

knights of st. irene

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Happy New Year 2016!



Jan. 14—Knights of Columbus Youth Free **Throw Challenge**

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center Gym on Thursday Jan. 14 at 3:00 PM. Winners will progress through district and

state competitions. The regional competition will take place in March at Benedictine University, Lisle.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age. Registration begins at 3:00 PM at the gym. Please contact Robert Geary at 630-836-2454 for de-

Feb. 6—Youth Spelling Bee

Urge your sons and daughters to participate. The Bee is scheduled at 10:00 AM on Saturday Feb. 6 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.

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Feb. 7 Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

The annual fundraiser will be held once again on Super Bowl Sunday. The Raffle and Party will be

held 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.

Reserve a Table for the party at a preferred location. Decorate it!

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).

Buy your tickets early. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 10, 24, & 31. 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,

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St. Irene's 27th Annual Chilis

Jan. 30—Knights to Enter St. Irene Chili Cook-Off

The 27th Annual Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the St. Irene School Athletic Association, will take place on Saturday, January 30 from 6:00-10:30 in the St. Irene Activities Center. A \$5 entry fee gives you the chance to taste all the competing chili entries. Raffles and silent auctions will be held during the evening. This is an adult only event. Beer and wine will be

For the Knights chili entry, we will again promote our annual Turkey Raffle and Card Party. Each year Tom **LaRocco** makes his special chili.



Mark your Calendar! Sat. Feb. 13 The next Knights of Columbus Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event is scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday, Feb. 13. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age (Continued on page 4)

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Council Business Meeting January 14, 7:30 PM



Fourth Degree News

The January meeting—Blanchette Assembly will be meeting Jan. 13 at Robert P. Connelly, St. Scholastica Parish, 7800 Janes Ave, Woodridge. Rosary at 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM; and

Meeting at 8:00 PM..

Mark your Calendar!

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on February 20 at the Sheraton Hotel.

To join the 4th Degree, you must be a Third Degree member in good standing, sponsored by a Sir Knight, and approved for membership by a Fourth Degree Assembly. Please contact **PFN Ray Scott** (630-294-5115) for more information.

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You

Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for Deacon **Roger Schmith** and his Family as Roger enters Hospice Care.

Pray for the health & recovery of Salvatore Alleruzzo, Irene Bollweg, Dylan Cruse, Sr. Roseann Eck, Charlie Fahrenwald, Joe Elliott (Brother of Dolly Pointner).

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Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Ladies of Columbus. Usually we use this column to tell you of events in the next month. Well there is only one event for January which is our monthly meeting of officers open to all, to be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL.

We do want to thank all the members of the Ladies of Columbus for a fantastic year of accomplishments: our two Bunco's which benefitted two community projects; Tammy's Trace, a halfway house for homeless women veterans; and Northwestern CDH breast health clinic. In addition, we had four ladies nights out, pot luck projects, which included the Easter gift for all the young adults of the parish, help support hospitality with stuffing candy for the Easter egg hunt. There was a donation of funds to the Bridge Community for Christmas. We helped fill the parish food pantry in November with the food drive, donating 12 coats to the food pantry for their clients and one ice cream social benefiting Tammy's Trace.

We donated our time for the ID Christmas party, by providing a craft for all attendees, food and serving for the Blue Mass luncheon and helped with the ID Tootsie Roll drive. We ended the year with a wonderful Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Fiesta which was attended by over 100 parishioners and guests and which was praised by all in memory of **Elva "Lupe" Pyszka.**

Save the dates for the next Bunco party to be held on Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 PM and the Ice Cream Social, benefitting the Bridge Community on Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 PM.

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) John Ernst (630-606-2671) Treasurer Chancellor Peter Pulice (630-207-3090) Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Recorder Advocate Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Phil Kemp(630-842-2590) Warden Inside Guard Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) Outside Guard Gustavo Bosoli (630-397-1003) Lecturer William Lintner (630-841-6155) 3rd Yr. Trustee Glen Kussman (630-393-6545) 2nd Yr. Trustee Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) 1st Yr. Trustee Ray Scott (630-294-5115) Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) **Insurance Agent**

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.

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

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Grand Knight's Corner

This December was a good month for our Council. The quarterly blood drive was a great success; we collected 42 pints of blood. Thanks to the help of everyone rolling up their sleeves and giving in many ways, by donating blood, time and cooking skills. The next blood drive will be held on or about March 26

at St Irene ACL. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information.

The annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 13 and was a huge success as well. So many families came out to enjoy the food and our special visit from Santa! Thanks **Bill & Mary Hughes**. Thanks to everyone who helped out in the setting up cleaning up as well as the delicious food and desserts. A big thanks to **Bonnie and Desiree Bassett** for coming to paint the children's faces and hands. Some really cute Rudolph's were walking around!

Thanks to **PGK James Halama** for who has printed up 3 different super bowls raffle tickets for the upcoming event. It is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and hopefully this next one won't be snowed out! So let's get out there and sell the tickets and make 2016 a great way to start off the new year.

This year's Christmas Eve Mass had a good turn-out for Sir Knights. We had 1 commander and 7 Sir Knights. **Father Jim** did a wonderful homily as well as the choir singing before mass. It was a true blessing to be apart of. Hopefully next year we can see even more Sir Knights attend.

Jan. 14 in the ACU at St Irene's we will be hosting the annual Youth Free Throw contest. This event is open to all children between the ages of 10-14. Please come out and have some fun with the fellow children of St Irene parish. Any questions please contact **Bob Geary** at 630-836-2454.

Keep Christ in Christmas campaign was a huge success thanks again to **Bob Geary**. Hopefully we can do this again next year.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a safe New Year. Keep your family and friends close to your hearts and in your prayers for the same.

God Bless GK Ken DiIulio

Council Facebook Has Its Own Address Page!

Go to https://www.facebook.com/KofC6710 Or on Facebook, search for Knights of Columbus pages; select our page and then choose to **Like** the page. You may post comments and photos on the wall. To schedule events send a message to **Tom Perez** on Facebook.

Pro-Life

January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Friday

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a throwaway culture." We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Office for Human Dignity Respect Life Ministry

> PGK Jack Gorski ProLife Chair

Jan. 16—Council to Take Down Outside Christmas Decorations at St. Irene's

We need a team of volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Jan. 16 starting at 8:00 AM. I will get an early start and have the coffee hot by 8:00AM. The weather will determine how much can be done that day. I will bring poles and ladders. Please call PGK Bob Rauko for information (630-337-1568) or email to: rauko@comcast.net.

PGK Bob Rauko



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.

Get Involved in Your Parish!

Opportunities to become involved in the ministries of YOUR Church

Education Ministry:

- Catechist/assistant: Pre-School
- Catechist/assistant: Elementary
- Catechist/assistant: Jr. High Catechist/assistant: High School
- Bible Study Facilitator

Formation Ministry:

- RCIA
- Baptism prep Baptism prep child care
- Marriage prep
- Small Christian Communities

Liturgical Ministry:

- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Altar Server Elementary/ Jr. High Level Altar Server High School
- Choir Adults Choir Children
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders/
- Assistants/ Musicians
- Usher/ Greeter

Hospitality:

- New Parishioner Welcome Team
- Monthly Hospitality

Pastoral Ministry:

Minister to the Homebound

YES! After prayerful consideration, I will help! (Please drop in collection.)

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Can't find what you're looking for? Phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 22.

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of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours. Ninety slots are available.

To participate, register under "volunteer" on the FMSC website at http://www.fmsc.org/ and enter code "712078." If you have questions, please feel free to call **Joe Kubal** at 630-983-6159. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

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or by email at jrhalama@comcast.net, and after all the Masses on weekends of the early bird drawing.

We will need help to plan and set up for the party. Anyone interested please contact PGK James Halama at 630-433-6240 (call or text).

* 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.



Program Awards for November 2015

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors Brother Knight Joe Kubal as our Knight of the month for November. Joe coordinates our Council's Feed My Starving Children packing events each year. Thanks to Joe's planning and hard work, this event has become very popular with both the Knights, parishioners and our Scouts. Joe also coordinates our Council's participation in Masses at Mercy Home in Chicago. This past month, Joe gathered a group from our Council to attend the taping of two Advent Masses.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor Sir Knight Bob Geary and his wife, Mary as the Family of the Month for the month of November. Bob serves as Youth Director for our Council and coordinates many youth events throughout the year. Mary works very closely with Bob helping with most of the events. Bob organizes the Knights of Columbus Council Spelling Bee, as well as the KC youth Free Throw competition. Each December, Bob organizes the annual Keep Christ in Christmas program, which includes a poster contest for students at the school and Religious Education. He also coordinates the selling of the car magnets, buttons and calendars after masses during Advent. Finally, Bob coordinates the annual Shoe Drive, which this year collected 25 bags gently used shoes for donation to St. Vincent DePaul. Bob and Mary are truly a great inspiration to our Council.

