

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

It has been a busy winter, both for the council and myself. Since the last newsletter was back at the end of October, I have some catching up to do.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 1st and we had a great time. There are some photographs of some of the festivities on our website.

Our council helped decorate the St. Robert Bellarmine Church with luminaries for Christmas. Thanks to all of those who lent a hand this Christmas Season.

On January 6th, we held our Annual Basketball Freethrow competition other

youth activities. Thanks to Jim Ardolino and all of the Knights who made this event possible.

On December 22nd, as part of our Council meeting, we also held the Awards Ceremonies for the youth events, and named Lenny Potter as the Knight of the Year and Karen Vossenkemper was named the Lady of the Year for all of their hard work.

With many events coming up in the next few months, we especially need help from people that may not have been able to help in the past. Please offer some of your time to help make these events a success.

Upcoming Events

February 2002

8 th	Bingo Kitchen	
10 th	Coffee & Donut Sunday	After all Masses
10 th	Setup, Bartend, Cleanup	Event in Church Hall
12 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
22 nd	Bingo Kitchen	
23 rd	Fourth Degree	
26 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

March 2002

3 rd	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast	Church Hall after all Sunday Masses
12 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
26 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

Dear Fellow Knights,

We just finished our Basketball Free Throw, Poster and Essay Contests. We have 9 winners in the Basketball, 4 winners in the Poster and 6 winners in the Essay contests.

We invited the parents and the winners to a wonderful dinner on January 22nd to present them with their awards.

Later that same night, we honored **Lenny Potter** as the Knight of the Year. We gave Lenny a plaque and a card that contained a \$100 bill. Thanks Lenny for all of the hard work you have done for this council!

We host donuts and coffee on February 10th after all of the masses. If you can

help, please call **Jim Ardolino** at (314)447-8163.

We also are planning a **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** for March 3rd after all of the masses. We can use all of the help we can get to make this a successful fund raising event. If you can help, please call **Dan Uhle** at (314)725-8808.

We are also planning a **Mouse Race** in May. Please call **John Bieda** for information. I hope to see everyone at our next membership meeting on Feb. 26th

Grand Knight
Rich Wulf



Fund Raising Efforts

Due to the wonderful success we had with our Council's first ever Mouse Race last year, **John Bieda** is organizing the same event this year. We will be looking for help to promote the race, work the event and with setup and cleanup of the Church Hall.

Invite your friends and family to a great time full of excitement.

Mouse Race

Saturday, May 4
6:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
(Races start at 7:00 p.m.)

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

For information call: (636) 723-8429

Minimum age 21



Ladies Auxiliary

The ladies are selling Missouri State Council souvenir centennial pins for \$2.00.

Also, the terms of the existing Ladies' president and treasurer are ending. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Donna at (314)447-8163.

We also want to thank the Ladies for their continued help with our council activities. Especially with the Christmas luminaries, bingo kitchens, our recent essay/poster/basketball contests, and the dinner/award banquet. We couldn't do it without the support of our Ladies Auxiliary.

2001-2002 Youth Activities

BASKETBALL FREE THROW WINNERS



	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10 Yrs -	Nicholas Seckfort	Allison Sappington
11 Yrs -	Patrick Ahrens	Megan Grace
12 Yrs -	Michael Grace	Sarah Beckering
13 Yrs -	Patrick Kuhn	Monica Miller
14 Yrs -	Michael Towers	

(Winners received a Certificate and Plaque)

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



8 to 11 Yrs -	1st	Michelle Illy
	2nd	Brian Nelke
12 to 14 Yrs -	1st	Nicole Pollard
	2nd	Melissa Illy

(Winners received a Certificate and Savings Bond)

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Grade 6 -	1st	Brian Frisch
	2nd	Rebecca Flynn
Grade 7 -	1st	Michael Gonzalez
	2nd	Kim Josten
Grade 8 -	1st	Alison Brown
	2nd	Craig Richards

(Winners received a Certificate and Savings Bond)



Birthday Club Winners

October 2001
Jordan Scrivner

November 2001
Jamie Bader

December 2001
Steven Dubois

January 2002
Jordan Bailey

Knights of Columbus Reminders

K of C Jackets

Thanks to Lenny Potter and John Bieda, our Council Jackets have arrived. If you had ordered a jacket and haven't yet picked it up, please contact either Lenny or John.

2002 Membership Cards

Bill Towers, our Financial Secretary, has the 2002 Membership cards available. See Bill at the next meeting if you haven't already received your card for this year.

Easter Coloring Contest

Plans are in work for the 2002 Easter Coloring Contest. Check for flyers at Church and in the next newsletter for details.

State Convention

The State Convention will be held in Jefferson City on April 26, 27, 28. Rich Wulf and Jim Ardolino will be representing our council. Donna Ardolino will be representing the Ladies Auxiliary.





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For the Good of the Order

Please continue to keep our fellow Knights and Ladies in your prayers. Especially Bob Priestmeyer, Bud Hemminghaus, Rich Wulf, and Kathy Kleinsorge, as well as any other member who is a time of need.

As always, please let me know if there is anyone else I could add to this list.



Letter from the Editor

While I am trying to get back into the swing of these newsletters, I would like to ask for any suggestions or feedback on anything that you would like to see changed or added to this newsletter.

I wanted to thank Jim Ardolino for supplying me with most of the information for this month's newsletter. I was out of town with my wife Katie

for some medical tests during the last council meeting and did not have a chance to compile much news on my own.

Thanks to all of you that have kept us in your prayers.

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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