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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy Summer!

Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville

The Warrenville 2017 July 4th celebration should be a lot of fun. The [activities and line-up](#) of entertainment is as follows:

Monday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM Concession Booths open
- 7:30 PM—New Odyssey

Tuesday July 4

- Noon—Children’s Parade on Warren Ave.
- 2:30 PM—Double Identity Pop Rock Girl Power
- 5:00 PM—Centerfold Chicagoland’s Great Roll & Roll
- 7:30 PM—High Infidelity
- 9:15 PM—Fireworks

All concession, beverage and beer stands open at Noon. During the day there are water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo & prizes, pickle ball, face painting, and karaoke.

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. The KC 4th Degree Honor Guard will lead, with other Brother Knights and their Families invited to march. Assemble at the parade starting point in downtown Warrenville by 5:30 PM. We are position #28.

Council 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.

Best of all! Come gather with your family around the Knights concession area for the Fireworks display!

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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 call **Michael Bates** (630-630-836-0223). The Council has secured 40 tickets.

Michael Bates



Sept. 15-17—Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

This is our biggest fundraiser to help the mentally disabled. Plan to take some time to help in any way you can to make the drive a success, even if it is only one or two hours on a corner.

Look for a mailing in the near future personally inviting you to participate. Our goal is raise \$100 per Knight.



July 15—Pulling Weeds at City Signs

The Council takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs, to remove weeds. Please consider participating in this community program on July 15. Additional scheduled dates are as **Aug. 12, and Sept. 16.**

Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.

On June 24, Knights who participated were **Mike Bates, PGK James Halama, PGK Glen Kussman, & PGK Bob Rauko.**

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Council Business Meeting July 13 7:30 PM at St. Irene Parish Center

Council Officers for 2017-2018:

- 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**
- Congratulations



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Our next board meeting is Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 PM in the ACL.

Dates to remember - Saturday, October 21 is our next Bunco, and December 9 the Auxiliary will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 5pm Mass with a Fiesta to follow.

Pat Kemp
LOC President

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A volunteer sign-up form is available on the [Council web](#) site. Follow the link to "Council 6710 July 3-4 Food Concession." to see the schedule: The period of time help is needed is as follows:

July 3

- 11AM—Set-up begins at St. Irene's Parish storage garage.
- 3:00 - 11:45 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available.

July 4

- 11:00 AM - Set-up begins at Cerny Park
- Noon - 9:15 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booths closes and clean up at Cerny Park

July 5

- 9:00 AM—Cleanup at St. Irene (subject to change).

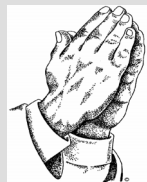


Fourth Degree News

No Blanchette Assembly meeting in July

Honor Guards:

- July 3—Warrenville July 4th Parade. Arrive by 5:30 PM in downtown Warrenville. We are position #28.
- July 15—Kane County Cougars game. Arrive by 5:30 PM.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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



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<p>Council Officers 2017-2018</p>	<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>Program Director David Schar (630-918-5113)</p> <p>Membership Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868)</p> <p>Community Director</p> <p>Council Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)</p> <p>Church Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)</p> <p>Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223)</p> <p>Youth Director</p> <p>Public Relations Director Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)</p> <p>Blood Drive Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136)</p> <p>Pro-Life Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)</p> <p>Vocations Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)</p> <p>Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p>

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

I'm writing this month's report sitting in my father-in-law's living room in La Porte, IN. We're in town visiting him and my wife's 97-year-old grandmother for the 4th of July weekend. We're disappointed we won't be in Warrenville for the parade and concession stand, but hope everyone has a wonderful holiday weekend.

First, I want to congratulate and give a sincere thank you to the council officers who were elected this past month. We all appreciate your commitment to the council and your service. A special word of recognition for our new officers, **Scott Hurley** (Advocate) and **Patrick O'Connor** (Inside Guard). After an "efficient" induction ceremony by **past District Deputy Marc Alleruzo**, everyone had a great time at the **Jim & Alta Halama** house for the Family Picnic. They were wonderful hosts and were very generous to offer their house on short notice. With that said we want to offer up a prayer for the quick recovery of **Phil Kemp**.

