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Warrenville, IL

Hot off the Press! Ralph Dieter wins Cardosi Award!



God's Healing Love

St. Irene Parish Mission Mar. 9-11

"A parish mission is an occasion of grace that enables the participants to be open to God's loving presence." St. Irene Parish invites you to experience "God's Healing Love" presented by **Fr. Ray**

Diesbourg, MCS. Our Lenten Mission will be held on Monday, March 9 through Wednesday March 11 at 7:00 PM.

- **Monday Night: IMAGES OF GOD:** To accept God's unconditional love, we need to be freed of our distorted images of God. Then we can see God's compassion in images such as the Good Shepherd. Our response is recognizing God's personal love for us and gradually accepting that love. "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (I John 4:16).
- **Tuesday Night: SIN AND VIRTUE:** Sin limits our capacity to love and be loved. Sin can be replaced by living virtues. "If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, He (God) is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (I John 1:8-9). Tuesday will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **Wednesday Night: FORGIVENESS BRINGS HEALING:** The heartbeat of healing is forgiveness. Healing happens when our hurts, losses and disappointments no longer affect us, when we no longer react blindly to them. For this to happen, we need to forgive. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 0:22-23). Wednesday will include an anointing ritual.



Lenten Soup Suppers—Council Hosts March 13

Come for a soup and bread following the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM at St. Irene Activity Center every Friday of Lent.

Our Council is scheduled to host the Supper on March 13. Contact **GK Ken DiIulio** at 630-747-3673 if you would like to bring a soup. We need help and six meatless soups in a crockpot.



KC/VFW Blood Drive Mar. 28

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at St. Irene Activities Center. The Knights and VFW will be making breakfast for all the blood donors.

Joe Gattone, Blood Drive Director



Mar. 14 St. Irene Parish

This is a fun family fellowship event to be held in the Activity Center, where you purchase tickets and have a really good opportunity to win a box of frozen meat of

your choice.

Entrance is \$5 (includes one beverage) and children enter free. Find a table with your family and friends. Food items as well as beer, wine, water, and soft drinks will be available for you to purchase throughout the evening. Let your kids play with friends at the Kids Games. Enjoy great fellowship and be ready to host a barbecue later on, 'cause there's a good chance you're walking away with some choice cuts of meat!

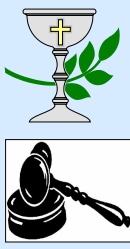
Books of tickets are sold throughout the night. Each book of tickets represents a cut of meat. Each ticket costs \$1 to \$5 (depending on the type of meat). After a book of 40 tickets is sold, it goes to The Wheel. The Wheel is spun. If you win, you get the cut of meat right on the spot. Bring a cooler!

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday

Join us every Thursday from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM at St. Irene Church Chapel. If you would like to schedule a time-slot, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543.

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Council Family Mass
 Mar. 8 at 7:30 AM
 St. Irene Church

Council Business Meeting
 Mar. 12 at 7:30 PM
 St. Irene Activities Center



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- **Soup Supper Feb. 27**—Thanks to **Teri & Glenn Kussman, Anita Masters, Cathy Kott, Anna Saake, Phil Kemp, Bev Scott, Maryann True** and **Colette Giacobelli** for either helping serve or supplying soup and bread for the first Soup Supper of the Lenten season. We also want to thank **Miranda Simons, Jou** and her sister for serving again this year.
- **Stuff Easter Eggs**—Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, March 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the ACL to help **Diane Lichtenberg** stuff Easter Eggs for the St Irene Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Diane (630-886-7222) - or **Pat Kemp** (630-653-1647) if you can help. We are also looking for wrapped candy that will fit into the plastic eggs.
- **Bunny Book Markers**—Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 PM in the ACL to help us make bunny book markers for the children of our parish as an Easter gift from the Auxiliary. Please contact **Pat Kemp** (630-653-1647) if you are able to help.
- **Pass gifts at Easter**—Help is needed after all Easter Masses on the weekend of April 4 & 5 to pass out the bookmarks to the children of the parish. We need 4 volunteers at each Mass on Easter weekend, please call **Pat Kemp** (630-653-1647) and tell her which Mass you will volunteer.
- **Bunco Party April 18:** Saturday, 7:00 PM ACL – Bunco Party with all proceeds going to the new house for homeless women veterans being built in Wheaton.
Pat Kemp
LOC President



Fourth Degree News

The next Blanchette Assembly meeting will be March 11 at the DuPage Convalescent Center, 400 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton. Dinner is at 7:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:45 PM.

