

Owatonna



Council 945

# The Key

to greater Council unity.

JUNE  
2009

## 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 6:30 p.m.

## KC WEBSITE

visit our website  
[www.kofccouncil945.org](http://www.kofccouncil945.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 29, 30 & 31** - Smokin' In Steele  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
**May 31** - Benefit Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Steele County Fairgrounds -  
Beer Garden  
**May 31** - KC Family Corporate  
Communion - 9:00 a.m.  
Sacred Heart Church  
**June 3** - Officers' Meeting  
and Gambling Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
**June 8** - Building Meeting  
KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
**June 10** - General Meeting  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
**June 13** - Officer Installation  
Mass & Awards Banquet  
Mass - 4:00 p.m. -  
St. Joseph Church  
Installation following  
Mass at Church  
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.  
**June 25** - Fourth Degree Meeting  
Social - 6:30 p.m.  
Meal - 7:00 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### OFFICERS' MEETING

Wednesday, June 3  
KC Hall  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

### KC FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, May 31 - 9:00 a.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church  
All members and their families are  
invited to attend this Mass.  
Support the benefit pancake breakfast at the  
Steele County Fairgrounds Beer Garden  
following Mass.  
\$5.00 at the door  
Children eat free under age 6

### Benefit Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 31  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
at Steele County Fairgrounds  
in the Beer Garden  
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,  
milk, and coffee  
\$5.00 at the door  
Children eat free under age 6  
Everyone welcome.

Have a safe and  
Happy Father's Day!!

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10  
Program - 7:30 p.m.  
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, June 13  
Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.  
Installation - following Mass  
at St. Joseph Church  
K of C Chorus will sing at the Mass  
and the Installation  
Social - KC Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards - 7:30 p.m.

### WILLIAM WARNER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Application forms are now available at all  
Steele County High School Career Centers.  
Applications must be submitted by May 31 to:  
Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 945,  
Owatonna, MN 55060.

### K C BBQ Fridays

If you enjoyed the food at the Smokin' In Steele, you will  
love the Friday evening meals at the KC Hall. Featuring  
Pulled Pork sandwiches prepared on our own smoker.  
Friday, June 5, 12, 19, & 26  
Serving Pulled Pork sandwich in the Lounge  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Meal includes Pulled Pork sandwich,  
beans and coleslaw (buffet style)  
\$5.75 plus tax.



### Smokin' In Steele

The Steele County Fairgrounds  
Owatonna, MN

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 29, 30, & 31

### Blues Bands

Friday, May 29 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Plan B  
9:00 p.m. - Midnight - Brandon Scott Sellner  
Saturday, May 30 - 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. - Paul Mayasich duo  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m. - Paul Mayasich duo  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - The Shufflin' Duprees  
9:00 p.m. - Midnight - Scottie Miller & the  
ReUptake Inhibitor

### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 31 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Beer Garden

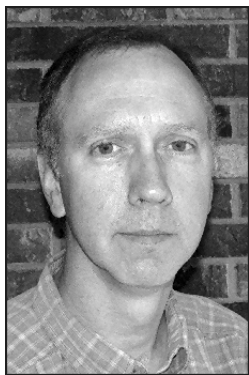
Three Days of  
Great Food,  
Music, and FUN!

BBQ Contest Garden Tractor Pull  
Blues for Kids - Harmonica Lessons  
Award Winning Food Vendors  
Delicious Pancake Breakfast

Beneficiary this year will  
be Special Olympics -  
Owatonna



## New Financial Secretary - John Ahlberg



John Ahlberg

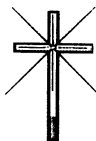
When Greg Salmonsens decided to retire from the Financial Secretary's position after 30 years of dedicated service, John Ahlberg stepped forward and took on this very important position.

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the Council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from Council members. He also handles supply orders for the Council officers and members, filing the Report of Officers, and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

John has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1992. He and his wife Angie have four children; two of them attend St. Mary's School and two are students at Owatonna High. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish. John is the Chief Financial Officer for Agristrand Biocomposites.

