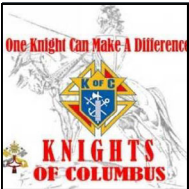




# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## Sunday, June 4 Council to Host 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree 12:00 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 a \$5 charge for those participating in the degrees. There will be a \$15 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).



### *In Memoriam*

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on June 1 of **Sir Knight Robert "Dr. Bob" Geary, DPM.**

Bob, age 57, is survived by his dear

wife Mary and his two adult children, Brett and Danielle.

He graduated in 1985 from Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, Chicago, and did his residency at Henrotin Hospital in Chicago. He was affiliated with AMITA Health, Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

His wake will be at William Kamp

Funeral Home, Wheaton, on Monday June 5 3-9 PM. The 4th Degree

Honor Guard is requested from 6-7:30 PM. with the funeral at St. Irene's on Tuesday June 6 at 10 AM.



## June 24—KC and Ladies Auxiliary Family Picnic

Officers of our Council and Ladies Auxiliary for the next fraternal year will be installed immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on June 24 at St. Irene Church. A **Family Picnic** will follow at the home of **Phil Kemp** (2S450 Center Ave., Warrenville).

**No RSVP necessary! Your Family is invited to attend the officer installation and of course the picnic that follows. Invite a Friend and their Family!** Beverages and main course meal will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass (last names: A-G bring Sides, H-O bring Desserts, & P-Z bring Appetizers).

## Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville



### March in 4th-of-July Parade, Monday July 3

The theme of the parade is "Fifty Golden Years". Show your pride and march along with Council Sir Knights. The parade starts at 6:00 PM. Watch for more specifics in the July KC Newsletter.

### Food Stand at Cerny Park July 3-4

Plan on joining your brother Knights & Families at Cerny as we cook our famous burgers and sweet corn. Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed. Look for a call for your help. A sign-up for times will be available on the [Council web](#) site starting June 14.



## 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

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### Council Business Meeting June 8 7:30 PM at St. Irene Parish Center

Election of Council Officer will be held. The slate of officers is:

- Chaplain—**Fr. Jim Antiporek**
- Grand Knight—**Tom Perez**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**David Schar**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—**Mike Bates**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—**Scott Hurley**
- Warden—**Wayne Decker**
- Lecturer—**Bill Lintner**
- Inside Guard—**Dan Cyrus**
- Inside Guard—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Outside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Trustees -**Kevin Looby, Glen Kussman, Ken Dilulio**

As always, anyone may request to place their name in nomination at the meeting. If you are interested, please contact **FS James Halama (630-433-6240)**.



### Council Family Mass June 11 at 10:00 AM



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)



Our Ice Cream Social made it possible for the Auxiliary to donate

\$125 to the Warrenville Youth & Family Services. Thank you to all who came and donated to the Apr. 30 Ice Cream Social, both with free-will offerings, and the toppings. And a special thank you to Diane Lichtenberg who donated all of the ice cream.

Keep "Deacon Brad's Rescue Run Fundraiser" in mind. He's raising funds & awareness about human trafficking. The Auxiliary donated \$100 to this cause.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 PM, in the AC. Please come and let us know what you would like to see the Auxiliary do in the next year.

**Pat Kemp**  
LOC President



### Fourth Degree News

The next Blanchette Assembly meeting will be Wed., June 14, at Corpus Christi Parish, 1415 Lies Rd., Carol Stream. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 8:00 PM sharp.



