

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

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### Recent Activities



Our council is already off to a good start in 2005. We are looking forward to seeing all of you Knights and Ladies in the next few months. Hopefully, you will be able to attend our January council meeting, as it will be a special one. We not only have our winners of the Basketball Free Throw competition but are also planning to present a check in the amount of \$500 to our sponsored Seminarian, Mark Chrismer.

We started out with our 2005 Youth Programs on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks goes to **Jim Ardolino** and **Sid Boyer** and

all of those that contributed to the success of these events. Photos from the event and awards dinner will be available on our web.

Once again, **Lloyd Billing** is representing our council's commitment to the unborn at the 2005 Pro-Life Convention in Washington, DC. We also want to thank Lloyd and Dot Billing for hosting the 2005 Roses for Life Campaign.

We look forward to working with you and your fellow Knights and Ladies in another year of dedication to Church, Country and Community.

### Upcoming Events

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#### Jan 2005

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| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Basketball Free Throw Competition | Church Hall after Sunday Masses                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Officers Meeting                  | Church Hall - 7pm                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Council Meeting                   | Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Council Dinner                    | Culpeppers after 5pm Mass                      |

#### Feb 2005

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|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Officers Meeting | Church Hall - 7pm                              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Council Meeting  | Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow |

#### March 2005

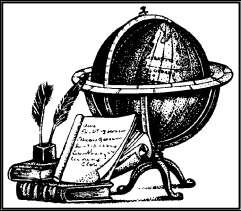
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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Council Meeting  | Church Hall - Dinner at 7pm, meeting to follow |

#### April 2005

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|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Officers Meeting | Church Hall - 7pm                              |
| 26 <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



Fellow Knights,

A few of us attended the District Deputy meeting on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and have a lot of information to share that could impact our council. We received handouts discussing the Special Olympics and 2005 MR Drive. We also have a vocation handbook and a very nice set of posters to foster vocations to the religious life.

Some additional items that we were asked to consider for our council included Knight and Family of the month programs, increased

participation in athletic events like horseshoes or softball and info on scrapbooking and newsletters.

For our community, there are programs for Fr. McGivney Guild, Crusade for Life, Cameras and Computers for Life and Blood drives. We encourage each of you to participate in one or more of these.

Finally, In support of Church activities, there are details for Marian Hour, Vocations and the Religious Vocations Fund

## Field Agent's Report



While our council currently does not have an agent, Bob Klein has agreed to help any of our member's with specific insurance needs until a permanent agent is assigned.

### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE SETS ANOTHER NEW RECORD

The Knights of Columbus insurance program issued \$6.224 BILLION in new life insurance in 2004, representing an annual increase of MORE THAN \$ 1 BILLION. It is the first time the annual increase in new life insurance has exceeded the \$1 billion mark. It represents a 19.2 percent increase over 2003.

Find out why so many of your brother Knights are taking advantage of this Fraternal benefit. You are not only helping yourself and your family but allows the K of C to donate \$250,000 to the Asia Disaster Relief and provide free accidental death benefits to all it's members as part of the Fraternal Benefit Program, as well as many other programs our members enjoy.

Your future starts tomorrow. Contact me today.  
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## Ladies Auxiliary



Dear Ladies, Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, I wanted to thank each of you for your participation in our Auxiliary and the many ways you have helped the Knights. For those of you who are not in our Auxiliary, I encourage you to join. We would love to welcome you into our council family and are always in need of new ideas. For those of you already involved in our Auxiliary, I encourage you to consider volunteering to become an officer for the 2005-2006 year. Please let me know if you

would be interested in this rewarding experience. We always welcome change, as it fosters new ideas.

We would also like to recognize one of our outstanding Auxiliary members for 2004-2005. Please consider who you would think would be deserving of this special honor.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support these past 2 years. I look forward to working with you in this new year.

Katie

## Charity and Vocations

Our **2004 MR Drive** had a net collection of over \$3233. Thank you to all that participated last fall in handing out Tootsie Rolls to collect for those in need. Half of this money goes directly to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. We are in the final process of getting a check from State for the other half of the money that will be sent to our selected charity, **The Village of the Blue Rose**. If you are interested in being included in the visit to present the check to them, please contact one of the officers.

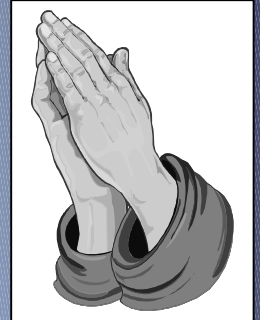
As part of our continuing support for vocations, we will be presenting a check for \$500 to

**Mark Chrismer**, a seminarian in our parish. Please continue to pray for Mark and all that have accepted the call to the religious life.

Finally, as part of our **State Religious Vocations Fund**, we will be selling raffle tickets with winners drawn at State Convention:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Award - Divine Mercy Icon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Award - Queen Size K of C Quilt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Award - \$100 Cash

Please contact **John & Katie Rutkoski** for tickets.



## Youth Activities

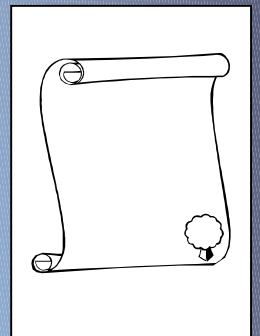
We had another good turn out this year at our Basketball Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting our winners with plaques at our next council meeting. We have invited the families of the winners to attend a special dinner in their honor.

### Basketball Winners

Congratulations to the winners and all that took part in the competition.

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|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Matt Gisi      | Boy Age 10 | Tyra O'Bannon    | Girl Age 10 |
| Anthony Seago  | Boy Age 11 | No Participants  | Girl Age 11 |
| Alex Ivy       | Boy Age 12 | Tamesha O'Bannon | Girl Age 12 |
| Alex Miller    | Boy Age 13 | No Participants  | Girl Age 13 |
| Patrick Ahrens | Boy Age 14 | Alex Pohlen      | Girl Age 14 |

The District Free Throw Championship will be held between February 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>



## Other Business

**2005 Membership Cards:** If you have not yet received your new membership card, please see John Rutkoski at the next meeting. The 2005 membership dues are \$20 per Knight.

**2004 Activity Survey:** If you have not yet completed your survey of activities, please do so and send in with your dues. I am compiling the totals of donated hours of service to send in to Supreme Council by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 2004 Council Audit:

The audit is due by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, so I would like to meet with the Trustees at the next officers meeting to complete the audit. Please plan on attending if you can.

### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees:

For those 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights, please consider making your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.

If you are interested in making your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, it will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the St. Louis Airport Marriott.





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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 pray for our priest Father Meyer. Also pray for full recovery of Rich Wulf, Earl Schleff, Ruth Cronin, members of the Ardolino and Mattingly families, and for the repose of the soul of John Bieda's mother.

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



## Editor's Desk

With a new year upon us, we have the opportunity to make a change or resolution to do something better than we had in the past year. We should each consider making a change to our lives to make us better servants of God, our country and our communities. This could mean donating blood, serving the poor in a soup kitchen, giving to a worthy cause, participating in weekly Eucharistic Adoration, or joining the Father McGivney Guild. Whatever it is you

do, remember that it will help you be a better Knight and servant of the Lord. As a council, we can also strive to do more for our Church and Country. Please share your time, treasure or talent to help make our council grow in holiness, service and fraternity.

May God bless you during this New Year.

Yours in fellowship,  
John Rutkoski

## 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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