



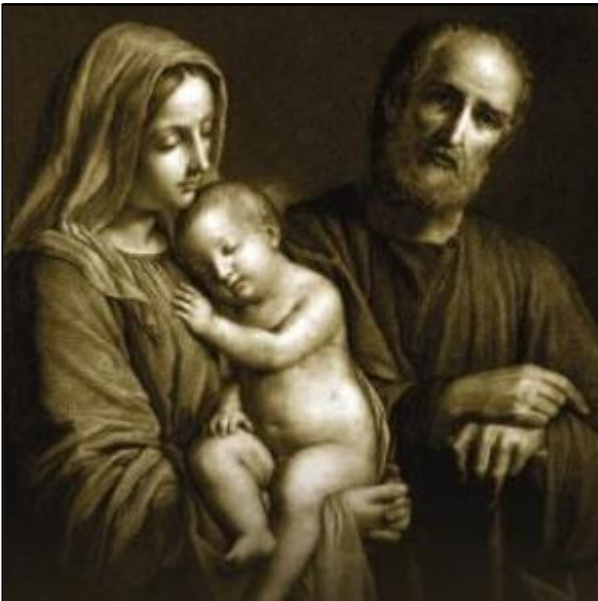
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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy Spring!



Apr. 9-16 Icon of Holy Family at St. Irene's

The Holy Family Icon, sponsored by our Council, will be coming to Saint Irene on Saturday April 9 and will be on exhibit in the chapel all week for veneration. There will be a closing prayer on Saturday April 16. The Knights 4th Degree will process for the opening and closing prayers. Prayer cards will be handed out and prayer books will be available in church along with the Icon.



PGK Jim Bartz 2016 Cardosi Winner, Apr. 30

We congratulate Jim! He will be honored during the Joliet Chapter Honor's Night Dinner to be held Sat. April 23 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 1702 Dearborn Street, Crest Hill, Illinois. Jim will be recognized along with nine other distinguished Knights. A dinner reservation form is being sent separately along with this newsletter. Dinner reservations are \$30/person. Space is limited do not wait to order. Please send form with payment directly to the Joliet Chapter Treasurer. See Jim's application on page 4.



Apr. 9—Ladies Bunco Party

The next LOC Bunco Party will be held in the ACL from 7:00-10:00 PM. Proceeds from this LOC fundraiser will go towards Bridge Communities. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 to RSVP. The cost is \$20/person.



Adopt-a-Highway April 23

Mark your Calendar to clean up the mess in the stretch of Butterfield Rd between Batavia Rd., Hwy 59, and west to the City

boundary.

Ralph Dieter, Adopt-A-Highway Chairman, has scheduled cleanup to start at 9:00 AM. Meet in the parking lot north of the old MB Bank Building. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves. For more information, call **Ralph** at 630-420-8160.



Rocky Phelps (1961-2016)

It is with great sadness that we note **Brother Knight Rocky Phelps** passed away from an illness on March 16. He is survived by his wife **Marcia** and son **Benjamin**.

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Special Olympics
Illinois
Be a fan..

Sunday May 1— Special Olympics Hospitality

The Council is again hosting a hospitality booth (coffee & donuts, etc.) for volunteers during the Special Olympic Spring Games at North Central College, Naperville on Sunday May 1 from 7:00 -

11:00 AM.

To volunteer you must contact our **Special Olympics Chairman Bob Geary** at 630-945-8125 by Sunday April 17 to sign up.

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Council Business Meeting April 11, 7:30 PM

The next meeting at the St. Irene Activities Center starting at 7:30 PM.

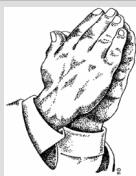


Fourth Degree News

April Meeting—The Blanchette Assembly will meet on Apr. 13 at Holy Spirit Parish on 2003 Hassert Boulevard, Naperville. The meeting starts at 8:00 PM sharp.

