



knights of st. irene

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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You

Oct. 9—KC Mem- bership Drive St. Irene's

At the Mass you attend on this weekend **Ask the man next to you** to join the Knights of Columbus. Catholic men over 18 are eligible to join. For certain, a Catholic gentleman, a neighbor or friend, who may not be attending St. Irene's may also be invited to join our Council. We will be inducting new members prior to the Oct. 13 meeting. If you have someone who is interested, please contact **Membership Chairman PGK Ray Scott** at 630-393-0868.

Membership Recruitment is Priority One!
Membership Drive to be held Sunday Oct. 9 at St. Irene Church. Ask the man next to you to join.

Oct 8 & 9—A Tribute for Warrenville People of Service

All Masses will be offered to Warrenville people of service. Father Jim has asked to distribute a letter to the Police, Fire and the Mayor of this event. A gift of appreciation will be sent to them.

Oct. 19—Living Rosary at St. Irene's

Join with the Ladies Auxiliary to be part of the rosary. Ten volunteers needed.



Oct. 15-16—Make-A-Difference Day Collec- tion

On Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9, The Ladies Auxiliary will be passing out bags after all Masses for Make-a-Difference to collect non-perishable food item for St. Irene's Food Pantry. The following Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16, at all Masses, they will be collecting contributions. We need volunteers to distribute bags on October 8 9, and to collect the bags on October 15 & 16. Everyone who is willing to help on these days please contact **Pat Kemp** at 630-653-1647 or email at patkemp2004@yahoo.com.

Set Your Calendar!

- 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



Oct. 22—Ladies of Columbus Bunco Party

Play Bunco in the ACL starting at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$20 for tickets purchased in advance, or \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water & coffee You can Bring Your Own Alcoholic Beverage. There will be a 50/50 Split-the-Pot raffles will also be available. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 or missyree2004@yahoo.com.

All proceeds this year will be given to the Warrenville Youth & Family Services.

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On World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Oct. 30—Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday to recognize **Fr. Antiporek** will be celebrated on Sunday October 30 at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Irene's. The 4th Degree Honor

Guard will lead Fr. Jim in procession.

A light luncheon will take place after the Mass in the Activities Center. Please bring a dish to pass. A meat dish will be supplied by the Council.



Council Business Meeting Oct. 13 7:30 PM at Irene Activities Center

We will host a First Degree ceremony prior to the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. If you have signed up a candidate please bring him to the meeting.



Fourth Degree News

The Blanchette Assembly Oct. 12 meeting will be hosted by St. Joan of Arc Council at the Naperville Council #1369 Hall located at 615 E. Ogden Ave. There will be a Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM with business at 8:00 PM.

Honor Guard request: Priesthood Sunday Oct. 30 at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Irene Church.

Guess Who Got Married—They couldn't wait for the Cubs to win the World Series!

Congratulations to **PGK Ken and Bonnie Bassett DiIulio** who exchanged their vows on Friday Sept. 16.

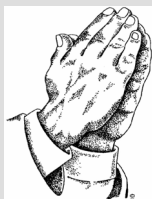


Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

October is a busy month for the Auxiliary.

- **October 8-9** in preparation for Make a Difference Day, we will be passing out bags for the food pantry. The bags will be collected on Oct. 15 & 16. We could still use a few volunteers to help on these dates.
- **October 9** is Hospitality Sunday for the Auxiliary. We will be passing out information about our organization and will be selling Vocation Raffle tickets at the St. Irene Activities Center.
- Oct. 11 is our next Board Meeting at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL.
- Oct. 19 is the Living Rosary at 7:00 PM. We need 10 volunteers. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please contact me if you can join us, 630-653-1647.
- Oct 22 is our fall Bunco. It will be held in the ACL at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$20 for tickets purchased in advance, or \$25 at the door. Contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 or missyree2004@yahoo.com. All proceeds will be given to the Warrenville Youth & Family Services.

Pat Kemp
LOC President



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Brett Geary, Beverly Scott, 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).

Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 Shoe Drive Needs Chairman

Due to family circumstances, **Bob Geary** is unable to take on the Shoe Drive this year. We are in need of someone to take on serving as chairman for the drive. To learn more about the what to do, please contact **GK Tom Perez** at 630-301-1481

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

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1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level
28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL

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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

The temperatures are getting cooler, the leaves are starting to turn, and the Chicago Bears are still looking for their first win going into Week 4. Yes, fall is upon us in Illinois. Our Council just completed another successful summer, and we have much to be proud of.

I first want to recognize all those who volunteered their time and energy during the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Every individual effort, no matter how small, was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Brother Knights, family members, members of the Ladies Auxiliary and all other volunteers who pitched in to collect donations, count the money, and provide food, refreshments and encouragement. A special thanks to our chair, **Nick Battaglia**, for all of his efforts in organizing another successful drive.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with the blood drive at the Warrenville VFW. Our council is proud to support such an important life-saving cause, and we thank everyone who helped set up, get donors signed in, fed donors breakfast and clean up afterwards. Thank you also to the many donors for giving the gift of life.

