



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL

## Happy Summer! Enjoy!

### Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville



#### March in 4th-of-July Parade, Sunday July 3

The theme of the parade is “Stars & Stripes for Ever”. Show your pride and march along with Council Sir Knights. The parade starts at 3:00 PM.

The KC 4th Degree Honor Guard will lead, with other Brother Knights and their Families invited to march. Assemble at the parade starting point in downtown Warrenville by 2:00 PM.

### Food Stand at Cerny Park July 3 & 4



Plan on joining your Brother Knights & Families at Cerny as we cook our famous burgers and sweet corn. Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed. **If you have not had an opportunity to participate, you may use this <http://bit.ly/28St2Mx> link to sign-up.**

The Warrenville July 4th celebration should be a lot of fun.

#### Sunday July 3

- 5:00 PM—Jimmie Nick & Don't Tell Mamma, Blues Band
- 7:30 PM—New Odyssey

#### Monday July 4

- 2:30 PM—Foo Fighters
- 5:00 PM—Serendipity Band
- 7:30 PM—High Infidelity
- 9:15 PM—Fireworks

All concession, beverage and beer stands open at Noon. During the day there are water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo & prizes, pickle ball, face painting, and karaoke.

**Best of all!** Come gather with your family around the Knights concession area for the Fireworks display!

**Again to sign up to help, select this <http://bit.ly/28St2Mx> link.**

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### Set Your Calendar!



- **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.** This is our biggest fundraiser to help the mentally disabled. 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. Look for a mailing in the near future personally inviting you to participate. Our goal is raise \$100 per Knight.
- **Oct. 30—Celebrate Priesthood Sunday!**
- **Oct. 29-30 & Nov. 4-5—Annual Shoe Drive at St. Irene's**
- **Nov. 18—Turkey Shoot & Card Party at St. Irene's**



### Sat. July 30— Cougars Baseball Outing

**Tickets are now available!** The Cougars are playing Clinton Lumber Kings at 6:30 PM, Saturday, July 30. It will be Country & Western Music Night!. Fireworks to follow.

The reserved seats are \$13.00 each. For tickets contact **PGK Ray Scott** at 630-294-5115, or **Michael Bates** (630-630-836-0223). The Council has secured 40 tickets. Invite your Family and Friends.

**Michael Bates**

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### Council Business Meeting July 14 7:30 PM at Irene Activities Center

Congratulations to **Brother Knights Dave Abhalter, Dan Cyrus, and Sam Vitale** who advanced to the 3rd Degree on June 5.

Extend a heartfelt congratulations to our Council Officers for the Fraternal Year 2016-2017:

- Chaplain—**Fr. Jim Antiporek**
- Grand Knight—**Tom Perez**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**David Schar**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—**Mike Bates**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—**Wayne Decker**
- Warden—**Phil Kemp**
- Lecturer—**Bill Lintner**
- Inside Guard—**Dan Cyrus**
- Outside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Trustees -**Kevin Looby, Glen Kussman, Ken Dilulio**



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The LOC will have their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. The board always enjoy other LOC members joining us at the meetings.

Please keep **Lisa Cisewski**, who is **Terri Kussman's** niece, is in need of our prayers. one of our members, Please put **Caroleann Chiodo** in your prayers, who lost her long battle with cancer June 24.

**Pat Kemp**  
LOC President



### Fourth Degree News Note! No July Meeting!

#### Honor Guards Requests:

- Sunday July 3— 4th-of-July Parade, Warrenville. Parade starts at 3:00 PM. Arrive at the line-up parade position by 2:00 PM.
- July 13—Honor Flight at Midway Airport. Arrive by 7:00 PM. Meet in the luggage arrival area and be sure to bring a folding chair as there may be some wait for the flights to arrive. Bring your SMALL AMERICAN FLAG and a camera.
- July 30—Kane County Cougar Game. Arrive at 5:30 PM.



