

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

The K of C MO State Convention was recently held in Joplin where our Knights received awards for 1st place MR drive highest dollar amount collected per member and 2nd place MR drive highest dollar amount collected by a council; and our Ladies received the 2000 Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary award.

Congratulations to all for their hard work, and special thanks goes to **Clint Kleinsorge**, the MR Drive chairman, for his outstanding leadership in coordinating this effort.

Elections were held for our new Officers. Thanks goes to of those candidates and Officers that continue to provide leadership to our Council's activities. See page 3 for details.

On June 23rd we held our first Mouse Race, which was deemed a great success both as a fund raising event, and for everyone having a great time. Special thanks goes to the Mouse Race chairman **John Bieda** for his hard work, and all of the Knights and Ladies that made the event a success. Look for photos of the event on our website.

Upcoming Events

July 2001

4 th	Independence Day Picnic	Frontier Park, St. Charles, fund raising event
10 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
14 th	Installation of Officers	St. Elizabeth Church and Hall - 5:30pm Mass, 7:00pm Dinner with Dancing and Socializing to follow
24 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow
24 th	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow
26 th	Rascals Game	4 th Degree - Honor Guard
27 th - 29 th	Rascals Game	MR Tootsie Roll Drive
29 th	Communion Breakfast	St. Robert Bellarmine Church - 8:30am Mass, breakfast to follow at the Old Country Buffet

More News

Information on our most recent barbecue at Frontier Park on July 4th will be included in next month's newsletter. Thanks to all the Knights and

coordinator, **Al Cronin**, who helped make this event a success.

Grand Knight's Report

Due to short notice on getting this newsletter out, we did not have time to get a full report from our Grand Knight, Rich Wulf.

Rich says to "Stay tuned" for a report next month.



Membership

Here we want to welcome the most recent Knights to join our Council:

Walter Brennan
Mark Melliore
Michael O'Brien
Mark Roberts
John Thomason

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church.

Application Form 100s are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.

Men looking to join the council should contact **David Freshley**, our council Membership Chairman or send email to kofc137@yahoo.com.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary continues to support our Council in most of our activities as well as conducting several fund raisers on their own.

Recently the Ladies held a yard sale / bazaar in the parking lot of St. Robert Bellarmine Church during our last barbecue.

The Ladies now have dinner with the Knights every month prior to each of the

groups having their normal monthly meetings. We really appreciate all of the extra help they provide. There are many events that we could not hold if it wasn't for their continued support.

Thanks Ladies!!!



New Officers

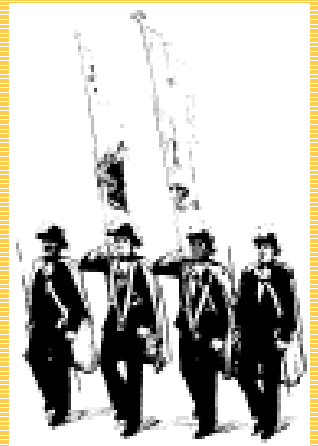
We want to thank all our past officers for a job well done. Congratulations to all of our new officers.

Our Grand Knight is Rich Wulf and Ladies Auxiliary President is Donna Ardolino.

Bill Towers has agreed to become the Financial Secretary, which is a big job previously held by Dave Dunaway.

Thanks to both Dave and Bill for performing one role that is key to our Council.

Thanks goes out to all our Knights and Ladies for their continued support and fellowship in fostering a spirit of service to others in the name of Jesus Christ.



State Convention

In June, Grand Knight Rich Wulf and Jim Ardolino attended the State Convention in Joplin.

Our Council's Knights received awards for 1st place MR drive highest dollar amount collected per member and 2nd place MR drive highest dollar amount collected by a council and our Ladies received the 2000 Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary award.

Thank you Jim and Rich for representing our Council and participating in the State Convention.



Eucharistic Congress

On the weekend of June 15-17, 2001, several Knights from our council and members of our parish attended the *Eucharistic Congress* which was convened in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

"The Congress was held in the *Trans World Dome* at the *America's Center* – a site of extraordinary significance for our local Church because of the Eucharistic Sacrifice celebrated there on January 27, 1999 by our Holy Father Pope John Paul II during his Pastoral Visit to the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Also of significance is the fact that the *Eucharistic Congress* will take place one hundred years after a *National Eucharistic Congress* was held in St. Louis. It is believed to have been the first such *national* event of this kind in the United States." - Archdiocese of St. Louis

There was a large Honor Guard of Knights of Columbus, for Cardinal Jan Pieter Schotte and Archbishop Justin Rigali, bishops and hundreds of priests. It was a very holy and impressive event.





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For the Good of the Order

In this section we would like to remember in our prayers, those brothers and their families that are facing difficult times.

We continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Clint Kleinsorge's wife.

We also want to pray for Bud Heminghaus and his family.

Also keep Bill Tower's brother and mother in our prayers as well as any Knight or family member that is in need, but not listed in this letter.

Letter from the Editor

I want to give special thanks to Bill Towers for producing this newsletter in the past.

Since Bill has taken over the responsibilities of the Financial Secretary, he will not have the time to continue. I have volunteered to create this newsletter each month, but as I have never done this before, I will be looking for help and information from other

members. I hope that I can carry on the tradition of the newsletter and represent our councils activities

Please provide contributions and corrections to me directly or via the Council email address.

Yours in fellowship,
John Rutkoski

About Our Organization...

The St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus, Council #12037, in St. Charles, was chartered in 1997. Our Council is committed to all areas of the Church and social involvement. We continued to work for an increase in vocations, for greater assertion and protection of human rights, for increased opportunities for the disadvantaged, and for open and constructive communication between all people.

We offer social outlets, a variety of benefits, insurance protection, athletic and recreational programs, the opportunity for community service, family oriented activities, involvement in working with youth, and the feeling of belonging that comes with being a part of a fraternal organization.