Community Program: Members of the Council attended the taping of two Advent Masses at Mercy Home on November 8. Father Carl Morello (brother of Brother Knight Vincent Morello) was the celebrant.

Church Program: Many Knights gathered on Sat. Nov. 28 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 Bob Rauko and the many volunteers.

Council Program: The annual Turkey Shoot card party and raffle was held on Nov. 20. The Council netted \$242. Thank you to Chairman and chili master PGK Tom LaRocco, as well as the other volunteers.

Youth Program: The lighting ceremony for Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners took place following the Nov. 28 Advent Vigil Mass. Thanks again to **Bob Geary** for organizing this event.



42 Pints Collected at Dec. 5 KC/VFW Blood Drive

The final blood drive for 2015 was a big success this time as we collected 42 pints of

blood. Those who helped included GK Ken DiIulio, PGK Ray Scott, Joe Gattone, PGK Bob Rauko, Peter Pulice, Dave Knell, Phil Kemp, and Mike Bates.

\$240 collected for Keep Christ in Christmas Sales

Buttons, magnets and puzzles were once again sold during the Advent Season at St. Irene's. Thanks to all my Brother Knights who helped in the sale.

Bob Geary



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Fiesta Held Dec. 12

We had a wonderful Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Fiesta which was attended by over 100 parishioners and guests and which was praised by all in memory of Elva "Lupe" Pyszka.

Pat Kemp, LOC President

4th Degree Honor Guard 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 Marc Alleruzzo, GK Ken DiIulio, Jim Halama, Bill Lintner, Eric Pavel, Bob Rauko, Dave Schar, and Ray Scott, Commander.



Council Co-Sponsors Annual ID Party Held at St. John's Dec. 5

A crowd with 150 special guests attended the party again. Our Council contributed \$250 designated for gifts to our guests. Members of our Council and Ladies Auxiliary donated their time for the party by providing a craft for all attendees.

Many Attend Council Family Christmas Party Dec. 13

Again, nearly 70 attended the annual event along with Santa & Mrs. Claus (**Bill & Mary Hughes**) and **Bonnie** and **Desiree Bassett** for doing the face painting. Thanks to all who helped **Chairman Mike Bates** to for the preparations, set up, and finally the clean up.



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Knights' Calendar					
Jan. 1		Happy New Year!	7		
Jan. 10	Noon	Early Bird Super Bowl Raffle Drawing—St. Irene Church	1		
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Jan. 13	6:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—St. Scholastica, Woodridrige			
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—St. Matthew Council 9893	1		
) Jan. 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL			
Jan. 14	3:00 PM	Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center			
Jan. 24	Noon	Early Bird Super Bowl Raffle Drawing—St. Irene Church	7		
Jan. 30	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cook-Off—St. Irene Activities Center– Taste the Knight's Chili			
Jan. 31	Noon	Early Bird Super Bowl Raffle Drawing—St. Irene Church			
Feb. 6	10:00 AM	Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center– for ages 5-14	7		
Feb.7	3:00 PM	KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities center)		
Feb. 10		Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins			
Feb. 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL	"		
Feb. 13	9:00 AM	Feed My Starving Children Packing Event—Aurora—register online now)		
Feb. 14		Remember it's Valentines Day!			
Feb. 20	Noon	4th Degree Exemplification—Sheraton Hotel, Lisle			



Matthew Kling Council Insurance Agent St. Charles, IL 60175-6081 630-485-8705

January Birthdays

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

January Wedding Anniversaries

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



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.fathermcgivne
v.org/mcg/guild/

y.org/mcg/guild/ join/register.doc

*** 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.

Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets for our annual fundraiser. Tickets will be available for sale at St. Irene Church beginning Jan. 10, 2016. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 10, 24, & 31. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to:

> James Halama 27W100 Galusha Ave.

Warrenville, IL 60555					
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Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held Jan. 10, Jan. 24, and Jan. 25 at St. Irene's Activities Center following the 11:00 AM Mass on these days. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016.

Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday: Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.