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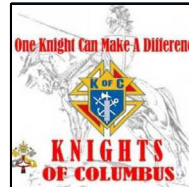


Special Olympics
Illinois
Be a fan...

May 7—Special Olympics Hospitality

The Council is again looking to host a hospitality booth (coffee & donuts, etc.) for volunteers during the Special Olympic Spring Games this year at College of DuPage.

To volunteer you must contact our **Special Olympics Chairman Bob Geary** at 630-945-8125.



Council to Host 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Sunday, June 4

1:00 PM 1st Degree,
2nd & 3rd Degrees Follow

First Degree Members—If you have not yet taken your 2nd or 3rd degree, please consider doing so. **Third Degree members**—You are encouraged to ask a prospective member to take the 1st degree at this ceremony.

The degree ceremonies will be held in the St. Irene Activities Center and take about 2-3 hrs., with dinner to follow. There is no charge for those participating in the degrees. There will be a \$10 charge for observers wishing to stay for dinner.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, dinner and clean-up. Contact **PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115).



Pulling Weeds at City Signs Begins Sat. May 6

Here go again, another year! The Council will once again take on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer.

As in previous years, the St. Irene Council participates in the **Warrenville in Bloom** program that encourages city residents, community groups and businesses in the planting of perennials and native plants throughout Warrenville. Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. The scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **May 27, June 17, July 15, Aug. 12, and Sept. 16.**



May 7— May Crowning

Congratulation to **Jenny**

Inserro Woman of the Year. She will be given the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin on May 7 at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Irene’s.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will process.



May 25 -Council High School Scholarship to be Awarded

Again this year the Council will award a \$1000 scholarship to a St. Irene Grade School graduate to attend Catholic High School. This year the scholarship is in honor of **Brother Knight Rocky Phelps**.

This a competitive award where students submit essays based on service to the Church, School and Community. Applications have already been sent to all St. Irene 8th graders.



PGK Wayne Decker Receives State Deputy Medallion Apr. 22

Join me in congratulating **PGK/PFN Wayne Decker** on receiving a State Deputy Medallion at the Illinois State Convention State Deputy Banquet. Very well deserved. — at Wyndham Springfield City Centre.

GK Tom Perez

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July 15—Cougars Baseball

Tickets are now available! The Cougars are playing Dayton Dragons at 6:30 PM, Saturday. Fireworks after the game.

The reserved seats are \$13.00 each. For tickets **Michael Bates** (630-630-836-0223). The Council has secured 40 tickets.



KC/VFW Blood Drive June 17

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at VFW Hall.

Joe Gattone
Blood Drive Director



Council Business Meeting May 11
7:30 PM at St. Irene Parish Center



Council Family Mass June 11 at
10:00 AM



Fourth Degree News
4th Degree Meeting at St. Irene this
Month. Let's have a good showing!

The next meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be at St. Irene Activities Center on May 10. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, Lasagna dinner at 7:00 PM and the meeting at 8:00 PM. We will be nominating the officers for the next fiscal year this night and if anyone wants to fill an officers position should be at this meeting. See you all then.

Honor Guard Requests:

- May 6—First Communion at St. Irene Church at 10:00 AM
- May 7—May Crowning at St. Irene Church at 10:00 AM
- May 25—Grade School Graduation at St. Irene Church at 7:00 PM. Council High School Scholarship to be awarded.

Honor Guards Held:

- Holy Thursday Apr. 13—**Bill Lintner, Marc Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Glen Kussman, Bob Rauko, Ken DiIulio, Jim Halama, Jim Bartz, and Commander Ray Scott.**
- Easter Vigil Apr. 15—**Bill Lintner, Erich Pavel, Jim Halama, Mike Bates, Ken Dilulio, Jim Bartz, Marc Alleruzzo, and Commander Ray Scott.**
- Confirmation Sat. Apr. 29—**Bill Lintner, Wayne Decker, Dave Schar, and Commander Ray Scott.**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)
Wins 3rd Place—Outstanding Auxiliary of
the Year at State Convention.