### Pray for Repose of the Soul of Sir Knight Bob Geary

**Bob** unexpectedly passed into eternal life June 1, 2017. Please pray for Bob and for his wife **Mary**.

### Pray for Our Loved Ones

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



**Matthew Kling**  
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### 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)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Chancellor	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Wayne Decker (630-393-1891)
Warden	Phil Kemp (630-842-2590)
Inside Guard	Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369)
Outside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
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	<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)
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

It's been a very emotional time for me these past couple weeks. On May 24 I learned of the death of a mom of one of my daughter's preschool classmates. She was only in her 30's and left behind a husband and two young sons. Thinking about how her two boys could possibly even attempt to grasp the loss of their mom brought me deep grief. I saw the boys at a birthday party later that week and couldn't help but walk up to them and say hi, giving them a pat on the head, wanting so much to pick them up and give them a hug. The next day, I was honored to present our Council's Scholarship at the St. Irene 8th Grade Graduation. The scholarship was presented in honor of **Rocky Phelps**, who passed away a little over a year ago. Rocky's son Ben was actually in preschool with my oldest daughter Claire. Rocky's death affected me deeply, and I became very emotional as I spoke of him at graduation, especially in the presence of his wife Marcia and Ben. I then came back to work after a beautiful Memorial Day weekend to learn of the untimely death of one of my clients, who passed away from a heart attack while celebrating the holiday with his family. And now, just today, we learned of the loss of our dear **Brother Knight Bob Geary**.

Upon learning of Bob's passing I had to walk to a quieter side of my office, and just sat with my head in my hands for several minutes. Anyone who knew Bob knew what an emotional person he was, never afraid to shed a tear when offering a petition for those in his life who were ill or who had passed. Recounting how deeply Bob was affected by the struggles and losses of others amplified my own emotions when thinking of his passing. Bob's passing his a great loss to our Council and the St. Irene's community.

Bob became a Knight in 2004, and has been an active member ever since, serving as our Council's Youth Director for the past several years. Bob loved working with the youth of our parish and school, coordinating events such as the annual Free Throw contest, Spelling bee, Share our Soles shoe drive and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. Bob will be remembered for his empathetic heart and his service to his community, but most of all for his devotion to his family, especially his beloved wife Mary.

In spite of all of this sadness and our grief, I am comforted by our heavenly Father's promise of Salvation. We must remember that our time on earth, even when one lives to an old age, is but a blink of an eye compared to the eternal reward that awaits us. Let us pray that we remain ever faithful to this promise and to God's plan for our lives.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**GK Tom Perez**

### Pro-Life



Roman Catholic  
*Diocese of Joliet*

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Diocese of Joliet provides on their web site a whole section on Pro-Life titled [Respect Life Ministry](#). There are many sub-sections to learn about the Respect Life Ministry, listings of resources, pregnancy advocacy, abortion, and calendar of events.

**PGK Jack Gorski**  
**Pro-Life Chair**

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Father's Day, June 18

We take time on Sun., June 18, to recognize our biological, adopted, spiritual and honorary fathers...hopefully not with a new tie.

According to some sources, Fathers' Day started in 1908 in WV to honor men killed in a horrific coal mine accident. The more generally-accepted version is that it was started on June 19, 1910, ( one year after Mothers' Day began) in Spokane, WA, by a daughter whose father was a single parent who raised his six children after his wife died in childbirth.

In 1913 Pres. Calvin Coolidge designated the third Sunday in June as Fathers' Day. In 1966 Pres. Johnson, through executive order, set the date in federal law, although it did not become an official national holiday until 1972.

Fathers' Day is now celebrated, on various dates, around the world, from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Mainly in Europe and Latin America, Fathers' Day is celebrated on Mar. 19, St. Joseph's Day.

This day, as is every day, is an appropriate time to thank Our Father, Lord of us all.

ACH



**Brother Knights will be handing out finger rosaries to all Fathers after the Masses at St. Irene Church on Father's Day.**



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

let him know you will participate as a KofC representative.



## Special Camps at Whites Pines Ranch June 4 & 11

Our Council has provided assistance each year to Special Camps, directed by **Collen 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.

Applications and more details about our camp are available on our website [specialcamps.org](http://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](http://specialcamps.org)  
(630) 690-0944

## Mary Katherine O'Hare wins Council \$1000 Scholarship May 27

The scholarship in 2017 was presented in honor of **Christopher "Rocky" Phelps** to **Mary Katherine O'Hare** (daughter of **Brother Knight Mike & Ana O'Hare**) during the Eighth Grade graduation ceremony at St. Irene Church on May 27. Mary will be attending Aurora Catholic Central this Fall. Serving as judges this year were **Mrs. Detwiler**, **Father Jim**, **Former Warrenville Police Chief Bob LaDeur** and **Former Fire Chief Jerry Kleinwachter**.



