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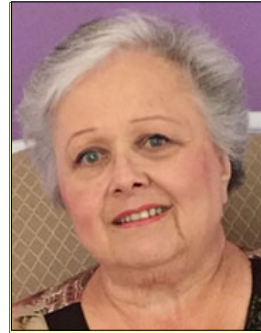
Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Easter is Upon Us. Rejoice

**Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You**

**April 8—KC
Membership Drive
St. Irene's**

At the Mass you attend on this weekend **Ask the man next to you** to join the Knights of Columbus. Catholic men over 18 are eligible to join. For certain, a Catholic gentleman, a neighbor or friend, who may not be attending St. Irene's may also be invited to join our Council. We will be hosting hospitality in the St. Irene ACL after both Sunday Masses. If you have someone who is interested, please contact **Membership Chairman PGK Ray Scott** at 630-393-0868.



**Pat Kemp
St. Irene
Woman of
the Year**

St. Irene Council of Catholic Women is very pleased to announce that

Pat Kemp has been named our 2018 CCW Woman of the Year. Pat has been an active member of St. Irene Parish for many years and has devoted her time and talents in so many of our Ministries. She is an active member of the Ladies of Columbus, of which she is the current President, and she acts as a liaison between the Ladies of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women. For those of you who don't know, Pat is also a very talented seamstress and quilter; she has used her quilting talents to make our beautiful church banners.

Pat will be honored at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on April 21 at Mass at 10 am, along with Women of the Year from other Parishes. Our celebration with Pat here at St. Irene will begin on Sunday, May 6 at the 10:00 AM Mass, followed by our annual May Crowning, where Pat will place a crown of flowers on Mary. A 4th Degree Honor Guard will also offer a Honor Guard. A luncheon will conclude the festivities.

Please join us as we celebrate the gift of Pat Kemp!



Adopt-a-Highway April 21

It's that time again to clean up the mess in the stretch of Butterfield Rd between Batavia Rd., Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary.

Ralph Dieter, Adopt-A-Highway Chairman, has scheduled cleanup to start at 9:00 AM. Meet in the parking lot north of the old MB Bank Building. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves. For more information, call

Ralph at 630-420-8160.



April 21—Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party

The next Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Party begins at 7:00 PM at St. Irene ACL. There is still room for a few more Bunco players. If you would like to attend, please contact **Missy Kemp**, 630-490-3704 or missyree2004@yahoo.com. It's a fun-filled evening for both men and women. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. This includes dinner and our famous punch. You can also BYOB. The funds raised at this event will be donated to Bridge Communities.



Pulling Weeds at City Signs Begins Saturday Apr. 28

It's that time again! The Council each year takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs, to remove weeds, and put down mulch for the summer.

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 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, and Sept. 15.**

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Council Business Meeting April 12
7:30 PM at St. Irene
Activities Center



Fourth Degree News

The next meeting of your Blanchette Assembly will be on April 11 at the Naperville Council hall at 615 E. Ogden Ave. Naperville, IL. Raphael # 14171 will be hosting the meeting. As always, a Rosary is said at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and business meeting at starts at 8:00 PM sharp.

Honor Guard Requests:

- Mar. 31—Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday at St. Irene Church at 8:00 PM
- Apr. 29—Confirmation at St. Irene's at 3:00 PM

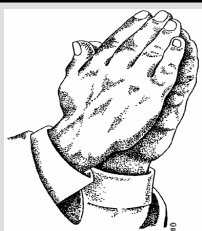


Matthew Kling
Council Insurance Agent
St. Charles, IL 60175-6081
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Ushers Needed

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 **Patti Menconi, Ralph Dieter, Terry Pavel, Mary Hughes, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Happy Easter to all! I would like to introduce our new members, **Julia Perez, Denisse Perez and Susan Cizek.** It's always wonderful to welcome new members into the Auxiliary. Julia and Denisse have dug right in. To mention just a few, first making soup for the soup supper and helping serve, then volunteering to help with the Bunco in April.

This year the LOC made 330 bunny bags for Easter gifts to the children of St Irene's. The LOC will be passing them out after all Masses on Easter.

There is still room for a few more **Bunco** players. If you would like to attend, please contact **Missy Kemp**, 630-490-3704 or missyree2004@yahoo.com. It's a fun-filled evening for both men and women. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. This includes dinner and our famous punch. You can also BYOB. Hope to see you there.