I wanted to address the cancellation of the Annual Hayride, Cookout and Bonfire. **Steve and Cathy Berning** have graciously opened up their beautiful property to us for this event for many years. And though the property is picturesque and relaxing, it's also the home to a serious farming operation. This is a very busy time of year for Galusha Farms and business needs that arose last weekend necessitated that operations not be halted for the event. We are discussing with Steve other weekends (perhaps later in November) that would work better in the future. Rest assured, this popular event will return next year!

I ask everyone to read through the newsletter, look at the upcoming calendar of events, and consider getting involved in one or more upcoming activities. If ever you are interested in taking part in an activity, but are not 100% clear when and where to be, or what is involved, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would be happy to help answer your questions or get you in touch with someone who can.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez



Nov. 13—Join us for Mass at Mercy Home

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9:30 AM. We have been invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised mass for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent to be celebrated with **Father Carl Morello**.

The date is Sunday, Nov. 13. We will meet at
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Pro-Life Events

Knights of Columbus Offers Lifeline to Persecuted Christians

During his annual report, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called attention to the Knights of Columbus' efforts in assisting Christians facing persecution especially those facing genocide in the Middle East. He called this work the Order's greatest endeavor during the past fraternal year.

"In Iraq, Syria and neighboring countries, Christians and other religious minorities are facing extinction," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson 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."

The contributions raised by the Knights have provided:

- \$800,000 worth of food for 13,500 families in Erbil, Iraq
- Medical clinics and long-term housing projects
- Support to exiled Syriac Catholic priests
- Catechetical classes for Syriac and Chaldean Catholics
- Assistance to besieged Christians of Aleppo, Syria
- Support of educational initiatives for refugees in Jordan
- Support of a variety of programs in Lebanon

"These efforts depend upon the active involvement of our brother Knights," he 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 contributing vital financial assistance, the Knights of Columbus also conducted an enormous amount of research to compile a nearly 300-page report that documented conclusively the attacks perpetrated by ISIS against Christians. These efforts helped lead the U.S. government to officially declare these attacks on Middle Eastern Christians and other religious minorities as genocide. The Knights also conducted a powerful public awareness campaign to support this effort.

"My brother Knights, we made history!" the supreme knight said, commenting on the Order's effort to awaken the government to the Christians' horrific situation. "But," he continued, "this declaration 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."

For information on what your council can do to further support these Christians, visit christiansatrisk.org.

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair
St. Irene Council 6710 Knights of Columbus
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World Youth Day Report PGK Mark Spiotta

Enclosed is a letter that I sent to **GK Tom Perez** at the conclusion of World Youth Days in Kraków this summer. I think it's important for our Brother Knights to understand how their support goes beyond the local community and indeed reaches out across the world. (Mark has been stationed by his company, Nokia, in Krakow, Poland for the last two years.)

Worthy Grand Knight (Tom Perez)

As World Youth Day (Światowy Dzień Młodzieży) here in Kraków just concluded today, I thought it would be worthwhile to offer a first-hand perspective of how the Knights of Columbus played a major role in enabling a very successful pilgrimage for nearly two million young and not-so-young adults.

I had the privilege of being one of hundreds of Knights who participated in WYD on-site, with the majority of Knights from throughout Poland. As an FYI, the Rycerze Kolumba (KofC) is celebrating its 10th year in Poland with over 4000 members so far. We also had a contingent of College Knights as they called themselves, truly young adults who were energized in both their faith and in the spirit of service.

The Knights of Columbus, along with the Sisters of Life (NY-based), sponsored the "Mercy Center" at Tauron Arena for English-speaking pilgrims. Mercy Center offered daily masses, a wide variety of catechesis sessions, wonderful performers and renowned speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as relics of five Polish Saints for veneration and prayers of intercession:

- St. Faustina Kowalska, "Ambassador of Mercy," to whom Jesus revealed his merciful plan and Divine Mercy
- St. Maximillian Kolbe, martyred in Auschwitz to save the life of a stranger
- St. Albert Chmielowski, "Servant of the Poor"
- Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko, martyred in 1984 by the communist security service for his support of Solidarity and basic human rights
- St. John Paul II, who needs no introduction

The Knights basically ran the entire Mercy Center, from security (including working with local police and state security) to one-on-one with pilgrims. Some of the tasks that we performed included greeting pilgrims, providing help and direction, guarding the Blessed Sacrament and relics, directing and helping the large number of cardinals, bishops, and clergy as they arrived, crowd control, and ushering daily mass for 20,000 pilgrims. Daily mass was both beautiful and an example of a well-orchestrated event. Typically there were perhaps 5 cardinals, 40 bishops, and another 150 priests. For communion, we had roughly 160 Eucharistic Ministers (clergy) who efficiently distributed communion to all present in

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Program Awards for August 2016

John Ernst Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors Sir Knight John Ernst as our Knight of the month for August. John has been a Knight for over 25 years and has served as the Council's Treasurer for many years now. John has also taken an active role in the ID Candy sale and has been an outstanding performer year after year. John takes part in many of the Council's activities throughout the year and is always willing to lend a hand with any project that needs to get done.

