



# knights of st. irene

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Warrenville, IL



## Intellectual Disabilities (ID) “Tootsie Roll Drive” Sept. 16-18

This is what you have been hearing about all Summer! Put on your most comfortable shoes **Sept. 16-18**. The annual Knights of Columbus fund drive benefits citizens with intellectual disabilities. One of our most charitable works is the funding of homes for citizens with ID. Last year the gross proceeds were \$6,205, of this we awarded:

- Illinois State Council Charities Inc. for Disability Homes—\$620
- Cupertino Home, Warrenville—\$2285
- Special Camps—Colleen McDonald—\$920
- GiGi’s Playhouse, Fox Valley: \$460
- Touch My Heart, Naperville—\$460
- Western DuPage Special Recreation Area—\$460
- Diocese of Joliet Life Office—\$25

The only deduction is the cost of the Tootsie Rolls of \$975.

Please consider participating in this extremely worthwhile event. The amount that we collect is a function of how many Knights participate: the more participation, the greater the collection; It’s as simple as that! The schedule is as follows:

- Fri., Sept. 16: 6:30 AM-6:30 PM
- Sat., Sept. 17: 7:00 AM–3:00 PM
- Sun., Sept. 18: After 8:00 & 10: AM Masses

If your work schedule allows, please take Friday off and join us in the street collections. We do have locations that do not involve on-street solicitation. Just come to the St. Irene Activities Center for instructions. And we always need help in the ACL to help collectors sign in, get their Tootsie Rolls, aprons and money jugs; count money and to keep the coffee brewing.

Help our **Chairman Nick Battaglia** (773-820-1752 or Nick-Battaglia@hotmail.com) be proud of his efforts..

**Every Volunteer Counts!  
Each hour of solicitation  
brings in \$50-\$100 towards  
the Goal!**

**To sign up in advance** please follow this [link](#). Also a City of Warrenville waiver form needs to be completed and turned in to Nick by Sept. 15, but certainly on day of the drive at the very latest.. It is found on the link.

Give Blood...



Give Life.

## St. Irene/VFW Blood Drive Sept. 24—7:00 AM

The blood drive will be held at the VFW Hall, Warrenville from 7:00 AM– Noon. Free breakfast for all donors. Your donation will save lives.

**Bring a photo ID card.**

## Set Your Calendar!

- Oct. 22—Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night
- Oct. 29-30 & Nov. 4-5—Annual Shoe Drive at St. Irene’s
- Oct. 30—Celebrate Priesthood Sunday!
- Nov. 18—Turkey Shoot & Card Party at St. Irene’s
- Dec. 10—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mexican Dinner by the Ladies Auxiliary
- Dec. 11—KC Family Christmas Party
- Jan. 12, 2017—Youth Free Throw Contest
- Feb. 3, 2017—Youth Spelling Bee
- Feb. 5, 2017—Annual Super Bowl Party and Raffle

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## Sept. 24 Annual Family Hayride, Cookout & Bonfire at Galusha Farm



Come join other Council families on Sat., Sept. 24, at 6:00 PM for a cookout, hayride and bonfire at **PGK Steve & Kathy Berning’s Galusha Farm**, 27W271 Galusha Rd., across from Grace

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### Council Business Meeting Sept. 8 7:30 PM at Irene Activities Center

Details of the upcoming Tootsie Roll drive will be discussed. Bring in your signed City of Warrenville waiver form for **Nick Battaglia**.



### Fourth Degree News

The Blanchette Assembly will be meeting on Wednesday Sept. 14 at the Naperville Council 1369 Hall on Ogden Ave.:6:30 PM Rosary, 7:00 PM dinner, and 8:00 PM (Sharp) meeting.



### Plans for Blue Mass on Sept. 11 Cancelled

We will not have a Blue Mass and Honor Guard on Sept 11. This year, Fr. Jim wants to honor First Responders with special Masses for them on the weekend of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15. The masses may be either on Oct. 8-9 or Oct. 15-16. The official announcement will be in the October newsletter.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- Sept. 13—LOC Board meeting will be on September 13, at 7:00 PM in the ACL. All members are welcome.
- Oct. 8 & 9—Also help us supply St Irene's Food Pantry. LOC will be passing out bags to be filled on Oct 8 & 9. There will be a list on each bag with the food items the Pantry needs. On Oct 15 & 16 please return your filled bags and Oct. 9—Sunday, Oct 9, the Ladies of Columbus will be at hospitality to recruit new members, and selling KOC Vocation Raffle Tickets. Tickets are just \$1 each.
- Oct. 22—Bunco Night on Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL, we will be holding our semi annual Bunco Night. The profits made will be donated to Warrenville Youth and Family Services. The \$20 admission includes the fee for playing, snacks and a meal. Soft drinks and our famous punch will also be included. You can BYOB. All are welcome. Come join us for a fun-filled evening and support a worthy cause. Please call Michele Kemp at 630-460-3704 or email at [missyree2004@yahoo.com](mailto:missyree2004@yahoo.com) to reserve your place leave them in the Narthex.

