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Newsletter Wins 2nd Place at State Convention



FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Knights of Columbus is an organization fortified by its past, and driven by its goals for the future. It's through these five areas of service—faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship—that we truly make a difference.



May 9— Pulling Weeds at City Signs

Due to a rainy April 25, the weeding date has been pushed back one week.

The Council will once again take on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer.

Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. The scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **May 23, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, and Sept. 12.**

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You

May 9-10 Membership Drive at St. Irene's

At the Masses you attend on the weekend May 9-10 **ask the man next**

to you to join the Knights of Columbus. Materials about the Knights of Columbus, our Council activities, and membership application forms will be available at all Masses on this weekend. We will host hospitality after all the Masses on Sunday May 10.

Catholic men over 18 are eligible to join. A Catholic gentleman, a neighbor or friend, who may not be attending St. Irene's, may also be invited to join our Council. Please, just don't wait until Mar. 8 to ask; ask before this weekend. **Membership recruitment should be on your mind at all times.** To become more knowledgeable about what the Knights of Columbus are about visit page 4 of this newsletters as well as the previous two, as well as visit the Supreme Council web site (www.kofc.org). If you have someone who is interested, please contact **Membership Chairman PGK Ray Scott** at 630-393-0868.



May 3—May Crowning

Congratulation to **Mary Hughes** Woman of the Year. She will be given the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin on May 3 at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Irene's.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will process.

May 28 -Council High School Scholarship to be Awarded

Again this year the Council will award a \$1000 scholarship to a St. Irene Grade School graduate to attend a Catholic High the next year. This a competitive award where students submit essays based on service to the Church, School and Community. Applications have already been sent to all St. Irene 8th graders.

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Council Business Meeting

May 14 at 7:30 PM
St. Irene Activities Center



Fourth Degree News

The Blanchette Assembly will be meeting at Saint Irene on Wednesday May 13. A lasagna Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting starting at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Honor Guards at St. Irene's:

- May 3- May Crowning 11:00 AM
- May 28-St. Irene Grade School Graduation



Pray for Repose of Soul of Joe Kleinwachter

G.J. "Joe" Kleinwachter, 94, beloved husband of Jeanne; loving father of Jerry (Carole), Patricia (Jeff) Aiken, Chris, Pam, James Kleinwachter and Anne (Peter) Storm; cherished grandfather of twelve and great-grandfather of 10, passed to eternal life on April 12. Joe, a 39 year Life Member of the Knights of Columbus, was an active parishioner of St. Irene Parish and in the Warrenville community. You will be missed.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health and recovery of **Maryann True, Wayne Decker, Carolann Chiodo, Lupe (Elva) Pyszka; Barb Smith, Marc Alleruzzo, Sr. Roseann Eck; Charlie Fahrenwald, and Al Olson.**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

We all can take a bow for this year's accomplishments. We have even been recognized by the Illinois State Council of Ladies Auxiliary at the Illinois Knights of Columbus convention, held April 24-26 in Itasca, IL. Here are recognitions:

- Runner-up as Outstanding auxiliary of the Year,
- 1st place for Council/Joint Function for the Blue Mass and Luncheon with the Knights of Columbus Council #6710
- 2nd place for our scrapbook.



Important dates in May:

- Tuesday May 12 - 7:00 PM -ACL - board Meeting
- Sunday May 17 - 2:00 PM - ACL - Ice Cream Social
- Tuesday May 19 - 7:00 PM -ACL - Ladies Night Out and Pot Luck

Thank you to all the Ladies and Knights who helped us with our Bunco Night. It was a great success. We will be giving our proceeds, about \$1400, to Tammy's Trace at our Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, May 19.

Pat Kemp
LOC President

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

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

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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)
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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

Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter.

Our congratulations go out to **Ralph Dieter** who won the Victor Cardosi Award. Ralph was honored at a brunch at St Michael's Church in Mokena, IL. We had two full tables of Knights, spouses and friends there to help celebrate his award.

Ralph is also the Chairman of the Highway cleanup along Butterfield Road at Batavia Road to the tracks on Butterfield rd. Due to bad weather on April 25, we had to reschedule the clean up to May 2 .

An Honor guard was done for the confirmation candidates on April 19 at St Irene Church. We had 2 Commanders and 5 Sir Knights attend. Congratulations to all the young adults.

On April 26 At North Central College the Knights served refreshments at the Special Olympics. This was sponsored by Home Run Inn pizza and Chaired by **Bob Geary** and his wife, **Mary**.

