

Remember Your Valentine!



Feb. 2—Youth Spelling Bee

All boys and girls ages 5-16 are invited to participate in the 2018 K of C Council 6710 Spelling Bee Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center on February 2, 2018. Registration begins after school.

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 Scott Hurley at 773-677-9057.



Feb. 4— **Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party**

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/

Early Bird winners:

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 sepa-

• Liz Pittman \$50

Ken Looby \$25

rate pools (Faith and Hope) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the Charity Pool.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. We need your help in selling tickets. We will be selling tickets after all the Masses on Super Bowl weekend Feb. 3-4 and at the party up to just before the start of the football game. 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 jrhalama@comcast.net.



Feb. 10—Feed My Starving Children Food **Packing Event**

The Annual Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) food packing event is scheduled for Saturday, February

10, 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 10 from 9:00-11:00 AM. 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 "1211670". 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.



Sister Roseann Eck Passes to **Eternal Life** Jan. 31

Sister Rosie spent many years at St. Irene as Pastoral Associate until her retire-

ment at which time she moved to Congregation of St. Joseph House in La-Grange Park. Her passion was to minister to hospital patients and to manage the St. Irene Food Pantry. In 2017 he celebrated 70 years as a Sister of Joseph. Prior to St. Irene's she spent many years as an elementary school teacher in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

The funeral for Sr. Rosie will be Monday Feb. 5 at 10:00 AM at the Motherhouse in LaGrange. Fr. Jim will celebrate. The wake will be on Sunday from 1-4. More to follow.



Lenten Friday Night "Soup Suppers"

Please join in on the annual Lenten Tradition

of "Friday Night Soup Supper" in the St. Irene ACL after "Stations of the Cross". Mark your calendars for the six Friday nights February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23. Our Council will be responsible for March 23.

Come for the delicious vegetarian soups and wonderful fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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Council Business Meeting Feb. 8 7:30 PM at St. Irene Activities Center



Fourth Degree News Meeting Feb. 7, 2018

The Blanchette Assembly will be meeting on the first Wednesday in February on Feb. 7.

The regular 2nd Wednesday meeting date would be on Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day. The meeting is at Holy Spirit (2003 Boulevard, Naperville). Rosary is at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

Feb. 17—The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday Feb. 17 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort. The exemplification starts at Noon. Fourth Degree Sir Knights are invited to attend the ceremony. Regular 4th degree attire is required. Banquet dinner reservations (\$45/person) are required by Feb. 3. The registration form is located on the <u>Bishop Blanchette</u> <u>Assembly web site</u>.



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Council Insurance Agent

Pray for Repose of the Soul of Sister Roseann Eck who passed to eternal

life on Jan. 31.

Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Ralph Dieter**, **Ter**ry **Pavel**, **Mary Hughes**, **Deacon Bob True**, **Beverly Scott**, **Joe Gattone**, and **Charlie Fahrenwald**.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The Ladies will be having another Bunco on Saturday, April 21. Save the date and help a wonderful organization, The Bridge Community.

Our next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center.

Pat Kemp LOC President



Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for all Masses at St. Irene's. Looking to contribute, contact Brother Knight **Gary Rufo** at glrufo@aol.com or 630-631-8006.

Ushers are the doorkeepers in the house of the Lord. We greet parishioners and make them feel welcomed.



American Legion Post #589

Warrenville American Legion Post 589 is newly chartered will be meeting at our post home, VFW, Warrenville.

Brother Knight Vince Morello is the Commander. Members are dedicated to four pillars of service: veterans, national security, youth, and Americanism. All military veterans to include Active Duty, National Guard & Reserve may be eligible to join. If you are interested contact Vince at morel5@aol.com or 630-341-6886.

Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus: www.illinoisknights.org

Chaplain Grand Knight	Council Officers 2017-2018 Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13) Tom Perez (630-301-1481)	Meeting Location: A	nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM activities Center - Lower Level 8W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL			
Dep. Grand Knight I Financial Sec. Treasurer Chancellor Recorder Advocate Warden Inside Guard Unside Guard Lecturer 3rd Yr. Trustee 2nd Yr. Trustee	Tom Perez (630-301-1481) Michael Bates (630-836-0223) James Halama (630-433-6240) John Ernst (630-606-2671) Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Wayne Decker (630-393-1891) Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369) Patrick O'Connor Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972) William Lintner (630-841-6155) Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) Glen Kussman (630-393-6545) Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)	Program Director Membership Director Community Director Council Director Church Director Family Director Youth Director	Sommittee Directors Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Ray Scott (630-393-0868) Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Richard Kostner (630-310-9642) Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)			
Insurance Agent Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) 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.				