Our elections are coming up on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. I am looking forward to having many of our members attend. **Rebecca Hatfield** will be our new Trustee.

Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM in the St. Irene ACL. All members are invited.

Pat Kemp
LOC President



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.

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

<p>Council Officers 2017-2018</p> <p>Chaplain Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13) Grand Knight Tom Perez (630-301-1481) Dep. Grand Knight Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Financial Sec. James Halama (630-433-6240) Treasurer John Ernst (630-606-2671) Chancellor Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Recorder Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Advocate Wayne Decker (630-393-1891) Warden Dan Cyrus (312-415-8369) Inside Guard Patrick O'Connor Outside Guard Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972) Lecturer William Lintner (630-841-6155) 3rd Yr. Trustee Ken Dilulio (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)</p>	<p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level 28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL</p>
<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.</p>	<p>Committee Directors</p> <p>Program Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Membership Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868) Community Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Council Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Church Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Family Director Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Youth Director Richard Kostner (630-310-9642) Public Relations Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Blood Drive Director Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Pro-Life Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) Vocations Kevin Looby (630-329-1316) Support our Troops</p>

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Grand Knight's Corner

Happy Easter! The long 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are now behind us, and we can now dwell in the splendor of our risen Lord! I was able to get away from work and a never-ending pile of tax returns to spend Friday evening at a beautiful Good Friday service with my family. While praying and contemplating the sacrifice Jesus made for us in his crucifixion, I thought about the great physical trials Jesus had to endure. It is easy to think of the death of Jesus in metaphysical ways, but films such as Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* help us to understand the physical agony our Lord's suffering. Meditating on his immense suffering, and knowing it was not for His sins, but for our own, caused me to look at the difficulties I face in my life in a much different light. Whether it's our financial constraints, problems at work, my struggle with weight loss, or frankly even just the pain I felt kneeling at church, those all felt so trivial when placed next to the suffering of Jesus.

During the Good Friday service there was Veneration of the Cross, where the clergy and congregation came to the front of the altar to offer a gesture of respect to the cross. Some simply bowed in front of cross, others touched it while many chose to kneel and kiss the wood of the cross. One of my daughters became upset, not wanting to go up with everyone looking at her. My wife and I calmed her, saying she just needed to walk up with us but didn't need to do anything. It was the best way to handle the situation with an 8 year old with causing too much of a stir. But what I really wanted to do was grab her by the shoulders and say, "Jesus was nailed to the cross and died for us! He endured unthinkable pain, and did it all for our sins! All you need to do in return is give the cross a simple touch. Is that too much to ask?" Again, being that she's only eight, this line of reasoning would not have been overly compelling, but it did give me pause to reflect on my own apprehensions in more publicly praising and spreading the Good News of our Lord. I pray that we as Knights find more ways to not only serve the Lord through our good works, but also find ways to spread his message of love and brings others to know Him better.

May this Easter season bring you and your family much peace and joy.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life Waterleaf Pregnancy Counselling Center



In case you didn't know, St. Irene Council 6710 supports the Waterleaf

Pregnancy Center in Aurora. We have donated funds for their Ultrasound unit. If you're pregnant and need help, the staff at this center are there to help you.

From their web site:

"Waterleaf offers NO CHARGE confidential pregnancy testing and ultrasounds to determine viability and dating of pregnancy. Call for an appointment. 888.98.WEHELP (888.989.3435) or TEXT: 630.360.CALM (2256).

For many women, finding out they are pregnant at an inconvenient time creates worry, stress and anxiety. It's scary to not know what to do or how your life will turn out. At Waterleaf, we want to give women clarity and control in their situation so they can choose what's best for them based on their life and circumstances.

We care about the women in our communities. Our goal is to have women walking out of our clinic feeling more encouraged and empowered than they did coming in."

For more information, see: <http://waterleafwc.org>

Thank you,
PGK Jack Gorski
630-673-4742
jggorski@comcast.net

Mark Your Calendars!