The blood drive held on March 28 was a great success. We had 50 pints of blood donated. Thanks to all who helped in cooking, serving, setting up and cleaning up. Everything went very smoothly. Watch for next Blood Drive date to come and be held at the VFW Hall in Warrenville.

Thank you to all the dedicated Sir Knights who come out and participate in the many different times a Honor Guard is requested. By showing our fellow men of the Councils this may bring a better response in becoming a 4th degree Knight.

**God Bless
GK Ken DiJulio**



Council to Host 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Sunday, June 7

Noon—First Degree, 1:00 PM
2nd & 3rd Degree

First Degree Members—If you have not yet taken your 2nd or 3rd degree, please consider doing so. You are encouraged to ask a prospective member to take the 1st degree at this ceremony.

The degree ceremony to be held in the St. Irene Activities Center will take about 2-3 hrs., with dinner to follow. There is no charge for those participating in the degrees. There will be a \$10 charge for observers wishing to stay for dinner.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, dinner and clean-up. Contact **Membership Director PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115).

Pro-Life RESPECT LIFE CREED

I believe in life.

- I believe every human being is made in the image and likeness of God.
- I believe that every human is endowed with the right to life from the moment of conception till the time of natural death.
- I believe that every human being should be treated with dignity and sanctity.
- I pledge myself to defend life wherever I see it being disgraced or degraded.

Therefore:

- I will respect the unborn; those tiny life within its mother's womb reflects the miracle of creation.
- I will respect the child, who stands innocently at the threshold of life waiting to be molded by my word and example.
- I will respect the handicapped, whose physical deformity only emphasizes the true richness of the soul within.
- I will respect the young, whose life harbors the dreams of tomorrow.
- I will respect the mentally handicapped, whose perception of this world may be different, but no less real than mine.
- I will respect the old, who have traveled down many roads that I have yet to see.
- I will respect the dying, who should leave this world from loving, caring arms.
- I will respect others with all their failings, for their lives are an extension of mine, their sins – my sins, their glory – my glory.
- I will do all that is in my power to foster respect for life in my home, my community and in my country.

I believe in life.

Amen.

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chair**



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 scheduled a time-slot, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543.



KC Family Mass Sunday June 14 at 9:00 AM

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You

Mentorship by You!

All too often, we look for candidates that we hope will become knights who will develop into solid leaders within our Council. In the majority of cases we fail to do so. Not because of the quality of the member, but rather in our lack of ability in carrying out our responsibility to these men, when they first come on board. Therefore, by implementing a mentor program into our Council's membership program, I believe that we will and can accomplish our leadership goals with any new member.

This program is a simple but effective one. However, we must all commit ourselves to do the following in order to benefit our Council and the new member for years to come:

- Get him to his next two meetings and introduce him to the members so that he feels he is part of the Council.
- Immediately after his 1st degree, impress upon him that he has the right to vote at every meeting of his own Council.
- Maintaining contact with the new member, particularly in his first six months. This is very crucial to keeping him.
- Get him involved in your Council activities to ensure his longevity.
- Help him to understand the purpose of our dues structure and our Council goals.
- Instruct him in the benefits of bringing in new members himself. In doing so he will help our council grow for years to come.
- Once he proposes a new candidate, he can then become the mentor of that individual. Again, by doing this, we will have created a program of perpetual growth and involvement within our council.
- By following this mentor program, we can make the new member feel welcome and get him involved ASAP. Within his first six months, we can mold him into the "quality knight" we were looking for originally, active and engaged!
- A knight who is active will, help us to increase the volunteer actions and charitable works of the order so that we can serve the poor, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.
- This ensures not only the future of our council, but that of our order. It also helps us to grow and keep more catholic families within the church.

Remember, once he joins he is your Brother! Treat him like one! Ultimately, an active and engaged brother knight ensures that our Church and order will remain strong. It all begins with making a new member feel welcome at all times!