This year at the KOC Convention, the Auxiliary won the following awards:

- Auxiliary Lady of the Year - **Terri Kussman** - honorable mention
- Outstanding Auxiliary of the Year - 3rd Place
- Joint Council & Auxiliary Program/Activity - 3rd Place
- Public Relations Report- 3rd Place
- Scrapbook- 1st Place, Division AA

If you would like to join us, to help with our worthwhile projects, please get in touch with Terri Kussman, 630-393-6545.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 PM, in the ACL.

Pat Kemp
LOC President



Matthew Kling
Council Insurance Agent
St. Charles, IL 60175-6081
630-485-8705



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Brett Geary, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, Sr. Roseann Eck, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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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Chancellor	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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Warden	Phil Kemp(630-842-2590)
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Lecturer	William Lintner (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)
1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
Insurance Agent	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level
28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL

Committee Directors	
Program Director	David Schar (630-918-5113)
Membership Director	Ray Scott (630-393-0868)
Community Director	Justin Wagner (630-393-7072)
Council Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Church Director	Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)
Family Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Youth Director	Bob Geary (630-836-2454)
Public Relations Director	Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)
Blood Drive Director	Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)
Pro-Life	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
Vocations	Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)
Support our Troops	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age. To join or obtain further information, contact our Membership Chairman Ray Scott at 630-393-0868.

The Knights' News is published monthly by Council 6710. For contributions and corrections contact James Halama at 630-433-6240. Please make submissions by email at jrhalama@comcast.net prior to the 21th day of each month.



Grand Knight's Corner

A week ago, **Dave Schar** and I set off to Springfield, IL to attend the annual Illinois KofC State Convention. This trip marked Dave's first time attending the convention, while it was my 4th time attending in as many years. I wanted to take the opportunity to share what goes on at convention for those who are unfamiliar. Convention is an opportunity for Knights across the state to meet to celebrate the accomplishments of our order, as well as council and individual successes. There is ample opportunity for fellowship, both at official convention events, and at the popular hospitality suites (our Joliet Chapter hosted one of the larger suites).

Saturday's sessions included remarks from our state officers and the Illinois State **Chaplain Bishop Joseph Segal**, handing out awards for Programs of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year, insurance awards, and the installation of the new state Squires officers. We also heard from former Supreme Deputy Grand Knight **Logan Ludwig** on some coming changes to earning Star Council, changes to the Ceremonials and the roll-out of an e-membership program. In the afternoon, the chapters meet in caucus to vote on members to represent the chapter at the Supreme Convention (held in St. Louis this year). There is then a beautiful mass held at the Cathedral, followed by a formal State Deputy Banquet. The banquet included additional remarks from Bishop Segal on the challenges of living authentically Catholic in an ever-secular and anti-Christian world, as well as a presentation of a \$100,000 check to the CEO of Special Olympics Illinois. There was also a heartfelt message from a Special Olympics Global Messenger, who shared his experiences of how he persevered beyond his disabilities to become a gold-medal long distance runner. The most memorable part of the evening was the State Deputy handing out his State Medallions, where our own **PGK Wayne Decker** was awarded a medallion for his many years of selfless work for the order. You've never seen Wayne smile wider.

On Sunday, the delegates come together for an official meeting to vote on various resolutions and to elect our new state officers. Among the many resolutions was one to honor the recipients of various chapter-wide honors, including our own **PGK Glen Kussman** as a recipient of the Victor Cardosi award. This portion of the convention can also be a bit trying, as roll-call alone can last nearly 30 minutes, while the nomination and election of officers, most of whom run un-opposed, can last well over an hour.

I hope this gives you a little insight into what goes on at a State Convention. Overall, though it is a long weekend, it is a very worthwhile event that highlights the impressive accomplishments of our Order and leaves the attendees inspired to go back to their home councils and work harder to further our wonderful work.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life Middle Eastern Christians Live in Exile KofC Supreme Requests Donation

Expelled from their homes by ISIS, hundreds of thousands of Middle Eastern Christians live in exile. They lack much, including life-saving medical care.

This April, which marks Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month, the K of C needs your help. With your financial and prayerful assistance, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund can continue supporting the St. Elizabeth University's Project for Iraq in Need, which brings healing and hope to Christian refugees and genocide survivors. For details, check out this [moving interview with Dr. Zuzana Dudová](#).

