



knights of st. irene

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Happy Valentines Day!

Super Bowl is Here!

Feb. 7 Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

The Raffle and Party will be held at the St. Irene's Activities Center starting at 4:00 PM. Again TVs will be set up with plenty of food for you to enjoy. The party cost is \$5.00/person at the door. There will be plenty of food to eat. 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

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

amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. Your help is still needed to sell 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, and after all the Masses on weekends of the early bird drawing.

Early Bird Winners:

- Jan. 10 Pat McGowan \$50
- Jan. 24 Don Mathieu \$25
- Jan. 30 Bob Rauko \$50.

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).



Sat. Feb. 13 9:00 AM

There is still time to register. You must register online ahead of time! Sooner the better!

The food Packing Event is scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Aurora facility (555 Exchange Court Aurora, IL 60504).

No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied with an adult. 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.



Feb. 6—Youth Spelling Bee

Urge your sons and daughters to participate. The Bee is scheduled for 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.

Membership Recruitment Begins! Ask!

Next First Degree is March 10

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Soup Suppers Every Friday During Lent at St. Irene's After Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

The Council is responsible for bringing and serving the soup on **March 11**. Six meatless soups are needed! Call **PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115) to volunteer.



Council Business Meeting February 11, 7:30 PM



Fourth Degree News

February Meeting—The Blanchette Assembly will meet on Feb. 10 at the Thomas Merton Council, Resurrection Catholic Church 30W350 Army Trail Rd. Wayne, IL. There will be a Rosary at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

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.

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.

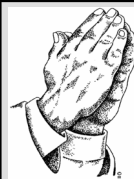
Brother Knights—Have your Family read the newsletter as well!



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- LOC Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and to bring their ideas for future events.
- Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. There will be a pot-luck dinner provided by the LOC Board. We will be working on our annual Easter Craft for children in the parish, to be distributed on Easter weekend after all masses.
- During Lent the Auxiliary will be collecting gently used purses for women in need. These purses will be taken to Tammy's Trace, People's Resources and a shelter in the area. The purses can be dropped off in the back of church during Lent. We also are looking for items to place in these purses such as shampoo, conditioner, body & hand lotion, deodorant and liquid soap.
- 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



Pray for Our Loved Ones

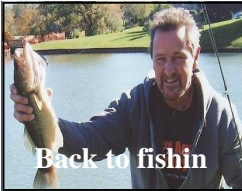
Pray for the health & recovery of **Salvatore Alleruzzo, Theresa Pavel, Irene Bollweg, Sr. Roseann Eck, Charlie Fahrenwald, Joe Elliott** (Brother of Dolly Pointer), **Michele Jacobson** (Debbie Alleruzzo Brother-in-Law Sister), and **Joe Wehner**.

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

<p>Council Officers 2014-2015</p> <p>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 (630-841-6155) 3rd Yr. Trustee Glen Kussman (630-393-6545) 2nd Yr. Trustee Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) 1st Yr. Trustee Ray Scott (630-294-5115) Insurance Agent Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</p>		<p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level 28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL</p>
<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>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)</p>		

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

I hope all you Knights have been buying and selling the super bowl tickets. This year we hope to have no snow storm so all can come out and have a good time with everyone

at the ACL. This is one of our biggest fundraiser for our Council and thanks to **PGK Jim Halama** who has gone through a lot of work setting up and printing tickets and the organizing of the event with his committee. Please support this fundraiser.

January's meeting I introduced everyone to our new Council's insurance agent, **Mathew Kling** He is looking forward to helping all Knights in their insurance needs. Please give him a call and find out all the benefits for the Knights and their Families. Contact him anytime at 630-485-8705.

We had a good turn-out at the annual free throw contest held on Jan. 14. The winning kids advance to the next level, which will be held on Feb. 20 at St Irene ACU 8:00 AM. We can always use some help from the Knights. Come support the kids and good luck to all who attend. Thanks again to **Bob Geary** for all his work.

It's that time again for the Knights and their Friends and Families to participate in the Feed My Starving Children packing event at the Aurora location Feb. 13 at 9:00 AM slot that **Joe Kubal** has reserved for us. Please register online for this time.

There will be a 4th degree exemplification On Feb. 20 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle. The degree starts at noon. Any Knights wanting to become a Sir Knight must sign up in advance. Call **PFN/PGK Ray Scott** 630-393-0868 for all information.

**God Bless
GK Ken DiIulio**



Clothing Drive for St. Vincent DePaul Society

In a few weeks St. Irene's will have a Clothing Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Start collecting now! Collection bags will be handed out after Masses on Feb. 6 & 7. Fill them (or any strong bag/box) and return to the truck in the church parking lot the following weekend (Feb. 13 & 14) before or after Masses. There is a special need this year for winter coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, boots, etc. Also for blankets, sheets and other linens as well as small household items!