A few months I mentioned that at the State Deputy's dinner we heard a heartfelt speech from a young Special Olympian who overcame his disabilities to become a gold-medal winning runner. A couple weeks back, my family and I made a trip down to Bloomington-Normal for the Special Olympics of Illinois Summer Games at Illinois State University. My eldest daughter Claire was dancing in the Opening Ceremonies along with other members of her Irish Dancing team. The event was amazing, and included a very large contingent of Sir Knights taking part in the presentation of colors. I also noted that several of our state officers were announced as honorary coaches for various districts. After the event, I was walking out of the stadium and saw a young man who looked very familiar. It ended up being Daniel Olsen, the same young man who spoke at the State Deputy dinner. I spoke to him briefly and told him how much I enjoyed his speech. I also mentioned that I had even taken a video on my phone of his speech. His mother became very excited and told me they had been trying several times to video tape one of his speeches, but that something always went wrong. Daniel and his mother have been working for months to launch a business venture called the Ability Marketplace. The Ability Marketplace seeks to create jobs for those with disabilities by providing them a place to sell their products and services worldwide at little to no cost. Daniel needed a video of himself speaking to try and secure additional speaking engagements to publicize the business. As my wife said, it was no coincidence that we ran into them that evening, and there was clearly some divine intervention bringing us together. I wish Daniel the best with his venture.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life

Life in Balance

“I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.”

“The gospel reading takes us back a few days in the story of Jesus that we have been following, back to the hours just before his death. Preparing himself in prayer, Jesus focuses on the word glory. As is common with people who are facing death, Jesus, as he prays, looks back over his life and evaluates his endeavors. He concludes that he had accomplished all that he had been given to do.

If we were to add up his activities, however, we might not be so impressed. He had only three years of ministry. During that time only a few sick people were healed, a few sermons preached, no books were written, and only a handful of disciples were gathered and trained. Not much to show for a life.

In ministry today we are concerned about the length of our resume. The more degrees we have, the more authority is given to us. Our expertise grows relative to the number of articles published and books written. We keep our jobs secure by churning out monthly newsletters that prove our value by recounting the number of activities we generate. I'm sure most of us accomplish more things than Christ ever did. After all, most of us don't end up on a cross after three years of work. We are able to continue with our significance for years and years.

But if we are doing so much, how come not much is getting done? When we evaluate our endeavors at the end of life, why do so few of us have the sense of our work being finished? Jesus was satisfied that the Father was pleased even though he had not done many things. I believe it is because, as God judges us, He weighs our work; He doesn't count our activities. And His scale is a measurement of glory. (Remember the focus of Jesus' prayer?) In fact, glory in part means weight: the weight of God. As we contemplate our stand before God on judgment day, we might imagine a balance scale. On one side are placed those things we did which brought glory to ourselves; on the other side those things which brought glory to God. If our own glory “outweighs” the glory of God, then we are not able to say, as Jesus did, that we have finished the work God gave us to do or that our work was simply to bring glory to the Father. It is not our weight that we are to throw around in life but God's weight. The measure of our life then is not in the quantity of deeds but in the quality. And the quality is determined by the direction of our heart; that is, who was it that we were seeking to give weight to, to glorify –ourselves or God?”

Life in Balance, Posted May 26, 2017

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair

Membership Recruitment Reminder !
Always Ask!



FATHERS FOR GOOD
AN INITIATIVE FOR MEN BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DID YOU KNOW?



We have much to celebrate in July: the patriotic, the familial, the fun, the weird, and, of course, the religious.

