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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy New Year 2017!



Jan. 12—Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Challenge

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center Gym on Thursday Jan. 14 just after school (at 2:00 PM). Winners will progress through district and state competitions. The regional competition will take place in March at Benedictine University, Lisle.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age. Registration begins at 2:00 PM at the gym. Please contact **Robert Geary** at 630-836-2454 for details.



Feb. 3—Youth Spelling Bee

All boys and girls ages 5-16 are invited to participate in the 2017 K of C Council 6710 Spelling Bee Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center on February 3, 2017. Registration begins after school. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

Winners will advance to the Regional Competition that will be announced. Rules of the contest are available at Knights of Columbus State of Illinois website. We follow the rules of Scripps Howard Spelling Bee which are also available on line. Questions can be directed to **Robert Geary** at 630-836-2454.

Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party Feb. 5, 2017



The annual fundraiser will be held once again on **Super Bowl Sunday**. The **Raffle and Party** will be held at the **St. Irene's Activities Center**.

The party cost is \$5.00/person at the door. There will be plenty of food for you to enjoy. You may bring your favorite party snack and beverage.

For the raffle, \$25 tickets are being sold for two separate pools (**Red** and **Blue**) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the **Gold Pool**. Prizes for the \$25 pools are 2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, and 7-\$25 cash*. Cash prize amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled. (See ticket order form on Page 7).

We will be selling tickets after Masses at St. Irene's starting Jan. 14

Buy your tickets early. **Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 22, & 29**. The winner of early bird drawings remains eligible for cash prizes on Super Bowl Sunday.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. We need your help in selling tickets. Two or more may pool their money to purchase a single tick-

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St. Irene's 28th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Jan. 28—Knights to Enter St. Irene Chili Cook-Off

The 28th Annual Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the St. Irene School Athletic Association, will take place on Saturday, January 28 from 6:00-10:30 in the St. Irene Activities Center. A \$5 entry fee gives you the chance to taste all the competing chili entries. Raffles and silent auctions will be held during the evening. This is an adult only event. Beer and wine will be sold.

For the Knights chili entry, we will again promote our annual Turkey Raffle and Card Party. Each year **Tom LaRocco** makes his special chili.



Jan. 21—KC Academy Membership & Recruiting

The topics of membership, recruitment and retention will be presented. The academy program will be conducted by **Frank Stock State KC Academy Director**. Training will also include getting members more involved, limit suspensions and aid in retention.

The academy program is open to all Knights who aspire to become officers of the Council.

The session will be held at the St. Irene Activities Center starting at 9:00 AM and will conclude by Noon. For more information contact **PGK Ray Scott** at 630-747-3673, or **DD James Bartz** at 630-229-8311.

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**Council Business Meeting Jan. 12
7:30 PM at St. Irene Activities Center**



Fourth Degree News

The next Blanchette Assembly meeting will be January 11 at Robert P Connelly Council, St. Scholastica Parish Meeting Room 7800 Janes Ave Woodridge. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

**Feb. 18—4th Degree Exemplification
Plan to Participate**

David Abhalter, Mike Bates, Dan Cyrus, Pat O'Connor, and Sam Vitale will be advancing to the 4th degree in Lisle on February 18. Let's be there to support our Brother Knights. Sir Knights, plan to attend the Exemplification and banquet following the degree. The dress code for the exemplification is formal wear. Download the information packet from the [Bishop Blanchette Assembly web site](#) to register for the banquet \$45/person. The deadline is Feb. 4.



**Matthew Kling
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Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Brett Geary, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, Sr. Roseann Eck, Charlie Fahrenwald, Lisa Cisewski**, (niece of Terri Kussman) and **Michele Jacobson** (Debbie Alleruzzo relative).



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The Board members of the LOC wish everyone is very Happy New Year, and hope you had a joyous Christmas.

This past year the LOC have held a few successful events, a Bunco raising \$1000 for the Warrenville Youth and Family Services, which was matched by an anonymous donor. Also a joint fundraiser with the CCW, a



White Elephant Auction which raised \$300 for Christmas Gifts for the children in Link.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Fiesta was enjoyed by all who attended. The LOC donated a Food Pantry Box for the back of



church. **Chuck Ingram** did a beautiful job creating the box out of local ash wood and then scroll cut the letters FEED MY LAMBS for the front of the box.

