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Remember Your Valentine!



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](#). Rules of Scripps Howard Spelling Bee are followed and are available on line. Questions call **Robert Geary** at 630-836-2454.

Edna Miller Delzell Passes to Eternal Life Jan. 17



Thank you everyone for your incredible kindness and prayers. Mom passed away very peacefully yesterday morning while holding hands with my brother Dan. Edna lived an incredible, inspirational, and awe-inspiring 85 years and will be sorely missed. We are so thankful for her humor, her "Irish" spirit, and of course the example of how to live a life in Christ. Mom was the mother of 9, Grandma of 26, and Great-Grandma to 5. **Matt Miller**

The funeral Mass was held St. Marceline Catholic Church, Schaumburg. Memorial gifts may be made in honor of Edna Miller to St. Marcelline's.



Ed & Edna Miller were long-time residents of Warrenville and very, very, active in the St. Irene Parish and Knights of Columbus, Ed, deceased since 2000, served as Grand Knight from 1982-1984. The Miller Family donated a new set of robes for the Council First Degree team following Ed's death.

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).

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

Early Bird winners:

- **Tom LaRocco \$25**
- **Dave Smith \$25**

February Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Feb. 18



The Annual Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) food packing event is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, Each of you helped make this event a success last year. I hope that you enjoyed yourself at this worthy event and that you will consider getting involved again this time around.

Come join fellow parishioners at the FMSC facility, 555 Exchange Ct., Aurora on Saturday, February 18 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, register on the FMSC website at www.fmsc.org/ and enter code "995857. If you have questions, please feel free to call **Joe Kubal** at 630-983-6159. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

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Council Business Meeting Feb. 9
7:30 PM at St. Irene Activities Center



Fourth Degree News

The Blanchette Assembly will be meeting at Feb. 8; Resurrection Parish, 30W350 Army Trail Road, Wayne. Rosary at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM.

Remember dues are due

Feb. 18—4th Degree Exemplification Plan to Participate

David Abhalter, Mike Bates, 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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Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- **St. Joseph's Table**—Save the date, Saturday, March 18 after the 5:00 PM Mass at St Irene's, the LOC along with the CCW will be hosting a St Joseph's Table. The LOC & CCW will supply the main entries and we ask you to bring a dish to pass. There will be a free will offering for the event, which will be donated to St Irene's Bridge Community.
- **LOC Board Meeting**—Our next board meeting is Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 PM, in the ACL. There is an open invitation to all members to attend.

Pat Kemp
LOC President

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.

There is an upcoming workshop at St. Irene on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30PM in the ACL.

Registration for the classes can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.

Registration is required. If unable to do so online, please call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 20.



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).

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 schedule a time, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543.

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2016-2017
Grand Knight	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
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	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)
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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.

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

The holiday season might be behind us, but our Council is still keeping busy with many great events. On January 12 we held our annual KC Youth Free Throw Contest. We ran into a little snag in the schedule with an unexpected early release from St. Irene School, but we still had a great event and are looking forward to the District Contest coming up later this month. Thank you to **Bob Geary** and the other Knights who helped run the contest.

Our Council hosted a KC Academy on Jan. 21. The topic was Membership & Recruiting and was presented by State KC Academy Director Frank Stock. We had a great turnout from our Council as well as Knights from several area councils attend. There was a lot of great discussion on how to better recruit, how to keep Knights engaged once they take the Admission Degree, and how to attract younger members. If you have not yet attended a KC Academy, I would highly recommend. You need not be an officer or committee director to attend.

The Super Bowl is all set to go and everyone is ready to see the Atlanta Falcons beat the New England Patriots. Or maybe that's just me. Regardless of who you are rooting for, the Knights are all set to host our annual Super Bowl Party and Raffle. The raffle is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. At last count we had close to 200 of the possible 300 tickets sold. Let's do what we can to have record sales so we can help fund the great programs and causes we support. Contact **PGK Jim Halama** for more information.

We have another Feed My Starving Children packing session on February 18. If you have never been before, the event is a fun and very rewarding experience. Right now we only have 17 of our 90 slots filled. We need to fulfill our commitment to FMSC with a great turnout. Let's make sure we having as many Knights and their families attend. See registration information in the January newsletter.

We have four members taking their 4th Degree on February 18: **Dave Abhalter, Mike Bates, Patrick O'Connor** and **Sam Vitale**. Let's congratulate them on this great achievement. See the e-mail that was sent out if you would like to attend the Exemplification and banquet.

I attended the St. Irene's "State of the School" address on Sunday, January 29. During the presentation, the Knights of Columbus were specifically mentioned as one of the organizations that helps support the school. After the meeting Jenny Inserro, president of the school board, came up to me and thanked me directly for all the Knights do. Let's keep up the great effort and see how else we can support our wonderful school going forward.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life Events March For Life

Brother Knights,

For the first time ever a vice president spoke at the March for Life rally! Check out the full story on kofc.org. Please share this story with your brother Knights, parish community and local media.

Want to keep supporting the culture of life? Click [here](#).

