



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL

## Newsletter Wins 2nd Place at State Convention

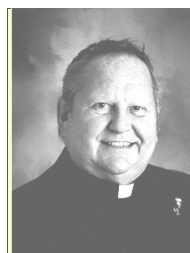


### May 7—Pulling Weeds at City Signs

It's that time again! 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.

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.

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.**



### June 12—Fr. Jim to Celebrate 35 Years as a Priest

Plan to Attend the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Irene's Church. The Knights 4th Degree

Honor Guard will process. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

### Set Your Calendar!

- **June 25—KC Family Picnic & Officer Installation.** All are invited. Look for details in the June newsletter.
- **July 3-4—Council Food concession** held during July 4 celebration at Cerny Park. Help will be needed at the concession stand.
- **July 30—Annual Kane County Cougars Game.** Country Western night & Fireworks. Ticket sales begin in June.
- **Aug. 13—Feed My Starving Children Food Packing** event at the Aurora facility. Signup with code 886769 on the FMSC web site.
- **Sept. 16-18—Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.** Plan to take some time on this weekend to help in any way you can to make the drive a success; even if it is only one or two hours on a corner. **This is our biggest fundraiser to help the mentally disabled.**



### May 15— May Crowning

Congratulation to **Diane**

**Lichtenberg** Woman of the Year. She will be given the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin on May 15 at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Irene's.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will process.



### May 26 -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 Catholic High School. This year the scholarship is in honor of **Brother Knight Keith Lambert.**

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.

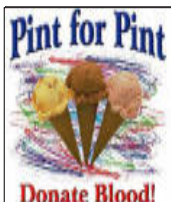


### May 29—Feast of Corpus Christi Celebrated at St. Irene's

For this year, following the 11:00 AM Mass, **Fr. Jim,** servers, choir, parishioners and the **Knights of Columbus Honor Guard** will process to each of the parish property corners to venerate Jesus Christ.

The Knights are responsible for setting up an altar for the veneration at one of the corners.

**Plan to participate.**



### KC/VFW Blood Drive June 18

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at St. Irene Activities Center.

Note: The drive will again be at St. Irene's.

**Joe Gattone, Blood Drive Director**

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



### Council Business Meeting May 12, 7:30 PM

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



### Fourth Degree News

May Meeting at St. Irene's—Wednesday May 11 at St. Irene ACL; 6:30 PM Rosary, 7:00 PM Lasagna dinner, 8:00 PM meeting.

The Blanchette Assembly Installation of Officers is on June 4 at St. Raphael Parish at 6:00 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass.

#### Honor Guards—

- 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 at 10:00 AM Mass.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

April was a very productive month for the Auxiliary. The Ladies sponsored two fundraisers

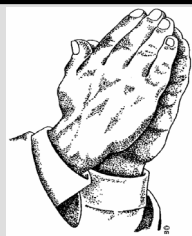


for the St Irene's Bridge Community. First was Bunco and then the Ice Cream Social. A total of \$1,600 was raised. Check out both events on our Facebook page, Ladies Of Columbus, Auxiliary #6710.

Check from fundraisers given by **Pat Kemp** to **Sue Wolfe** representing the Bridge Communities. Bottom left-right: **Cathy Kott, Mary Lambert, Sandy Decker, and Anita Masters.**

- **Board Meeting**—Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL.
- **Officer Elections and Ladies Knight Out**—Friday, May 20 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. Come vote and enjoy the evening. The Board will provide snacks and desserts.

**Pat Kemp**  
LOC President



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

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



### Brother Knight Joseph Wehner Dies April 19

Joseph Wehner, age 78 passed to eternal life Tuesday, April 19 at Edward Hospital. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, he was beloved husband of Patricia G., and loving Father of Jeffrey Wehner, Leigh Lederman and Michael Wehner.

Joseph was a retired mechanical engineer, and a retired Sergeant in the Army Reserves. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 2006.

### 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)
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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)
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Family Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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Public Relations Director	Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)
Blood Drive Director	Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)
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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

The Ikon of the Holy Family came to St Irene on April 9 and it was to display in the Church Chapel for two weeks. All parishioners had a great opportunity observe it.

The 4th degree provided an Honor Guard for the St Irene Confirmation on April 17. Thank you to all Sir Knights that came out for this very special day. Weather once again was on our side. **Father Jim** really knows how to pick the days and the right people above.

Thank you again to **Ralph Dieter** for all your hard work in putting together the Adopt a Highway clean up along Butterfield on April 23. A great big thanks to all who came out and lend a hand.

Congratulations to **DD Jim Bartz** who was one of 10 recipients of the Cardosi Award held Apr. 23. There were 3 tables of Knights and Family members from St. Irene's there at the banquet to honor him. Thank you Jim for all your hard work and caring.