Patriotic:

- July 1—Canada Day, our nice northerly neighbor
- July 4—our country's birthday (Declaration of Independence not actually signed on the 4th)
- July 14—Bastille Day

Familial:

- July 23—Parent's day
- July 24—Cousin Day
- July 26—Aunt & Uncle Day
- July 30—Father-in-Law Day

Fun:

- July 6—National Fried Chicken day
- July 7—National Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 10—Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- July 12—Pecan Pie Day
- July 20—National Lollipop Day
- July 22—Hammock Day

Weird:

- July 3—Compliment Your Mirror Day
- July 4—Sidewalk Egg Frying Day, (Doubt it will replace fireworks on the 4th.)
- July 14—National Nude Day
- July 15—Cow Appreciation Day
- July 17—Yellow Pig Day (This actually has nothing to do with pigs. It's a math-geek thing.)

Religious: While you are relaxing in your hammock, you might spend some time reflecting on some important saints and near-saints.

- July 1—Blessed Junipero Serra, founder of California missions
- July 3—St. Thomas the Apostle (aka "Doubting" Thomas). Preached on the 12 degrees of virtue; martyred in India
- July 4—Blessed Kateri Tekawitha, our honored native American
- July 11—St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictines and the patron saint of Europe
- July 25—St. James the Greater, selected to be a fisher of men for Christ. The first apostle to be martyred. Beheaded by King Herod Agrippa 1 (See Acts 12:1). A (not-very-successful) missionary to Spain. Buried in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, a major pilgrimage site in medieval Europe (The scallop dish, coquille St. Jacques, was named for him, but that is a too-long story.)
- July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits

If you would like to learn more about the saints, I recommend "Butler's Lives of the Saints" or "The Golden Legend: Readings on the Saints," vol. 1 & 2, by de Voragine.

Happy July!

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Program Awards for May 2017

PGK Jim Bartz Knight of the Month: Council 6710 is proud to honor **PGK Jim Bartz** as our Knight of the Month for May. Jim has been a Knight for 24 years and during that time he has served as Membership Director, Chair of the Christmas Party and Food Concession as well as many other roles. Jim has also held a number of Board positions included Grand Knight 2001-2003. Jim is completing his time as District Deputy for District 25 before moving on to yet another volunteer role with the State Council. Even with all his duties and responsibilities as District Deputy, Jim can be counted on and found at a significant number of Council events volunteering his time and energy.

Family of the Month: Council 6710 honor's **Sir Knight Father Jim Antiporek** and his **sister Pat Jackowiak** as the Family of the Month for May. Father Jim is an outstanding spiritual leader and is loved and respected by our entire faith community. Father Jim continues to be the driving force behind St. Irene's School and his interaction with the staff and students there are the main reason for the schools continued success. As the Administrative Assistant for St. Irene's parish, Pat plays a significant role in the parish community as she helps direct the daily administration of parish life.

Community Program: On May 6, 4 members of Council 6710 participated in clean up and landscape upkeep around and near all City of Warrenville Welcome signs. This program requires monthly upkeep during the warm weather and the Knights continue to do a wonderful job which provides benefits to everyone that visits Warrenville.

Church Program: On May 7, **PFN Wayne Decker** and **Sir Knight Dave Schar** represented the Honor Guard at the St. Irene's Women of the Year mass and May Crowning.

Council Program: On May 7, **PGK Ray Scott, PGK Ken DiIulio** and **Bill Lintner** hosted a volunteer breakfast at the Special Olympics which were held at the College of DuPage this year.

Youth Program: On May 27, **GK Tom Perez** presented **May Katherine O'Hare** with the \$1,000 **Rocky Phelps** Scholarship Award at the St. Irene's School Graduation Ceremony.