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



Grand Knight's Corner

We are entering another busy time of year with many great events coming up. Please take a look at all of the upcoming events and let us know if you are able to help out.

On February 2 at 3:00 we will be holding on annual Youth Spelling Bee in the Activity Center. Our new Youth Director Scott Hurley has done a great job planning the event and St. Irene School's Eighth Grade teacher Mrs. Jacqueline Reid will again be serving as the moderator. We typically get a great turnout from the student who are excited to compete. If you are available to come and help set up and judge the event, please reach out to Scott.

The Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party will be held on Sunday, February 4 in the Activity Center. **PGK James Halama** has once again put in a huge effort with both planning the raffle and selling tickets at Sunday Masses. Last year we had a wonderful turnout of both adults and families who not only enjoyed watching the game but also played board games and did crafts. Come out and have a great time!

The following Saturday on February 10 we will once again be helping to pack food at Feed My Starving Children. If you have not been to this event, it is a fun and worthwhile experience. I'd love to see a great turnout from our brother Knights and their families.

Have a blessed month Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus! GK Tom Perez



Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

In part, Mark 8:25 reads,

"Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." This neatly sums up for what the Knights of Columbus are striving in the St. Irene Eyeglass Drive.

Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be in the back of the church until May 1st. Questions may be directed to Joseph Kubal by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by e-mail at jdrk4715@aol.com.

> Thank you for your support Joe Kubal



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 K of C representative.

Pro-Life Support Special Olympics Go To Feb. 22 Bull's Game



The Saint Joan of Arc Council 15168 has made arrangements to help fund Special Olympics by attending the Chicago Bull's game on Feb. 22.

Below is a link for purchasing tickets for the Illinois Knights of Columbus – Special Olympics Night at the

Chicago Bulls vs Philadelphia 76ers game on Thursday, February 22. It is the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics and this is an easy way for councils to get involved – fraternity and some basketball.

The game is Thursday February 22, with 7:00 PM tipoff. A maximum of 10 tickets per transaction can be made. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$85. \$5.00 for every ticket purchased through this link goes to Special Olympics.

Use Special Promo Code: KOC Please use this link: http://link.e.bulls.com/e/er? elq_mid=1116&elq_cid=1010470&s=944086489&lid=44 7&elqTrackId=89cf69824a8e494cba7a95ef3adf3280&elq =b3735bd86f984e90af765336659daaf3&elqaid=1116&el qat=1

Pro-Life

PGK Jack Gorski Chair



Saturday, February 10, 2018 Doors Open at 6PM St. Irene Activity Center

The 29th Annual Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the St. Irene School Athletic Association. A \$10 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.

Mark Your Calendar—Intellectual Disabilities Easter Party—Mar. 17

Great news! This year's Easter party at the DuPage County Fairgrounds! I'm afraid we've gone overboard with Enthusiasm and Ideas as we outgrew the American Legion! Opportunities to enjoy and learn from other special needs families, opportunities for their families to feel accepted, sharing fun times and sharing resources available in the community.

The Easter Party is hosted by Winfield, West Chicago and St. Irene Councils.

DID YOU KNOW? Sweets or Sweet Sacrifice?



On Feb. 14 this year, an important holyday – Ash Wednesday – and an important "holiday" – Valentine's Day – converge. For



the sake of our soul, we are mandated on Ash Wed. to fast, abstain and begin a season of sacrifice and service. If you are married or in an important relationship, you are probably "mandated" to celebrate and pamper your wife or dating partner. (By the way, nothing wrong with your wife pampering you on Valentine's Day!)

The Sunday Parish Bulletin outlines your obligations on Ash Wednesday and through the Lenten season. But there is no firm guideline for Valentine's Day. Ignore the day, however, at your peril: It is a mine-field, fraught with traps and potential missteps – all of which you will hear about (Trust me!) if you mess up.

I offer some suggestions on staying on the right path as someone who informed Jim when we were dating that Valentine's Day stands as a national holiday that absolutely, positively, no-doubt-about-it, must be observed as such. Forewarning is fair knowledge. That said, as firecrackers, parades and cook-outs speak to the 4th-of-July, there are traditional ways to celebrate Valentine's Day: candy or flowers or dinner out at a nice restaurant.