**Pat Kemp**  
LOC President



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, Leonard Pieczynski, 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).

### Sept. 14 Protecting God's Children Workshop

The next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 PM St. Irene ACL. This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene's. Register online [HERE](#), select "Joliet, IL (Diocese)", then our church and the date. Call Pamela at 630-393-2400 ext 20 if unable to register online.

### 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 ( 630-461-2198)           |
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| Inside Guard               | Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369)              |
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| Lecturer                   | William Lintner (630-841-6155)        |
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| 1st Yr. Trustee            | Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)            |
| <b>Insurance Agent</b>     | <b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b>   |

**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)   |
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| 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) |
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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.

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## Grand Knight's Corner

On Vacation!

Vivat Jesus!  
GK Tom Perez



Brother Knights,

A few weeks ago, widespread disastrous flooding in southern Louisiana left 13 people dead and damaged more than 100,000 homes. In the aftermath, the people of Louisiana responded with hope and perseverance, as volunteers — including members of the Knights of Columbus — came to lend a hand in the recovery.

Victims of the flooding are still in dire need of help, however.

Severe mold is taking over the homes that are still standing, which could lead to severe allergic reactions and fatal respiratory seizures. The cost of the repairs to fight such damage is yet another blow to the already devastated communities. In addition, many of these homeowners do not have flood insurance to help cover these costs.

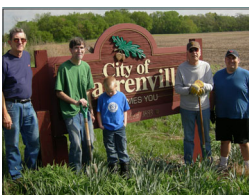
These people desperately need your assistance. Please, if you are able to help, make a donation today.

Donations can be made online at [www.kofc.org/flood](http://www.kofc.org/flood) or send check or money order. check online for information.

Also, if you know anyone who would be interested in contributing to this cause, please forward this email and ask them to do whatever they can to help.

## St. Irene Panther Golf Outing Sept. 12

St. Irene Panther Golf Outing Friday, September 16, 1:00 PM Shotgun start at Bliss Creek Golf Club in Sugar Grove. Register before September 12: \$100 includes Golf, Cart, and a GREAT steak buffet dinner! Click [HERE](#) for complete details, the sign-up sheet and more info on Sponsorship opportunities! Contact **Bob LaDeur** at [rladeur@hotmail.com](mailto:rladeur@hotmail.com) or **Bill Hughes** at [billh58965@aol.com](mailto:billh58965@aol.com) for more info..



## Sept. 10—Pulling Weeds at City Signs

The Council takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs to remove weeds for the summer. Consider participating in this community program. This is the last scheduled date for the season. Thanks to all who have helped with this worthy cause.

## Pro-Life Events Waterleaf and Woman's Choice Services



**Clinic Address**  
3598 E. New York St., Aurora,  
IL 60504  
**Education & Resource Center Address**  
682 W. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook,  
IL 60440

Have you been wondering about Waterleaf and Woman's Choice Services combining forces and strategically aligning?

Join the leaders of this great organization for their presentation *A Life in the Balance: Pro-Life Stories*

from the *Front Lines* to learn more.

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. St. Bernard Parish, 13030 W/ 143<sup>rd</sup> St., Homer Glenn. For more information, contact Bill Jacobs at [wrj@thejacobsonline.com](mailto:wrj@thejacobsonline.com). Click [here](#) for flier.

**JGK Jack Gorski**  
ProLife Chair

## OLPH Business Networking Ministry



### OLPH—Our Lady of Perpetual Health, Glenview

Job, Internship, and/or Networking Opportunities

Seven Chicago companies you may want to work for right now ... (and they're hiring!)

<http://www.builtinchicago.org/2016/08/04/companies-hiring-chicago-august-2016>

Top Chicago Companies Hiring - A monthly roundup of the best startup & tech companies in Chicago hiring right now.

