

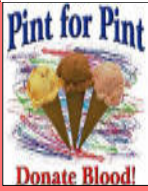


knights of st. irene

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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy Easter!



Mar. 10—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held at the St. Irene ACL, Warrenville from 7:30 AM—11:30 AM on Saturday Mar. 10. Free breakfast for all donors. Your donation will save lives. **Bring a photo ID card.**



Mar. 17—Intellectual Disabilities Easter Party

Great news! This year's Easter Party is at the DuPage County Fairgrounds! We've gone overboard with enthusiasm and ideas as we outgrew the American Legion! The Easter Party is hosted each year by Winfield, West Chicago and St. Irene Councils and Special Camps for children and adults with Intellectual Disabilities. The new venue provides the opportunity to invite families of the residents of special needs. For this event St. Irene Council will provide our grill and grill team (???). In addition we have approved funding for the party up \$300.

Plan to attend! Bring your whole Family. The specifics are:

- Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Location: the "yellow building" at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (set up at 9:30 AM).

Here are the activities—A Petting Zoo, Singing and dancing on stage alongside a great DJ, Drum lessons, 3 foot tall therapeutic Miniature Horses, Crafts, Hay Ride, Face Painting, Elementary School "fun fair" style games (still looking for these), Easter Egg hunt with the Easter Bunny, Booth to share information on other events and community resources, and a picnic for families sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!



Mar. 18—St. Irene Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The St Irene's Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Ages 0-10 will be held Sunday March 18 after the 10:00 AM Mass. The hunt will take place outside the Parish Rectory and School. Note: If inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the ACU. Hospitality for all will be held in the ACL. Come to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Join in for all the fun!

Any questions call **Diane Lichtenberg** at 630-836-9991. Our Council has contributed \$50 towards the cost of the candy. The Ladies Auxiliary will be stuffing the Easter eggs after board meeting on Mar. 13 at the St. Irene Activities Center.



Mar. 23—Council Hosts "Soup Supper"

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 hosting for March 23. If you wish to bring a soup, please contact PGK Ray Scott (630-393-0868)



Apr. 7—MSC Dinner

The annual Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Fundraiser Dinner is Sat. April 7 at 6:00 PM at the Gaslight Manor. **Fr. Ray** of the MSC will greatly appreciate your attendance. Dinner tickets are \$65/person.

Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 by Mar. 17 to RSVP, make arrangements for payment and your names. We would like to arrange for a table of Knights.



April 21—Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party

The next Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party begins at 7:00 PM at St. Irene ACL. The funds raised at this event will be donated to Bridge Communities. Please contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704 for more information.



Mar. 20—Primary Elections! Vote!



April 28—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Mark your Calendar

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



Council Family Mass Mar. 11
10:00 AM St. Irene Church
 Plan to sit in the designated section!



Fourth Degree News

The next meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be Mar. 14 at St. Margaret Mary Church 1450 Green Trails Drive Naperville.

Rosary is at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM.

Honor Guard Requests:

- **Mar. 10—St. Patrick's Day Parade** —Join Council 1369 who will again participate in the West Suburban Irish Saint Patrick's Day parade on Sat., Mar. 10, in Naperville. The parade will step off at 10:00 AM from Naperville North High School. Fourth Degree Knights who have no regalia are still welcome to march. State Officials and dignitaries will also be marching. Be at Naperville North High School no later than 9:00 AM.
- **Mar. 29—Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration** at St. Irene Church at 7:00 PM and Adoration following the Holy Thursday Mass at Activities Center until 11:00 PM
- **Mar. 31—Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday** at St. Irene Church at 8:00 PM



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

It's beginning to look a lot like spring, with Easter right around the corner. On Monday, March 26 at 7:00 PM in the ACL the LOC will be working on an Easter gift for all the children at St Irene's. All are welcome to help us with this project. Our March Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, after the Easter Egg Stuffing. Anyone who is interested in the LOC Bunco fundraiser for the St Irene's Bridge Community, on Saturday, April 21, please contact Missy Kemp 630-460-3704.

Pat Kemp
LOC President



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."



Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for all Masses at St. Irene's. Looking to contribute, contact any of the ushers at the any of the St. Irene Masses.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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



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

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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.

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Grand Knight's Corner

The Super Bowl Raffle and Party was once again a great success. We had a smaller than anticipated turnout, but those who came had a great time and enjoyed watching the Patriots lose (or maybe that was just me). Thank you to everyone who came to set up, serve food, and clean up afterwards.

This event is nothing, of course, without the huge effort put in by **PGK Jim Halama**. Jim coordinates nearly every aspect of the raffle, including being present at several Masses each weekend to sell tickets, handling the finances, assigning the squares, and then actually running the raffle without a hiccup during the game. Thanks to his efforts, as well as those who both sold tickets and purchased tickets, we once again netted a large amount of funds to use to further our charitable works.