### Pray for Repose of Soul of Carolann Chiodo



A very dear Friend to many passed away from a long battle with cancer. **Carolann Chiodo** (58) passed to eternal life on June 24. Visitation will take place at St. Irene Church at 10:30 AM on Wed. June 29. The Funeral Mass follows at 12:00 Noon. A reception follows in the St. Activities Center. Burial will be in Nebraska at a later date. **You will be Missed!**

### Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

Council Officers 2016-2017	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
Grand Knight	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
Dep. Grand Knight	David Schar (630-918-5113)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Chancellor	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Wayne Decker (630-393-1891)
Warden	Phil Kemp(630-842-2590)
Inside Guard	Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369)
Outside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
Lecturer	William Lintner (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Ken Dilulio (630-747-3673)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
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	David Schar (630-918-5113)
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



Welcome  
**Grand Knight Tom Perez!** We look forward to your words of wisdom each month. Congratulations!

**James Halama**  
Newsletter Editor



**Greetings to my fellow Brother Knights,** I never would have imagined when I joined the Knights of Columbus a mere 6 1/2 years ago that I would find myself being in this honorable position. It is both humbling and exciting to be leading such an amazing group of Catholic gentlemen. Our council has a long history of excellence and service to our parish and local community, and I am committed to continuing that legacy.

On behalf of the entire council, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to **PGK Ken DiIulio** for leading us these past 2 years. Ken showed great leadership and strove to inspire the Council not only through his words but even more so by his actions. Thank you Ken for the commitment you showed our council and enjoy your much-deserved break.

I also wanted to extend my congratulations and thanks to the other Brother Knights who stepped up and accepted the other council officer roles. A special thanks to our new officers, including **Deputy Grand Knight David Schar, Chancellor Michael Bates, Inside Guard Dan Cyrus and Outside Guard Dave Abhalter.** Thank you also to **PGK Wayne Decker** for coming out of retirement to accept the role of Advocate. Finally, I wanted to recognize and thank our outgoing **Trustee Ray Scott** for his long tenure as a council officer.

In addition to being our new **Deputy Grand Knight, David Schar** has also graciously accepted the role of Chairman of our Council's Rejuvenation Committee. Other members include **Dave Abhalter, PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Michael Bates, Phil Kemp, PGK Glen Kussman, GK Tom Perez, PGK Bob Rauko, and PGK Ray Scott.** This committee will be meeting regularly with the goal of finding ways to increase involvement of our current members, recruit new members, and increase the visibility of council activities. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please reach out to David Schar.

I ask that you keep me in your prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen me so I can faithfully fulfill the role as your new Grand Knight.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Tom Perez**

## Pro-Life Events

### St. John's Run for Life - Celebrate Life this Summer

Featuring 5K run/walk · Professionally timed by Racetime · Kid's Dash  
Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Men, Women, Teams and Overall  
Benefiting [Waterleaf](#)

**Saturday, July 16**  
**8:00 AM**

**St. John the Baptist Winfield**  
**0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL 60190**  
**Registration: \$25.00**

Contact: [JennipherGraf@gmail.com](mailto:JennipherGraf@gmail.com)

Register: [Individual Registration](#)  
[Team Registration](#)

Free pancake breakfast/awards ceremony following the race.

Please include the Run for Life in your bulletins  
the weekends of July 2/3 and on July 9/10

## OPEN HOUSE at WATERLEAF

Come see what [Waterleaf](#) is all about!

**Sunday, June 26**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**at both locations**

**3598 E. New York Street, Aurora, IL 60504**  
**or**  
**682 W. Boughton Road, Bolingbrook, IL 60440**

**JGK Jack Gorski**  
**ProLife Chair**

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Concession Stand Volunteer Schedule:

### July 3

- 11AM—Set-up begins at St. Irene's Parish storage garage.
- 3:00 - 11:45 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available.