- June 30—KC Family Picnic and Officer Installation.
- July 3-4—Fourth-of-July Festivities in Warrenville, Parade evening July 3, Food Concession in Cerny Park July 3-4
- Sept. 21-23—ID Tootsie Roll Drive; the largest charity event of the year



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

New Knights dress code:

- Capris or cut-offs
- Shoes optional
- Swords replaced by baseball bats
- Socks will be horizontal maroon & gold stripes, with "Go Ramblers" superimposed over photo of Sr. Jean
- Instead of sponsoring Cupertino home, Council will form a polo club
- When standing Honor Guard at church, salute will include shouts of "dilly dilly" and "Go Ramblers"
- Instead of beer & pizza for Council workers at the 4th of July tent, the menu will be cabernet & prime rib
- Treasurer & Finance Minister allowed to beat any member in dues arrear with the baseball bat
- At Special Olympics, workers will be fed eggs benedict
- Only job of Grand Knight: organize mass mooning at 4th of July parade

Happy April's Fool Day! Have a merry day...& GO RAMBLERS

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Knights of Columbus Sets Insurance Record for 17th Consecutive Year \$8.78 billion in new insurance sold

2/28/2018

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 17th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales in 2017 with \$8.78 billion in new life insurance sold — an increase of more than \$245 million over the previous year. The K of C now has more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force, signifying a \$39.5 billion increase in the last decade due to record sales.

"We remain committed to our founding vision of protecting the financial future of Catholic families," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We offer top-quality financial protection provided by professionals who are brother Knights, who share our values and who act on them."

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., by Father Michael J. McGivney. Today, it is the largest Catholic fraternal order in the world. "As a true parish priest, Father McGivney accompanied his people in times of tragedy and sought to alleviate their hardships with practical solutions, which led to the establishment of the insurance program," said Supreme Knight Anderson.

The new sales record caps a solid year for the Knights. In February, for the fifth consecutive year, the organization was named a "World's Most Ethical Company®" by the Ethisphere® Institute, an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance.

In 2017, the Knights was again listed on the Fortune 1000 list (880) and earned a financial strength rating of A+ (Superior) from AM Best.



Program Awards for February 2018

Scott Hurley Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Scott Hurley** as our Knight of the Month. Last year when our Deputy Grand Knight had to leave, we needed someone to replace our Chancellor. Scott willingly volunteered to fill the vacancy. In June our **Youth Director Bob Geary** unexpectedly passed away, leaving an opening in the post he dedicated so much time and enthusiasm through the years. A few months later Scott came forward and has since done a wonderful job as our new Youth Director. As a result of his efforts we were once again able to hold our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Youth Free Throw Contest and Spelling Bee. Congratulations and thank you Scott for stepping up to volunteer your time, talent and service.

Looby's Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **PGK William (Kevin) Looby** and his family for the month of February. Kevin is Trustee of our Council and serves as Support Our Troops Director. His wife Allison is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and a Eucharistic Minister. Both are also active in the local VFW. Their son, **Capt. Patrick Looby** currently serves at Eglin AFB in FL. Allison has coordinated the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl for St. Irene the past two years. In November Kevin held a parish fundraiser to help support a Wreaths Across America campaign. Thanks to his efforts over 200 wreaths were placed on veterans graves Dec. 16 at Abraham Lincoln National cemetery in Elwood, IL. We salute the Looby family for the month of February.

Community Program: 23 Knights and their Families participated in the Feed My Starving Children packing event Saturday, Feb. 10. With the help of another group of volunteers 173 boxes of food were packed- enough to feed 102 children for a year. Thanks to **Joe Kubal** and all who came to help.

Council Program: - The annual KC Super Bowl Party and Raffle was held Sunday, Feb. 4. Thanks to **PGK Jim Halama** and all who helped make this year's event another success.

Youth Program: Ten contestants participated in the annual KC Spelling Bee Friday, Feb. 2. First, Second, and Third place trophies were awarded. The District Free Throw Contest was held Saturday, Feb. 24 at St. Irene's. St. Irene student **Abbey Reyes** won in the Age 9 Group and will advance to Regionals March 20 at Illinois Benedictine University.

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



33 Pints Blood Collected at KC/VFW Blood Drive on Mar. 10 at St. Irene's



Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Easter Party Held Mar. 17

A special thank you to all of the Knights and their families who came out to assist us in making this FREE St Patrick's day / Easter Celebration at the DuPage County Fairgrounds a huge success. There were 280 guests in attendance, about 1/2

from local group homes, and 1/2 with families in attendance.

