Owatonna



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

<u>September 7</u> - Officers' Meeting and Gambling Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

September 11 - Benefit Breakfast St. Mary's School 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for SERRA Club

<u>September 12</u> - Building Meeting KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.

<u>September 14</u> - General Meeting KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

<u>September 18</u> - K of C Family Picnic - Brown Park - 2:00 p.m.

<u>September 22</u> - Fourth Degree Meeting - KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.

<u>October 9</u> - Respect Life Rosary March Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

The Key

to greater Council unity.

COMING EVENTS

OFFICERS' **M**EETING

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

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

SERRA Club

Sunday, September 11, 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 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.

SUMMER STEAK FRY

Served in the Lounge Friday, September 9 Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Delicious marinated steaks or windsor chop, served with salad, roll, and baked potato.

I-35 CLEAN-UP

The fall I-35 cleanup will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Meet at the parking lot of First Supply 151 Park Drive at 4:45 p.m. Call Jim Gleason at 676-0271 if you'd like to help.

BABY BACK RIB DINNER

Prepared On Our Smoker Served in the Lounge Friday, September 16 and 23 Served from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meal will feature the Best Ribs You Have Ever Tasted, served with French Fries and Coleslaw

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. Our program will be distribution of the checks to the recipients from the Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser.



K OF C FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, September 18 Brown Park - 2:00 p.m. 16 Street S.W.

It's time for the annual KC Family Picnic! 2:00 pm – Social / kids events / Adult Events, Bouncy House, Bean Bag Toss, Washer Board, Other Games

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Reptile Zoo presentation – by Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm - Food served until it's gone Food: The KCs will be providing the main meal –

Brats, Hot dogs, Burgers, and Beverages.

Families: Please bring a dish to pass – salad, vegetable, or dessert

Other handicap accessible amenities of Brown Park include: play equipment, basketball court, two tennis courts, ball field with spectator seating, sand volleyball courts, and restrooms.

CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL

Summer picnic supper Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Meal includes: Brat or Burger, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Creamed Cucumbers, and Deviled Eggs all for \$6.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DART TEAMS

If interested in shooting darts in D&R Star League on Thursday nights call Mark at the Club.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 9, 2011 Sacred Heart Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.

The Key input deadline is the 15th of each month

Information received after that date will be published the following month.



Benefits Corner by Kevin Gallagher Grand Knight's Message by Randy Balausky

Ah, those rose-colored glasses. You know what I'm talking about. Not to be worn all the time...just when needed. Life is usually good with rose-colored glasses. But sometimes...those glasses are big trouble.

You know you need life insurance. It's not glitzy like a new car or one of countless "toys" many feel the need to have. If you have life insurance, chances are good (actually great) you need more. It's all about your family. It's not about you. It's about them. So, assuming you need it... why aren't we getting together to do something about it? Those glasses...

The glasses go on and you decide to wait until tomorrow because nothing bad can happen today. And when nothing bad happens today, those glasses go on much more easily and fit much better tomorrow, because, after all, if nothing went wrong yesterday or today, what are the chances something will go wrong tomorrow? Those glasses...

You're feeling good, looking good. Life is good and you have many other, more important things to do with your hard-earned cash. The only time you think about life insurance is when I call you or when you see me or when you're reading this column or...or maybe when you suspect or get confirmation your good health is a thing of the past. Of course then...it's too late. But then the glasses come out and suddenly tomorrow is a much better option than today. Those glasses...

Thinking you have an unlimited supply of tomorrows to secure the future for those you love is foolish, dangerous - and if we're completely honest- selfish. Remember the quote you've read in this section before..."I'd rather buy insurance 10, 20 or 30 years too early than try to get it 1 day too late". We all become uninsurable...it's just a matter of when.

Isn't it time to put the glasses away so we can talk? I guarantee you (and your family) will be glad you did. Kevin Gallagher, LUTCF 213-9410

Membership by LaVerne Klecker

Congratulations to Dylan Carlson, Deacon Jason Kern, Nicholas Matejcek, and Tyler Supalla, our new First Degree Members.

We are planning a First Degree Exemplification in October or November. More information will follow in a later edition of *The Key*.

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 Second and Third Degree Exemplification on November 19 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.

HUSKY FOOTBALL

Free chili dogs at the KC Lounge after every home football game.