Honor Guards—

- Apr. 9—Saturday 5:00 PM Mass with presentation of the Holy Family Icon.
- Apr. 16—Saturday 5:00 PM Mass to retire the Holy Family Icon.
- Apr. 17—Confirmation on 3:00 PM at St. Irene Church
- May 7—First Communion on Saturday at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM
- May 15—May Crowning after Sunday 11:00 AM Mass
- May 26—Grade School Graduation during Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Irene Church
- May 29—Corpus Christi during Sunday 11:00 AM Mass
- June 12, Celebrate Fr. Jim 35 yr. anniversary



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Joe Gattone, Theresa Pavel, Irene Bollweg, Carolann Chiodo, Sr. Roseann Eck, Charlie Fahrenwald, Joe Elliott** (Brother of Dolly Pointner), **Michele Jacobson** (Debbie Alleruzzo relative), and **Joe Wehner**.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The LOC had a great time at the Easter Masses giving out carrots to all of the children attending Mass. The carrots that were left have been given to the St Irene's Food Pantry and the Ronald McDonald



House in Winfield. Thank you to all who helped: **Leslie, Anita, Katie, Mary, Sandy, Allison, Anna & her niece, Cindy, Julieta, Karen, Cathy, Phil & Glen, especially Terri**, who was at every Mass.

Dates to remember for the month of April:

- Bunco Sat. Apr. 9 at 7 PM at St. Irene ACL - all proceeds will be given to the Bridge Community. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 to RSVP.
- Auxiliary Board Meeting Tuesday April 12 at 7 PM at St. Irene ACL
- Ice Cream Social Sunday Apr. 24 at 12 Noon at St. Irene ACL - all proceeds will be given to the Bridge Community.

Officer Elections: Friday, May 20, the Auxiliary is having election of officers. Here is the ballot - **Patricia Kemp**, President - **Cathy Kott**, Vice President - **Terri Kussman**, Secretary - **Anita Masters**, Treasurer - **Sandy Decker & Julieta Garcia**, Trustees and **Dianne Drew**, Chancellor. If you would like to nominate anyone else, please contact me at patkemp2004@yahoo.com.

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 (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
1st Yr. Trustee	Ray Scott (630-393-0868)
Insurance Agent	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)

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 (630-393-0868)
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

I am opening this month's article on a sad note. Brother **Knight Rocky Phelps** has passed away. Rocky was an officer in the Council for several

years and served as cook for the Blood Drives and at the Fourth of July celebration. The Knights showed their respect for him by giving him an Honor Guard at the Wake and Funeral Mass. Our condolences go out to his wife **Marcia** and his son **Ben**. He will be dearly missed.

We had our Blood Drive this month and I am happy to say that we collected 28 pints. Thank you to everyone who gave and to those who helped out. We could have had many more pints but Heartland had another Blood Drive going at the same time in Warrenville.

Holy Week was a busy week for the Knights, starting with Holy Thursday Mass and adoration, we had ten Knights in regalia that lasted until 11:00 PM. Saturday night at the Easter Vigil we again had ten Knights. Thank you to the Sir Knights that helped.

On April 23 at the corner of Batavia and Butterfield Road we will be having our first highway cleanup of the year. We will supply the bags but we need the manpower to do the rest.

For your information we will be exhibiting the Holy Family Icon beginning April 9 after the 5:00 Mass.

Congratulations to **District Deputy Jim Bartz** who this year will be receiving the Joliet Chapter Cardosi award on April 23. The dinner RSVP forms are in the newsletter for this month for those who wish to attend.

**God Bless
GK Ken DiIulio**



Pulling Weeds at City Signs Sat. May 7

It's that time again! The Council will once again take on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to War-

renville" signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer.

The St. Irene Council participates in the **Warrenville in Bloom** program that encourages city residents, community groups, and businesses in the planting of perennials and native plants throughout Warrenville. 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 28, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, and Sept. 10.**

Pro-Life

For the latest information on activities supported by the Joliet Diocese Respect Life Ministry Office, always go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life. Select the Calendar to see a list of upcoming events.

**PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chair**

Welcome our Newest Knights!



Chris Hanson (Son-in-Law of **PGK Steve Berning**) took his 1st Degree Mar. 10.



Joe Fredrickson took his 1st Degree at St. Raphael Council Mar. 29.



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

Come join the CCW for their **Annual Tea and Fashion Show** on Saturday, April 2 from 11AM-2PM. Lunch will be catered by Baby Carrots. If you would consider being a hostess, want to attend, or need additional information, contact Paula Peterson at 630.393.3989 or paula.lp.peterson@gmail.com. The fashions modeled will be from Chico's in Wheaton. If you would like to be a model for the fashion show, contact Anna Saake at 630.456.0644 or Anna@Saake.net.

