



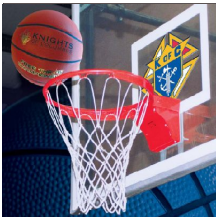
knights of st. irene

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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy New Year 2015!



Jan. 19—Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Challenge

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center Gym on Monday Jan. 19 at 9:30 AM. Winners will progress through district and state competitions. The regional competition will take place in March at Benedictine University, Lisle.

Please note that this is a Holiday morning. Participants are required to furnish proof of age. Registration begins at 9:00 AM at the gym. Please contact **Robert Geary** at 630-836-2454 for details.

Feb. 6—Youth Spelling Bee

Urge your sons and daughters to participate. The Bee is scheduled at 4:00 PM in St. Irene Parish ACL. Children ages 5-14 are welcome. Spelling word lists are available at www.myspellit.com. Advancement to the next level and prizes will be awarded. Winners move up to District competition to be scheduled.



Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party Feb. 1, 2015

The annual fundraiser will be held once again on Super Bowl Sunday after a one year hiatus where the Party and Raffle was held on NFL Championship Sunday. The Raffle and Party will be held
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Reserve Your Table for the party at a Preferred location in advance.
Decorate it!

Jan. 17—Council to Take Down Outside Christmas Decorations at St. Irene's

We need volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Sat., Jan. 17 starting at 8:00 AM. I will bring poles and ladders. Please call **PGK Bob Rauko** for information (630-337-1568) or email to: rauko@comcast.net.

Jan. 24—Chili Cook-Off

Help support Athletic Programs at St. Irene's School. Doors open at the St. Irene Activities Center at 6:00 PM. This is a 21-and-older event. Hot dogs, soft drinks, beer and wine will be available for sale. You will also have an opportunity to bid on fabulous silent auction items and enter raffles for great prizes.



Feb. 7—Fifth Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Jesus challenged believers to perform works of charity. One of those acts is to feed the poor. Come join fellow Knights and parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Sat., Feb. 7 from 2:00-4:00 PM. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, just register under "volunteer" on the FMSC website at <http://www.fmsc.org/> and enter code "549645." If you have questions, please feel free to call Joe Kubal at [630-983-6159](tel:630-983-6159). If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

Joe Kubal

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**Council Business Meeting
Jan. 8 at 7:30 PM
St. Irene Activities Center**

Dues & Fraternal Survey:

Please return your Council dues payment, the completed address data form and Fraternal survey by Jan. 25.

**James Halama
Council Financial Secretary**



Fourth Degree News

The next Meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be held on Jan. 14 at Saint Scholastica Parish, 7800 Janes Ave., Woodridge.

Dinner served at 7:00 PM meeting starts at 8:00 PM sharp.



**Pray For Repose of Soul of
Gerald Cruse**

Gerald L. Cruse, 62, of Warrenville, entered into eternal life Saturday Dec 6, 2014. He is survived by his wife Mary Pat (nee Barnes), and daughter Caitlyn. The funeral was held at St. Irene's on Dec. 13. Jerry was well known for directing the parish RCIA program for several years.

Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health and recovery of **GK Ken DiIulio, Maryann True, Carolann Chiodo, Lupe (Elva) Pyszka; Barb Smith; Joe Gattone, Sr. Roseann Eck; Charlie Fahrenwald, Al Olson, and Mary Vander-mulen.**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

I hope you had a joyous Christmas with Family and Friends and I wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2015. Since we all were so busy this last month you can relax a bit in January.

We have two events on our calendar for this coming month.

- Officer Meeting on Tuesday Jan. 13 at 7:00 PM in the ACL. We invite all members to attend and bring their comments and ideas.
- Lunch Bunch on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 AM. We will be stuffing animals in the ACL which are given to children in distress by emergency responders and by hospital staff, and Warrenville Family Services.

We thank **Karen Ernst** for serving a wonderful dinner at our auxiliary Christmas party. her effort were appreciated by all those in attendance.

A special thanks to **Lupe Pyszka** for her very successful Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast. Donations at the door put \$240 into our bank account.

