

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Recent Activities

Once again we started out the year with strong Youth activities on January 11th, including the Basketball Free-throw, Essay and Poster Contests. We held an awards ceremony and dinner for the families of the winners on February 28th.

We have special thanks for Youth Committee Chairman, **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.

We are well into the preparations for our spring fund raising events. Our fourth annual "Night at the Mouse Races" will be held on May 1st. Once again, **John Bieda** is coordinating the event and can use help

from the Knights and ladies.

One week later, on May 8th, we will hold a Singles Dance. Our first dance in January showed a lot of promise so we are going to try this again, as an additional fundraiser to help us with our charitable contributions throughout the year.

Lastly, our **2004 Officer Elections** are coming. If you are interested in running for an office, please let Kent Stepanek know. Kent will be stepping down as Grand Knight and we really appreciate the guidance and leadership he has brought to our council during his term.

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

Upcoming Events

April 2004

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

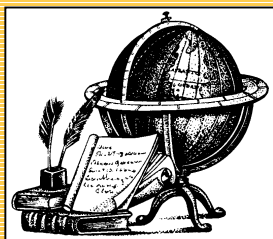
May 2004

1st	Mouse Races	Church Hall - 6:00pm
8 th	Singles Dance	Church Hall - 7:30pm - Midnight
11 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
25 th	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

June 2004

5 th	School Picnic	St. Elizabeth's
8 th	Officers Meeting	Church Hall - 7pm
22 nd	Council Meeting	Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow

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



Council Report

If you missed our March Council meeting, we had a couple guest speakers immediately following dinner.

First, **Thomas Massman, Sr.** introduced himself as our council's new insurance Field Agent. Tom has 25 years of experience with the Knights and is very interested in helping our council continue to grow. Please give a warm welcome to Tom and if you ever have any questions on insurance or

financial issues, feel free to call upon him at anytime (see contact information listed below.)

Our second speaker was **Thom Huellinghorst** from Council 823 spoke about the "Lifesaver collection for pregnancy Resource Centers". The collection is planned for the weekend of April 24th-25th and the proceeds will benefit the center.

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Field Agent Report

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- Life Insurance for your family
- Health Ins/Long Term Care Ins.
- IRAs / traditional & deductible
- Roth IRAs / Tax-Free
- SEP / Self-employed
- Keogh Plan / Rollovers
- Non-Qualified Tax-deferred Annuities

Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Spring!

I hope this has been a prayerful and holy Lent for each of you. With signs of new life all around us during this season, we are ever grateful to God.

I appreciate your dedication and support for our organization and the Knights through your sharing of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your help with the pancake breakfast in February. There are several events planned for May and June including the Mouse Races, Singles Dance and School Picnic.

If you would like to volunteer to work any of these events, please feel free to contact me. We appreciate the help.

Please remember to bring the following items to the April meeting:

- One canned food item
- One wrapped household gift for a game
- Items for the Mouse Race theme baskets
- Door prizes for the Mouse Races

Dessert will be provided for the next meeting. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in April.

Have a wonderful Easter and may God bless you!

Sincerely,
Katie



4th Annual Live Mouse Race

We are looking forward to our Fourth Annual Live Mouse Races, which will be held on May 1st.

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.

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



Please check with various restaurants or businesses to see if they would be willing to donate a door prize to this event.

Remember to mention that the door prizes alone may cover the admission price. Bring your door prizes / theme basket donations to the April Council meeting.

Knights

Wine/Liquor
Gardening
Car Care

Ladies

Low Carb
Chocolate
Snack Basket

Mouse Race

Saturday, May 1st

6:00 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!

If you can contribute items for the theme baskets, please call Katie Rutkoski and let her know what you will bring.



Adult Singles Dance

Our council is hosting another **Singles Dance** on May 8th
8:00pm - Midnight
(Doors open at 7:30pm)

Admission of \$10.00 includes:
Beer, Soda, Wine, and Light Snacks

(Minimum Age is 21 and No Smoking)

Music will be provided by

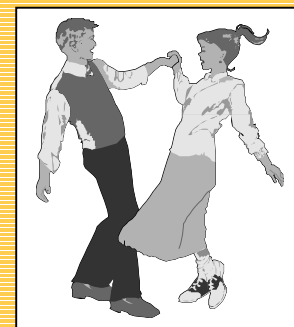
"NEONET DJ Service"

Featuring Kevin Mumma
(314) 605-1369



A portion of the proceeds will 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 (May 7th at 10pm) and also to work the Dance and to cleanup afterwards. Please lend a hand to make this event a great success.



Other Business

2004 Membership Cards: If you have not yet received your new membership card, please see John Rutkoski at the next meeting. The 2004 membership dues are \$20 per Knight.

2004 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.



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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 Father Meyer, Earl Schleff, Bud Hemminghaus, and Bill Wegner. Please also pray for members of the Ardolino and Dunaway families with cancer. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Dot Billing's brother, who recently passed away. Please let me know of anyone else we should add to our prayers.



Letter from the Editor

This has been an exciting first quarter for me in 2004. Taking over the office of Financial Secretary has been a real learning experience. I think I may be getting the hang of it finally.

I was also honored to participate in the 4th Degree Exemplification with our former Financial Secretary, Dave Dunaway. Both of us were inducted into the 4th degree on March 6th after a wonderful ceremony

included the K of C Honor Guard and a beautiful Mass offered by Archbishop Burke.

As we approach Easter and spring, we are asked by our Country, our Church and our God to take a good look at our lives and how best we can rededicate our lives. I wish you each a very rewarding Lenten season in preparation for a Happy Easter.

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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