

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is our last quarterly newsletter for 2003 and provides a good place to say thanks to all that made this a good year for our council and our many activities.

We had a good MR Drive this year, although not quite as successful as we had hoped...mainly due to the economy and the grocery store strike. Thanks for collecting for the needy children; the money goes to two excellent causes.

In lieu of our normal November meeting, we held a 1st degree and welcomed two new members to our council. Please congratulate George Neumann and Dave Seckfort on becoming Knights in our council. Also, a special thanks is due for the degree team from Dardenne for a wonderful performance.

Our Christmas Party was a wonderful success. The food was excellent and the companionship even better.

Upcoming Events

January 2004

10 th	Adult Singles Dance	Church Hall - 8pm to midnight
11 th	Youth Basketball Free Throw	Church Hall after all Sunday Masses
10 th -11 th	Roses for Life	After all weekend Masses
13 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
27 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

February 2004

10 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
24 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

March 2004

4 th	4 th Degree	Airport Marriott Hotel
9 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
23 rd	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow



A Future of Faith, Fidelity and Service

“As Knights of Columbus we have sought to take up the challenge of renewal according to our own unique character, history and tradition. In the days ahead, we intend to do so in an even more explicit manner.

In this regard we are blessed by the legacy of our founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. More than a century ago he anticipated Vatican II's call to holiness and a greater role for the laity. He challenged the

Catholic men of his day to work toward the renewal of society by a greater commitment to unity and charity while becoming active in the life of their parish. Since his day, generations of Catholic men have sought to strengthen Christian family life, serve the poor and defend the rights of the Church by joining in the work of the Knights of Columbus.”

- **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**
(Columbia Magazine)

Adults Singles Dance

Our council is hosting a
Singles Dance on Jan 10th
8:00pm - Midnight
(Doors open at 7:30pm)

Admission of \$9.00 includes:
Beer, Soda, Wine, and Light Snacks

(Minimum Age is 21 and No Smoking)



Music will be provided by
"NEONET DJ Service"
Featuring Kevin Mumma
(314) 605-1369

A portion of the proceeds will be to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the needy and less fortunate in our area.

We still need volunteers to help setup after Bingo on Friday night (Jan 9th at 10pm) and also to work the Dance and to cleanup afterwards. Please lend a hand to make this event a great success.



Ladies Auxiliary

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas. As we begin a new year together, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support of our Auxiliary and the Knights this past year.

I appreciate your continued dedication to our organization and am looking forward to a successful year. Hope to see you at our next meeting on January 24th.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly, and give you peace!"

Numbers 6:24-26

Happy New Year!
Katie Rutkoski

2004 Youth Activities

Jim Ardolino, our Youth Committee Chairman, has once again coordinated the following events. Please lend a hand on Sunday, January 11th to help confirm our commitment to the youth of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. Details on all of these events (including the rules) can be found on flyers in Church or on our website.



BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Who: ALL Girls & Boys ages 10 to 14 (as of Jan 1, 2004)

When: Sunday - Jan 11, 2004 (after all Masses)

Where: St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall
1424 First Capitol Drive South, St. Charles

Awards:
Girls - 5 First Place Plaques (one for each age division)
Boys - 5 First Place Plaques (one for each age division)

Refreshments:
Refreshments will be provided to all participants and their families.



2004 POSTER CONTEST

ALL Youth ages 8 through 14 (as of Jan 1, 2004) are invited to participate in this year's Poster Contest. Entries must fall under one of these topics:

ALCOHOL AWARENESS AND ABUSE
DRUG AWARENESS AND ABUSE

Contest entrants compete against youth of the same age group:

DIVISION I: AGES 8 TO 11
DIVISION II: AGES 12 TO 14

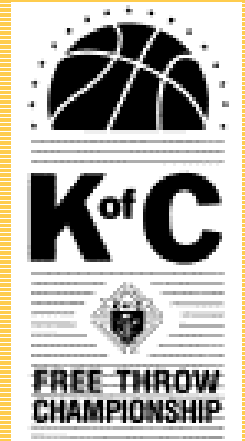


2004 ESSAY CONTEST

ALL Youth in Grades 5 through 12 are invited to participate in this year's Essay Contest.

Group A (Grades 5 & 6) and Group B (Grades 7 & 8)
Topic: **How Have I Shown My Patriotism?**

Group C (Grades 9 & 10) and Group D (Grades 11 & 12)
Topic: **The Image of the U.S. In The World Community**



Knights of Columbus Reminders

2004 Membership Cards

John Rutkoski, our new Financial Secretary, will have the 2004 Membership cards available at the next meeting. Please return your 2003 survey by Jan 25th.

March for Life

In support of Pro-Life, our council has again voted to send representatives to the 2004 March for Life. The 31st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade abortion decision will bring tens of thousands of pro-life supporters to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. Included among them will be Knights and family members from throughout the United States. Knights taking part in the March for Life are urged to wear clothing (jackets, caps) with the Order's emblem on it and to carry their K of C council banners.





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For the Good of the Order

Please continue to keep our fellow Knights and Ladies in your prayers. Especially pray for Dot Billing's Brother and members of Jim & Donna Ardolino's family. Also remember Bill Wegner, Bud Hemminghaus, Jim Mumma and Father Meyer.

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



Letter from the Editor

Another year has passed and I am proud to look back at the activities of our council and the time spent with you wonderful Knights and Ladies. We accomplished much and had some good times in the process.

I am hoping that 2004 will be just as successful and we all hope for a renewed interest by all current members

and many new members as we perform good works for our Church, our Community and our Council.

Happy New Year to each of you and your families and may God bless you and keep you.

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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