Activities included: A great meal for #350 friends, family members and volunteers, photos with the Easter Bunny and 2 leprechauns, a tractor driven hayride down the hill to an Easter egg hunt, allowing about #20 participants at a time to participating in hunting, drum class, singing and dancing on stage, therapeutic mini horses, a petting zoo, and a juggler.

Families were so thankful for this opportunity to make contact with other special families, to feel loved and cared for in a society where frequently they are stared at, ignored, abandoned or sometimes even ridiculed by the outside world. Families were thankful to not feel alone. They were so thankful for a unique place where they could celebrate their very loving, uniquely God-given family, in love and safety.

Knights from (St Irene's in Warrenville), sorry just too many of you to list, secured donations of water bottles, provided a grill, and grilled hundreds of items. Financial donation for food supplies.

Thank you Knights and families for making this Amazing St. Patrick's Day / Easter Celebration possible.

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps



St. Irene Easter Egg Hunt Held Mar. 18

St. Irene CCW and Ladies Auxiliary teamed up to once again host a successful Easter egg hunt on Mar. 18 at St. Irene's. The kids found the eggs out on the lawn in front of the parish rectory. Hospitality was also offered in the ACL throughout the hunt.

Thanks all who helped. Our Council has contributed \$50 towards the cost of the candy. The Ladies Auxiliary



stuffed the Easter eggs on Mar. 13 at the



Council Hosts Soup Supper Mar. 23



Thanks all who prepared soups, 6 in all, and offered a hand.

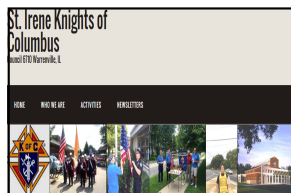
PGK Ray Scott



Holy Thursday 4th Degree Honor Guard Mar. 29

Each year the Council 4th Degree marches at the Holy Thursday Mass and posts an honor guard at the altar of repose following the Mass.

Sir Knights in regalia were: **Marc Alleruzzo, Jim Bartz, Mike Bates, Ken DiJulio, Jim Halama, Glen Kussman, Bill Lintner, Bob Rauko, and Commander Ray Scott.**



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

Apr. 1	Easter Sunday	
Apr. 8	All Masses	KC Membership Drive at St. Irene's during hospitality at ACL
Apr. 10	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—St. Irene ACL
Apr. 11	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Naperville Council Hall, E Ogden
	8:00 PM	Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. Peter the Apostle, Itasca
Apr. 12	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 21	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup along Butterfield Rd., Warrenville
	7:00 PM	Bunco Night—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 27-29	Illinois State Council Convention, Springfield— DGK Mike Bates & PGK Kevin Looby are Council delegates	
Apr. 28	9:00 AM	City Sign Maintenance—meet at Batavia and Butterfield Rd.
May 6	10:00 AM	May Crowning by Woman of the Year Pat Kemp—4th Degree Honor Guard
May 8	7:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting & Officer elections—St. Irene ACL
May 9	8:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting at St. Irene's—Lasagna by Bonnie
May 10	7:30 PM	KC Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 19	9:00 AM	City Sign Maintenance—meet at Batavia and Butterfield Rd.
May 20	Pentecost Sunday	
May 28	Memorial Day	

BUILDING
THE
DOMESTIC
CHURCH



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."

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



April Birthdays

Patrick McGowan	Apr. 4	Thomas Taylor	Apr. 13
Bill Constable	Apr. 5	Ellen Voegtle	Apr. 14
Anthony Standifer	Apr. 8	Gloria Fello	Apr. 16
Winston Rasmussen	Apr. 9	Bruce Olson	Apr. 16
Lois Booth	Apr. 11	Ronald Zoran	Apr. 16
Annette Kubalanza	Apr. 11	Raymond Hoshell	Apr. 18
Christine Ceja-Rager	Apr. 13	Debbie Ingram	Apr. 22
Scott Hurley	Apr. 13	Bradley Hentz	Apr. 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/

April Wedding Anniversaries

Vincent & Roxanne Morello	Apr. 16	Burton & Judy Minor	Apr. 27
William & Allison Looby	Apr. 20	Michelle & Michael Horan	Apr. 28
Michael & Sandy Larue	Apr. 21	Jerry & Carole Kleinwachter	Apr. 29
Bradley & Julie Hentz	Apr. 22		

*** 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.