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday

Join us every Thursday from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM at St. Irene Church. For more information, or if you would like to scheduled a time, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543.

Pro-Life

The Joliet Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage to D.C. was an adventure filled with abundant blessings.



Nearly 300 participants loaded 6 buses to journey to D.C. to advocate for life. We joined thousands for Mass at the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Mother Mary, who

said yes to life, changed our lives forever. Standing in her Basilica, we knew we were safe in her mantle.

Two youth from the Diocese of Joliet, Amy and Erin, were asked to present the gifts to Cardinal Dolan! Amy offered the gifts on behalf of the Joliet Diocese, for each of you.

Cardinal Dolan's inspiring homily challenged all parishes to become welcoming sanctuaries. He shared a recent story about a fearful mother who kept her pregnancy a secret. She often visited a Catholic parish and immediately after the birth of her son, while his umbilical cord was still attached, left him in the parish manger. She knew he would be safe in God's hands. The baby was discovered and Cardinal Dolan proclaimed, "God bless Holy Child Jesus parish in Queens for radiating such a spirit of welcome, joy, warmth and outreach that this Mexican mother spontaneously knew her baby would be safe there. God bless this culture of life." He later gave the challenge, "Let all our people be like those parishioners whose smile and greeting and welcome and sense of love assured our young mom that her baby would be safe there." Are we the welcoming parishioners God calls us to be?

After a brief rest, Friday morning participants were off to the Youth Rally and Mass hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington. They prayed with groups from across the country, including those who traveled all the way from Texas. The priests from the Joliet Diocese concelebrated in these Masses, which was a time of heartfelt prayer for life.

Due to the inclement weather, they departed Washington moments before the storm. Although our pilgrimage didn't follow the itinerary that was planned, God worked in our hearts and through our time together. We received word that those who left a few hours after us were stranded on the road, so we joined in prayer for those who were caught in the storm.

God was with us each step of the journey. We thank you for your prayers and look forward seeing how we can continue to foster a culture of life now that we have returned.

PGK Jack Gorski

Food For Thought!

GOD HAS SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU

'The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.' Psalms 84:11.

When God knows something is good for you He says 'Yes', and when it's not He says 'No'. Why would God say 'no' to you? Maybe the timing is wrong, or He has something better in mind. Gratitude comes when you realize what could have happened, but didn't because God intervened. Stop trying to break loose from the loving grip of the One who holds you for your own protection. The Bible says: 'Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you... Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act' (Psalms 37:4-7 NLT). Looking back on her life, Billy Graham's wife, Ruth, said, 'If the Lord had said "Yes" to all my prayer requests I'd have married the wrong man--several times.' What you're so upset about now, you may be thanking God for later. The more spiritually mature you become, the more you begin to see how wise your heavenly Father is, and the more you learn to trust Him. The Psalmist wrote, 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want' (Psalms 23:1 KJV). What a picture: God leading you, God feeding you, God protecting you, God watching over you. Like a lifeguard at a beach, in order to save you, God will sometimes interrupt your life, risk embarrassing you in front of your friends, and maybe even bruise a rib or two. That's because He loves you too much to let you drown in the thing you thought was so good for you. The main thing is: God has something better for you!

By: Bob Gass

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.



Program Awards for December 2015

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Joe Gattone** as our Knight of the month for December. 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. The most recent Blood Drive was a great success, collecting 42 pints. Finally, Joe coordinates our Council's first degree team, making sure that everything that all roles are filled.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Ray Scott and his wife Beverly** as Family of the Month for December. Ray is an invaluable asset to our Council. Ray serves as a trustee as well as Membership Director. Ray is an active 4th degree Knight, and is a Commander of the Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly. Ray is an active member in St. Irene's Church. Most Sundays you can find him serving as a Eucharistic Minister, as well as an extraordinary minister, bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound with his wife Beverly. Ray never misses Council meetings and volunteers his time freely whenever he can. Beverly is also very active in the parish community. She currently serves as treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary and pitches in helping to cook and serve at Assembly meetings and counting money during the annual Tootsie Roll drive. She also teaches religious education with her daughter Bonnie at St. Irene.

Community Program: KC/VFW Blood Drive was held on Dec 5th. 42 pints were collected.

Church Program: Council Family Mass was held on Dec 13 at the 9 am Mass.

Family Program: 6710 Council Family Christmas party was held on Dec 13.

Youth Program: Council 6710 participated in ID Christmas Party which was held at St John the Baptist Church in Winfield on Dec 5.