We had another fun and successful Feed My Starving Children packing session on Feb. 10. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this event a success. Similar to last year, our turnout was less than we had hoped, but those who came worked diligently and helped pack over 37,000 meals, enough to feed over 102 kids for a year. I'm hopeful that we can have increased participation by the Knights at future packing sessions. This is a very worthwhile cause and a fun event that I hope will continue to be a tradition.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank **Scott Hurley** for the great job he has done stepping into the role of Youth Director. Scott has had to fill the role left open by the passing of **Bob Geary**. Bob held the role of Youth Director for many years, and coordinated the related activities with minimal help. Unfortunately, that meant that in his passing no one knew the work that needed to be done behind the scenes to coordinate these important events. Scott has done a great job finding his way through, and thanks to his efforts, we again held the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, the Free Throw Contest and the Spelling Bee in the last 3 months. Thank you Scott for your dedication.

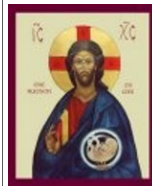
Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Now - MARCH 25

The 40 Days for Life campaign is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Peaceful vigil, and Community outreach. Volunteers are needed to pray at Abortion Clinics in the Diocese of Joliet and in surrounding communities. See: <http://40daysforlife.com>.

Access Health Center
1700 75th Street
Downers Grove, IL
Contact: Bob, Caron, & Daria
40DaysDG@gmail.com

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair



March For Life Pilgrimage to DC Office of Human Dignity/Respect Life Ministry, Diocese of Joliet

250 Joliet Diocesan participants prayed and advocated for Life on the March for Life Pilgrimage to D.C.! Motivated participants labored to build a culture of life during the pilgrimage and were inspired to share the Gospel of Life upon our return.



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.



Remembering Sister Rosie

She spent many years at St. Irene's, starting with teaching in the grade school.



Council Participated in FMSC Food Packing Event Feb. 10

There were 23+ Brother Knights and St. Irene parishioners who braved slick streets and participated as part of a larger group of 90 in the Feed My Starving Children (FSMC) on Sat. Feb. 10 at the Aurora facility. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, over 173 boxes of food (4.8 pallets) were packed - a total of 37,368 meals worth \$8,221. This is the equivalent of feeding 102 children for a year. The food was being shipped to the Honduras and Haiti this week.



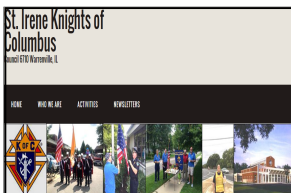
The Knights additionally donated \$100. Again, thank you for your support!"



American Legion Post #589

Warrenville American Legion Post 589 is newly chartered and 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.



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.



Program Awards for January 2018

PGK Bob Rauko Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK Bob Rauko** as Knight of the Month. There isn't much Bob doesn't do for our Council. As Recorder he prepares detailed two page minutes of our monthly meetings. As Community Director he participates in our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, City of Warrenville Welcome Sign maintenance program and other events. Bob regularly serves in Honor Guards and marches with our Council in Warrenville's July 4th Parade. Every Christmas season Bob becomes both CEO and laborer for decorating outdoors at the church and parish grounds. He spends many hours setting up and taking down displays and fixing broken sets of lights while orchestrating the efforts of volunteers. He even brings the donuts! In addition to other Council activities, Bob ushers at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Halama's Family of the Month: Council 6710 is proud to honor **PGK Jim & Alta Halama** as our Family of the Month. Jim and Alta are active members of our Parish, Council and Ladies Auxiliary. Jim is a devoted knight who frequently participates in Honor Guards, fundraising, service projects and other Council activities. He has served as Financial Secretary of our Council as well as for the First Degree team for many years. Jim leads our annual Super Bowl Party and Raffle, a major council fundraiser. This year's event was another great success. Being an avid gardener, Jim is a member of the community Warrenville in Bloom program and coordinates maintenance of our Councils' Welcome to Warrenville sign flower beds. Jim and Alta are co-editors of our Councils' award winning newsletter which has consistently been among the best in the state for the past several years.

Church Program: A small gathering of volunteers removed outdoor Christmas decorations from the church and parish grounds on a very cold Saturday morning January 13.

Council Program: - Several Knights and parishioners attended a to-be-televised Mass at Mercy Home in Chicago on Sunday Jan. 28. As a thank you, our Council contributed \$100 to Mercy Home.

Youth Program: The KC Youth Free Throw Contest was held Jan. 18. Fourteen contestants participated. Winners will advance to District level. Thank you **Scott Hurley**, our Youth Director, and Knights who assisted at the event.

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

Feb. 4 Super Bowl Raffle Raises \$3984

Attendance was down at the party this year, but the 20 who did enjoyed the best game ever and of course the good food!

We thank our Super Bowl Committee members **John Ernst, Phil Kemp, PGK Glen Kussman and GK Tom Perez**, for planning and working the event. We greatly appreciated those others who helped at the party **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, John Ernst** (cooking too), **Jerry Gosewehr, Sue Gosewehr** (cooking too), **PGK Wayne Decker, Bill Lintner** (cooking), and **Mike Bates**.