Thanks, John, for taking on this most important task.

## 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...*

*Jan Bates, Jack Dillemath, Lois Doyle, Mary Floersch, Gene Gallea, Marge Gruzebeck, Rose Hoffman, Erlis Kelzenberg, Renee Kern, Thomas Klecker, Marllys Knight, Mary Ann Lammers, Bev Macht, 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 Ann Schwab, Howard Snyder, Jeanne Snyder, Becky Walsh, Jerry Weber, Rownell Weber, Phyllis Wheeler, Irene Wierzbinski, and Jim Wierzbinski.*

### IN MEMORY

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

Neil Wheeler, brother of Brother Knight Earl Wheeler, passed away on May 1.

Lillian Mamer, sister-in-law of Brother Knight Gil Mamer, passed away on May 8.

Orville Larson, father of State Treasurer, Brother Knight Craig Larson passed away.

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

## Grand Knight's Message by Joe Elbert

Greetings Brother Knights,

June is here already. I am proud to have been the Grand Knight for Council 945. This has truly been a learning experience for me and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. It has been a busy year for me and the officers and members of Council 945. However, a truly rewarding year also.

I would like to thank the officers, directors, and members who worked so hard this year. All projects and events went very well. As always, Owatonna 945 is a Council that people look to as one of the top Councils in the State.

Also, a big thank you to all Brother Knights and their families for making my year a great one.

Congratulations to our new officers and directors for 2009-2010.

Bill Lawrence and his officers will have a great year coming up.

Vivat Jesus

## Election of Officers

The annual election of Officers for next year will be held at our next general meeting on Wednesday, June 10. The following Brother Knights have agreed to represent you in 2009-2010.

<i>Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Bill Lawrence</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight:</i>	<i>Steve Dornquast</i>
<i>Chancellor:</i>	<i>Tom Gebur</i>
<i>Advocate:</i>	<i>Ben Schneider</i>
<i>Warden:</i>	<i>Wade Schroeder</i>
<i>Inside Guard:</i>	<i>Pete Schneider</i>
<i>Outside Guard:</i>	<i>Tom Burke</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Tom Eichten</i>
<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>Scot Berkley</i>

This slate has been proposed and endorsed by the Council Trustees for your approval. Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the time of the meeting 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.

## Officer Installation Mass and Awards Banquet

**Saturday, June 13**

Mass - St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m.

Installation - following Mass at St. Joseph Church

Social - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner/Awards - 7:30 p.m.

The program includes:

Recognition of long-term and new members,  
OAK Awards, Trustee Service Award,  
and Knight of the Year Award.

The KC Chorus will provide a musical program.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Tickets are available at the Club for \$8 per member and \$15 per couple, or call for reservations at 451-6103 by June 10.

## I-35 Clean-Up A Success

The skies cleared and we had a nice evening for our Spring I-35 Cleanup on Thursday, April 30th. After working for two hours, there were numerous bags of garbage along I-35 and we all felt good about cleaning up the environment once again. My thanks to another great crew including Kevin Herzog, Dale Tracy, Steve Fisher, Gary Fisher, Terry Kuck, Greg Evans, Frank Evans, Bob Hardcopf, Tom Standke, Steve Reller, Curt Supalla, Joe Elbert, Brian Carlson, LaVerne Klecker and driver Al Jirele. Thanks to the Owatonna Bus Company for use of their van, to First Supply for use of their parking lot, and to Mark at the Hall for the hospitality following the cleanup. I was proud to present a certificate signed by Governor Pawlenty from the Adopt-A-Highway Program to Grand Knight Joe Elbert for 20 years of service by Council 945. Thanks to all those Knights who have helped over the past 20 years. Have a great summer and our fall I-35 Cleanup will be in September.