<http://www.builtinchicago.org/best-companies-work-chicago>

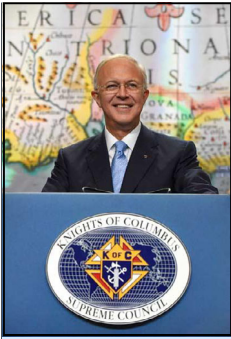
Article submitted by Reed Callahan



## Oct. 1—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time to clean up the trash 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 Dieter** at 630-420-8160.



## Supreme Knight's Report Highlights Order's Charity 8/2/2016

In his annual report delivered at the 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Toronto, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted the Order's record levels of charity, with over \$175 million in donations and over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service.

The supreme knight also cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: the further development of the Knights of Columbus' Building the Domestic Church initiative and continued support for Christians at risk, including those suffering genocide at the hands of ISIS.

At the opening of his report, the supreme knight officially announced the convention's theme.

"We also recall the words of Pope Francis," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "He has called Catholics to a new sense of missionary discipleship and fraternal brotherhood. He has urged Catholics to go out to the peripheries. And he has placed great confidence in the Knights of Columbus. And so, I am pleased to announce the theme of our 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention: *'A Light to the Nations.'*"

The supreme knight spoke to an audience of nearly 95 archbishops and bishops, including 11 cardinals, scores of clergy and approximately 2,000 members of the Knights and their families from throughout North and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.

"Our charity is motivated by faith. And our faith is a gift to be shared," stated Supreme Knight Anderson. "When we bring new men into the Order, we give them the opportunity to be better Catholics. And we multiply the good works that we can do. I am pleased to report that our membership grew for the 44<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to a record high of 1,918,122 brother Knights. Soon, we will number more than 2 million men."

He also announced that the Knights of Columbus has seen impressive membership growth in new areas such as Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland.

"In one decade, we have grown in Poland to nearly 90 local councils with nearly 4, 400 members," the supreme knight said. "In Ukraine, we now have 566 members in 13 councils. And because of this, the Supreme Directors voted in April to establish Ukraine as our newest territory."

Supreme Knight Anderson noted that in his recent apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis asks, "Who is making an effort to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them in the work of raising children and to encourage the stability of the marriage bond?"

The answer, the supreme knight said, is the Knights of Columbus.

"Because the light of faith is first transmitted within the family and nurtured in the parish, we have started new programs to strengthen both our families and our parishes. They especially give young fathers the tools they need to bring their families closer together and closer to God," Supreme Knight Anderson said. The Building the Domestic Church program, he added,

*(Supreme Knight's Report, Continued on page 7)*



## Program Awards for July 2016

**Justin Wagner Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 honor **Sir Knight Justin Wagner** as our Knight of the month for July. Justin has been a Knight since 2001 and once again has served as co-chair of the council's fund raising at the food tent during Warrenville's 4th of July celebrations. Thanks to Justin's efforts the council had a net income of over \$2,450 this year. This year's total is the third highest in the last ten years, but more importantly the Knights tent continues to be one of the most popular of all the vendors during 4th of July activities.

**PGK Ray & Beverly Scott Family of the Month:** Council 6710 honor **PGK Ray Scott and his wife Beverly** as Family of the Month for July. Both Ray and Beverly continue to be very active in the Knights and are invaluable to the Council as relates to planning and coordination of upcoming events. Ray serves as a Council Trustee, Membership Director and leads the Council's 4th Degree team. Ray can be counted on to take an active role in almost every council event and ensures each event is as successful as possible. Beverly is very active in both the parish community and the Ladies Auxiliary. Beverly also often assists the Knights during their events and is always available during 4th Degree activities.

**Church Program:** Council assisted in advertising St. John's Run for Life 5K which was held in Winfield on Saturday July 16th.

**Community Program:** Council 6710 continues in its efforts with Warrenville 4th of July parade. Several Sir Knights and families braved the heat to march in this year's parade.

**Council Program:** Several Sir Knights grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the Cupertino Home Family Picnic.

**Family Program:** The St. Irene's Council attended the Family outing at the Kane County Cougars Baseball game on Saturday July 30. The Council sold 37 of the 40 tickets.

**Youth Program:** On June 15 several Council members attended the Special Camps at White Pines Ranch in Oregon Illinois.

## 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.

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

### July 30—A Beautiful Knight for Baseball

All but 3 of the 40 tickets bought for the Kane County Cougars game on July 30 were sold. Those who attended witnessed a win, beautiful weather and a great Family Night Out! The Council 4th Degree Honor Guard presented colors during the National Anthem. Thanks to **Mike Bates** and **PGK Ray Scott** for making the arrangements.