Letters have been sent to our members for their 2017 dues. Your dues help us maintain our yearly projects that benefit the parish, our Warrenville organizations and other worthwhile organizations. When you renew your membership please think of others who could help us continue our work to benefit St Irene's church and our local community.

Our next board meeting is January 10 in the ACL at 7:00 PM. Our best wishes to you in the coming New Year, **Pat, Cathy, Terri & Anita.**

**Pat Kemp
LOC President**

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)
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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

Committee Directors	
Program Director	David Schar (630-918-5113)
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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 jrhalama@comcast.net prior to the 21th day of each month.



Grand Knight's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The weather is finally cold and we have finally seen some snow on the ground. The weather outside may be chilly (and the Bears season may over) but our Council has been busy recently with many great events.

The church grounds were expertly decorated once again by **PGK Bob Rauko** and your fellow Brother Knights. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help make the church beautiful for our parishioners and the many visitors who come to St. Irene's during the Christmas Season.

Our December Business Meeting was held Thurs., Dec. 8 at Cupertino Home. Our Council, as well as many other surrounding councils, support Cupertino Home, and several of the residents are members of our Council. Thank you to everyone who attended. It means a lot to the residents.

Sunday, Dece. 11 was our annual KC Christmas Party in the St. Irene Activities Center. This is traditionally one of our most well-attended and popular family events of the year. Unfortunately the impending snow kept many away, but those who attended still had a great time. A big thanks once again to **Mike Bates** for planning a great party. A special thanks also to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and give gifts to the children.

Planning for the Super Bowl raffle and party are well underway. Please help support the Council by buying and selling as many tickets as you can. Your help is greatly appreciated.

My family traveled to my hometown in Northern California to spend Christmas with my parents and my brothers' families. Having ten grandchildren under the age of 10 in one house was at times chaotic, but it was wonderful having everyone together. Whether you traveled or stayed close to home, I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. I pray the New Year brings many blessings to you and your family.

**Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez**



Pro-Life Events

9 Days for Life is the U.S. bishops' annual period of *prayer and action* focused on

cherishing the gift of every person's life. Follow the link view a 99 second video. Download or sign up to **receive the novena any of four ways**: free mobile app, text message, email, or social media.

Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share 9 Days for Life, whatever your available time or budget! For more information, click the buttons above, or visit www.9daysforlife.com.

**PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair**

St. Irene Council 6710 Knights of Columbus

Jan. 14—Council to Take Down Outside Christmas Decorations at St. Irene's

We need a team of volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Jan. 14 starting at 8:00 AM. I will get an early start and have the coffee hot by 8:00AM. The weather will determine how much can be done that day. I will bring poles and ladders. Please call PGK Bob Rauko for information (630-337-1568) or email to: rauko@comcast.net.

PGK Bob Rauko

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

directory, newsletter archive, links to Facebook pages, Bible verse of the Day, and much more.

The site is new and needs more work. We plan to use the site to post our activities and functions, and to include signup sheets for volunteers.

We are in need of individuals who would be interested in developing the site further. The web site is being hosting by

Calling for Web savvy individuals who would like to take on the task of further developing the site.

eHost.com from which we obtained our domain name: **st-irenekofc.org**. We have signed up for three years for a total cost of \$99. There is "unlimited" use and storage available. Word Press is the software being used to design the web pages. If you have an interest, please email **PGK James Halama** at jrhalama@comcast.net, or call at 630-422-6240.

St. Irene Knights of Columbus

Council 6710 Warrenville, IL

HOME WHO WE ARE ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTERS



Council 6710 Establishes a Web Site! Initiates Email Campaigns!

Check out our site www.st-irenekofc.org (note the graphic has been updated). The main page has a blog of current postings, menu selections for Council Activities,



Did You Know? Myths of Christmas!

Want more Christmas? How about celebrating it again on March 25, a more likely date for Christ's actual

birthday!

(The information for this DYK comes from Candida Moss, University of Notre Dame professor of the New Testament, published December 22, 2016, in the Chicago Tribune.)

Early Christians developed the theological view that Christ was conceived and died on the same date. Since there is New Testament evidence pointing to March 25 as the date of His death, nine months later becomes December 25. However, that date collides with New Testament accords of His birth: shepherds keeping watch over flocks of sheep at night would not happen in December, when sheep would have been penned. Watching sheep in the hills would take place in the spring, at the time of lambing.