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish

"Building the Domestic Church" is a new (within the last 12 months) orderwide program calling upon Knights of Columbus members and their Families to immerse themselves in our parishes to have greater participation in a variety of activities that promote evangelization, strengthen our parishes, grow membership in the Knights of Columbus. In the following months expect to hear and read about means for carrying out our new mission. Below are activities within our parish that are published in the Parish bulletin. Please consider participating.

CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage

Contributions are being collected by Respect Life and Elizabeth Ministry of the St. Irene Council of Catholic Women (CCW). There are several ways to help this worthy cause: 1 - Fill one or more of our Baby Bottles with your spare change or a check; 2 - Donate any "new items" to our Baby Shower; 3 - Donate "gently used" baby furniture: (cribs, strollers, walkers, high chairs, car seats, changing tables, etc.).

CCW will distribute Baby Bottles after all Masses on January 28-29 and have a Collection/Information Table at "Hospitality" on February 12. Baby Shower items and all Baby Furniture will be accepted at that time. We will collect Baby Bottles after all Masses on February 25-26.

For more information, please contact **Barbara Olson** at 630.393.1279 or **Rosario Herbst** at 630.876.8409



In a few weeks!

**Clothing Drive
for the St. Vincent
DePaul Society**

February 11 & 12
**For the St. Vincent DePaul
Society in West Chicago**



Start collecting now! Collection bags will be handed out after Masses Feb. 4th & 5th. Fill them (or any strong bag/box) and return to the truck in the church parking lot the following weekend (11th & 12th) before or after Masses.

Did You Know? Discrimination—A Long History Knights of Columbus Origins

To paraphrase an old ad slogan,: We've come a long way, baby! Or have we?

My mother's parents moved to Glen Ellyn in the 1920s. My mother told my brother and me stories of being chased by kids calling her a "dirty catlicker" (for "Catholic"). I remember when I was a child growing up in Glen Ellyn there were housing covenants that prevented Jews and African-Americans from living in the village. And when I went to college (which admittedly is about the time the earth was formed), there were many fine private universities that had a Catholic quota and even at the U. of I. sororities and fraternities had Catholic quotas.

Our country has a sorry history of discrimination on the basis of race, religion and/or ethnicity. Slavery, of course, is American's original sin, with its companion sin that blacks are only 3/5 humans. In the 1840-1850s the Know-Nothing party was formed as an anti-Catholic group. As soon as Irish or Italian or Hispanic people began arriving here in significant numbers, anti-Catholic/anti-immigrant sentiment reared its ugly head. The KKK reacted with violence against blacks, Jews and Catholics. Now it is anti-Muslim feeling.

John F. Kennedy had to reassure the nation that his Catholic religion would not interfere with or override his Constitutional obligations if he were elected president.

Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus as an amelioration of the anti-Catholic laws and practices.

I asked the question of whether we have come a long way. For every sign that some people feel comfortable discriminating against a particular religion, there have been massive rallies by citizens of every age, ethnicity, race or religion recently saying with a loud voice: That's not who we are!

After all, when one of us is diminished, we all are diminished.

And now you know!

FUN FACT: According to German folklore, the groundhog —although originally it was a bear or a badger — comes out of hibernation on Candlemas Day. (The French celebrate Jour de la Marmotte.) Our "celebration" started in 1841 in Pennsylvania. Sunny weather sends him back for six more weeks of sleep and winter; overcast means spring comes in six weeks. Both WI's Jimmy the Groundhog and MO's Huffy the Hog saw their shadows in 2017.



Program Awards for December 2016

Fr. Jim Knight of the Month: Council 6710 is proud to honor **Sir Knight Father James Antiporek** as our Knight of the month for December. Father Antiporek is being recognized for his dedication to the St. Irene's parish, the St. Irene's school, the Knight's and Ladies Axillary as well as the Warrenville Community. Father Jim is kept very busy during the month of December yet his availability and commitment to the members of the parish is always evident.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Brother Knight Bill Hughes and his wife Mary** as the Family of the month for December. As is always the case without fail, Bill and Mary donated their time and talents to ensure the children at the Knights Annual Christmas Party enjoyed seeing Santa and receiving gifts from Jolly Ol' Saint Nick continuing what has become an annual tradition. Both Bill and Mary service as Eucharistic Ministers as well as volunteering their time for countless other Church needs.

Community Program: The Council conducted their monthly business meeting at the Cupertino Home followed by dinner with the residents.

Council Program: The Annual Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Party was a success again this year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and effort. This event requires a good deal of coordination by **Family Director Mike Bates** who relies on the support of many Knight and their families to set up for the event.

Family Program: The Ladies Auxiliary held a Bunco night in November before participating in the St. Irene's White Elephant Auction in December. Both events proceeds were combined to provide gifts to children identified by Warrenville Youth and Family Services and in addition the Ladies provided a \$1,000.00 check.

Youth Program: Our Council teamed with Councils from Winfield and West Chicago to attend and assist with the Special Camps Christmas Party held in Winfield. The event was attended by over 130 guests who were assisted by over 80 volunteers.