Please help us spread the word about the genocide in the Middle East. Also, prayerfully consider giving to the [Christian Refugee Relief Fund](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html) (https://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html). To donate, [click here](https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/hope.html) (https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/hope.html).

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair



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. Contact **Bill Lintner** (630-841-6155) to

let him know you will participate as a KofC representative.

St. Irene Major Fundraiser— Consider Participating

Saturday May 13 at 6:30 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center.

**Back by Popular Demand!!!!
Mark Your Calendars!!!!**



**Wheel
of
MEAT**

5.13.17

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



Special Camps at Whites Pines Ranch June 4 & 11

Our Council has provided assistance each year to Special Camps, directed by **Colleen McDonald** and founded by **PGK Reed Callahan**. "Special Camps provides opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities to experience new activities, form friendships, increase independence and self esteem in 2 week long, loving, all volunteer run summer camps."

Teen Volunteers are Needed! Your help is needed finding the most outstanding teenage boys, high school - college age, you know! We need 6 more boys who are responsible, have good social skills, and like to have fun. We need them to serve as camp counselors playing and coaching their campers with an intellectual disability, Down's syndrome or autism.

Activities include: horseback riding, swimming, archery, basketball, talent shows, learning to groom and paint our horses, volleyball, wood working, crafts, and finding pirate's treasure. Nightly parties include big bands, hayrides, campfire songs with s'mores around the bonfire, game night and performing in a parade. Our counselors call these the best parties ever!

It's completely FREE and you earn 100 community service hours. It also looks great on resume's and college admissions. Special Camps is a 100% volunteer run camp, endorsed by the Knights of Columbus.

What's the catch? We want you to do these activities beside a friend or two with intellectual disabilities, autism or Down's syndrome. Befriend someone in need of a buddy for the week, coaching them in the activities while participating yourself. We have adults who lead all of the activities, will be nearby for help if you need it, and dispense medications to you and your campers as needed.

Our campers are the most amazing group of people. Most are completely independent in taking care of their own needs, showering, dressing, brushing their teeth... they simply need reminders when it's time to start these activities and help sometimes finding their stuff. We have many campers who are amazing athletes, gifted singers, swimmers and rappers. Their talents will astound you! Our returning counselors (everyone wants to return), call this a "Life Changing" experience. They come to serve their campers, and leave having learned a lot from the campers they came to serve.

Applications and more details about our camp are available on our website specialcamps.org. For Teens select Counselor Applications. Or look at our Facebook page for pictures of last year's camp. For an application, look for the word "volunteer".

If I can help answer any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps
specialcamps.org
(630) 690-0944



Program Awards for March 2017

PGK Glen Kussman Knight of the Month: Council 6710 is proud to honor **PGK Glen Kussman** as Knight of the month for March. Glen will be recognized as a 2017 at a dinner hosted by the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus on May 6. As the members of Council 6710 know, Glen is an outstanding choice for the Cardosi award and the entire Council congratulates him on this important recognition.

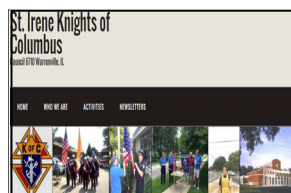
Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor's **Patrick McGowan and his Family** as the Family of the month for March. Patrick and his wife **Laura** are active members of the church as well as several other groups and programs, including the Boy Scouts of America. This past weekend Patrick and Laura's sons, **Tim and Brendan** were recognized for their efforts and became Eagle Scouts with their Scout troop.

Community Program: On March 11 Council 6710 conducted a Blood Drive under the direction of Director **Joe Gattone** at the St. Irene's Activity Center. The drive collected 40 pints.

Council Program: Through the hard work of **PGK James Halama** Council 6710's new and improved website is operational. The website can be located at www.st-ireneofc.org and offers many user friendly ways to obtain information on what the Council has been up to and upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Church Program: On Sunday March 12 the Council held the Family Mass at 10:00 AM. A recruitment plea was made from the podium before Mass concluded and a recruitment flyer was included in all bulletins.

Family Program: On March 29 twenty members of the LOC and CCW helped prepare special Easter gifts for each of the children that were in attendance at Easter Mass and also filled the eggs for the Easter egg hunt.



Council 6710 Web Site!

Check out our site www.st-ireneofc.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.

