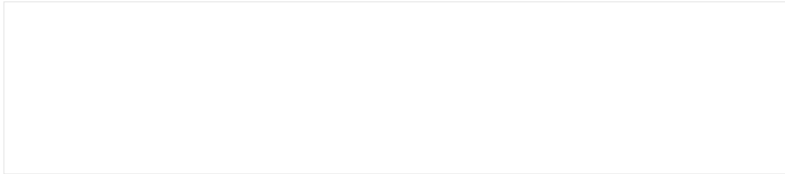


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 St. Joseph Church

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15	16 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	17 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm BLT Nite 5:45 - 6:45 pm KC Lounge	18	19 Spud Nite 5:45 - 6:45 pm KC Lounge	20 KC BBQ Rib Nite KC Lounge 6:30 - 7:30 pm	21 Past Grand Knight Event for 2013 KC Hall Soc - 6:00 pm Dinner - 7:00 pm
22 Autumn Begins 	23 Monday Night Football Tacos Served 6:30-Halftime	24 Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm BLT Nite 5:45 - 6:45 pm KC Lounge	25	26 Spud Nite 5:45 - 6:45 pm KC Lounge Fourth Degree Meeting - 7:30 pm KC Hall	27	28 Fall Fishing Trip Cut Foot Sioux (off NE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish)
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