A total of 249 tickets of 300 were sold. Half of the ticket sales were awarded as cash prizes. Raffle winners were:

Council Hosts Youth Spelling Bee Feb. 2

We had 10 contestants. Mrs. Fields, St. Grade School, served as the word pronouncer, and **GK Tom Perez** and **PGK Wayne Decker** served as judges.

- 1st place winner—7th grader **Nicholas Moritz**
- 2nd place winner—7th grader **Carter Riggs**
- 3rd place winner—5th grader **Alex Tolczyk**



Above, Nicholas is on the left with



Carter on the right and Alex is below.



Early Bird	\$75
Liz Pittman	\$50
Kevin Looby	\$25
\$50 Pool	\$1,550
Loyola #1	\$500
Ray Scott	\$250
Jon/Nancy	
Ciolek	\$250
Bill Lowendick	\$100
Maggie	
Nagode	\$100
Bill Hughes	\$100
Winston	
Rasmussen	\$100
Phil Kemp	\$50
Father Jim	\$50
John Ernst	\$50

\$25 Pool Raffle	\$2,250
Ken Intihar	\$250
Tim McGowan	\$250
Loyola #2	\$250
Mark & Debbie	
Alleruzzo	\$250
Mike Hitchcock	\$125
Erich Pavel	\$125
Alta Halama	\$125
Bob Christopher	\$50
Frank Hanson	\$50
Phil Kemp	\$50
John O'Malley	\$50
Richard Planek	\$50
Tim Cosgrove	\$50
Tom LaRocco	\$50
Sandy Kelly	\$50
Scott Pointner	\$50
Alta Halama	\$50
Barb Olson	\$50
Kevin Looby	\$25
Sophie Hanson	\$25
Leslie Labelle	\$25
Phil Kemp	\$25
John O'Malley	\$25
Mike Hitchcock	\$25
Mike Smith	\$25
Karen Ernst	\$25
Bill Hughes	\$25
Kathy Kott	\$25
David Sivesind	\$25
Keith Stanley	\$25
Sue & Erich	\$25

Charity \$50		AFC - NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS									
HQ	H1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Faith \$25		AFC - NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS									
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Council Hosted District Youth Free Throw Contest Feb. 24

The District Free Throw Contest, hosted by **DD Ed Szefc**, was held Feb. 24 at the St. Irene Activities Center with a fantastic turnout. **Abbey Reyes** of St. Irene won the Age 9 group. The district winners were presented with medals and advance to the regional competition Mar. 20 at Benedictine University in Lisle. Registration is 6:00 PM and competition starts at 7:00 PM.

Those who helped were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, PGK Ken DiIulio, PGK Ray Scott, PGK Jim Bartz, and PGK Wayne Decker.**



Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus:

www.illinoisknights.org

Knights' Calendar

Mar. 8	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 10	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
	10:00 AM	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Naperville—4th Degree to March
Mar. 11		Daylight Saving Time Begins —Move clock ahead one hour
	10:00 AM	KC Family Mass—St. Irene Church; assemble in designated section
Mar. 13	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
		Pack Easter Eggs with candy for hunt on Mar. 18
Mar. 14	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly Meeting—St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville
	8:00 PM	Dr Thomas Dooley Assembly Meeting—Damen-Hildebrand Council, Addison
Mar. 17	11:00 AM	ID Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
Mar. 18	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt—Lawn outside of Rectory and Grade School
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring
Mar. 23	7:00 PM	Council Hosts Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 25		Palm Sunday
Mar. 26	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary make Easter gifts for children—St. Irene Activity Center
Mar. 29	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration-4th Degree Honor Guard
Mar. 31	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass—4th Degree Honor
Apr. 1		Easter Sunday
Apr. 12	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 7	6:30 PM	MSC Dinner Dance—Gas Light Manor, Aurora
Apr. 21	7:00 PM	Bunco Night—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 28	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Rd., Warrenville

March Birthdays

Joseph Eganhouse	Mar. 2	Maryann Bartz	Mar. 15
Karen Menconi Cappa	Mar. 5	Patti Eganhouse	Mar. 17
Jackie La Rocco	Mar. 5	Deborah Smithy	Mar. 18
Matthew Kulzick	Mar. 7	David Cappa	Mar. 22
John O'Malley	Mar. 8	Michael Horan	Mar. 25
Barbara Schrage	Mar. 10	Maryann True	Mar. 25
Diane Lichtenberg	Mar. 11	William Looby	Mar. 26
Anna Saake	Mar. 13	Robert Ladeur	Mar. 27
Pamela Kuhn	Mar. 14	Robert Rauko	Mar. 29
David Vincent	Mar. 14		

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/

March Wedding Anniversaries

Andrew & Sandi Gorski	Mar. 10	Mark & Diane Spiotta	Mar. 24
Jeffrey & Pam Bollweg	Mar. 12	Michael & Gloria Fello	Mar. 28
Dwight & Janet Sherman	Mar. 16		

*** 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.