

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

Our council has had a busy beginning to 2003. We started out with our 2003 Youth Programs on January 11th. These activities included the Basketball Free-throw, Essay and Poster Contests. We had an excellent turn out and held an awards ceremony and dinner for the families of the winners on January 28th.

Special thanks goes to **Jim Ardolino** and all of those that contributed to the success of these events. Photos from the event and awards dinner can be found on our website.

Lloyd Billing represented our council at the 2003 Pro Life Convention in Washington, DC. It was memorable and very worthwhile experience.

We are currently in the process of planning some of our spring fund raising events. On March 30th we will have a pancake breakfast after all Masses.

The next big event will be our third annual night at the Mouse Races on May 3rd. This is one of our best events of the year, and we hope that all of our members can help out with the fun. As in the past, **John Bieda** is coordinating the event this year. Door prizes and items for theme baskets are being collected. Please do what you can to make this event a big success for our council.

We hope to see you at the upcoming council meetings and events.

Upcoming Events

March 2003

11 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
25 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow
30 th	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall - Breakfast after all Sunday Masses

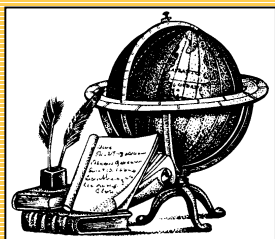
April 2003

8 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
22 nd	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

May 2003

3 rd	Mouse Races	Church Hall - 6:30pm
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.



Grand Knight's Report

Fellow Knights,

We have many events planned for the next 4 months.

March 30	Pancake Breakfast
May 3	Mouse Races
June 7	School Picnic
June 21 – 22	BBQ
July 4	Bingo

We haven't asked much of anyone the past several months, so we are hoping that everyone will pitch in and participate in these upcoming events. These events are essential for us to get Council 12037 financially stable, and so that we may assist the many organizations that depend on our donations. John Bieda has a list of people who have already signed up to work the Pancake Breakfast. Please be sure to check with John if you are unsure of your time slot.

Preparations for the Mouse Races are also underway. We are asking that everyone please sell at least 8 tickets (1 table) to the races. This will help us surpass our last year's numbers. We also need volunteers to work the night of the races, as well as donations for the basket raffle. If you can contribute

some items for the baskets, please do so by Tuesday, March 25th. The basket themes are listed below:

Knights	Ladies
Wine/Liquor	Paper Products
Gardening	Chocolate
Car Care	Snack Basket

* If you would like to contribute some items for the baskets, please call Katie Rutkoski and let her know what you will bring.

The Fourth of July Bingo could earn our council \$2000 - \$3000. Again we will need help with donations, selling tickets at the regular Friday night bingo, and workers for the event. I realize that this may be a tough date for some people to make, so please try and help out with the preparations if you can not attend.

Lastly, Bill Towers' 3-year term as financial secretary is over this summer. We are looking for someone to take over this extremely important position. Please let me know if you are interested.

I hope everyone is in good health and I look forward to seeing everyone on March 25th at our next meeting.

Kent

Ladies Auxiliary

Spring time is here. We made it through the cold winter with the help of our warm Knight friends. Here is a reminder of the upcoming events.

We have our pancake breakfast on March 30th. We need your help, so please sign up if you are able to make this event.

Also, if you would be interested in walking with Sharon at the American Heart Walk on Saturday, May 3rd, please

contact her to sign up for this worthwhile cause.

Our Mouse Races are on May 3rd. Please volunteer and sign up for this event. Remember to bring your basket items to the next meeting. Thank you for your help with this event.

May God bless you and your family during this Lent so that we may all have a joyous Easter.

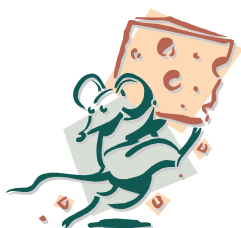
Sharon



Fund Raising Efforts

We are looking forward to our Third Annual Live Mouse Race coming up in May.

John Bieda is organizing the event again this year. We will be looking for help to promote the race, work the event and assist with setup and cleanup of the Church Hall. Please contact John to let him know when you can help.



Bring your items/donations for the prize baskets to the March Council meeting.

Jim and Donna Ardolino are coordinating the collection of door prizes. Please bring one door prize to the March Council Meeting. Please check with various restaurants or

businesses to see if they would be willing to donate a door prize to this event. John also asks that the rest of us help in whatever way we can, especially in promoting and selling tickets to this event. Remember to mention that the door prizes alone may cover the admission price.

Please invite your friends and family to a great time full of excitement and fun.

Mouse Race

Saturday, May 3th
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

Many Door Prizes are available!



2003 Youth Activities

We had a great turn out this year. Lets give a big hand to our winners:

Basketball Winners

Congratulations to Laura Beckering, Daniel Grace, Megan Grace, Brennen Hoffman, Melissa Kuhn, Monica Miller, Mathew Noonan, Cameron Ritter and Allison Sappington.

Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to Michael Gonzalez, Joey Harris, Kathleen O'Donnell and Vicki Viehman.

Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to Jessica Harker, Michelle Illy, Carlos Robertson and Tori Stepanek.

Other Business

2003 Membership Cards: If you have not yet received your new membership card, please see Bill Towers at the next meeting. The 2003 membership dues are \$20 per Knight.

2003 Officer Elections: We are quickly approaching our council's annual elections. If you are interested in running for an office, please give your name to one of the current officers. The elections are currently planned for the May Council Meeting.

2003 Membership: Lloyd Billing, Our Worthy District Deputy, reported that District 31 is currently at 150% of our membership target for this year. Please contact Dave Freshly if you have any prospects for membership for our council so that we can get them into one of the upcoming First Degree meetings.





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For the Good of the Order

We continue to pray for our fellow Knights, Ladies and their families in their time of need. Especially our priests Father Meyer and Father Day, Earl Schleff, Bud Hemminghaus, Kathy Kleinsorge, Al Cronin, and John Bieda. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia Rose, mother Mary Bieda. And, as always, please let me know if there is anyone else we can keep in our prayers.



Letter from the Editor

You may have noticed that this newsletter is long overdue. During recent officer and council meetings we decided to scale back this newsletter to a quarterly or as-needed schedule rather than just every other month. As these newsletters are one of the few communications that reach all of our members, especially those unable to attend the monthly meetings, we will continue to support them. I will also keep the website running since it does not have the same cost

for postage and copies of a paper newsletter. I do realize that not all of our members have regular access to the internet. I am always looking for new material for the newsletter or website, so if you have any information that you want to see posted, just let me know.

May God bless you during this Lenten season.

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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