But you can be more imaginative, plus save money, in ways that still work with Ash Wednesday. Flowers are nice, but frankly more meaningful on days other than Valentine's Day or a birthday or an anniversary. Candy is out on Ash Wednesday, as is a big restaurant meal.

How about: planning, shopping for, cooking and cleaning up after dinner once a week during Lent; doing the laundry; rubbing her feet; a nightly shoulder rub; long walks together; putting the cell phone down and actually talking with/listening to each other; eating healthier: small meatless meals are not just for Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. I am certain you can come up with more suggestions that marry the sacrifice and service of Ash Wednesday and Lent to the observation of Valentine's Day.

Have a transformative Lent and a Happy Valentine's Day!

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Council 6710 Web Site!

Check out our site <u>www.st-</u> <u>irenekofc.org</u> (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.



Program Awards for December 2017

- Bill Lintner Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors Sir Knight Bill Lintner as Knight of the Month for December. Bill has served our Council for many years sharing his faith, leading us in prayer and providing words of inspiration. In the parish community Bill is a Eucharistic Minister and has been involved in the Religious Education Program. During many Sunday 10:00 AM Masses Bill shares his love of scripture and music with young children at the Children's Liturgy. Bill is a loyal 4th Degree Knight who participates in Honor Guards when he has the opportunity. Every 4th-of-July Bill serves as co-chairman of our hamburger stand fundraiser at Cerny Park. Bill spends many hours in preparation, working in the food tent and cleaning for the two day event.
- Kemps Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors Sir Knight Phil Kemp and his Family as our Family of the Month. Phil serves on the Parish Council, coordinates the Welcome Committee and is also an usher. He has been a Warden in our Council and consistently volunteers at blood drives, Special Olympics, 4th-of-July food tent and other activities. His wife Patricia is Ladies Auxiliary President and coordinator for the CCW. Their daughter Missy is also a member. Both devote many hours to fundraising and church social events. Recently Patricia designed and created a beautiful 10 by 15 foot Christmas quilt which was hung behind our church altar. She also crafted our Easter and Ordinary Time quilts spending about a year of her spare time on each.
- **Community Program**: The KC/VFW Blood Drive was held at the VFW Saturday, December 2, where 47 pints of blood were collected.
- **Council Program**: Council 6710 hosted a Joliet Chapter meeting Friday, December 13.
- Youth Program: The annual Intellectual Disabilities Christmas Party was held Saturday December 9 at St. Johns Church in Winfield. 120 guests and many volunteers attended. \$250 was contributed by our Council for gifts given by Santa to our special guests.

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Council Has Facebook Page!

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

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



Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene on Jan. 13 Outdoor Christmas at St. Irene is packed

away for another year. Last year we had a total

of 13 volunteers, this year we only had 6 brave souls on a cold morning. A very special Thank You to PGK Marc Alleruzzo, DGK Mike Bates, PGK Glen and Terri Kussman, PGK Bob Rauko, and PGK Ray Scott.



Jan. 28 Mass at Mercy Home Recap

A group of 7 parishioners trekked to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in downtown Chicago on Sunday, Jan. 28. The group was smaller due

to the nasty flu season the area is experiencing and other unavoidable personal circumstances.

Father Carl Morello celebrated masses for the 16th and 18th Sundays in Ordinary Time which will be aired on WGN-TV (Channel 9) at 9:30 AM on July 22 and August 5 respectively. A check for \$100 from our Council was presented to Mercy Home! - Joe Kubal

Youth Free Throw Contest Held Jan. 18



Youth Director Scott Hurley pictured behind free throw contestants. We had 14 participants: Jacob Schilf, Ryan Schille, Abbey Reyes, Nicolas Olszewski, Bella Buccola, Stephanie Miller, Noah Herbst, Eliana Panacchia.

Benjamin Schrage, Claire Perez, Jacob Schrage, Amanda Gierek, Liam Callaghan, and Brendan Schille. A very nice turnout. Winners will advance to the District level to be held at St. Irene's on Feb. 24 starting at 9:30 AM.

Those who helped were: PGK Wayne Decker, PGK Ken DiIulio, PGK Marc Alleruzzo, and PGK Glen Kussman.