By the time you read this, the fair will be an event of the past. I want to thank all those who volunteered for all the KC sponsored events, the weather forecast looks to be a good one, so we are anticipating a good turn-out.

Congratulations to the four new members who attended the August 10th Exemplification we are well on our way to meeting our membership goals.

Be sure to check out all the upcoming events listed in *The Key* especially the KC Family Picnic that will be held at Brown Park. This is a family event, and this year we are planning on having some new events planned especially for the kids. Mark your calendar, and I look forward to seeing you there. (There will also be an article in this issue with more details).

I am reminded that school will be starting very soon. The summer has gone by very quickly and the KCs will again be involved with the many events that we sponsor for the sole purpose to help others. Please help us with any time that you may be able to spare or be sure to help support them with your attendance.

We have just found out that the streets around the KC hall will be torn apart after the fair for resurfacing. The KC Hall will still be open and we hope that that does not detour your plans to visit the hall. There will be parking close by and Mark plans on having some "Specials" to help change your mind about staying away.

Finally, be safe in your travels, school will be starting soon and we need to be sure that our children are being taken care of. God Bless!

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...

Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Marlys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, Father James McCauley, Gil Mamer, Mary Mamer, Mary Meixner, Bob McDermott, Suzanne Miedema, Father Ed Mountain, Dorothy Mulert, Terry Nelson, Terry O'Brien, Karen Pirkl, Sylvia Prokopec, Sharon Rohwer, John Schmidt, Mary Jo Schroepfer, Howard Snyder, Jeanine Snyder, Walt Spindler, Becky Walsh, Gary Wandrey, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, Jim Wierzbinski, and Shirley Wierzbinski.

INMEMORY

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

Kyle A. Arndt, grandson of Brother Knight Albert Hafstad and nephew of Brother Knight Richard Hafstad passed away on July 31.

David Schwab, brother-in-law of Brother Knights Terry Kuck and Bruce Rozeske, passed away on August 1.

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

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

Every Monday starting Sept. 12 thru Dec. 26, weekly winners receive a large Heggies pizza, a bucket of Coors Lite beer, and Coors Lite prizes. Year-end winners receive: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, & 3rd - \$25 Tacos - 2 for \$3.50 served 6:30 p.m. thru half-time. Happy hour prices and free peanuts during game. \$1.50 Coors Lite tap beer with purchase of glass.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS EXEMPLIFIED ON AUGUST 10, 2011, AT THE KC HALL IN OWATONNA, MN



Dylan Carlson is the son of Brother Knight Brian and Shari Carlson. Dylan, who was sponsored by his father Brian, is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota. The Carlsons are members of Sacred Heart Church.



Deacon Jason Kern, the son of Sir Knight and Brother Harlan Kern and Renee Kern. Jason was ordained in the deaconate program on May 15 of this year and is scheduled to be ordained into the priesthood in June of 2012. The Kern family are members of St. Joseph's Parish. Jason's sponsor was his father Harlan.



Nicholas Matejcek was sponsored by Sir Knight and Brother Tom Elbert. Nicholas is employed by the Kasson Mantorville High School. He and his wife JoAnn have 4 children and are members of Sacred Heart Church.



Tyler Supalla is the son of Brother Knight Curt and Margaret Supalla. Tyler is a 2011 graduate of Owatonna High School and will be attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Tyler was sponsored by his father Curt. The Supalla family are members of Sacred Heart Church.



Grand Knight Randy Balausky presents a check of \$500.00 to Dana Petricka - FOCUS missionary at Indiana University and Purdue University Indianapolis. This is the second year that Owatonna Council #945 has supported Dana's missionary work.

Council Continues it Support of FOCUS

Once again, for the second year, the Owatonna Council #945 will be supporting Dana Petricka - FOCUS missionary at Indiana University and Purdue University Indianapolis. FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) was born out of a passion and zeal to share how a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith can transform the world. FOCUS sends teams of young, trained missionaries to the college campus in order to reach students with the gospel. In partnership with the university parish and Newman Center, FOCUS missionaries host large group outreach events, weekly Bible studies and offer one-on-one mentoring with student leaders.

Dana recently shared that, "God is again calling me to Indiana University and Purdue University in Indianapolis. My team and I are excited to continue building up believers in Christ and future leaders of the Church! I am so thankful for the wonderful support that the Knights have provided me to continue this work."