St. Irene School Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors the entire parish community of the St. Irene's school. This parish community is made up of professional close-knit teachers, administrators, parents and students who all work together to ensure a safe learning environment. The Knights are honored to support this outstanding group. The 2016 / 2017 school year kicked off with an opening prayer and flag raising ceremony on Thursday August 18th. A new flag was presented courtesy of Council 6710.

Community Program: The Council was represented at the Warrenville Police Department's National Night Out Against Crime which was held at Cerny Park on August 2.

Council Program: The Council was represented at Midway Airport for the Honor Flight that took place on Wednesday August 10.

Family Program: The Council participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event on Aug. 13.

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1:30 PM. at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. We are invited to a complimentary luncheon beforehand and the taping will occur between 2:30 - 4:00 PM. We need between ten and twenty-five people for the television audience. I need to know by Tuesday, Nov. 1 how many individuals are interested in participating so that I can let Mercy Home staff know how many to expect for the luncheon.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. Unfortunately, the Home is not handicapped-accessible. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency. This event will be "first come, first served."

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old) as well. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact **Joe Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by email at SMKubal0712@aol.com.



29 Pints Blood Collected at the KC/VFW Blood Drive on Sept. 24 at the VFW Hall

Volunteers were **Joe Gattone, PGK Ray Scott, PGK Ken Di Iulio, PGK Bob Rauko, Phil Kemp** and **Dennis Knell** who did the cooking.

Knights Participate in the Holy Spirit Mass Tues. Sept. 27



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less than 15 minutes! Our own Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, served as both a speaker and mass celebrant.

In addition, the Knights handled the lighting, sound, and video production for not just the Mercy Center, but several other major venues where up to 2 million pilgrims were in attendance.

And the highlight of the week was orchestrating a closing event where Pope Francis visited to meet the ~20,000 volunteers who helped with World Youth Day. While Pope Francis didn't arrive until 5pm, our work started around 9am to get ready for his arrival.

I received many compliments from all levels of clergy about the Knights and their support, in particular how they didn't need to worry about how an event would proceed because they knew that the Knights had it under control. This of course is typical of the Knights, whether it's a parish activity, a community event, or Mercy Center.

Enclosed are a few pictures that I took. Afterwards, I realized that I actually had very few since there wasn't really much time away from our official duties.

If you could perhaps pass this on to the council, I think it's important for them to realize how essential their work as Knights of Columbus brothers is to the Universal Church. Whether you were physically present in Kraków this past week or not, believe me – you helped!

**Vivat Jesus!
Mark Spiotta**

2016 Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive

Congratulations for an excellent drive again! Collections were as follows for the 3-day drive held on Sept. 16 -18:

Friday Street collections	\$4082
Saturday Street Collections	\$2463
Sunday Mass Collections	\$ 580
Total 2016	\$7125 (\$5152 in 2015)

There is to come money from private donations and remaining Tootsie Roll candy sales. The final tally will be published in the November Newsletter.

Thanks to those who solicited:

John Ernst	\$1,318
Bob Rauko	\$975
Glen & Terri Kussman	\$914
Dave Abhalter	\$627
James Halama	\$451
Nick Battaglia	\$435
Ken DiIulio	\$426
Mike Bates	\$256
Dave Cappa	\$220
Bill Lintner	\$184
Scott Hurley	\$170
Erich Pavel	\$166
Doug True	\$117
Jim Bartz	\$100
Tom Perez	\$61

Thanks to those who helped at Command Central at the St. Irene Activities Center: **PGK Wayne & Sandy Decker; PGK Ray & Beverly Scott, Phil & Pat Kemp, Collette Giacovelli, Anita Masters, Sue Battaglia, Marc Alleruzzo.**

**Nick Battaglia
ID Drive Chairman**



Oct. 1—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup a Bit Wet!