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

Knights Help with Easter Party April 8

Each year our Council helps to co-host an Easter party for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This year the party was moved to the American Legion Hall in Carol Stream.

Thank you once again for a wonderful Easter party for our kids and adults with special needs. A great time was had by all with crafts, parachute games, yummy treats, face painting, balloon animals, bunnies, therapy dogs, dancing, limbo and our the largest Easter egg hunt yet! An Easter egg hunt that rivaled any local ones in town, where all were welcomed to participate.

Please let all of the Knights know how very thankful we are for your support of our special kids. All together I believe there were #135 registered to attend. Yet another dozen registered the day of the event. No problem for the Knights as they quickly adapted as more and more guests entered the American Legion.

Collen McDonald
President of Special Camps



Council Meets Charity Goals

Charities that the Council contributes to each fraternal year:

- Newman Fund \$845
- Intellectual Disabilities \$7582 (goal \$8671)
- Pro Life \$148
- General Assistance Fund \$148
- Vocations \$268 (goal \$338)
- Supreme Culture of Life \$254

Ladies Auxiliary & CCW Host Easter Egg Hunt Sunday Apr. 2

Pictures are of the St. Irene Ladies and Fr. Jim preparing the eggs for the hunt.



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup April 29

Those who participated were Mike Bates, Bill Lintner, Bill Mitchell, and PGK Bob Rauko. Phil Kemp provided transportation.

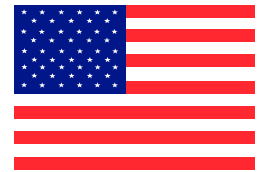


Knights' Calendar

May 5	7:00 PM	PGK Dinner at Pal Joey's—come to roast Ken
May 6	9:00 AM	Weeding of City Warrenville signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield
	10:00 AM	First Communion at St. Irene Church—4th Degree Honor Guard
	6:30 PM	Victor Cardosi Award dinner for PK Glen Kussman—Elmhurst Council Hall
May 7	10:00 AM	May Crowning honoring Jenny Inserro; 4th Degree Honor Guard
May 9	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting— St. Irene Activities Center
May 10	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting— St. Irene Activities Center
	8:00 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. Peter the Apostle, Itasca
May 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 13	6:30 PM	St. Irene Wheel of Meat fundraiser—St. Irene Activities Center
May 25	7:00 PM	St. Irene Grade School Graduation—4th Degree Honor Guard
May 29		Memorial Day
June 4	Noon	Council hosts Major Degree—St. Irene Activities Center
June 8	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
June 17	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
June 18		Father's Day
June 21		Summer Begins!
July 15	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars Family outing—tickets available now

May Birthdays

Colleen Brummel	May 2	Stephen Brummel	May 17
Charles Ingram	May 2	Peggy Burgermeister	May 17
Mary Geary	May 3	Steven Pyszka	May 19
Robert True	May 4	Julie Duquette	May 20
Amber Mitchell	May 6	Karen Ernst	May 20
Yvonne Stevens	May 7	Daniel Leonard	May 21
Jeanne Kleinwachter	May 9	Joseph Gattone	May 22
Joe Fredrickson	May 10	Margaret Doucette	May 23
James McGuire	May 10	Linda Dailey-Houlis	May 24
Diana Banigan	May 12	Alta Halama	May 25
Barbara Olson	May 12	Jennifer Kempiak	May 26
Denise Allen	May 15	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Colin Wilkie	May 28
Wayne Decker	May 16	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
Kelley Higgins	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
Allison Looby	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 31



**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/

May Wedding Anniversaries

Martin & Sue Kometz	May 1	Thomas & Dianne Taylor	May 17
Barbara & Bruce Olson	May 3	Joseph & Barbara Schrage	May 20
Michael & Teresa Hoffman	May 6	Andrew & Donna Seiberlich	May 21
John & Nancy Markendorf	May 8	Robert & Mary Geary	May 24
Anthony & Joan Parrino	May 11	Joseph & Susan Kubal	May 26
John & Katie Augustynowicz	May 12	Christopher & Terry Neigel	May 28
John & Sharon Murray	May 15	Richard & Sylvia Thompson	May 31
David & Sue Cirock	May 17		

*** 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.