When talking about our bank account we remind all members that dues for 2015 are due and should be mailed to **Beverley Scott** at 29W390 Emerald Green Drive, Unit D, Warrenville, IL 60555.

If you have any comment or ideas please give me a call at 630-653-1647 or email me at patkemp2004@yahoo.com.

On a personal note thank you for your prayers, cards and well wishes after my recent surgery.

**Pat Kemp
LOC President**

St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council 6710, Warrenville, IL

| Council Officers 2014-2015 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chaplain | Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13) |
| Grand Knight | Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) |
| Dep. Grand Knight | Tom Perez (630-301-1481) |
| Financial Sec. | James Halama (630-433-6240) |
| Treasurer | John Ernst (630-606-2671) |
| Chancellor | Peter Pulice (630-207-3090) |
| Recorder | Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) |
| Advocate | Michael Bates (630-836-0223) |
| Warden | Phil Kemp(630-842-2590) |
| Inside Guard | Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) |
| Outside Guard | Gustavo Bosoli (630-397-1003) |
| Lecturer | William Lintner (630-393-7072) |
| 3rd Yr. Trustee | Glen Kussman (630-393-6545) |
| 2nd Yr. Trustee | Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) |
| 1st Yr. Trustee | Ray Scott (630-294-5115) |
| Insurance Agent | Nomie Namie (630-699-0016) |

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level
 28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL

| Committee Directors | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Program Director | Tom Perez (630-301-1481) |
| Membership Director | Ray Scott (630-294-5115) |
| Community Director | Justin Wagner (630-393-7072) |
| Council Director | Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) |
| Church Director | Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) |
| Family Director | Michael Bates (630-836-0223) |
| Youth Director | Bob Geary (630-836-2454) |
| Public Relations Director | Richard Kostner (630-310-9642) |
| Blood Drive Director | Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) |
| Pro-Life | Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) |
| Vocations | Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) |
| Support our Troops | Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) |

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age. To join or obtain further information, contact our Membership Chairman Ray Scott at 630-393-0868.

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Grand Knight's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! December has been a busy month for Council 6710. The Knights started off with the outside decorations of St Irene Church. This year was great since the weather has been on everyone's side. The Church looked wonderful and once again the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest turned on the lights and brightened up the church as well as getting all parishioners in the holiday spirit. A big thank you to **PGK Bob Rauko** for all of his hard work in making this special event come off with out a hitch! Thanks Bob and keep up the great work!

The final blood drive for 2014 was a big success this time as we collected 43 pints of blood. Our goal has always been 60 and we get closer each time. If for some reason you cannot donate at the time and date the Knights have for the drive, please go to any Heartland Blood Center and tell them the Knights of Columbus 6710 sent you. We do get the credit. Especially around the holidays it is hard to know what you can do for people. This is a great opportunity to help those in great need. Please give.

The Council had its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 14 in the ACL and was a great turnout for the Knights and their Families. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit and pass out gifts to the children and enjoyed a supper with the crowd. No reindeers were allowed inside. Everyone walked away happy and I would like to thank everyone who helped out in the planning, setting up and cleaning up. It is a lot of work and all worked well together.

Sir Knights came out on Christmas Eve to participate in the Honor Guard for the "Midnight Mass" which started at 10:00 PM with the choir singing beautifully getting all into the preparation of celebrating our Lord's birth. The Christmas Mass was beautiful and **Father Jim** gave a blessed homily and exited the Church with his famous Santa hat wishing us all a Merry Christmas in many different languages. This year we did a fundraiser in selling puzzles after each mass during the Advent season. Seemed to have done well and always looking for new ideas to raise money for the many causes we contribute to.

A few things to put on your calendar for 2015. The annual free throw contest is coming up on Jan. 19, Super bowl party on Feb. 1, and Council 6710 will host KC Academy training on March 7. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Looking forward to a blessed 2015 and keep safe and warm this holiday season.