(Rocky, Continued from page 1)

Rocky was also a long-time member of the Warrenville VFW. He graciously donated his time and talent as a Knight, VFW member and as a St. Irene parishioner. He was the designated cook for the KC/VFW blood drives.

He spent many many hours helping to make the St. Irene AutumnFest succesful, and much, much more. Please pray for the Family of Rocky Phelps, his wife Marcia and son Benjamin.

Jim Bartz' Application for Cardosi Award Service to the Knights of Columbus:

- Knights of Columbus member since 1993; 4th Degree member since 2000
- District Deputy (Illinois District 25) 2009, 2012-2016
- Charter Member of Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly #3044; Charter Trustee
- Council Grand Knight, 2003-2005
- Council Deputy Grand Knight, 2001-2003
- Council Membership Director, 2005-2007
- Council Trustee, 2005-2008
- Chaired the Council's food concession stand and "grill masters" during the Warrenville July 4th and Car Show events for 5 years

Service to the Family:

- Married to wife Maryann for 41 years
- Proud father of two adult married children and one grandchild.
- Maryann says that he is always ready at a moment's notice to help family members, whether for home maintenance or repair a car

Service to Church and Parish:

- Converted to Catholicism in 1990
- Serves as usher; started before 1990
- Taught religious classes to children preparing for confirmation
- Always volunteers for fundraisers, maintenance projects, disaster cleanup and decorating for the parish and school

Service to the Youth:

- President of the Warrenville Athletic Association for 6 years
- Coached baseball, basketball, soccer, and softball for several years in the Warrenville city leagues
- Boy Scout leader for 3 years
- Boys Cub Pack leader for 2 years
- Chaired several Council Christmas parties
- Worked with intellectually and physically disabled children in multi-Council Christmas & Easter parties

Service to the Community:

- Veteran and served in the US Army for 4 years
- President of the Edgebrook Home Owner's Association, Warrenville, for 6 years
- Frequent donor and volunteer in Council and VFW blood drives
- Assisted an evicted family until new shelter was found
- Participated in many of the Council Adopt-a-Highway cleanup drives
- Jim and his whole family participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event in Aurora

Major Accomplishments and Awards:

- The Bartz family was awarded Council 6710 Family-of-the-Year in 2008
- Four times Council 6710 Family-of-the-Month awardee



Program Awards for February 2016

Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Wayne Decker** as our Knight of the Month for February. Wayne has served in countless roles at the Council, Assembly and State level during his 40+ years as a Knight. In recent years, Wayne has served as the Joliet Chapter President and Commander of the Blanchette Assembly. This year, Wayne is stepping away from the State Free Throw Contest. Wayne helps out at a variety of Council events throughout the year, including the Super Bowl Party, Spelling Bee, Fourth of July concessions and Turkey Shoot and Card party, to name a few. Wayne is a shining example of what it means to be a Knight, and we are grateful for all he has done for the Council.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor **Brother Knight Bill Hughes and his wife Mary** as the Family of the Month for February. Once again, Bill and Mary donated his time and talents to serve as Mr. and Mrs. Claus for our Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Party. We sincerely thank Bill and Mary for the many years they have brought joy to the families of the St. Irene parish. Mary was a teacher at St. Irene School for many years and founded the school's very popular Outdoor Education program. Mary still substitute teaches at St. Irene's school in addition to teaching religious education. Both Bill and Mary serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

Council Program: Annual KC Super Bowl Party and Raffle held on February 7.

Community Program: Feed My Starving Children food packing session held on February 13.

Youth Program: Youth Spelling Bee on February 6.

- Six times Council 6710 Knight-of-the-Month awardee
- Council 6710 was awarded Illinois Best Council designation at the Illinois K of C annual convention for each of the 2 years he was Grand Knight

Additionally:

- In his final Knights Newsletter as Grand Knight in 2008, Jim said: "It seems not long ago I joined a group of men dedicated to our church and community. It has taught me a lot about my faith and myself and I've met a lot of new friends. With that I would like to say thank you for your help, support and prayers. Together there isn't anything we can't do."
- His service to the Catholic faith as an usher and helper started even before he converted.
- Jim is always eager to praise and credit others, while downplaying his considerable accomplishments.

Youth Spelling Bee Correction!