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## Program Awards for April 2017

**PGK Wayne Decker Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 is proud to honor **PGK Wayne Decker** as our Knight of the Month for April. Wayne has served in countless roles for the council as well as at the Assembly and State level during his years as a Knight. Wayne can be found at almost every KoC event held by our Council. At this year's State convention Wayne was recognized and received the State Deputy Medallion. During the ceremony the State Deputy pointed to Wayne's dedication and commitment to the Knights along with his willingness to take on any role or assignment that is needed without consideration.

**Family of the Month:** Council 6710 honor's **PGK Glen Kussman and his wife Terri** as the Family of the Month for April. Glen has been a Knight for 20 years and as was a recent recipient of the Victor Cardosi Award. Not to be outdone, Terri was named Auxiliary Lady of the Year last weekend at the State Convention. Both Glen and Terri are very active in their respective roles within the parish and can be counted on to lend a hand and a positive word at all the Council events they attend. Congratulations to Glen and Terri, our family of the month.

**Community Program:** On April 29 5 members of Council 6710 participated in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in Warrenville. Thanks to their efforts our adopted section of the highway will begin the summer looking good!

**Council Program:** During the month of April the Council 4th Degree Honor Guard participated in three events and provided a total of 21 guards, some participating on more than one occasion. Honor Guards participated in Holy Thursday on April 13, the Easter Vigil on April 15 and Confirmation Ceremony on April 29.

## Membership Recruitment Continues! Ask!



## Council 6710 Web Site!

Check out our site [www.st-irenekofc.org](http://www.st-irenekofc.org) (note the graphic has been updated). The main page has a blog of current post-

ings, 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.**

## Pulling Weeds at City Signs May 6 and Again on June 17

The Council takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer.

Please consider participating in this community program on June 17. Additional scheduled dates are as **July 15, Aug. 12, and Sept. 16**. Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.

On May 6, the time out this spring, Knights who participated were **Mike Bates, PGK James Halama, PGK Glen Kussman, & PGK Bob Rauko**. On May 27 at the Warrenville in Bloom Volunteer Day **Mike Bates & PGK Glen** and **Terri Kussman** participated in planting of new flowers in the city.



## 4th Degree Honor Participated in the May Crowning May 7



**Commander Wayne Decker** and **Sir Knight Dave Schar** were at attention. **Jenny Inserro** Woman of the Year placed flowers on the statue of the Virgin Mary. **Fr. Jim** was presiding. Other Sir Knight who would be there were attending the Special Olympics Spring Games at the same time.



**Special Olympics**

Illinois

Be a fan..

## Council Hosts Breakfast at Special Olympics Spring Games May 7

The weather was beautiful and at a new location at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn.

Those who helped were **PGK Ken & Bonnie DiIulio, Bill Lintner and grandson, and PGK Ray & Beverly Scott**.

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

*(Winning Application, Continued from page 4)*

Mary's Winning Application:

"I would like to submit my application for The St. Irene 2017 Knights of Columbus \$1000 Memorial Scholarship. I will be attending a Catholic High school in the fall of 2017. St Irene has taught me the value of service and how it benefits our whole community and helps us grow as a church family. I have been a part of St Irene as long as I can remember. I was baptized there and have been giving service to the church since I started kindergarten. I was part of the children's choir from kindergarten to second grade we sang at school masses and church masses as well as Christmas Eve Mass. I also have been an Alter server since I was in fourth grade to eighth grade. Being an alter server has shown me patience, compassion and joy. I have served many masses as well as some weddings and funerals. It is a nice bonus that we get paid for the weddings but I don't take the money from the funerals. I give it back to the family knowing that they have suffered great loss.