Another supposition for the December date is that it coincides with pagan festivals, and the Church wanted to supplant pagan with Christian. However, the transferring from pagan to Christian did not happen until the 7th century, some 300 years after a Roman almanac lists December 25 as His birth.

Among Prof. Moss' 5 myths surrounding Christ's birth is the myth that He was born in a stable because there was no room at the inn. The idea of a stable seems to come from a misinterpretation of "manger," which is not synonymous with "stable," but is a feeding trough for animals, from the French for "to eat." As far as the inn myth, Biblical scholars believe Mary and Joseph intended to stay with relatives, but there was not enough room in the upper guest quarters, so Mary would have given birth on the main lower floor. It was common for a manger to be on the main level, separating the living quarters from the area animals occupied.

Finally, we come to the myths surrounding the wise men, or magi. First, they were not kings. Second, there is no reason to believe there were exactly three of them. Three gifts were brought, but that could be the work of any number of "magoi," from two to a horde. And, considering that Herod ordered the killing of all boys age two and under after the wise men visited him in Matt 2:16, Christ may have been as old as two when the magi brought Him gifts.

Have fun with your second Christmas. The spirit of Christmas should be with us every day.

And now you know!

ACH

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.



Program Awards for November 2016

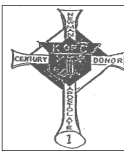
Mike Bates Knight of the Month: Council 6710 is proud to honor **Sir Knight Michael Bates** as our Knight of the month for November. Mike serves as the Council Advocate as well as the Family Director. As Family Director, Mike coordinates a number of the Councils most enjoyable events, including the Christmas Party and the Kane County Cougars games. Mike can be counted on to lend his support to a large number of Council events throughout the year and is always willing to take on any assignment.

Kevin Looby Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor's **PGK Kevin Looby and his wife Allison** as the Family of the month for November. Kevin and Allison are active members of the church community as well as being involved in a number of church groups. Allison is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and Kevin continues in his role as Trustee of our Council. Both are also active in the local VFW and Kevin continues to serve the Council as the Support Our Troops Director.

Community Program: The Council, represented by **PGK Ken DiIulio** donated eight turkeys to the St. Irene's Food Pantry.

Council Program: Thanks to the ongoing efforts of **Sir Knight Jim Halama**, our Council has obtained a new and improved web site which will be utilized to provide both more information and timely information to our membership.

Church Program: A tremendous group of Knights turned out to decorate the Church grounds for the Holidays. Thanks to **Sir Knight Bob Rauko's** planning and supervision the Church Community and Holiday guests was able to enjoy a very festive atmosphere.



Annual Newman Fund Appeal

Consider making a tax deductible Century Donor contribution. Use the letter you received in the mail requesting a donation.

Please be sure to write "Council 6710" on your check. Our Council also makes a general contribution of \$4.25 per member.

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et. Tickets may be obtained from **PGK James Halama** by calling 630-433-6240, or by email at jrhalama@comcast.net.

* As in previous years, the number of cash prizes are to be decreased/increased based on the number of tickets sold. Fifty percent of ticket sales will be awarded as cash prizes and the remainder will be used to support St. Irene Council programs.

Ladies Auxiliary—A Busy December



Nov. 14— Money raised at the Oct. Bunco Party was presented to Warrenville Youth and Family Services. A \$1000 check was presented to Angela Mains.

Dec. 16—Proceeds from the White Elephant Auction at St. Irene were used to purchase gifts for children of Warrenville Youth and Family Services.



Final Talley of \$7,582 Collected in the Sept. Tootsie Roll Drive. Fund Distributions Announced

Collections were up from \$6207 in 2015. Congratulations to a great effort. Of the \$7582, \$975 was used to pay for the candy. The remaining was submitted for distribution as follows:

- Ill State Council Charities, Inc. \$ 758
- Cupertino Home \$4096
- Special Camps \$ 864
- Western DuPage Special Recreation District \$ 864
- Diocese of Joliet ID fund \$ 25

Nick Battaglia
ID Fund Drive Chairman

Sir Knights Honor Guard Christmas Eve

Sir Knights who participated in the Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 PM at St. Irene Church were: **Marc Alleruzzo, James Halama, Bill Lintner, Erich Pavel, and Bob Rauko.**

37 Pints Blood Collected Dec. 10 at KC/VFW Blood Drive to close out the year. The drive was hosted by the VFW.

Special Camps Christmas Party Held Dec. 10 at St. John's Winfield



Thank you to the wonderful Knights of Winfield, West Chicago and Warrenville, the great turn out from the Special Camps family and my extended family. Our guests had a truly joyous Christmas party! With the help of close to 90 volunteers, we were able to make this party a blast for 134 people with intellectual disabilities, living in local group homes and our Special Camps friends too.

