

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

We started the month off with a successful 4th of July Barbecue at Frontier Park. It was so successful, that we were able to sell just about everything we had in inventory. Thanks to all of the knights that worked in the heat, cooking and selling brats, burgers and dogs. Special thanks goes to **Al Cronin**, who was the chairman of this event.

On July 14th, the annual dinner for the Installation of Officers was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and hall. Our St. Robert Bellarmine council was well represented, as were 3 other councils from

our district. Read more about this event in the Grand Knight's report and see the group photo on our website.

Finally, we are getting into the 2001 MR Drive peak season. See a note from Greg Clements on page 3. (Greg is the Missouri MR Promotions Director).

Several knights handed out Tootsie Rolls at Rascal games last month while collecting donations. Please sign up for some of the upcoming MR events and help collect for a great cause. Lloyd Billing is our MR Drive Director this year.

Upcoming Events

August 2001

11 th	Tootsie Roll / MR Drive	St. Charles Walmart
12 th	Tootsie Roll / MR Drive	St. Charles Walmart
14 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
28 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

September 2001

11 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
25 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

Note: Contact John Rutkoski to get events added to this calendar.



Grand Knight's Report

On July 14th we had the installation dinner and dance at the St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church Hall. Our District Deputy, Mike Eilers, accompanied by his wife Penny, served as the master of ceremonies. Mike installed every officer and Ladies Auxiliary officer.

Mike invited State Deputy Bob Jecklin and his wife Roselyn, State Council Activity Director Jim Radi and his wife Kathy and District 33 Deputy Bob Vornberg and his wife Brenda.

I thank all of the officers for the hard work that they offered during the past year. We had a good year as a council.

And I congratulate the new officers for offering their service in the coming year. I hope that we have another good year.

I just want to remind everyone of the council meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We have dinner with the Ladies Auxiliary at 7:00pm followed by the meeting. I hope to see everyone there. Finally, if you have any ideas for the coming year, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Rich Wulf - Grand Knight

Membership

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

Gregory Dahm

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 an email to: kofc12037@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.

Remember that the **Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Centennial Cookbooks** have arrived. Contact Donna Ardolino @ 447-8163 if you would like to purchase a cookbook. The cost is \$12.00

Remember that 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.

Thanks Ladies!!!



2001 M.R. Program

I have included this letter from the Missouri MR Promotions Director.

"Brother Knights and Ladies,

The MR program has had a very successful year and all who participated are to be congratulated on their efforts to assist the Mentally Retarded of our State. The Contest of Concern has topped our \$30,000.00 goal due to the dedication and assistance of many though out the State Council. We wish to thank one and all for their efforts.

We now begin plans for the upcoming fraternal year and another great year for fundraising for M.R. We look forward to new and exciting things as we look at 'Promoting Membership by participation in the M.R. Program.'

Yes, Membership, Members join because they believe in what we are doing and want to be a part of it in a real way. We are going to provide the impetuous for members to get active and remain active Knights by promoting their participation in the MR Program.

This will be the drive of the upcoming year and we would encourage everyone to join in as we make the best of the upcoming fraternal year. We have heard some wonderful stories about members joining because of the MR Drive and members who only participate in this one activity throughout the year because it's what they believe in. Please forward any such stories to me so that we can compile them and use them in our promotions in the upcoming year." - **2001 Greg Clements, MR Promotions Director**

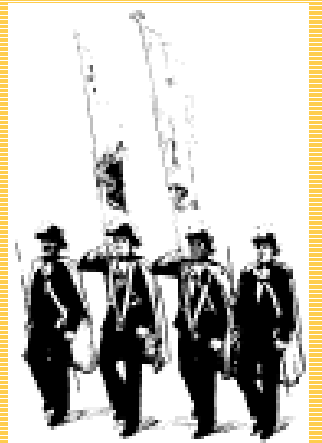


Knights of Columbus Jackets

In support of our fall events, our council is taking orders for K of C jackets for any interested member. The jackets will be navy, have a quilted inner lining and have our council #12037 emblem on the breast. If you are interested in ordering a jacket, please complete the following order form and mail it with your check to:

To: **John Bieda**
809 Mayer Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301

Any Knight wanting to buy a jacket will need to pay \$10 for their jacket. The council will contribute the remaining \$22.50. Additional jackets cost the full \$32.50 or more. Embroidered name costs \$3 extra, and if desired, must be paid by the member.



Knights of Columbus Jacket Order Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

Qty Jackets	Size (S,M,L, XL)	Member Cost (with front Logo)	Name Optional (\$3)	Total
		\$ 32.50 each		
	XXL	\$ 34.50 each		
	XXXL	\$ 36.50 each		
Note: Each jacket (with KofC logo on front) is \$32.50. The council will pay \$22.50 towards the Knight's jacket. Embroidered name costs an additional \$3.			Less Council Contribution	- \$ 22.50
			Total Due	



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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 Clint Kleinsorge's wife Kathy.

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

Please continue to pray for any Knight or family member that you know is in need but not listed in this letter.

Letter from the Editor

Well, this is my second newsletter and hopefully these are proving worthwhile.

I have heard many good comments and suggestions for the newsletter and web site that I have tried to incorporate.

I would like to hear from more people on what they like or don't like.

So if you have any ideas on what to change or have special interest stories or events that you want to promote to our council, please let me know at the next meeting or send me an email through our Council email address.

Yours in fellowship,
John Rutkoski

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.geocities.com/kofc12037>

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.

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