### Aug 2—Council Participate in National Night Out



### Aug. 13—Council Participates in FMSC Food Packing Event in Aurora



*(Hayride Continued from page 1)*

Church. Stay until the last embers die out.

The Knight's grill masters will be fixing burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to pass. No RSVP is needed — just show up with your whole family for an evening of fun! Ask a prospective member and his family to join us.

Help is needed to set up earlier on Saturday afternoon. Please call **Mike Bates** to help (630-836-0223).

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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.

## Knights' Calendar

|             |            |  |
|-------------|------------|--|
| Sept. 5     |            | <b>Labor Day</b>   |
| Sept. 8     | 7:30 PM    | KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL   |
| Sept. 10    | 9:00 AM    | Pulling weeds at Warrenville City signs—meet at Batavia Rd & Butterfield Rd                |
| Sept. 12    | 1:00 PM    | St. Irene Panther Golf Outing—Creek Golf Club in Sugar Grove                               |
| Sept. 13    | 7:00 PM    | Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene ACL   |
| Sept. 14    | 6:30 PM    | Protecting God's Children Workshop—St. Irene ACL; pre-registration required.               |
|             | 8:00 PM    | Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Naperville Council Hall; 6:00 PM rosary, 7:00 PM dinner |
|             | 8:00 PM    | Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—St. John's Council 3738; dinner 7:00                    |
| Sept. 16-18 |            | KC Council Tootsie Roll Drive. Plan to participate.  |
| Sept. 22    |            | <b>First day of Autumn</b>   |
| Sept. 24    | 6:00 PM    | Family Hay Ride & Bonfire—Galusha Farm   |
| Oct. 1      | 9:00 AM    | Adopt-A-Highway cleanup— meet at corner of Batavia Rd & Butterfield Rd.                    |
| Oct. 13     | 7:00 PM    | KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL   |
| Oct. 15-16  | All Masses | Ladies Auxiliary Food Drive—St. Irene Church   |
| Oct. 22     | 7:00 PM    | Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night—St. Irene ACL   |
| Oct. 29-30  | All Masses | Council Shoe Drive—St. Irene Church  |

### Sept. Birthdays

|                     |          |                    |          |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Carole Kleinwachter | Sept. 2  | Justin Wagner      | Sept. 18 |
| Timothy Callahan    | Sept. 4  | Gustavo Bosoli     | Sept. 20 |
| Michael Hoffman     | Sept. 4  | Caren Burchett     | Sept. 21 |
| Pam Bates           | Sept. 5  | Julie Hentz        | Sept. 21 |
| Paula Peterson      | Sept. 5  | Philip Kemp        | Sept. 21 |
| Chuck Dumbris       | Sept. 6  | John Sobieski      | Sept. 21 |
| Theresa Pavel       | Sept. 6  | Debi Rossi         | Sept. 22 |
| Irene Fograse       | Sept. 8  | Laura McGowan      | Sept. 23 |
| Sue Kometz          | Sept. 8  | Mario Schwarts     | Sept. 23 |
| John Augustynowicz  | Sept. 10 | Betty Knell        | Sept. 24 |
| Roxanne Morello     | Sept. 10 | Patricia Jackowiak | Sept. 27 |
| Dwight Sherman      | Sept. 11 | Jennifer O'Malley  | Sept. 27 |
| Michael Fello       | Sept. 12 | Terry Fahrenwald   | Sept. 28 |
| Richard Nagode      | Sept. 12 | Bill Graney        | Sept. 30 |
| Bonnie Bassett      | Sept. 18 | David Peterson     | Sept. 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.

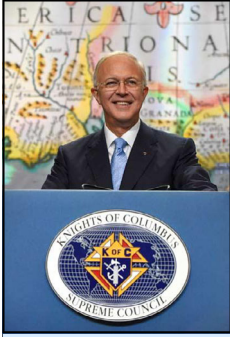
[www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/)

## September Wedding Anniversaries

|                             |          |                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Truman & Yvonne Stevens     | Sept. 1  | Raymond & Beverly Scott     | Sept. 16 |
| Ralph & Dolores Dieter      | Sept. 2  | Mike & Ana Maria O'Hare     | Sept. 21 |
| John & Jennifer O'Malley    | Sept. 6  | Marcello & Debbie Alleruzzo | Sept. 22 |
| Anthony & Suzanna Standifer | Sept. 6  | Richard & Maggie Nagode     | Sept. 22 |
| Jack & Ellen Gorski         | Sept. 8  | Richard & Kathleen Kostner  | Sept. 25 |
| James & Maryann Bartz       | Sept. 14 | Stephen & Colleen Brummel   | Sept. 26 |
| Paul & Colette Lindsey      | Sept. 14 | Robert & Maryann True       | Sept. 30 |
| Michael & Julie Duquette    | Sept. 15 |                             |          |

\*\*\* 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.