### July 4

- 11:00 AM - Set-up begins at Cerny Park
- Noon - 9:15 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booths closes and clean up at Cerny Park

### July 5

- 9:00 AM—Cleanup at St. Irene (subject to change)

**Again to sign up to help, select this**  
**<http://bit.ly/28St2Mx> link.**





## Council Hosts KC Academy June 11

By all accounts the KC Academy on training Financial Secretaries on using the Supreme Council online web tools was very well attended. **PGK Bob Rauko** reported that about 30 were in attendance from many councils.

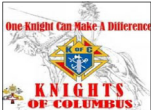


## KC/VFW Blood Drive Held June 18

35 pints of blood were collected at the quarterly K/VFW Blood Drive held in the St. Irene's Activities Center.



Those who helped were: **GK Ken Dilulio, PGK Ray Scott, Joe Gattone, Phil Kemp, PGK Bob Rauko, Dave Abhalter, and Bill Graney.**



## K of C sets record in charity for the 16th year

Announced from Supreme Council: "The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

'We are very proud of these Fraternal Survey numbers,' Supreme Knight Anderson said. 'These are a clear indication that we are keeping faith with Father McGivney's principle of charity and also of unity, not only among ourselves, but with those in need. This is what we call a charity that evangelizes. This is what makes Knights of Columbus different.'

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The number of service hours rose by more than a million over the previous year's total, according to the Knights of Columbus Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2015. Donations grew by more than \$1.5 million since 2014, achieving an increase in giving for the 17th consecutive year.

The top ten jurisdiction in charitable giving (from highest) were: Texas, California, Florida, Quebec, Illinois, Michigan, Ontario, New York, Missouri and New Jersey. For volunteer hours, the top ten were: Luzon North, Texas, Illinois, Florida, California, Luzon South, Ontario, Michigan, Visayas and Pennsylvania.

Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that while these numbers are impressive, jurisdiction leaders need to focus now on ensuring that the Order grows in charitable giving and volunteer service during the coming 2016-17 fraternal year."



## Program Awards for May 2016

**Dave Schar Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors Dave Schar as our Knight of the month for May.** Dave has only been a member of the Knights for a couple of years, but he has already made a significant impact on the Council. Since joining the Knights, Dave has become a regular fixture at out Council's monthly business meetings, where he takes an active role and contributes with insightful ideas and comments. Since advancing to the 4th Degree, Dave has participated in many honor guards, where he is a welcome addition. Dave has twice served on the Super Bowl Raffle Subcommittee, and has offered several great ideas for increasing ticket sales and attendance at the party. Dave is currently serving on the Rejuvenation Committee, where he has contributed many great ideas to increase attendance at council events. Dave also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at 9 AM Sunday mass and has volunteered with Sleep out Sunday.

**Father Jim Antiporek and Pat Jackowiak Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor Father Jim Antiporek and his sister Pat Jackowiak as the Family of the Month for the month of May.** As pastor of St. Irene's for the past 17 years, Fr. Jim is the spiritual leader of our entire faith community. Fr. Jim is a gifted orator, whose stirring sermons at mass inspire both young and old. Fr. Jim is also one of the main driving forces behind the continued success of St. Irene's School and loves to engage the students through weekly school masses and the conferring of the Sacraments. Fr. Jim is a strong supporter of the Knights, serving as our Council Chaplain and Faithful Friar for the Romeo Blanchette Assembly. Fr. Jim is celebrating the 35th anniversary of his ordination in June of this year. Pat is also a strong figure in the St. Irene's community. She is the Administrative Assistant for the St. Irene's Parish, where she helps direct and support the daily ins and outs of parish life. Pat also coordinates the creation of the weekly parish bulletin, ensuring all important announcements and articles are publicized to the entire parish community.

**Church Program:** An honor guard served at both the St. Irene First Communion on May 7 and at the May Crowning on May 15.

**Community Program:** Members of Council 6710 joined other community volunteers in Warrenville in Bloom community planting days event on May 28.

**Youth Program:** **Justin Wagner**, along with several other Sir Knights, awarded **Dominic Spiotta** with the Council High School Scholarship in honor of **Sir Knight Keith Lambert** at the St. Irene School 8th Grade Graduation on May 26.