**God Bless
GK Ken DiIulio**

Pro-Life

Annual March for Life Jan. 22

The annual March for Life Rally is from noon-1pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015 and as customary, will be on the National Mall. The March begins immediately after the Rally and follow its route up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court Building on Capitol Hill. (March for Life Web Site <http://www.marchforlife.org/>)

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chair**

Diocese of Joliet

March for Life January 19-23, 2015

Leave: Monday evening, January 19
Return: Friday morning, January 23

Registration Fee

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| Full Time Student (High School Freshman to College Senior/Quad occupancy) | \$340.00 |
| Adult Participant (Double occupancy) | \$435.00 |

Price includes:

- Transportation by bus, lodging for two nights, and most meals
- Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Youth Rally and Mass
- 42nd Annual March for Life
- Celebratory dinner after the March
- Visiting monuments and museums in Washington, DC
- Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery

Departure/Return Location:
Blanchette Catholic Center
Crest Hill, IL



Financial Aid Available
Forms are available at
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life
DUE 11/14/2014

How can I register?

- On-Line at: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life>
- Phone for details: Respect Life Ministry at (815) 221-6251

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Registration and \$100 non-refundable deposit due on Friday, November 14, 2014
- Completed Financial Aid Form due by Friday, November 14, 2014
- Final payment due by: Friday, December 5, 2014

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This workshop is for **anyone** who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.

There is an upcoming workshop at St. Irene on Thursday, January 15th at 6:30PM in the ACL.

Registration for the classes can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.

Registration is required. If unable to do so online, please call Sr. Nancy at 630.393.2400 x 23.



Newman Apostolate Fund

The Fund helps keep Newman Centers and Programs on college campuses open and vibrant.

Consider making a tax deductible Century Donor contribution of \$100, Half Century Donor of \$50, Quarter Century Donor of \$25, or become a Newman Friend for \$5-10. You should have received a letter in the mail requesting a donation. Please be sure to write "Council 6710" on your check. Our Council also makes a general contribution of \$4.25 per member.

**Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You**

Council Mentorship Program

we are all mentors, not only to each other, but to all of our parish family.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mentor chairman, PGK Jim Bartz**

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at the St. Irene's Activities Center. Again TVs will be set up with plenty of food for you to enjoy. The party cost is \$5.00/person at the door. You may bring your favorite party snack and beverage.

For the raffle, \$25 tickets are being sold for two separate pools (**Payton** and **Butkus**) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the **Ditka Pool**. Prizes for the \$25 pools are 2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, and 7-\$25 cash*. Cash prize amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled. (See ticket order form on Page 7).

**William Gosewehr Wins
First Drawing Dec. 28**

Buy your tickets early. **Early bird drawings will be held again on Jan. 11, & 25.** The winner of early bird drawings remains

eligible for cash prizes on Super Bowl Sunday.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. We need your help in selling tickets. Two or more may pool their money to purchase a single ticket. Tickets may be obtained from **PGK James Halama** by calling 630-433-6240, or by email at jrhalama@comcast.net.

* As in previous years, the number of cash prizes are to be decreased/increased based on the number of tickets sold. Fifty percent of ticket sales will be awarded as cash prizes and the remainder will be used to support St. Irene Council programs.

St. Irene Parish is Looking for Ushers

All Masses. Contact **PGK Wayne Decker** at 630-393-1891.

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**Program Awards for
November 2014**

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Joe Gattone** as our Knight of the month for November. Joe serves both as the Council's Church Director and Blood Drive Director. As Church Director, Joe coordinates our monthly Council Family Mass, as well as the Annual Protective Service Personnel (Blue) Mass. Joe is also a long-time member of the Church Choir. As the Blood Drive Director, Joe coordinates blood drives with the VFW and Heartland Blood Center. This month, a special blood drive was held coinciding with the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The Blood Drive was a great success. Finally, Joe coordinates our Council's first degree team, making sure that everything runs smoothly and ensuring that all roles are filled. Joe is an inspiration to the Council and a consummate gentleman.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Kevin and Alison Looby** as Family of the Month for November. Kevin joined the Knights while serving in the US Armed Forces and transferred to our Council after retiring from the Air Force. Kevin has continued to show his support for our country and our troops by serving as the Support Our Troops Director of our council. This past month Kevin coordinated a Support Out Troops Drive. The drive collected 309 pounds of items that benefited troops in Jordan, at the Hines VA hospital and the local Operation Support Our Troops Illinois. As a recent past Grand Knight, Kevin also serves as a Trustee and helps to ensure all council expenditures are in order. Alison is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and is a Eucharistic Minister. They are both active in the local VFW.