Scout Sunday 2017

All area scouts, including American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, & Girls Scouts, are invited to attend the 2017 Scout Sunday Mass on **Sunday, February 5th** at the 10AM. Please come to the ACU at 9:30AM to line up. Remember to wear your uniform. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Perez at 630.851.9551 or elaine_perez@hotmail.com.



Council Youth Free Throw Contest Held Jan. 12

I would like to thank all those that came out to help with this years contest. We had 13 participants, 3 girls and 10 boys. There winners six winners who will progress to District competition on February 18 at 8:00 AM at St. Irene's Activities Center. Contestants need to bring a parent/guardian with them.

Winners were **Jacob Schrage** 9 year old boy, **Ben Schrage** 10 year old boy, **Carter Riggs** 12 year old boy, **Benjamin Sanchez** 11 year old boy, **Stephanie Miller** 10 year old girl and **Mary Kate O'Hare** 13 year old girl.

Those who helped were: **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **PGK & DD Jim Bartz**, **PGK Wayne & Sandy Decker**, **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **Bob & Mary Geary**, **Phil Kemp**, and **PGK Bob Rauko**.

Thank you,
Bob Geary Youth Director



KC Chili Featured at Annual Chili St. Irene Cookoff Jan. 28



We had fun again this year, but unlike last year, we were shut out of the awards. There was lots of competition with a total of 17 chili entries. Far too many to wager with!

Applause goes to **PGK Tom LaRocco**, who made his famous chili that is always served at the annual Council Turkey Shoot and card Party held just prior to Thanksgiving each year. Participating and helping to serve with Tom was **PGK Jim Halama**.

PGK Ray Scott Participated Separately Featuring Ice Boater's Chili



Ray prepared his Family's recipe chili that was served every week that he and his family went ice boating on Fox Lake, IL. Ray showed a picture of him clinging onto an ice boat when was about 8 years old. Pictured with Ray is wife **Beverly**.

John Angotti

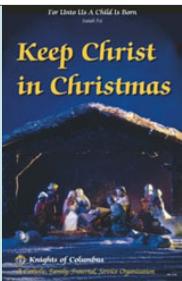
Join us for a night of faith and song as award-winning Christian rock artist **John Angotti** comes to St. Irene!

This is a FREE St. Irene Faith Event!

- A full-time "music missionary," John has brought his message to young people all over the world — including the 2008 and 2011 World Youth Days in Sydney and Madrid.
- Let your faith be energized with John's music - evoking the style of Billy Joel, Elton John, rock, pop and Latin rhythms.



*Male Vocalist of the Year
* Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year
*Praise and Worship Album of the Year



Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene's on Jan. 14.

Thanks to our volunteers, Christmas at St. Irene's is packed away for another year. Those who helped were: **Dave Abhalter**, **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **PGK Wayne Decker**, **DD Jim Bartz**, **Mike Bates**, **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **Mike Duquette**, **John Ernst**, **PGK Jim Halama**, **David Knell**, **PGK Glen Kussman**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, and **PGK Ray Scott**.

KC Academy well Attended Jan. 21



The topics of membership, recruitment and retention were presented by **Frank Stock State KC Academy Director** and **Tim Rogers**. Those who attended from our

Council were: **GK Tom Perez**, **PGK & DD Jim Bartz**, **PGK Ray Scott**, **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **Mike Bates**, **PGK Bob Rauko**, and **PGK Glen Kussman**.

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.

**Monday, February 13th at 7PM
in the Church.**

Knights' Calendar

Feb. 3	2:00 PM	Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 5	10:00 AM	Scout Sunday Mass—St. Irene Church
	4:00 PM	KC Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 8	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Resurrection Parish, Wayne
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—Christ the King Parish, Lombard
Feb. 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 11-12		St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive—St. Irene Church parking lot
Feb. 13	7:00 PM	John Angotti concert—St. Irene Church
Feb. 14		Happy Valentines Day
Feb. 14	7:00 PM	LOC Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 15	6:30 PM	Protecting God's Children program—St. Irene's Activities Center
Feb. 18	11:30 AM	Feed My Starving Children Food Packing event, Aurora
	Noon	KC 4th Degree Exemplification—Lisle
Mar. 1		Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent
Mar. 9	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 18	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Table buffet—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring!

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Council 6710 Warrenville, IL

HOME WHO WE ARE ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTERS



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

Council 6710 Web Site!

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



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.

Feb. B.days

Robert Geary	Feb. 1	Steve Berning	Feb. 21
Mark Spiotta	Feb. 7	Karen Rurka	Feb. 24
Jane Egert	Feb. 9	Richard Kostner	Feb. 25
Richard Planek	Feb. 9	Janet Sherman	Feb. 26
Roseann Eck	Feb. 12	James Aderhold	Feb. 27
Christopher Hitchcock	Feb. 14	Butch Kuhn	Feb. 29
William Mitchell	Feb. 14		
Kenneth DiIulio	Feb. 17		
Mary Ann Lawinger	Feb. 17		
Susan Battaglia	Feb. 18		

February Wedding Anniversaries

William & Susan Constable	Feb. 2	Daniel & Karen Leonard	Feb. 24
Robert & Kim Ladeur	Feb. 3		