Upcoming Honor Guards:

- Holy Thursday Mass. April 2
- Holy Saturday Mass April 4
- Confirmation 3:00 PM April 19



KC Academy March 7
Council Officers/Directors Training St. Irene Activities Center

This session is intended to assist council officers and program directors in understanding their duties. Training will also include getting your members more involved, limit suspensions and aid in retention. Open also to all Knights who aspire to become officers of the Council.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health and recovery of **Sandy Decker, Carolann Chiodo, Lupe (Elva) Pyszka; Barb Smith; Joe Gattone, Sr. Roseann Eck; Charlie Fahrenwald, and Al Olson.**

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2014-2015
Grand Knight	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
Dep. Grand Knight	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
Financial Sec.	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
Treasurer	James Halama (630-433-6240)
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Advocate	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Warden	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Inside Guard	Phil Kemp(630-842-2590)
Outside Guard	Joe Kubal (630-983-6159)
Lecturer	Gustavo Bosoli (630-397-1003)
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1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
Insurance Agent	Ray Scott (630-294-5115)
	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.

The Knights' News is published monthly by Council 6710. For contributions and corrections contact James Halama at 630-433-6240. Please make submissions by email at achalama@comcast.net prior to the 21th day of each month.



Grand Knight's Corner

Well Winter just doesn't seem to want to go away. There is a bright spot to this dreary season: the Supreme Council picked the **Alleruzzo**

Family as the Family of the Month. Congrats to Marc and Debbie and family.

We will be hosting the a soup supper during the Lenten Stations of the Cross on March 13. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, clean up, make meatless soups, bread and at least 6 or more are needed. Contact **GK Ken DiIulio** 630-747-3673 with what you can do.

The Council had the great privilege to host the District Free Throw Contest again on February 21. Thank you to all who came out and helped out. Congratulations and good luck to all the winners who will be moving up to regionals.

Council 6710 would like to congratulate all the new Sir Knights who took their Fourth Degree on February 21. Hope to see you all at the meetings and honor guards.

Keep in mind the State Convention is coming in April at the Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel at 400 Park Blvd., Itasca. Rooms are available and the reservation deadline is April 3. I am looking forward to meeting many new faces.

**God Bless
GK Ken DiIulio**

Pro-Life Prayer for those Persecuted in Iraq

O God of all the Nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
who in your providence willed that your Church be united
to the suffering of your Son,
look with mercy on your servants in Iraq
who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will that we live in harmony.
And in all things may we be united in truth and freedom to seek your will in our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
Pray for us.

Let us not ignore what's happening...

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chair**



Special Camps 2015

We are looking for **Registered Nurses** to join us this summer. We need 3 RN's

our children's week, and 4 our adult session. Why so many? Because they dispense enormous quantities of medication and treatments, but when they are finished, they also have time to enjoy our many wonderful activities along-side our campers. There are separate living quarters for nurses. If you know a nurse, please have them contact me directly, or look at our website for further information specialcamps.org. I'd be happy to get them in touch our camp nurses, who could give them further information. Thank you.

**Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps
specialcamps.org, (630) 690-0944**



Protect Your Family with Knights of Columbus Insurance (Knights of Columbus Insurance News)

As the economy begins to shake off a half-decade of turbulent times, the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 14 consecutive years of insurance business growth. We've weathered the storm when others haven't, because it's not our first. We've weathered the storm when others couldn't, because we know how to navigate. We've weathered the storm when others made costly mistakes, because we don't take on unnecessary risk.

Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you? If you need life insurance — and chances are you do — why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

- Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$96 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.
- Did you know that the Knights of Columbus consist-

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Easter Party for the Mentally Handicapped Mar. 21

Since 1998 we have held an Easter Party for the Mentally Handicapped children and adults. Councils 10575, 6710 and finally 5516 joined forces to have the party, at St. Daniel's gym. The party starts at Noon.

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You

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ently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies? A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, has given the Knights of Columbus their highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 39 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North America than your Knights of Columbus. Last year, the Knights was also named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

- Did you know that providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus' primary goal is "to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members."
- Did you know that the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family's needs and budgets. A Knights of Columbus agent is available to provide a complementary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.
- Did you know that there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for, just for being a Knight? Whether it's our family fraternal benefits program, our survivor benefits or our Personal Planning workbook, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.
- Did you know that there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals, who live to serve you, your family and your community.
- There might be quite a bit that you don't know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about the fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection. Contact your agent today.



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Program Awards for January 2015

Alleruzzo Family Named Family of the Month by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus! Congratulations!

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Bob Rauko** as our Knight of the Month for January. Bob is involved with many aspects of our Council. Having just recently finishing his 3rd term as Trustee, Bob has graciously stepped up to take over as Recorder. Bob is always willing to help with a variety of Council events, including membership drives, blood drives, Tootsie Roll Drive and food concessions. Bob also serves as the Grand Knight on the Council's first degree team. Bob coordinates the outdoor Christmas decorating of the Church grounds each year, and ensures the decorations are kept in top working order. Bob is a shining example of what it is to serve.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Marc Alleruzzo** and wife **Debbie** as Family of the Month for January. Marc has been active in our Council for over 25 years. As chair of the retention committee, Marc works to ensure the Council's membership stays strong. Marc also volunteers his time at a variety of events, including the 4th of July and Fire District celebration food concessions, the Tootsie Roll Drive, and Christmas Decoration setup. This past month he helped at both the Free Throw Contest and as a representative of the Turkey Shoot at the St. Irene Chili Cookoff. Debbie is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers in a variety of activities.