Community Program: The Support Our Troops Drive held on the weekends of Nov. 8-9 and 15-16 collected over 309 pounds of items to support troops and veterans locally and overseas.

Council Program: The annual Turkey Shoot card party and raffle was held on Nov. 21. The council netted \$331.

Church Program: Many Knights gathered on Sat. Nov. 22 to decorate the Church grounds for Christmas. Garlands, wreaths and lights were hung, and the nativity manger was erected on the island. Thank you to **PGK Bob Rauko** and the many volunteers.

Youth Program: The lighting ceremony for Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners took place following the Nov. 29 Advent Vigil Mass. Thanks again to **Youth Director Bob Geary** for organizing this event.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Winners Light up St. Irene's Sat. Nov. 29

We had a great response this year for the and the judging was very difficult. We had 27 participants. The winners: **Jacob Fontana, Kaylyn Spencer Gr1-2, Stephanie Miller Gr3-4, and Emily Marin Gr7-8.** We had a great night for the Lighting of St. Irene's. I would like to thank all that helped.

**Bob Geary
Youth Director**

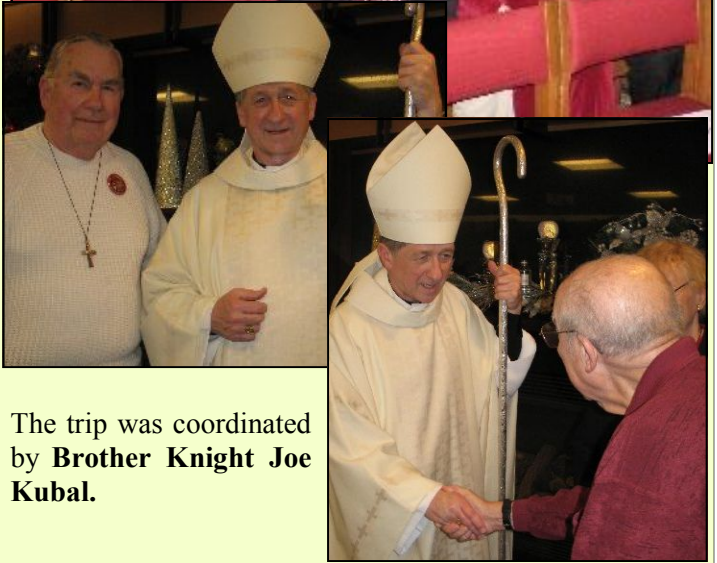


Council donates \$100 towards the Annual Senior Luncheon at St. Irene's Dec. 4



Knights Attend Mercy Home Mass Dec. 6

Each year the Mass at Mercy Home is a taping of a Christmas Mass. This year it was celebrated **Archbishop Cupich.** The Mass was then broadcast on WGN on Christmas morning.



The trip was coordinated by **Brother Knight Joe Kubal.**



43 Pints Collected at Dec. 6 KC/VFW Blood Drive

The final blood drive for 2014 was a big success this time as we collected 43 pints of blood. Our goal has always been 60 and we get closer each time. Those who helped included **GK Ken DiIulio, Joe Gattone, Phil Kemp, PGK Ray Scott, David Schar, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

4th Degree Honor Well Represented at Christmas Vigil Mass

Sir Knights came out on Christmas Eve to participate in the Honor Guard for the Christmas "Midnight Mass" which started at 10:00 PM.; Sir Knights in regalia were **Ken DiIulio, Commander Ray Scott, Commander Wayne Decker, Bill Lintner, Jim Halama, Erich Pavel, Bob Rauko, David Schar, and William Bridgeforth**



K of C Coats for Kids Distribute Dec. 17

The Council and Ladies Auxiliary each donated \$220 to purchase 24 coats that were distributed at St. Irene and community on Dec. 17.



