

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

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### Recent Activities

As we head into winter after a relatively quiet summer and fall, we can review the events of the year in making plans for 2005. This was not a typical year, with a few big events rather than several smaller events. One of the things that have been mentioned is that with fewer events we get less of a chance to see each other. That is a question that we will need to answer for ourselves as a council.

In looking back, as many of you know, our spring fund-raisers were very successful. We wanted to thank **John Bieda** for his fine work as chairman of our best Mouse Race yet. We appreciate all of the hard work of the Knights and Ladies that

went into these events. We only hope that we can match our success in 2005.

We more recently completed our 2004 MR Drive with much coordination by **Al Cronin**, and collected a total of \$3233.

Our next event is our 2004 Christmas Party on December 4th. Please check page 2 for details on how to sign up.

Finally, coming up in early January are our 2005 Youth Events (Basketball Free Throw, Poster and Essay Contests). Please sign up to help make these events a success.

### Upcoming Events

#### November 2004

|                  |                   |                                                |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Officers Meeting  | Church Hall - 7pm                              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | No Hunger Holiday | Cottleville Council 9am to 3pm                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Council Meeting   | Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow |

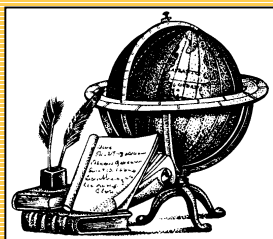
#### December 2004

|                  |                      |                                                |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Party      | Pio's Restaurante – Cocktails 6:30, Dinner 7pm |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Children's Book Sale | Back of Church - After all Masses              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Officers Meeting     | Church Hall - 7pm                              |

#### January 2004

|                  |                                   |                                                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Basketball Free-throw Competition | Church Hall – After all Masses                 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Officers Meeting                  | Church Hall - 7pm                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Council Meeting                   | Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow |

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



## Council Report

We received notes of gratitude from St. Vincent de Paul Society for our recent donation.

At our last officer's meeting, guest speaker and member of Harvester Council, **Mike Sage**, mentioned one example of what their council is doing. He described their annual "No Hunger Holiday" that helps thousands of the most needy families in the St. Charles area have a real Thanksgiving Dinner.

They are looking for help with any of the following:

- 1) Donations of cash
- 2) Donation of turkey(s) purchased at local supermarkets
- 3) Volunteers to work on Tuesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to prepare the baskets.

Please call Mike Sage at 636-928-2490 if you are interested in helping with this wonderful event.



## Ladies Auxiliary

As we quickly approach the close of another year, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and the many ways you have given to our Auxiliary and to the Knights this past year. Without you, we would not be able to help in so many important ways. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a personalized children's book sale on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Please see the St. Robert Bellarmine

Church bulletin for more details, as this event gets closer. These books would make wonderful birthday and Christmas presents for young children. Thanks to **Debbie Meinert** and **Donna Ardolino** for their work in organizing this fund raising event.

Finally, I would like to wish all a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

- Katie Rutkoski

## 2004 MR Drive

As we have completed this year's MR Tootsie Roll Drive, we can be proud of another excellent effort. A special thanks goes to chairman, **Al Cronin** and to all that helped collect \$3,233 for the needy children and adults with mental retardation.

People will often ask who receives these funds. From our council it is split 50/50

between Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Village of the Blue Rose. Both are very worthy causes and both have expressed their gratitude for the help.

Also, for next year we will be needing a new chairman to run the MR drive, so please let one of the officers know if you are interested and able to help coordinate this event next fall.

<http://www.villagebluerose.org/>

## Christmas Party

Any Knights wishing to attend our 2004 Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup> should contact **John Bieda**. The event will once again be held at Pio's Restaurant in downtown St. Charles. The price for the dinner is \$7.50 a person or \$15 per couple. Please come and join your fellow Knights

and Ladies for a fraternal celebration of our achievements for the year. Please be sure to make reservations on or before our November meeting. As we have to pre-pay for the dinner, we cannot accept walk-ins at the door on the night of the event.



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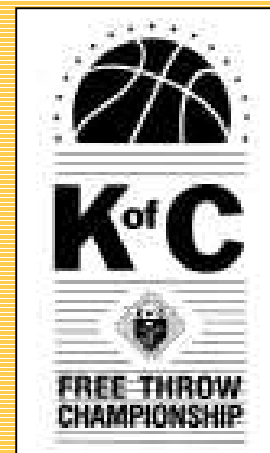
## 2005 Youth Activities

**Jim Ardolino**, our Youth Committee Chairman, has once again coordinated the following events. Please lend a hand on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 at St. Robert Bellarmine or on our website.



### BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

**Who:** ALL Girls & Boys ages 10 to 14 (as of Jan 1, 2005)  
**When:** Sunday - Jan 9, 2005 (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.



### 2005 POSTER CONTEST

**ALL** Youth ages 8 through 14 (as of Jan 1, 2005) are invited to participate in this year's Poster Contest. All entries must be submitted by Sunday, **Jan 2, 2005** for judging. 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**



### 2005 ESSAY CONTEST

**ALL** Youth in Grades 5 through 12 are invited to participate in this year's Essay Contest. All entries must be submitted by **Jan 2, 2005**.

Group A (Grades 5 & 6) and Group B (Grades 7 & 8)  
 Topic: **What makes America a great country?**

Group C (Grades 9 & 10) and Group D (Grades 11 & 12)  
 Topic: **How world terrorism has affected my life.**

## 2004-2005 Officers

As a reminder, our District Deputy is Tom Mattingly and our officers for the 2004-2005 year are listed below:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Grand Knight  | John Bieda    |
| Chancellor    | Bill Wegner   |
| Recorder      | Jim Hubbard   |
| Treasurer     | Dave Seckfort |
| Lecturer      | Jim Ardolino  |
| Advocate      | Rich Wulf     |
| Inside Guard  | Sid Boyer     |
| Outside Guard | Mark Roberts  |

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Deputy Grand Knight          | Lloyd Billing  |
| Warden                       | George Neumann |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee | Ken Whalen     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee | Clyde Meinert  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee | Al Cronin      |
| Financial Secretary          | John Rutkoski  |





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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, Bill Wegner, LaVerne Meinert, Ruth Englehart, Earl Schleff, and John Bieda. Please also pray for several members of the Ardolino family.

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



## Letter from the Editor

As many of you know, this edition of the newsletter has been a long time coming. There were several factors that contributed to this long delay between newsletters. First, as we didn't have any major events during the summer and only the MR drive in the fall, we really didn't have much to report. Second, between my duties as Financial Secretary, the process of adopting two children, a lot of overtime at work and my studies for a Master's degree, I have

really had a difficult time finding any spare time in preparing a quality newsletter. For this, I apologize to each of you. I am always looking for suggestions on how we can make this publication better. I continue to maintain our council website, but if anyone has any desire to work on either the newsletter or website, I would be more than happy for any help.

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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