**Council Program:** Members of the Council hosted breakfast for Special Olympics Volunteers on May 1.



### Council Hosts Major Degree June 5

Congratulations to **Brother Knights Dave Abhalter, Dan Cyrus, and Sam Vitale** who advanced to the 3rd Degree on June 5. We hosted the Major Degree at St. Irene's Activities Center. Thanks to all who helped.

The First Degree Team inducted 6 new Brother Knights that came from other councils. A total of 13 Knights advanced to the 3rd Degree.

### Fr. Jim Celebrates 35th Anniversary of Priesthood June 12

All the stops were pulled at the celebration Mass at 10:00 AM June 12. A picnic followed on the parish grounds. We could not ask for better day and weather!

**Congratulation Father Jim!**



And of course the Knights were cooking!



### Sir Knights at Assumption Cemetery Memorial Day May 30

4th Degree Honor Guard at the Memorial Day Mass at Assumption Cemetery, Winfield.

From the left PFN **Roger Dooley, Bob Nowakowski, Bob Cameron, Deacon John Spiezio, Former Master Phil Barrone, Fr. John Sullivan, PFN Commander Wayne Decker, Don Jeske, Bob Ratko, and Tom Janczy.**



### Special Camps June 15



**PGK Wayne & Sandy Decker and PGK Jack Gorski** participated in events at the Special Camps at White Pines Ranch, Oregon, IL on June 15. In the clown suit is camp director **Colleen McDonald**, daughter of **Reed Callahan**.

### June 18 & 25—KC's Weeding at City Signs

The KC Academy caused us to delay the June 11 date to June 18 and because of the blood Drive on June 18 it as delayed again to June 25,

Those who helped were June 18, **PGK James Halama** planting cone flowers at the signs, and on June 25 **PGK Glen Kussman, Mike Bates, and PGK Bob Rauko** weeded at the signs.

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### 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.



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## Knights' Calendar

July 3	3:00 PM	Warrenville July 4 Parade—4th Degree to march-others may join, meet at 2:00
July 3-4	All Day	Food Concession at Cerny Park—Volunteers needed. See Schedule Page 3
July 9	9:00 AM	Weeding at City of Warrenville Welcome signs. Meet at Batavia & Hwy 59
July 12	7:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting at St. Irene Activities Center— all LOC welcome
July 13	7:00 PM	Honor Flight at Midway Airport. Meet at luggage arrival area. Bring chair.
July 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL
July 16	8:00 AM	St. John's Run for Life; St. John the Baptist, Winfield.
July 30	6:00 PM	Kane County Cougars Game—Elstrom Park, Geneva; 4th Degree arrive at 5:00
Aug. 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL
Aug. 13	2:00 PM	Feed My Starving Food Packing Event—Aurora
Sept. 16-18		KC Council Tootsie Roll Drive. Plan to participate.

**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.

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[www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.doc](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.doc)

<b>July Birthdays</b>	Mark Rurka	July 1	Paul Lindsey	July 19
	Robert Decker	July 5	Sandra Decker	July 20
	John Augustynowicz	July 6	Patricia McGuire	July 20
	Patrick Banigan	July 6	Gary Rufo	July 20
	Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	Camille Wurst	July 22
	Sandy Larue	July 9	Michael Hitchcock	July 24
	Teresa Hoffman	July 11	John Ernst	July 25
	Michael Kenealy	July 12	David Fahrenwald	July 25
	Susan Kubal	July 12	Pat Wehner	July 25
	Ralph Dieter	July 13	David Janiec	July 27
	Elinor Parsons	July 15	Dolly Pointner	July 27
	John Murray	July 16	Ellen Gorski	July 31
	Carmi Cyrus	July 17		

<b>July Wedding Anniversaries</b>			
Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		

\*\*\* If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** (630-433-6240) or [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net) to make the corrections.