## Supreme Knight's Report Highlights Order's Charity 8/2/2016 (Continued from Page 4)



provides concrete ways in which Knights can reach out to accompany wounded families.

"I ask each of you to take to heart our responsibility as leaders of the most important Catholic men's organization in the world," Supreme Knight Anderson asked his brother Knights. "What we do in our families and parishes will change the history of the Catholic Church in our communities. And it will help ensure the future of those parishes. The strong right arm of the

Catholic Church must also be the strong right arm of our parish church. Today, this is what it means to be a light to the nations."

Along with growth in membership and charity, the Knights of Columbus also achieved records in its insurance program.

"This year, we have seen Father McGivney's legacy of shielding Catholic families from financial disaster reach new milestones," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "This year our insurance program achieved its 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth. We set a record high of 8.4 billion dollars in new sales. This represents nearly 72,000 new life certificates, surpassing the closest fraternal benefit society by more than 25,000. Our five-year sales growth of nearly 1.6 percent is above that of the insurance industry as a whole. Last year, our insurance in force grew by more than \$4 billion. And in the last 13 years, our insurance in force has more than doubled. Today, we have more than 2 million certificates in force. "But our greatest achievement was reaching this milestone," he added. "We surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force."

The Knights of Columbus Investment Department also saw a successful year, especially in the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which is in its 17<sup>th</sup> month of operation and has 50 clients, including religious orders, dioceses and local and state councils. Asset Advisors is already among the top 200 asset managers in the United States.

One of the Knights of Columbus' greatest endeavors during the past fraternal year was the assistance it brought to Christians facing persecution, especially those facing genocide in the Middle East.

"In Iraq, Syria and neighboring countries, Christians and other religious minorities are facing extinction," the supreme knight said. "Many receive no support from their governments or from the United Nations. They have had to rely on their fellow Christians and they have been able to rely on the Knights of Columbus. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$11 million for Christian refugees. And that money has been a lifeline."

Contributions received by the Knights helped fund the following:

- In Erbil, Iraq, \$800,000 dollars to supply food for 13,500 families.
- Medical clinics and long-term infrastructure projects, in-

- cluding 120 apartments to provide permanent housing.
  - Support to all the Syriac Catholic priests exiled from Mosul after it fell to ISIS in 2014.
  - Catechetical classes for Syriac and Chaldean Catholics.
  - In Syria, assistance to the besieged Christians of Aleppo.
  - In Jordan, with Catholic Relief Services, support for educational initiatives for refugees.
  - In Lebanon, support for a variety of programs.
- "These efforts depend upon the active involvement of our brother Knights," Supreme Knight Anderson continued. "Some have donated to our Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Others have responded by participating in our Solidarity Cross program, through our councils which have sold more than 82,000 olive wood crosses made by Christians in the Holy Land."

Along with vital financial assistance, the Knights of Columbus also worked to have the American government recognize that the persecution of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East by ISIS is genocide. The Knights of Columbus did an enormous amount of research that was compiled into a nearly 300-page report documenting conclusively that the genocide perpetrated by ISIS against Christians is a reality. The Knights also conducted a powerful public awareness campaign to support this effort.

As a result, both chambers of the U.S. Congress, as well as the Secretary of State declared that the targeting of Christians is genocide.

"My brother Knights, we made history!" Anderson said. "However, this is only the beginning. We will continue to work to ensure that the Christians who still speak the language of Jesus, and whose ancestors baptized St. Paul, survive."

Of the good works performed by Knights of Columbus, the supreme knight said at the close of his address:

"In thousands of ways, every day the Church of the Good Samaritan lives and grows through the works of charity that are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. And all of this is the legacy of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael McGivney whose spiritual genius inspired generations of Catholic men to step forward with courage to confront the challenges of their day by living out the principles of charity, unity and fraternity in a distinctly Catholic way."

"The prophetic flame of which Pope Francis speaks continues to burn bright in the hearts of our brother Knights around the world," the supreme knight said. "That flame enkindles in them a true sense of Catholic charity, a charity that evangelizes and brings in a very concrete way, a light to the nations."

"Yes, it is the hour of the laity," he added "It is the hour of the Knights of Columbus."

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