Our special needs guests had so much fun. They loved the singing and dancing along to their favorite songs like the YMCA, limbo and holiday songs, the jugglers, the variety of crafts were awesome (thanks to my Mom Kathy and my niece Amanda), and Santa and Mrs. Clause so tender, patient and joyous.

Each of our 130 special guests were provided with a coloring or activity book, markers or colored pencils, a couple beanie babies, candy, a small toy, a large stuffed animal, and their choice of a unique larger gift. Alas, the yummy holiday cookies, pudding and ice cream provided by the West Chicago Knights were soon gobbled with delight. The best gift of all, were the volunteers who came out to befriend people in need. They gave of themselves joyfully, to listen, bring joy and love to all those they met making each person they met feel cherished.

Colleen McDonald

Council Family Christmas Party Dec. 11



Due to inclement weather, the attendance was down this year. Nevertheless all who attended had a great time. Santa and Mrs. Claus (**Brother Knight Bill and Mary Hughes**) delivered gifts and the children had great fun smashing the Christmas piñata.

Thanks to all who helped **Chairman Mike Bates** make the party successful.

Knights' Calendar

Jan. 1		Happy New Year!
Jan. 10	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 11	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—St. Mathews, Glendale Heights
Jan. 12	2:00 PM	KC Youth Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center
	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 14	8:00 PM	Take down of Christmas decorations at St. Irene's
Jan. 21	900 AM	KC Academy—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan.22	11:00 AM	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle Tickets
Jan. 28	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cookoff—St. Irene Activities Center—Sample Council Chili
Jan. 29	11:00 AM	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle Tickets
Feb. 3	2:00 PM	Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 5	4:00 PM	KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 18	Noon	KC 4th Degree Exemplification—Lisle
Mar. 1		Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent

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January Birthdays

Katie Augustynowicz	Jan. 3	William Higgins	Jan. 12
Cathy Kott	Jan. 3	Ralph Dieter	Jan. 13
Marian Dunn	Jan. 4	Mary Hughes	Jan. 13
Teri Lindeman	Jan. 4	Mike O'Hare	Jan. 13
Shirley Cosgrove	Jan. 5	Liz Pittman	Jan. 13
Kevin Dunn	Jan. 6	Filomena Jarosz	Jan. 15
Sam Vitale	Jan. 6	Mark Jarosz	Jan. 16
Terri Kussman	Jan. 7	Paula Polkow	Jan. 17
David Knell	Jan. 8	Denise Hoshell	Jan. 19
Glen Kussman	Jan. 8	Richard Thompson	Jan. 19
Cindy Naberhaus	Jan. 8	Cathy Fladeland	Jan. 20
Truman Stevens	Jan. 8	Susan Constable	Jan. 21
Jeffrey Bollweg	Jan. 9	Peter Pulice	Jan. 21
Gary Dyas	Jan. 9	Tom La Rocco	Jan. 22
Karen Leonard	Jan. 9	Clare Barry	Jan. 23
Pauline Pieczynski	Jan. 9	Connie Dyas	Jan. 26
Sylvia Thompson	Jan. 9	Dianne Urso	Jan. 26
Kenneth Ulanowski	Jan. 9	Kathleen Planek	Jan. 27
Yolanda Schwarts	Jan. 11	Nick Battaglia	Jan. 30

January Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Laura McGowan	Jan. 11	Tom & Jackie La Rocco	Jan. 18
Richard & Margaret Doucette	Jan. 12	Andy & Angelita (Lita) Yusi	Jan. 28
Charles & Caren Burchett	Jan. 16	Gary & Paula Polkow	Jan. 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/


*** 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.


Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Tickets will be available for sale at St. Irene Church beginning Jan. 15, 2017. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 22, & 29. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to:

James Halama
 27W100 Galusha Ave.
 Warrenville, IL 60555

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Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held Jan. 22 & 29 at St. Irene's Activities Center following the 11:00 AM Mass on these days. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017.

Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday: Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.