Community Program: The Chicago March for Life held in downtown Chicago on Jan. 18. **Tom Perez** and his family joined over 4 thousand citizens to proclaim the sanctity of life and stand up for the unborn. Many area Knights were in attendance to hand out signs and join in the march.

Council Program: Christmas lights were taken down from the church grounds on Jan. 17. Thank you to the many Knights who came to help.

Youth Program: Seven participants competed in this year's Free Throw Challenge, which was held on Jan. 19. The winners will move on to the District Free Throw contest.

Family Program: The Knights entered the St. Irene Chili Cookoff to support the St. Irene Athletic Board. Thank you to **PGK Tom LaRocco**, **PGK Marc Alleruzzo** and **PGK Jim Halama** for their help.

St. Irene Parish is Looking for Ushers

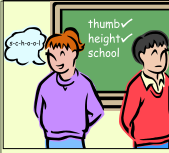
All Masses. Contact **PGK Wayne Decker** at 630-393-1891.

Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Tootsie Roll Fund Distributions for 2014

Thanks to all Brother Knights, their Families and Friends to make the 2014 Tootsie Roll Drive a success! Your efforts raised \$10,111.

After expenses (cost of candy only), \$9234 was submitted to the State Council and designated for distribution as follows:

State Council ID Home Program	\$1011
Cupertino Home	\$4088
Special Camps	\$1644
Western DuPage Special Recreation Area	\$ 822
GiGi's Playhouse	\$ 822
Touch my Heart, NFP	\$ 822
Diocese of Joliet - Life Office	<u>25</u>
Total	\$9234



Youth Spelling Bee Held Feb. 6

I would like to thank all the students that participated in the 2015 Council Spelling Bee. We had a great turnout and went through 15 rounds to finally reach the top 3 spellers:

- First Place **Carter Riggs**
- Second Place **Jackson Ryson**
- Third Place **Ben Phelps**

We wish them well in the Regional Spelling Bee to take place Mar. 8 at St. James the Apostle Church, Glen Ellyn.

Bob Geary
Youth Director



District Free Throw Contest Held Feb. 21



DD Jim Bartz



177 Boxes of Food Packed Feb. 7

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the 76+ fellow Knights, parishioners, Scouts, Teen Clubbers and other organization members that participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event held Sat., Feb. 7 at the Aurora facility.

Thanks to your dedication and hard work, over 177 boxes of food (4.9 pallets) were packed - a total of 38,232 meals. This is the equivalent of feeding 104 children for a year. This year, the food we packed is being sent to Haiti. Again, thank you!"



Joe Kubal

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Knights' Calendar

Mar. 7	9:00 AM	KC Academy program—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 8		Central Daylight Time Begins! Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.
	7:30 AM	KC Family Mass—St. Irene Church
Mar. 9-11	7:30 PM	St. Irene Parish Mission—God's Healing Love, Fr. Ray Diesbourg
Mar. 11	7:45 PM	Bishop Blanchette 4th Degree meeting—DuPage Convalescence Center
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. Isidore Council 8522
Mar. 12	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
Mar. 13	7:30 PM	Council hosts Soup Supper after Stations of Cross—St. Irene ACL
Mar. 14		Wheel of Meat—St. Irene Parish fundraiser. See page 4 to get involved
Mar. 17	5:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary to stuff Easter eggs—St. Irene's Activities Center
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring! Yeah!
Mar. 21	Noon	Mentally Handicapped Easter Party—St. Daniel Parish, Wheaton
Mar. 24	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary making Bunny Book markers—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 28	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 29		Knights of Columbus Founder's Day
April 5		Easter Sunday
April 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
April 12	Noon	Cardosi Award recognition Brunch—St. Mary's Church, Mokena
April 18	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party—St. Irene Activities Center
April 25	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Rd.
April 26	7:00 AM	Special Olympics Spring Games—North Central College, Naperville
May 2	7:00 PM	Past grand Knight Dinner—Bella Familia Restaurant, Naperville

Brother Knights—Have your Family read the newsletter as well!

Mar. Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	David Vincent	Mar. 14
Dugan Gallina	Mar. 3	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
George Kleinwacher	Mar. 5	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	David Cappa	Mar. 22
Matthew Kulzick	Mar. 7	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	William Looby	Mar. 26
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29
Pamela Kuhn	Mar. 14	Denise Schmidt	Mar. 31

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

March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 16		

*** 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.