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Tim & Brendan McGowan Present Eagle Scout Projects at November, 2015 Council Meeting



Tim and Brendan McGowan, sons of Brother Knight Pat & Laura McGowan, Life Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 514, addressed the Knights at the November General Meeting to share information about their Eagle Projects. Tim was also the recipient of annual Council's \$1000 scholarship in 2015.

Brendan's project helped educate the community on the importance of water preservation by placing medallions on 200 storm drains throughout Warrenville. The project utilized 20 volunteers over two days. He discussed the importance of not dumping waste in the storm sewers to protect the waterways, as all drains lead to the river system. This project was in conjunction with Warrenville's Environmental Advisory Commission, which received a grant from SCARCE to obtain the medallions.

Tim's project was to create a permanent landscaping base for the temporary banners used by St. Irene ministries at the corner of Warren and Warrenville Roads. The base is comprised of a landscaping wall and low-maintenance perennial landscaping, improving the attractiveness of the corner for passersby. The project also included the purchase of two new removable poles/caps that can be removed from their cement bases when there is not a banner to display.

The boys both thanked the Knights for the sponsorship of Troop 514 over the years, which has allowed them the opportunity to grow through the scouting experience. The Knights voted to fund \$150 toward to complete Tim's fundraising for his project.

Knights Finish-up Christmas Season— Take Down Christmas Lights Jan. 16

A goodly number of Knights came to make the job at St. Irene's quick and easy in less than 2 hours. Volunteers include: Dave Abhalter, Mike Bates, Chuck Burchett, John Ernst, PGK Jim Halama, David Knell, PGK Glen Kussman, PGK Erich Pavel, Peter Pulice, PGK Bob Rauko, and PGK Ray Scott.

Thank you all,
PGK Bob Rauko

KC Free Throw Contest Held Jan. 14

I would like to thank all those that came out to help with this year's contest. We had 12 participants, 5 girls and 7 boys. There were seven winners who will progress to District again at St. Irene's Activities Center on Feb. 20 at 8:00 AM.

The winners are Boys: Andrew Reyes 9, Noah Herbst 10, Carter Riggs 11, Chase Riggs 13, and Dominic Spiotta 14; Girls: Ryan Uebel 12, and Sammi Birch 14.

I would like to personally thank PGK Wayne Decker as this was his final year as State Free Throw Chairman. Let's try to get one state winner this year.

Bob Geary
Youth Director



KC Chili— Award Winner Jan. 30 at St. Irene Chili Cookoff



Chili prepared by PGK Tom LaRocco, pictured above right with PGK Jim Halama (left) was Judge's Choice 2nd place, and People's Choice 3rd Place. Tom serves his chili every year at the Council's annual Turkey Shoot and Card Party.

Knights' Calendar

- Feb. 6 10:00 AM Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center— for ages 5-14
- Feb.7 3:00 PM KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities center
- Feb. 9 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday—**Lent Begins**
- Feb. 10 6:30 PM Blanchette Assembly Rosary, Dinner & Meeting—Thomas Merton Council
- 8:00 PM Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—St. John’s Council, Westmont
- 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. 14 All Masses Clothing drive for St. Vincent DePaul Society—St. Irene Church
- Feb. 20 Noon 4th Degree Exemplification—Sheraton Hotel, Lisle
- Mar. 5 8:00 AM **Mark your Calendar!** KC Academy—St. Irene ACL
- Mar. 10 7:30 PM KC Council Business Meeting, First Degree prior to meeting—St. Irene ACL
- Mar. 11 7:00 PM Knights sponsor Soup Supper following Stations of Cross—St. Irene ACL
- Mar. 13 **Daylight Saving Time begins!** Set your clock one hour ahead.
- Mar. 19 7:00 AM KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene ACL
- Mar. 20 **First Day of Spring!**
- Mar. 27 **Happy Easter**
- Mar. 29 **Knights of Columbus Founders Day**

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Feb. Birthdays	Robert Geary	Feb. 1	Karen Rurka	Feb. 24
	Mark Spiotta	Feb. 7	Richard Kostner	Feb. 25
	Jane Egert	Feb. 9	Janet Sherman	Feb. 26
	Richard Planek	Feb. 9	James Aderhold	Feb. 27
	Jason Roeseke	Feb. 11	Joseph Wehner	Feb. 28
	Roseann Eck	Feb. 12	Butch Kuhn	Feb. 29
	Christopher Hitchcock	Feb. 14		
	William Mitchell	Feb. 14		
	Kenneth DiIulio	Feb. 17		
	Mary Ann Lawinger	Feb. 17		
	Susan Battaglia	Feb. 18		
	Steve Berning	Feb. 21		

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

February Wedding Anniversaries			
William & Susan Constable	Feb. 2	Joseph & Pat Wehner	Feb. 10
Robert & Kim Ladeur	Feb. 3	Daniel & Karen Leonard	Feb. 24

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