Knights' Calendar

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| Jan. 1 | | Happy New Year! |
| Jan. 8 | 7:30 PM | KC Council Business Meeting— St. Irene ACL |
| Jan. 11 | Noon | Early Bird Super Bowl Raffle Drawing—St. Irene Church |
| Jan. 13 | 7:00 PM | Ladies Auxiliary meeting—St. Activities Center |
| Jan. 14 | 8:00 PM | Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Scholastica, Woodridge |
| | 8:00 PM | Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. Matthew Council, Glendale Heights |
| Jan. 16 | 6:30 PM | Protecting God's Children program—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Jan. 17 | 8:00 AM | Take down Christmas decorations at St. Irene's |
| Jan. 19 | 9:30 AM | Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Jan. 22 | 9:00 AM | Ladies Auxiliary Lunch Brunch at St. Irene Activities Center March for Life Rally, Washington, DC |
| Jan. 24 | 6:00 PM | St. Irene Chili Cook-Off at St. Irene Activities Center |
| Jan. 25 | Noon | Early Bird Super Bowl Raffle Drawing—St. Irene Church |
| Feb. 1 | 3:00 PM | KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities center |
| Feb. 6 | 4:00 PM | Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Feb. 7 | 2:00 PM | FSMC Food Packing Event, Aurora—Pre-registration required, see Page 1 |
| Feb. 12 | 7:30 PM | KC Council Business Meeting— St. Irene ACL |
| Feb. 14 | | Happy Valentines Day |
| Feb. 18 | | Ash Wednesday |
| Mar. 7 | 9:00 AM | KC Academy program—St. Irene Activities Center |

January Birthdays

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| Katie Augustynowicz | Jan. 3 | Mary Hughes | Jan. 13 |
| Cathy Kott | Jan. 3 | Mike O'Hare | Jan. 13 |
| Marian Dunn | Jan. 4 | Liz Pittman | Jan. 13 |
| Teri Lindeman | Jan. 4 | Greg Henrichs | Jan. 14 |
| Shirley Cosgrove | Jan. 5 | Filomena Jarosz | Jan. 15 |
| Kevin Dunn | Jan. 6 | Mark Jarosz | Jan. 16 |
| Terri Kussman | Jan. 7 | Paula Polkow | Jan. 17 |
| David Knell | Jan. 8 | Denise Hoshell | Jan. 19 |
| Glen Kussman | Jan. 8 | Richard Thompson | Jan. 19 |
| Cindy Naberhaus | Jan. 8 | Cathy Fladeland | Jan. 20 |
| Truman Stevens | Jan. 8 | Susan Constable | Jan. 21 |
| Jeffrey Bollweg | Jan. 9 | Peter Pulice | Jan. 21 |
| Gary Dyas | Jan. 9 | Tom La Rocco | Jan. 22 |
| Karen Leonard | Jan. 9 | Clare Barry | Jan. 23 |
| Sylvia Thompson | Jan. 9 | Connie Dyas | Jan. 26 |
| Kenneth Ulanowski | Jan. 9 | Dianne Urso | Jan. 26 |
| Yolanda Schwarts | Jan. 11 | Kathleen Planek | Jan. 27 |
| William Higgins | Jan. 12 | Nick Battaglia | Jan. 30 |



**The Father
McGivney Guild**
The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.
www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.doc

January Wedding Anniversaries

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| Patrick & Laura McGowan | Jan. 11 | Tom & Jackie La Rocco | Jan. 18 |
| Richard & Margaret Doucette | Jan. 12 | Andy & Angelita (Lita) Yusi | Jan. 28 |
| Charles & Caren Burchett | Jan. 16 | Gary & Paula Polkow | Jan. 30 |

*** If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** (630-433-6240) or jrhalama@comcast.net to make the corrections.