By supporting Dana as a missionary, she is able to live on a college campus in dire need of Christ, as well as help her to lead 2-3 Bible studies, mentor 3-4 students, host large group outreach events, and provide evangelizations materials for student leaders. Dana welcomes any questions Knights may have about partnering with her in her mission, and can be reached at email: dpetricka@focusonline.org

Council 945 Helps Welcome MS TRAM Bike Tour - July 25



Taking their turn at the grill for the MS TRAM Bike Tour are (left to right) Dave Fandel, Lyle Snider, and Ron Wolf.

Owatonna was selected as one of the host cities for the 22nd annual MS TRAM (the ride across Minnesota) Bike Tour. The purpose of the tour is to raise funds to help in the search for a cure of the devastating illness multiple sclerosis. The tour also raises awareness of this illness which afflicts thousands of people across the country.

Council 945 teamed up with Renae Jeno and her Lena & Ole's concession trailer to offer the renowned Knights of Columbus brats to participants in the bike tour. The Steele County fairgrounds was the headquarters



Kicking things off for the expected large number of bikers in the MS TRAM Bike Tour are (left to right) Frank Conley, Tom Knight, Tim Rice, and Mark Nelson.

for the event and was immediately turned into a huge campground. Owatonna was the first stop in a 300 mile trek which took the bikers through the bluff country of Southeast Minnesota.

Smokin' in Steele BBQ - Owatonna, MN June 3, 4, & 5, 2011

The 4th annual Smokin' in Steele on June 3-4-5 was a resounding success. Over 100 Knights participated in one way or another. That essential help is wonderful support from Council 945 for our beneficiary, Special Olympics of Owatonna.

Here are just some of the highlights.

Our weather for the weekend was spectacular. After all the rainy, cool, and gloomy weeks and weekends, the sun and warm temps contributed to our success. 43 teams of Kansas City BBQ Society members, our highest team count to date, worked hard for part of our \$10,000 purse and the right to represent us at the American Royal in Kansas City.

A total of 10 different bands provided high quality blues to large crowds of appreciative fans. Not only were they hungry for blues and bbq, they were thirsty. We sold 29 kegs of beer in the Beer Garden.

Contributing sponsors were at an all time high in numbers and dollars raised. Over 180 were treated to our outstanding VIP dinner in appreciation of their support.

Blues 4 Kids, free harmonica lessons, continues as a highly successful collaboration with the Minnesota Blues Musicians who brings smiles to budding blues stars who also get to keep their harmonicas.

The modified garden tractor pull continues to grow in popularity. Enthusiasm for this event among our BBQ teams has become a strong marketing tool for both returning and new teams.

The Backyard contest on Saturday also is growing as it showcases local chefs, as they compete for prizes and for our People's Choice Award. Voting for People's Choice is in the form of contributions that go directly to Special Olympics. That raised an additional \$1,200.

Some new events joined the schedule this year. Kids Q featured 21 young cooks who turned in some high quality entries. 21 for a Kids Q is considered a very large field of competitors. The combination of donations from EZ Grills, meat markets, and cash from our committee enabled us to provide this experience with no entry fee and helped attract such a large group of young cooks.

Pro vs. Joe pitted our two time Grand Champion from team Tippy Canoe against a local volunteer in a spirited competition on the Fair Square stage. While the Pro, whose name is Joe, won, it was a very close score. Both the Kids Q and Pro vs. Joe drew a crowd of appreciative spectators.



The Izaak Walton Building was the location of the VIP dinner on Friday night. Major donors were treated to "competition" barbeque along with all the trimmings.

The American Cornhole Association bean bag toss produced an enthusiastic field of throwers who competed for prestige and prizes. During a scheduled break in the action, some of our Special Olympians took their turns in tossing the bean bags. As an extra special surprise treat, Crunch the Timberwolves mascot joined the Olympians. It was touching to see the wonderful excitement that Crunch generated in both the Olympians and our own KCs.

On Saturday morning certified BBQ judges from five states and Canada gathered to sample and score the KCBS competition entries. After all was totaled and verified, we had another first time Grand Champion. That is the third time that our winner was a first time Grand Champion. Justin McGlaun from team Lucky's Q claimed top honors. Steve and Josh Bryant from team Meadow Valley were Reserve Grand Champions.