At the Feb. 6 Spelling Bee, the first place winner was **Nicholas Moritz**, 2nd Place **Samantha Schiff**, and 3rd place **Carter Riggs**. It took 16 rounds to reach the final. Great job!

Bob Geary



28 Pints Blood Collected Mar. 19 at KC/VFW Blood Drive!

KC Academy Mar. 5

The KC Academy was WELL attended on Saturday Mar. 5 at St. Irene's ACL. A lot of information was gained by those attending. State Academy Directors **Frank Stock** and **Tim Rogers** ran the event. Those that did not attend the meeting, missed out on a golden opportunity.



Ladies Auxiliary Collects 225 Purses

A job well one! The LOC collected over 225 purses, which were all stuffed with items that can be used by women in need. It was wonderful that St Irene's Faith Community showed such generosity. Thank you to everyone who donated. Purses went to Tammy's Trace in Wheaton, St Michael's Unitarian Church in West Chicago, St John's PADS in Winfield, and PADS of the First United Methodist Church in West Chicago. Recipients were thrilled with the purses and wish to thank everyone for their kindness. We hope to be doing this project again next year.



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Holy Week 4th Degree Honor Guards

We had a very good showing of the 4th Degree Honor Guards for the Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil.

- On Thursday Sir Knights participating were **Marc Alleruzzo, Jim Bartz, Ken DiIulio, Erich Pavel, Jim Halama, Glen Kussman, Bill Lintner, Bob Rauko, Dave Schar, and Commander Ray Scott.**
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Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus:

www.illinoisknights.org

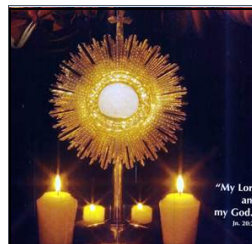
KC State Convention

Around the Corner, Apr. 30-May 1

This year the Illinois State Convention will be held in Springfield on the weekend of April 30-May 1. **DGK Tom Perez** and **PGK Wayne Decker** will be attending as our delegates. All KC members are invited to attend many of the functions.

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



Knights' Calendar

Apr. 2	11:00 AM	CCW Fashion Show—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 9	5:00 PM	Icon of the Holy Family opening exhibition—St. Irene Church with 4th Degree
	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 13	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—Holy Spirit Parish, Naperville
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly—Holy Ghost Council, Wooddale
Apr. 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
Apr. 16	5:00 PM	Icon of the Holy Family closing—St. Irene Church with 4th Degree
Apr. 17	3:00 PM	Confirmation at St. Irene Church—4th Degree Honor Guard
Apr. 23	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Road
	6:30 PM	Joliet Chapter Honors Dinner for Jim Bartz —St. Anne Church, Crest Hill
Apr. 24	Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social—St. Irene Activities Center
May 1	7:00 AM	Special Olympics Spring Games Hospitality—North Central College, Naperville
May 7	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City Signs—Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
May 12	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
May 15	11:00 AM	May Crowning by St. Irene Woman of the Year—4th Degree Honor Guard
May 24	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Officer Elections—St. Irene Activities Center
May 26	7:00 PM	Grade School graduation—St. Irene Church with Scholarship Announcement
May 28	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City Signs—Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
June 12		Celebrate Fr. Jim 35 year Anniversary as a Priest

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Apr. Birthdays

Paul Tolosko	Apr. 2	Bruce Olson	Apr. 16
Patrick McGowan	Apr. 4	Ronald Zoran	Apr. 16
Bill Constable	Apr. 5	Raymond Hoshell	Apr. 18
Anthony Standifer	Apr. 8	Debbie Ingram	Apr. 22
Winston Rasmussen	Apr. 9	Bradley Hentz	Apr. 30
Lois Booth	Apr. 11	Noelle Shallcross	Apr. 30
Annette Kubalanza	Apr. 11		
Christine Rager	Apr. 13		
Thomas Taylor	Apr. 13		
Ellen Voegtle	Apr. 14		
Gloria Fello	Apr. 16		

**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

April Wedding Anniversaries

Vincent & Roxanne Morello	Apr. 16	Burton & Judy Minor	Apr. 27
William & Allison Looby	Apr. 20	Michelle & Michael Horan	Apr. 28
Michael & Sandy Larue	Apr. 21	Jerry & Carole Kleinwachter	Apr. 29
Bradley & Julie Hentz	Apr. 22		

*** 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.