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

Council Hosted 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees June 4

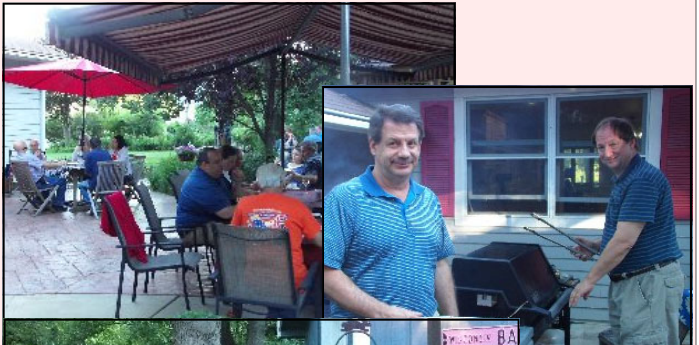
Wow! This year the Knights came in droves. There were 8 new Knights taking their 1st Degree. There were 30 Brother Knights who advanced to the 2nd & 3rd Degrees. Thanks to our 1st Degree, 2nd & 3rd Teams and Bishop Kaffer.

And! Most Knights stayed for dinner. This year we were able to meet our expenses and gain a little.

Officer Installation & Family Picnic Held at Halama Home June 24

What a beautiful day for a picnic. Due to Phil's illness, the venue was changed from the home of Phil Kemp to PGK Jim Halama's Home. KC Officers were installed in a short ceremony (thank you PGK Marc Alleruzzo) after the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Irene's Church. The KC Ladies officers serve two year terms and did not have an installation this year. The family picnic followed at the Halama Home. Over 30 attended the picnic.

In memoriam to Bob Geary, Mary Geary presented Bob's 4th Degree regalia to Sir Knight Mike Bates.



Special Camps at Whites Pines Ranch Held June 4 & 11

Well, Special Camps is officially done for this year. It was held at White Pines Ranch in Oregon, IL. from June 4 through June 16. Over 100 campers participated for each week.

I was able to attend the second week on Tuesday and Thursday of the second and final week. On Tuesday night, the campers participated in a talent show and there was an appearance by the "Blues Brothers". On Thursday night, the camp held their annual Camp Parade where I had the honor to be a Parade Judge. I named winners in the parade.

Everyone came out the Winner!

We should also send a big thank you to John "Auggie" Augustynowicz for donating his golf cart to the camp. He does this every year. These are invaluable in getting from one area of the ranch to another quite quickly. The Ranch encompasses all of over 183 acres.

I was also able to hand over a check in the amount of \$250.00 from our Council to Colleen MacDonald, the Camp Coordinator.

All in all, it was a fantastic experience as usual!

PGK Jack Gorski



39 Pints Blood Collected at KC/ VFW Blood Drive on June 17

Membership Recruitment 24x7 by You



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.

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

Knights' Calendar

July 3	6:00 PM	July 4 Parade—KC 4th Degree to march- others may join arrive at 5:30 PM
July 3-4	All Day	Council Food Concession at Cerny Park—Volunteers needed—sign up
July 11	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene ACL
July 13	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL
July 15	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City Signs—meet at Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars Family outing—tickets available now
Aug. 10	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting —St. Irene ACL
Sept. 15-17		KC Council Tootsie Roll Drive. Plan to participate.



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.

Council Has Facebook Page!



Go to <https://www.facebook.com/KofC6710> Or on Facebook, search for Knights of Columbus pages; select our page and then choose to **Like** the page. on Facebook.



Supreme Council Program—Check it Out

"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by

Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life."

July Birthdays

Mark Rurka	July 1	Sandra Decker	July 20
Robert Decker	July 5	Patricia McGuire	July 20
John Augustynowicz	July 6	Gary Rufo	July 20
Patrick Banigan	July 6	Camille Wurst	July 22
Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	Michael Hitchcock	July 24
Sandy Larue	July 9	John Ernst	July 25
Teresa Hoffman	July 11	David Fahrenwald	July 25
Michael Kenealy	July 12	Pat Wehner	July 25
Susan Kubal	July 12	David Janiec	July 27
Ralph Dieter	July 13	Dolly Pointner	July 27
Elinor Parsons	July 15	Ellen Gorski	July 31
John Murray	July 16		
Carmi Cyrus	July 17		
Paul Lindsey	July 19		

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/

July Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		

*** 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.