Jim Gleason, Community Director

## 2008-09 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: ..... Rev. Ed McGrath  
 GRAND KNIGHT: ..... Joe Elbert - 455-1428  
 Deputy Grand Knight: ..... Bill Lawrence  
 Chancellor: ..... Steve Dornquist  
 Advocate: ..... Tom Gebur  
 Warden: ..... Ben Schneider  
 Inside Guard: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Outside Guard: ..... Tom Burke  
 Financial Secretary: ..... John Ahlberg  
 Treasurer: ..... Tom Eichten  
 Recorder: ..... Scot Berkley  
 Trustee (3 year): ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 Trustee (2 year): ..... PGK Brian Fisher  
 Trustee (1 year): ..... PGK Al Nelson

### DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director: ..... Bill Lawrence  
 Adv/Publicity Director: ..... Open  
 Church Director: ..... Pete Schneider  
 Community Director: ..... Jim Gleason  
 Council Activity Director: ..... PGK Kevin Raney  
 Family Director: ..... Open  
 Health Director: ..... Dr. Mark Nelson  
 Recruit Director: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Youth Director: ..... Will Pieper  
 Membership Director: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 Aid & Assistance: ..... Greg Nelson  
 Lecturer: ..... Mark Cunningham  
 Historian: ..... Open  
 Retention Chairman: ..... PGK LaVerne Klecker  
 KC Chorus Director: ..... Stephen Nelson  
 Building Comm Chairman: ..... Tom Elbert  
 Gambling Manager: ..... PGK Tom Klecker  
 District Deputy: ..... PGK Tim Rice  
 KC Hall Manager: ..... PGK Mark Cunningham  
 Benefits Advisor: ..... Aaron Jelinek

## Knight of the Month



*Duane Ludewig*

Council 945's Knight of the Month for April is Duane Ludewig. The announcement was made at the regular May Council meeting by Grand Knight, Joe Elbert.

In making the announcement Joe had this to say, "Our Knight of the Month is a big player in our Smokin' In Steele BBQ and Blues event as he keeps track of the financial side of this project."

Duane, a native of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, joined the KCs on November 1, 1991. When asked about his favorite KC project, he was quick to respond, working on the Smokin' In Steele project.

A graduate of Sleepy Eye - St Mary's High School, he attended Southwest Technical College in Pipestone, Minnesota where he was enrolled in their banking school. Duane works for United Prairie Financial Network as an Investment Representative.

Duane and his wife of 23 years, Karen, are members of St. Joseph's Parish where they both serve as greeters. Duane is also a Eucharistic Minister and past member of the Parish Finance Council. The Ludewigs have 2 children; son Jordan is 22 and daughter Danielle who is 20.

When asked about his leisure time activities, Duane said he enjoys golf, grilling, travel, and making homemade wine. When the subject of sports came up he had this to say, "Vikings all the way!"

Congratulations to our April Knight of the Month, Duane Ludewig.

## 2009 Tootsie Roll Drive a Big Success

A corps of dedicated workers resulted in raising \$6,629.83 in gross proceeds for the benefit of the developmentally disabled. A new record!

The weekend of April 24 through the 26th found Brother Knights manning collection stations at Cash Wise Foods, Cabela's, HyVee, and Wal-Mart.

After deducting the cost of the Tootsie Rolls, the remaining money will be distributed to the following beneficiaries: Owatonna Special Olympics, Rainbow Residence, Cedar Valley Services, Owatonna Park & Recreation – Therapeutic Recreation, and 5% will go to the Special Olympics Fall Classic.