Program Awards for March 2015

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Ralph Dieter** as our Knight of the month for March. Ralph is an Honorary Life member of the Knights and has been a Knight for 67 years. Ralph coordinates the "Adopt-A-Highway" program for our council which is responsible for highway cleanup of Butterfield Rd. Twice a year Ralph schedules and solicits help for cleaning up this highway through our community. Ralph has also helped the Council serve breakfast at the Special Olympics Spring games at North Central College. For his years of service to the church and community, Ralph was recently honored as a 2015 recipient of the Victor Cardosi award for the Joliet Chapter. Congratulations to Ralph Dieter, our Knight of the month.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors PGK **Glen Kussman and his wife Terri** as the Family of the Month for the month of March. Glen has been a Knight for 18 years. Glen has served on the first degree team and numerous council and committee positions, working his way to becoming Grand Knight. Glen works at many of our council's activities including putting up and taking down the decorations outside of church for Christmas, the annual KC Family Christmas party, Tootsie Roll candy sale and the hamburger concessions. Terri is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and participates alongside Glen at many events, including the Tootsie Roll candy sales and at Feed My Starving Children packing events. Glen and Terri are also regular blood donors at the Knight blood drives. Congratulations to Glen and Terri, our family of the month.

Community Program: St. Irene Council 6710 and the Warrenville VFW held a Blood Drive on March 28. Thank you to everyone who helped out to check in donors, cook and serve breakfast, and clean up afterwards.

Church Program: Council Family Mass was held on March 8 at the 7:30 AM mass.

Council Program: KC Academy was held at St. Irene's on March 7th. We had 3 councils participate in the academy, which was hosted by **Jim Russell**.

St. Irene Parish is Looking for Ushers

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

Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night—April 18



Council Hosts Breakfast for Special Olympics Volunteers April 26



Helping out were **Phil and Pat Kemp, PGK Bob Rauko, Pete Pulice, Bill Lintner, Mike Bates, PGK Ray Scott, and GK Ken DiIulio.**

Knights Honor Guard at Confirmation—April 19



Participating were **Bill Drzal from Council 7254, Ken DiIulio, Commander Ray Scott, Bishop Conlon, Erich Pavel, Bill Lintner, David Schar, and Commander Wayne Decker.**



Bishop Conlon, Marc Alleuzzo, and Nephew Anthony Scodachek.

Ralph Dieter Receives Cardosi Award—April 12



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Knights' Calendar

May 2	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Rd.— Rainout Date
	6:00 PM	Past Grand Knight Dinner—Bella Familia Restaurant, Naperville
May 3	11:00 AM	May Crowning Mass to honor CCW Woman of Year— Mary Hughes
May 9	9:00 AM	Weeding of City of Warrenville Welcome Signs— Delayed one Week
May 9-10	All Masses	Council Membership Blitz at St. Irene Church—hospitality on Sunday
May 13	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette 4th Meeting at St. Irene's—Please help out and attend
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting at Damen Hildbrand Council 650, Addison
May 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
May 23	9:00 AM	Warrenville Planting Day—Weeding of City of Warrenville Welcome Signs
May 28		St. Irene Grade School Graduation—Council High School scholarship awarded
June 7	Noon	Council hosts 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees—St. Irene Activities Center
June 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
June 14	9:00 AM	KC Family Mass at St. Irene Church

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May Birthdays	Colleen Brummel	May 2	Allison Looby	May 16
	Charles Ingram	May 2	Peggy Burgermeister	May 17
	Lisa Callahan	May 3	Stephen Brummel	May 17
	Mary Geary	May 3	Steven Pyszka	May 19
	Robert True	May 4	Julie Duquette	May 20
	Amber Mitchell	May 6	Karen Ernst	May 20
	Yvonne Stevens	May 7	Daniel Leonard	May 21
	Jeanne Kleinwachter	May 9	Joseph Gattone	May 22
	Barbara Payne	May 9	Margaret Doucette	May 23
	James McGuire	May 10	Linda Dailey-Houlis	May 24
	Diana Banigan	May 12	Alta Halama	May 25
	Barbara Olson	May 12	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
	Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Colin Wilkie	May 28
	Denise Allen	May 15	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
	Wayne Decker	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
	Kelley Higgins	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 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

May Wedding Anniversaries

Martin & Sue Kometz	May 1	Thomas & Dianne Taylor	May 17
Barbara & Bruce Olson	May 3	Joseph & Barbara Schrage	May 20
Michael & Teresa Hoffman	May 6	Andrew & Donna Seiberlich	May 21
John & Nancy Markendorf	May 8	Robert & Mary Geary	May 24
Anthony & Joan Parrino	May 11	Joseph & Susan Kubal	May 26
John & Katie Augustynowicz	May 12	Christopher & Terry Neigel	May 28
John & Sharon Murray	May 15	Richard & Sylvia Thompson	May 31
David & Sue Cirock	May 17		

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