KNIGHTS ANN	JUAL SUR	VEY OF FRATERN	AL ACTIVITY			
This is the summary of Council act						
For Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 2017						
Council Number 6710	Locatio	n Warrenville	IL state/province			
I. NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING	YEAR:	Youth Activities	DOLLARS ONLY:			
1. Regular 2. Social	12	4. a. Columbian Squires	0			
3. Special	2	b. Scouting	0			
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD	15	 c. Youth Groups d. Youth Welfare/Services e. Athletics 	0 0 60			
II. ACTIVITY EXPENSE	DOLLARS ONLY:	f. Scholarships/Education	1034			
1. a. Printing and Postage	1322	 g. Coats for Kids h. Miscellaneous 	440			
b. Food and Refreshments	971	h. Miscellarieous	0			
c. Prizes d. Projects	2165 3934	Total Youth Disbursements	1534			
e. Entertainment	1260	TOTAL CHARITABLE (Church,	Community, Culture of Life			
f. Miscellaneous	1732	and Youth) DISBURSEMENTS				
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES	11384	IV. FRATERNAL COMMITMENT:				
III. CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS:		 Number of visits to: 				
Church Activities	DOLLARS ONLY:	a. Sick	2020			
1. a. Church Facilities	928	b. Bereaved	444			
b. Catholic Schools	300	Total Visits	2464			
c. Religious Education	0		2404			
d. Seminarians/RSVP	0	Number of blood donors	99			
e. Seminaries f. Vocations Projects	0 953	 Habitat for Humanity Projects 	21			
g. Miscellaneous	84					
Total Church Disbursements	2265	Estimated hours of voluntee	r service:			
Community Activities	DOLLARS ONLY:	4. a. Church	7320			
2. a. Elderly	125	b. Community	3321			
b. Physically Disabled	835	c. Youth	1004			
c. Special Olympics/Intellectual Disabilities	8805	 d. Habitat for Humanity e. Culture of Life 	128			
d. Veteran Military/VAVS	150	f: VAVS	222			
e. Food for Families f. Victims of Disasters	100	g: Food for Families	420			
g. Hospitals/Institutions/Health Organizations	148	h: Special Olympics	41			
h. Global Wheelchair Mission	0	i: Miscellaneous	1985			
i. Community Wide Projects	98	Total Volunteer Hours	14523			
j. Habitat for Humanity Projects	0					
k: Miscellaneous	k: Miscellaneous 0 Estimated hours of fraternal service:					
Total Community Disbursements	10261	5. Sick/disabled members and their fa	amilies 562			
Culture of Life Activities	DOLLARS ONLY:	(Signed) Tom Pere:	z 4370229			
3. a. Donations	396		Knight)			
b. March for Life	50	(Signed) James Hala	ma 3039009			
c. Birthright/Baby showers d. Baby bottle campaign	0		coordina y j			
e. Memorials to unborn children	0	Date: 01/27/2018				
f. Ultra-Sound Initiative	0	MAIL OPICINAL TO: Suprome Council I	opartment of Fratemal Services			
Total Culture of Life Disbursements 446 MAIL ORIGINAL TO: Supreme Council Department of Fratemal Services. MAIL COPIES TO: State Deputy, District Deputy, Council File Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org						
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Feb.2	3:00 PM	Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 4	4:00 PM	KC Super Bowl Party—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 7	8:00 PM	Blanchette Assembly Meeting—Holy Spirit Council, Naperville
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—Notre Dame Church, Clarendon Hills
Feb. 8	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 10	9:00 AM	Feed My Starving Children packing event, Aurora
	6:00 PM	Chili Cook-off—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 14		Ash Wednesday—Valentines Day
Feb. 17	Noon	4th Degree Exemplification—Hilton, Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook
Mar. 8	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
O Mar. 11		Daylight Saving Time Begins—Move clock ahead one hour
Mar. 13	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 17	11:00 AM	ID Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring
Mar. 23	7:00 PM	Council Hosts Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
• Mar. 25		Palm Sunday
O Apr. 1		Easter Sunday
Apr. 21	7:00 PM	Bunco Night—St. Irene Activities Center

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Feb. Birthdays

February Wedding Anniversaries

William & Susan Constable Feb. 2 Robert & Kim Ladeur

Feb. 3

Daniel & Karen Leonard

Richard Kostner

James Aderhold

Janet Sherman

Butch Kuhn

Feb. 24

Feb. 25

Feb. 26

Feb. 27

Feb. 29



McGivney Guild

The Father Mi-

chael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spiritualiof Father ty McGivney. www.fathermcgivne y.org/mcg/guild/

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