I played in the band in fourth grade however found out that it wasn't one of my better gifts but I wanted to give it a try. I was in all four sports for my school from fifth grade through eighth grade. These sports were Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball and Track. Most semesters I made it in the lower Honor Roll.

I have participated in many school activities including Girl scouts from kindergarten through eighth grade. Being a Girl Scout had many opportunities to provide service projects for our community. We provided money from our cookie sales and friendship soup sales for the food pantry, we volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and many more provided services to our community.

I have been a Mother's helper and have also been a babysitter for many families in my neighborhood and some church families starting sixth grade through now. I am also part of a travel Basketball league and soccer league and hopefully will be able to play for my high school. I have had Birthday parties that asked for no gifts but in exchange food for the St. Irene's food pantry.

I feel a Catholic High School Education would benefit me because I will have smaller classrooms. This also means less students per teacher and provide me a better learning environment. I also feel that going to a Catholic High school would be a privilege and a sacrifice. By going to Catholic school we have given up many things that friends and neighbors get to do. if I had to do it all over again I still would choose St. Irene and Catholic High School. I will continue to have opportunities to provide service to my church, community and school.

By attending a Catholic high school I would benefit from the teachings of God on a daily basis and a reminder for me on how to live my life and be a better role model for others and be a daughter of Christ through his teachings.

I feel that going to St Irene's has been a privilege and has taught me the love of service. I also feel that by receiving this scholarship it would help my parents with the transition of St Irene's to high school and make it easier.

Thank you for your consideration for this scholarship.  
Sincerely,  
Mary"

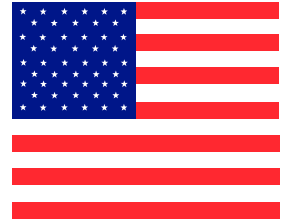
## Knights' Calendar

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 11	10:00 AM	KC family Mass—St. irene Church. Let's have a great attendance.
June 13	7:00 PM	KC Ladies Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
June 14	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting, Corpus Christi Parish, Carol Stream
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting, Elmhurst #1911 Council Hall
June 17	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville
	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City Signs—Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
June 18		<b>Father's Day</b> —Brother Knights will handing out finger rosaries
June 21		<b>Summer Begins!</b>
June 24	5:00 PM	KC Officer installation at St. Irene's & Family Picnic at Phil Kemp residence
July 3	6:00 PM	Warrenville July 4 Parade—KC 4th Degree to march-others may join
July 3-4	All Day	Council Food Concession at Cerny Park—Volunteers needed
July 13	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL
July 15	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City Signs—Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
July 15	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars Family outing—tickets available now

### Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus: [www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org)



### June Birthdays

Stuart Aschauer	June 3	Katie Polkow	June 17
Carol Walsh	June 4	Nancy Markendorf	June 18
Anthony Parrino	June 5	James Bartz	June 19
Richard Behrens	June 6	William Lintner	June 20
Jaclyn Bosoli	June 7	Matthew Miller	June 20
Sue Cirock	June 7	Douglas True	June 20
David Abhalter	June 8	Annette Hanson	June 22
Trini Cantu	June 11	Gloria Wilger	June 23
Beverly Scott	June 11	William Constable	June 24
Dan Cyrus	June 13	Michelle Horan	June 24
Judy Wilkie	June 14	Pamela Schefke	June 24
John Gorski	June 16	Dolores Dieter	June 25
Andrew Seiberlich	June 16	Karen Graney	June 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/)

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Filomena Jarosz	June 1	Thomas & Elaine Perez	June 19
Matthew & Mary Jo Kulzick	June 2	Mark & Karen Rurka	June 24
Patrick & MaryAnn Lawinger	June 2	Kyle & Rebecca Gettelman	June 25
Eric & Cathy Fladeland	June 6	Charles & Debbie Ingram	June 25
Justin & Christina Wagner	June 13	Charles & Carole Tadavich	June 26
James & Leora Mowbray	June 16	Connie & Gary Dyas	June 27
Wayne & Sandra Decker	June 17		

\*\*\* 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.