

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

Hello again, fellow Knights and Ladies. It is time to share with each of you the latest news and events of our council in this third quarterly newsletter.

The hot days of summer are behind us and plans are underway for a busy fall. First, we have a couple of fundraisers planned. We have our annual fall bar-b-cue scheduled for October 11th. We will only have it on Saturday this year. Please stop by to lend a hand, get a good meal or both.

In mid-November we are planning to hold a T.J.'s Pizza & Pie Sale.

Our 2003 Annual Mental Retardation (Tootsie Roll) Drive will run the entire month of October, with events scheduled at several local businesses each of the 4 weekends. Please sign up to collect for this worthy cause.

Next, we have a couple of Pro-Life events, including the Life Chain on October 5th and the Vitae Caring Foundation Dinner on October 20th.

We look forward to seeing each of you at these worthy charity events.

Upcoming Events

October 2003

5 th	Life Chain	Church Parking Lot – 1:45pm to 3pm
11 th	BBQ Fund Raiser	Church Parking Lot – 10am to 7pm
14 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
20 th	Vitae Caring Foundation Banquet	The Columns – 6:30pm to 9pm
28 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting at 8pm

November 2003

11 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
25 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting at 8pm

December 2003

6 th	Christmas Party	
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January 2003

11 th	Youth Basketball Free Throw	Church Hall - after each Sunday Mass
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Note: Contact John Rutkoski to get events added to this calendar.

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Membership Report

If you were not at the September council meeting, you missed the opportunity to listen to Ron Martin from the MO State Council speaking about the state-wide **Membership Blitz** to be held on October 18th and 19th at all Missouri councils. Missouri missed the membership goal this past year by less than 35 members. If you know of anyone that may want to become a knight, please take the time to invite him to join. Many times, that is all that is keeping them from joining.

STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH--BUILD OUR ORDER--RECRUIT A KNIGHT

"The theme for our State Membership Campaign this year is stated above: "Strengthen our Faith-Build Our Order-Recruit a Knight." This slogan is meant to convey that the fact that both the Catholic Faith and the Knights of Columbus Order is edified when a new member is recruited into our ranks. Think of it-you're doing good for two organizations when you commit yourself to the one action of recruiting a Knight" – Mick Gilliam, State Membership Director



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



Ladies Auxiliary

With the fall season upon us, it's time to direct our attention to the many events planned for October including the life chain, BBQ fundraiser, MR Tootsie roll drive and the Vitae Caring Foundation Banquet. I want to thank all the ladies in advance for your time and dedicated service to these worthy events.

A great big thank you to **Laverne Meinert** for making so many gifts for the ladies these past two months. Ladies, please remember to bring a wrapped gift to our next meeting to share.

Please continue to remember the soul of our dear friend and charter member,

Kathy Kleinsorge, who passed away on September 5th, 2003. A kind, compassionate and caring individual, Kathy will be sorely missed.

I also ask you to pray for Clint and Kathy's family, that they may experience the loving comfort of the Lord during this difficult time.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I want to thank Clint for his generous donation to our organization in memory of Kathy. These funds will be directed to worthy causes and the Kleinsorge's generosity will long be remembered.

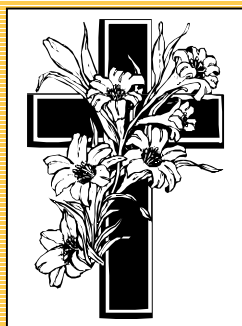
May God bless you.

Katie Rutkoski

Life Chain

The annual Life Chain Pro-Life event will be held on October 5th at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. The Life Chain will run for one hour, from 2pm to 3pm along Highway 94 in front of St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Please meet in the church parking lot at 1:45pm.

Also passing through St. Louis on Oct. 5th is the Tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silver Rose Program, where a replica of a silver rose is being carried in a relay run from Toronto, Ontario to Monterrey, Mexico. See the [St. Louis Review](#) for details.



Fund Raising Efforts

We have several fund raising events planned for October and early November.

Our 2003 Mental Retardation (Tootsie Roll) Drive will run the entire month of October. We will again be splitting our collection between Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Village of the Blue Rose.

Several local businesses have agreed to let us collect on their locations.

If you are able to help collect for the mentally handicapped at one of the following sites on the listed dates, please signup with **Rich Wulf**. The dates and locations could be subject to change.

Oct 4-5	Hackman's on Hwy 94
Oct 4	Speedway
Oct 11-12	St. Robert Bellarmine
Oct 18-19	Gordmans & Walgreens on 5 th Street
Oct 25-26	Harvester Shop-n-Save

There are also plans in the works to hold a T.J.'s Pizza and Pie sale, possibly the weekend of November 15th. Details are still being finalized and will be communicated at the next meeting.

Vitae Caring Foundation – Pro-Life Benefit Dinner

In order to support the costs for promoting Pro-Life television ads, The Vitae Caring Foundation is holding their Eighth Annual Pro-Life Benefit Dinner.

Monday, October 20, 2003
6:30-9:00pm
The Columns
711 Fairlane Drive, St. Charles, Missouri

If you are interested in attending please contact either Dot Billing or Katie Rutkoski. We are hoping to have another strong showing from our council and would like to fill several tables in support of this event. Please call to reserve your seats at this free dinner as soon as possible. Donations are welcome and voluntary.

More information can be found at: <http://www.vitaecaringfoundation.org/>

As part of the Knights of Columbus's position on Pro-Life, as taken directly from the Knights of Columbus website, Supreme Knight Anderson calls the right to life the "pre-eminent moral issue" of our time; urges all voters in K of C families to vote pro-life. Catholics not only have a right to join in the discourse on public policy issues like abortion, says Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, they have a duty to do so. "Whether it be in the halls of Congress, in Parliament, in state capitols or city halls, we must speak out and encourage others to speak out." As Catholics and as citizens, he said, we must "work for the common good of society."

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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 priest Father Meyer. Jim & Donna Ardolino's family, Dave Freshly's Father-in-law, Earl Schleff, Bud Hemminghaus, Al & Ruth Cronin, and John Bieda.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathy Kleinsorge, wife of Clint Kleinsorge. And, as always, please let me know if there is anyone else we can keep in our prayers.

Letter from the Editor

Another three months have gone by, and as I sit here writing this newsletter, I often wonder if there are events or information that I have unintentionally missed.

Since this is one of the few communications that is sent to all of our council members, I want it to reflect the views of the entire council rather than just my view or the views of a few members.

So, please offer suggestions or comments on what you would like to see in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Finally, as my workload has increased from work and school, and with the duties of Financial Secretary, I will not have as much time to contact people for ideas for the newsletter, so please call or email me with any news.

Fraternally, John Rutkoski

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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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