We started the cleanup in earnest as it was threatening rain. Got about half-way only! Those who participated were: **Mike Bates, Chairman Ralph Dieter, PGK James Halama, David Knell, Bill Lintner, PGK Bob Rauko, and Daniel Walsh.**



Knights' Calendar

Oct. 1	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway cleanup— meet at corner of Batavia Rd & Butterfield Rd.
Oct. 8-9	All Masses	Tribute Masses to honor Warrenville People of Service
Oct. 9	All Masses	KC & Ladies Auxiliary Membership Drive—St. Irene Church & ACL
Oct. 11	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—St. Irene ACL
Oct. 12	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Naperville Council Hall
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting— Elmhurst Council Hall
Oct. 13	7:00 PM	KC Council Business Meeting, First Degree prior to meeting—St. Irene ACL
Oct. 15-16	All Masses	Ladies Auxiliary Food Drive—St. Irene Church
Oct. 19	7:00 PM	Living Rosary at St. Irene Church
Oct. 22	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night—St. Irene ACL
Oct. 30	10:00 AM	Priesthood Sunday to honor Fr. Jim—4th Degree Honor Guard requested
Oct. 29-30	All Masses	Council Shoe Drive—St. Irene Church; Chairman needed
Nov. 5-6	All Masses	Council Shoe Drive—St. Irene Church
Nov. 10	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene ACL
Nov. 18	7:00 PM	Council Turkey Shoot & Card Party—St. Irene ACL

St. Irene's CCW Craft Fair : Saturday Nov. 5 at 9 AM—3 PM
St. Irene Parish Activity Center. Only \$1 Admission at door.



Oct. Birthdays

Daniel Walsh	Oct. 1	James Allen	Oct. 14
Thomas Corbino	Oct. 2	David Howe	Oct. 16
Andrew Gorski	Oct. 2	Jack Gorski	Oct. 17
Joseph Kubal	Oct. 3	Kathleen Kostner	Oct. 20
Joseph Schrage	Oct. 5	Mary Cruse	Oct. 21
Martin Cardelli	Oct. 7	Robert Seiberlich	Oct. 21
Raymond Scott	Oct. 7	James Smithy	Oct. 21
James Antiporek	Oct. 9	Andy Yusi	Oct. 22
Henry Clasing	Oct. 9	David Schar	Oct. 23
Erich Pavel	Oct. 9	Charles Wheeler	Oct. 23
Joan Parrino	Oct. 12	Gregory Henry	Oct. 24
Donna Seiberlich	Oct. 12	Miguel Tapia	Oct. 26
Eric Kussman	Oct. 13	Patricia Kemp	Oct. 28

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/

October Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Peggy Burgermeister	Oct. 4	William & Amber Mitchell	Oct. 18
David & Paula Peterson	Oct. 5	Richard & Debbi Briggs	Oct. 22
Diane & Bob Lichtenberg	Oct. 7	David & Katie Polkow	Oct. 23
James & Alta Halama	Oct. 10	Raymond & Denise Hoshell	Oct. 24
Colin & Judy Wilkie	Oct. 13	Jason & Cathie Roeseke	Oct. 25
Dan & Carmi Cyrus	Oct. 17	James & Patricia McGuire	Oct. 30
Michael & Pam Bates	Oct. 18	Leonard & Pauline Pieczynski	Oct. 31

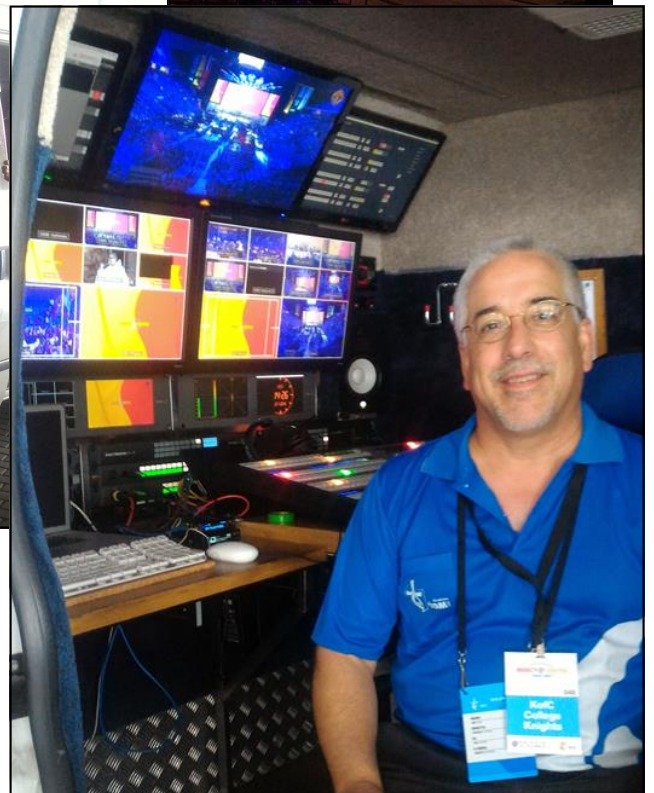
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World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland, July 25, 2016 — Photos by PGK Mark Spiotta



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