Chairman **Bob and Mary Geary** organized the special Olympics breakfast booth at North Central College in Naperville. Thanks to all the Knights who helped out at the event. It is a real team effort and a great event.

Keep in mind all of the upcoming Honor Guards in May. Please try to participate, as this is the end of the school year. What a nice way to end with full spirit. One will be the 8th grade graduation at which the Knights will present a check in honor of **Sir Knight Keith Lambert** for \$1000 to a deserving school graduate.

June 12 we will have an honor guard for our own **Father Jim** who will be celebrating his 35th year as Catholic priest. This will be held at the new 10 AM Mass on June 12 with a reception afterwards.

Remember the blood drive is coming to St Irene's June 18. Look for details!!!!!!

**God Bless  
GK Ken DiIulio**



## Council to Host 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Sunday, June 5 1:00 PM 1st Degree, 2nd & 3rd Degrees Follow

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

The degree ceremonies will be held in the St. Irene Activities Center and 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 **PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115).

## Pro-Life

### One Word: Genocide

Secretary of State John Kerry declared genocide is being committed by ISIS against Christians in the Middle East. This decision came following a major report submitted to the State Department at National Press Club in Washington in early March.

The 280-page report produced by the Knights of Columbus and In Defense of Christians contained substantial material verifying that what is occurring to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East constitutes as genocide. This information included eye-witness interviews, the names of Christians killed, estimates of the number of dead in various regions under ISIS control, statements by governments and world leaders, and more. Senior State Department officials had requested that the K of C produce such a report - which is available at [www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org](http://www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org) and [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), after the Order began co-sponsoring a petition to include Christians in the declaration of genocide at the hands of ISIS. The petition was signed by over 100,00 people.

In presenting the report, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said the collective evidence and ISIS' own public statements made it clear that the group is targeting Christians with the intent of destroying Christian religion. Isis' magazine, *Dabiq*, has promised to destroy the "Crusader army" which is a Christian reference, and has labeled Pope Francis "the crusader pope".

"While we believe this to be the most comprehensive report on this subject to date, covering incidents in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Yemen, we continue to receive new reports and new evidence," said Anderson. "With new information pouring in every day," he cautioned, "It may only be the tip of the iceberg."

He continued, "There is only one word that adequately and legally, describes what is happening to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. That word is 'genocide'."

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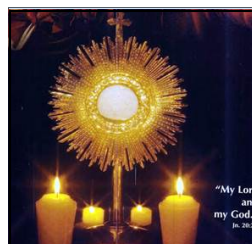
### Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus:

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus:

[www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org)



## 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.



## Teen Boys Needed as Camp Counselors

Energetic and loving High School age boys are

needed to serve as camp counselors at Special Camps for a week this summer. Already registered are 103 teen camp counselors. We still NEED 7 more male camp counselors for our children's session and 3 more boys for our adult session of Special Camps! Sorry all of our female camp counselor positions have been filled!

Teens last year described Special Camps as life-changing. Caring teens came to serve others, and found themselves benefitting from the opportunity of living side by side with our amazing campers they came to serve.

Dates:

- June 5-10 to serve our adult campers
- June 12-17 to serve our children and teens.

Where: White Pines Ranch in Oregon, IL

If you know some amazing high school age boys please have them check out our website for photos and camp counselor applications at [specialcamps.org](http://specialcamps.org), or have their family give me a call.

Thank you for all of your support of this amazingly loving camp!

**Colleen McDonald**  
President of Special Camps  
[specialcamps.org](http://specialcamps.org)  
(630) 690-0944

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Supreme Knight Anderson was among a panel of speakers asking the State Department to make a genocide designation. The panel also included Bishop Anba Angaelos, general bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church; Father Douglas al Bazt and Father Dankha Joola, both from Iraq; religious freedom scholar Nina Shea; The catholic University of America law professor Robert Destro; Greg Stanton, founding president of Genocide Watch; *Defying ISIS* author Johnnie Moore; and Juliana Taimoorazy, founder of Iraqi Christian Relief Council.

Support to define the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities as genocide continues to have consensus from a strong majority of the American people. Presidential candidates of both parties also agree, including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who has directly referred to the situation as "a genocide". More than 200 members of Congress, Democrat and Republican alike, co-sponsored H.Con.Res.75, the legislation which declared these atrocities, targeted specifically for religious reasons, as a crime against humanity.

**PGK Jack Gorski**  
**ProLife Chair**



## Program Awards for March 2016

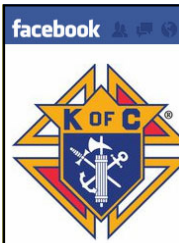
**Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Ralph Dieter** as our Knight of the month for March for his years of service to the church and community. Ralph is an Honorary Life member of the Knights and has been a Knight for 68 years. Ralph coordinates twice each year the "Adopt -A-Highway" program for our Council which is responsible for highway cleanup of Butterfield Rd. Ralph also helps with the Intellectual Disabilities drive and serves in 4th degree honor guards for Church events.