Al Nelson and Keven Boettcher, co-chairmen, would like to offer a huge thank you to team leaders Terry Kuck, Tom Burke, Brent McCulloch, Tim Chicos, Brian Carlson, Mark Kearin, Dave Wunderlich, Jim Kaplan, and Steve Graff. We also want to gratefully thank the following individuals for their help with the 2009 Tootsie Roll Drive:

<i>Les Abraham</i>	<i>Brian Fisher</i>	<i>Jim Kaplan</i>	<i>Brent McCulloch</i>	<i>Joan Spindler</i>
<i>Tim Biegert</i>	<i>Gary Fisher</i>	<i>Mark Kearin</i>	<i>Glen Meger</i>	<i>Leo Spindler</i>
<i>Don Boesen</i>	<i>Steve Fisher</i>	<i>Harlan Kern</i>	<i>Al Nelson</i>	<i>Walt Spindler</i>
<i>Keven Boettcher</i>	<i>Bill Foreman</i>	<i>Dennis Kelm</i>	<i>Greg Nelson</i>	<i>Dick Thamert</i>
<i>Bruce Born</i>	<i>Joel Garten</i>	<i>Mark Kenney</i>	<i>Mark Nelson</i>	<i>John Thamert</i>
<i>Dan Born</i>	<i>Tom Gebur and daughter</i>	<i>Tom Knight</i>	<i>Roger Noble</i>	<i>Tom Tuma</i>
<i>Jim Brunner</i>	<i>Steve Graff</i>	<i>Todd Koan</i>	<i>Jeff Otto</i>	<i>Eric Wandersee</i>
<i>Herb Budig</i>	<i>Gerry Gunderson</i>	<i>Bruce Kubicek</i>	<i>Jeff Pumper and children</i>	<i>Marc Wiese</i>
<i>Bill Bunkers</i>	<i>Ron Heim</i>	<i>Tom Kubista</i>	<i>Russ Redman</i>	<i>Tom Wilker</i>
<i>Tom Burke</i>	<i>Mark Hood</i>	<i>Terry Kuck</i>	<i>Greg Salmonsens</i>	<i>Rick Wittrock</i>
<i>Brian Carlson</i>	<i>Renee Hood</i>	<i>John Kuehn</i>	<i>Frank Schiller</i>	<i>Ron Wolf</i>
<i>John Carlson</i>	<i>Jim Huxford</i>	<i>Eric Lattery</i>	<i>Ben Schneider</i>	<i>Dave Wunderlich</i>
<i>Tim Chicos</i>	<i>Kim Huxford</i>	<i>Bill Lawrence</i>	<i>Pete Schneider</i>	<i>George Zwack</i>
<i>Jeff Cink</i>	<i>Dave Jen0</i>	<i>Duane Ludewig</i>	<i>Lynn Sibenaller</i>	
<i>Ron Deml</i>	<i>Rena0 Jen0</i>	<i>Jim Lyons</i>	<i>Lavern Soukup</i>	
<i>Steve Dornquist</i>	<i>Matt Jessop and son</i>	<i>Jo Matejcek</i>	<i>Tom Soukup</i>	
<i>Joe Elbert</i>				

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council No. 945  
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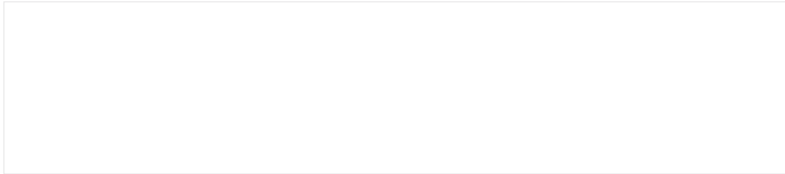


**KC Family Corporate Communion**

Sunday, May 31  
Sacred Heart Church - 9:00 a.m.

Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Owatonna, MN  
Permit No. 202

**Smokin' In Steele**  
Steele County Fairgrounds  
May 29, 30, & 31



**JUNE 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>3</b> Officers' Mtg and Gambling Mtg. - 7:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bldg Mtg - 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> General Meeting Program - 7:30 pm Meeting - 8:00 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Officer Installation Mass and Awards Banquet Mass - 4:00 pm St. Joseph Church KC Hall - 7:00 pm Dinner/Awards 7:30 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm  Karoke KC Lounge 8:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Fathers Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Fourth Degree Meeting Social - 6:30 pm Meal - 7:00 pm Meeting - 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> KC BBQ Fridays KC Hall 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bar Bingo - 7:00 pm				