On both Friday and Saturday, there were several events in progress simultaneously as Smokin in Steele grows in strength and complexity. Thanks to detailed planning by the committee and great coordination and help from all the volunteers, we were able to produce a very smooth running weekend.

Sunday morning tradition of our famous Pancake Breakfast in the Beer Garden brought our event to a close. Our talented breakfast crew served a large crowd of hungry and tired people.

The Smokin' in Steele BBQ committee has two things to say. First a huge thank you to every KC and family member who helped make this event such a success. Second, we are already meeting and planning on ways to make Smokin' in Steele in 2012 an even better event.



Lyle Coleman, Judging Chairman, announces the winners of the Grand Champion purse, Lucky's Q.



The Minnesota Timberwolves mascot, Crunch, entertained the Special Olympians with tips on the proper technique for tossing the corn bag.

2011-12 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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KC Hall Manager: PGK Mark Cunningham
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Knight of the Month



The July Knight of the Month is a guy who says he can fix anything, and so far, he's well on his way to proving it for Council 945. Dave Lax joined the KC's back in February 2010 after a serious automobile accident made him re-evaluate his relationship with his faith. Since then, Dave's made every effort to be a good steward of his time, talent, and treasures, giving back to other people as he can. He chose membership in the Knights because he liked "how it draws men together to share a common goal. That common goal is to help people." Not only is Dave among the more active Knights, he's also a member of Sacred Heart's Stewardship Committee and the Wednesday morning Bible Study group. It gives him an opportunity to be closer to God and to also give back. Why? Dave gave this answer: "You do things for others, it will come back to you a thousand-fold." Dave

Dave Lax

has helped out with the Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Fries, Smokin' in Steele, and the Tootsie Roll sales – all in the 18 months since he's joined. He also is a proud member of the KC Chorus.

Dave is a native of Sleepy Eye who came to Owatonna back in 1987. He owns Central Heating and Refrigeration in Owatonna. He and his wife Mary are members of Sacred Heart and have five grown children and six grandchildren. When he's not spoiling his grandchildren, he's known to bowl a few frames from time to time. In fact, Dave is the Vice President of Owatonna's chapter of the United States Bowling Congress. He was recently inducted in to the Owatonna USBC Hall of Fame. He's also been very active in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake. Dave also enjoys duck hunting and fishing.

Back to that fixing thing. Dave recently saved the KC Hall an \$1,800 bill when its dishwasher broke down. Digging in to it, he figured out what was wrong with the machine, and wound up repairing it with a \$2 part. And true to his creed of stewardship, he sent no bill, saying he was happy he could help. "We truly are blessed in different ways," he said. "But the Knights pull us together."

Congratulations to Council 945's Knight of the Month, Dave Lax!

KC Chorus & Fourth Degree Honor Guard honored to participate in Litomysl Summer Festival



The KC Chorus sang at the Litomysl Summer Festival Mass.

The KC Chorus and Msgr. Henry Speck Fourth Degree Assembly Honor Guard were honored to participate in the Mass opening the Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 31. The Chorus sang for 30 minutes before Mass and enjoyed singing the Polka Mass with the Litomyslaneous Choir.

Thanks to all our Chorus members for their extra effort with chorus practice and a full performance schedule. The Chorus includes Director Stephen Nelson, Lynn Becker, Don Boesen, John Carlson, John Degner, Steve Dornquast, Tom Gebur, Mike Goddard, Dennis Heimerman, Ryan Heimerman, Matt Jessop, Harlan Kern, LaVerne Klecker, Wayne Kubicek, Dave Lax, Lloyd Mans, Jim Nelson, Sam Nelson, Brandon Pofahl, Pete Schneider, John Schulz, Lee Staupe, Chuck Walerius, and Dan Walsh.

The Honor Guard members participating in the Mass were: Joseph Elbert, Dennis Kelm, Glen Meger, Mark Nelson, William Regan, Tim Rice, Frank Schiller, and Pete Schneider.

The Chorus will sing next with the Litomyslaneous Choir at the Polka Mass for the Waseca Church of the Sacred Heart's Fall Festival on September 17.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council No. 945 P.O. Box 945 Owatonna, MN 55060

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Benefit Breakfast for SERRA Club Sunday, September 11 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's School

> *K of C Family Picnic* Sunday, September 18 Brown Park - 2:00 p.m.

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