

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

Wow, we made it through a busy spring and we should all be proud of the results of our fundraising efforts. It was a lot of hard work, so thanks to all of those that donated their time to help us raise funds that will be used to assist those in need.

In May, we held our first BBQ of 2002. **Al Cronin** coordinated the event with a lot of help from the usual crew. This was a very successful event for us and even the weather cooperated for a change. Thanks to all that came out to lend a hand.

Since we had such a great success with the Mouse Races and this BBQ, the council

voted to abstain from working down at the St. Charles' Frontier Park during the 4th of July this year. We will plan on a fall BBQ and/or Trivia Night instead.

Also at the last council meeting, both our Knights and our Ladies Auxiliary conducted their 2002 election of officers. Please see page two for the results of the elections.

June 15th we held an Appreciation Dinner for Father Meyer and Father Day. Thanks for coming out and showing your solidarity for our priests.

Upcoming Events

June 2002

1 st	School Picnic	St. Elizabeth Parking Lot
11 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
15 th	Priest Appreciation Dinner	Church Hall - 6pm
25 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow
30 th	Church Breakfast	Old Country Buffet after 8:30am Mass

July 2002

4 th	Independence Day	
9 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
22 nd	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

August 2002

TBD	Officer Installation Dinner	
13 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
27 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

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

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Fellow Knights,

This is my last report that I will be writing for the newsletter. I enjoyed being your Grand Knight for the past two years. I thank everyone for helping to make this council go forward during the past two years. I ask everyone to give Kent Stepanek all of the support he will need as our next Grand Knight.

I thank everyone for helping at the bar-b-cue that we had on May 20th-21st. It was a very successful fund-raiser.

On Saturday, June 15th we had our appreciation dinner for our two priests.

It shows the compassion, love and honor the two priests show us in serving the Catholic faith for us.

We will have a Communion and Council breakfast on June 30th at the 8:30am Mass. After the Mass, we will go to the Country Buffet for breakfast.

Last of all, I thank everyone for the help they gave me the last two years for serving as the Grand Knight.

Grand Knight
Rich Wulf

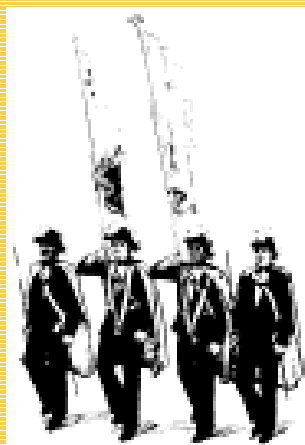
Election of 2002-2003 Officers

At our May Council Meeting, we held our 2002-2003 election of officers. While most of the offices ran unopposed, there were a couple seats where an actual vote was required. Thanks to all of the candidates that ran for these offices.

Also, due to Lloyd Billing accepting the position of District Deputy Grand Knight, an additional Trustee position was vacant.

The 2002-2003 Officers are:

Grand Knight	Kent Stepanek
Deputy Grand Knight	John Bieda
Chancellor	Dave Dunaway
Recorder	Ken Whalen
Treasurer	Al Cronin
Lecturer	Jim Ardolino
Advocate	Rich Wulf
Warden	Tom Brazill
Inside Guard	Sid Boyer
Outside Guard	Mark Roberts
1 st Year Trustee	John Rutkoski
2 nd Year Trustee	Lenny Potter
Insurance Agent	Marc Peckny
District Deputy	Lloyd Billing



Ladies Auxiliary

This was a busy month for the Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to helping the Knights with the bar-b-cue and organizing the yard sale on the 20th-21st of May, we had our officer elections for the two positions that were open. The new officers will be:

President Sharon Zerjav Treasurer Katie Rutkoski

Thanks to all the ladies that helped us win the **Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary Award** for this past year.

In Solidarity with our Priests

In keeping with the Supreme Council's campaign for Solidarity with our Priests, our Knights and Ladies Auxiliary joined with both the St. Robert Bellarmine Mens and Womens Councils to host an Appreciation Dinner. Members of St. Robert Bellarmine Church were invited to join us at the June 15th Appreciation dinner for Fr. Meyer & Fr. John Patrick.

There was a lot of good food and music and dancing. It was a wonderful celebration of solidarity and each priest was presented with a plaque commending them for their service to our parish.

Membership and Insurance

If you were not at the last Council Meeting you missed the opportunity to welcome our new Insurance Agent, **Marc Peckny**. At the meeting, Marc gave a little of his background and will be providing insurance support for our council. Welcome aboard Marc, and hopefully if we keep up the good work in recruiting new members, we may finally have a shot at Star Council. If you have any questions on planning for your financial future, please contact Marc at (636) 578-3269



As always, please contact our membership director, **Dave Freshly**, with the names of any prospective new members.



Missouri Knights of Columbus News

New District Deputy Grand Knight

Our very own former Grand Knight, **Lloyd Billing**, has agreed to accept the position of District Deputy Grand Knight for District 31. On July 31st our council will join District 31. Please congratulate Lloyd on accepting this new position.

2002 Knights of Columbus State Convention

In May, Grand Knight **Rich Wulf**, Sharon Zerjav and **Jim & Donna Ardolino** attended the 2002 State Convention.

Our Council's Knights received awards for 2nd place MR drive highest dollar amount collected per member and 1st place for the Youth's 2002 Substance Abuse Poster Contest. Our Ladies received the 2001 Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary award. We also received a Certificate of Merit for this newsletter.

Thank you Sharon, Jim, Donna and Rich for representing our Council and participating in the State Convention again this year.





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For the Good of the Order

Please continue to keep our fellow Knights and Ladies in your prayers. Especially John Bieda who recently had by-pass surgery as well as Bob Priestmeyer, Bud Hemminghaus, Kathy Kleinsorge, Lloyd Billing, Clarence Tamborski, Rich Wulf's Son-in-Law, Lenny Potter's Father-in-Law and Dave Freshley's Father-in-Law.

As always, please let me know if there is anyone else we can keep in our prayers.



Letter from the Editor

This is our third newsletter of 2002 and there was so much to report in the past two months, that I didn't have the time or space to get everything into this edition.

I have only heard from a couple people with email addresses that expressed an interest in getting these electronically, so I am assuming that most people prefer to receive these in the mail.

For those of you that are interested, I have added all of the newsletters since the spring of 2001 to our web-site. Let me know if you have any problems downloading the Acrobat reader to view those files.

Thanks for your continued support and I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Fraternally,
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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