**Family of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **PGK Glen Kussman and wife Terri** as the Family of the Month for the month of March. Glen has been a Knight for 19 years and is very active in our Council. Glen has served on the first degree team and numerous Council and committee positions, including Grand Knight and Trustee. Glen works at many of our Council's activities including putting up and taking down the decorations outside of church for Christmas, the annual Turkey Shoot, the KC Family Christmas party, and the 4th of July concessions. Glen is also a member of the Super Bowl subcommittee. Terri is the Vice President of the Ladies of Columbus and participates alongside Glen at many events, including Warrenville in Bloom planting days, the Intellectual Disabilities Drive and at Feed My Starving Children packing events. This year, Glen and Terri collected the most donations for the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Glen and Terri are also regular blood donors at the Knight blood drives.

**Church Program:** Honor Guards participated at the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Mass.

**Community Program:** Council 6710 and the Warrenville VFW held a Blood Drive on March 19. Thanks to everyone who helped to check in donors, cook and serve breakfast, and to clean up.

**Council Program:** KC Academy was held at St. Irene's on March 5. **Frank Stock** and **Tim Rogers** ran a very well attended event.



## Council Has Facebook 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.

### KC 4th Degree at Confirmation, Apr. 17



Confirmation was held at St. Irene's April 17. Pictured left-right: **Sir Knights Mike Kenealy, Marc Alleruzzo, Commander Ray Scott, Abbot Dismas B. Kalcic, Erich Pavel, Ken DiIulio, and Bill Lintner.**

### DD, PGK Jim Bartz Receives Cardosi Award April 23



Jim was one of 10 who received the Cardosi award at the Joliet dinner held April 23 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Crest Hill IL. There were 3 tables filled with St. Irene participants cheering Jim on.



### Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Held April 23

The day for clean-up of litter from Butterfield

Rd. in Warrenville could not have been better, beautiful weather. The clean-up task was not so nice. Even with 10 participants it took 3 hours of work collecting over 20 bags of litter.

Chairman Ralph Dieter thanks all who helped including: **Dave Abhalter, PGK Jim Bartz, Mike Bates, GK Ken DiIulio, PGK James Halama, Phil Kemp (driver), David Knell, Butch Kuhn, Bill Lintner, PGK Bob Rauko, and Dan Walsh.**

### As a Council—Let's Acknowledge Brother Knights Awarded for Community Service.



**PGK Eric Pavel**, Attorney at Law, was recognized by Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) on April 20 at a volunteer recognition ceremony in Chicago for his volunteer work as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in Cook County and Chicago. While cases can be

extremely emotional and challenging, Erich says, clients are always grateful and the experience is always rewarding. "Your heart just goes out to these people." Erich's advice for young lawyers? "Volunteer – it's fun!"

**Congratulations! Erich!**

### Council Hosts Breakfast for Special Olympics Volunteers May 1



Helping out were **GK Ken Dillulio, PGK Ray Scott, Bill Lintner, Phil Kemp, Pete Pulice, and Bob Geary.** Volunteers at the Special Olympics were offered free breakfast, sponsored by Home-Run-Inn Pizza and our Council.

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## Knights' Calendar

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 11	7:00 PM	<b>Blanchette Assembly Meeting at St. Irene Activities Center</b>
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting at St. James, Glen Ellyn
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 20	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.
May 29	10:00 AM	Celebrate Corpus Christi at St. Irene's. KC 4th Degree Honor Guard
June 5	1:00 PM	Major Degree 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree inductions as St. Irene Activities Center
June 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting & Officer Elections—St. Irene ACL
June 12	10:00 AM	Celebrate Fr. Jim 35 year Anniversary as a Priest at St. Irene Church
June 20		<b>Summer Begins!</b>
June 25	5:00 PM	KC Officer installation & Family Picnic—location TBA

**Note: St. Irene Summer Mass Schedule June 5 thru Sept. 11—Sat. 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Only two Masses on Sunday.**



<b>May Birthdays</b>	Colleen Brummel	May 2	Allison Looby	May 16
	Charles Ingram	May 2	Stephen Brummel	May 17
	Lisa Callahan	May 3	Peggy Burgermeister	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
	Joe Fredrickson	May 10	Linda Dailey-Houlis	May 24
	James McGuire	May 10	Alta Halama	May 25
	Diana Banigan	May 12	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
	Barbara Olson	May 12	Colin Wilkie	May 28
	Denise Allen	May 15	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
	Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Maggie Nagode	May 29
	Wayne Decker	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 31
Kelley Higgins	May 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](http://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		

\*\*\* 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.