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Feb. 2—Youth Spelling Bee

All boys and girls ages 5-16 are invited to participate in the 2019 KC Council 6710 Spelling Bee Contest to be held at St. Irene's Activity Center on Saturday February 2. Registration begins at 11:00 AM.

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.

Did You Know? Competition



There is more than one kind of competition: competition for your time, for example, for your attention. Com-

petition from me against you, or competition to see who can best serve us all. It is wonderful when we attempt to pull together and of course bad when competition pulls us apart. Some ways we pull as one: the KC Tootsie Roll Drive; to raise money for the Church and St. Irene School, especially for this year's financial crunch. **the friendly competition to up more men to sign up for the Knights.**

Ok, let's see if we can all compete to do our best for the Church, the Community, the Knights and ourselves.

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Feb. 3, 2019—Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

Net Proceeds to be Donated to "Stand Strong With St. Irene School Fund"

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.

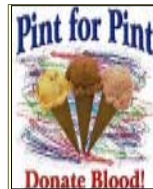
The party cost is \$5.00/person at the door. There will be plenty of food for you to enjoy. You may bring your favorite party snack and beverage.

For the raffle, \$25 tickets are being sold for two separate pools (**Faith and Hope**) of 100 tickets each. A \$50 ticket may be purchased for the **Charity Pool**.

Prizes for the \$25 pools are 2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, and 7-\$25 cash*. Cash prize amounts for the \$50 ticket are doubled. (See ticket order form on Page 7). Buy your tickets early. **Early bird drawings were held Jan. 20 & 27, 2019.** The winners of early bird drawings remain eligible for cash prizes on Super Bowl Sunday.

The funds raised this year will be used to help the St. Irene School meet its urgent financial goals. Tickets may be obtained from **PGK James Halama** by calling 630-433-6240, or by email at jrhalama@comcast.net.

Congratulations to our Early Bird Drawing winners: **Chuck Burchette and Jeff Bollweg.**



Mar. 9—KC/VFW Blood Drive to be Held at Warrenville VFW Hall

The next blood drive will be held at the Warrenville VFW from 7:30 AM—11:30 AM on Saturday Mar. 9. Free breakfast for all donors. Your donation will save lives. **Bring a photo ID card.**



Feb. 9—Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Jesus challenged believers to perform works of charity. One of those acts is to feed the poor. Come join Brother Knights at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. 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, just register at "volunteer" on the FMSC website at <http://www.fmsc.org/>, go to "Volunteer" and enter code "9DV8BB" at bot-

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Council Business Meeting February 14 7:30 PM

The meeting will be located in the St. Irene Activities Center



Fourth Degree News

Feb. 13—The next meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be at St. Scholastica Parish, 7800 Janes Ave., Woodridge. on Feb. 13. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM and meeting starts 8:00 PM sharp.

Feb. 16— Third Degree Knights! The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on: Saturday, February 16, at the Sheraton, Lisle. Please contact **PFN Ray Scott** (630-393-0868) if you are interested.



Pray for Our Faithfull Departed

Pray for **Gregory True** (67, Son of Deacon Bob & Maryann True) who passed to eternal life on Jan. 12. He was a beloved husband to Catherine. They had 4 children. He was a general contractor, carpenter and owner of True Design Inc. Greg helped us with the carpentry in re-building the Activities Center bathrooms.

Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Dan Cyrus, Baby Reyna Urso-Zizzo, Scott Hurley, Doug Dillman, Barbara Olson, Paula Peterson, Pat Kemp, Mary Hughes, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Joe Gattone, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The next board meeting of the LOC is on Feb. 5 at 7:30 PM in the in the St. Irene ACL. This meeting was moved up a week due to the Parish Mission the following week.

Our membership drive is currently in progress, please consider joining our organization. Membership dues are \$12 or \$8 for seniors and students. You can drop your payment in an envelope in the collection basket.

Cathy Kott
LOC President



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 schedule 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.



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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.

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

Council Officers 2018-2019	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
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1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
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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	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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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.

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

Greetings Brother Knights,
Slight change in my typical report. I jokingly told my 12-year old daughter **Claire** that I was too lazy to write this month's report and she should do it for me. Well wouldn't you know it, she did just that. Her first draft came out so well, I told her to add a little more to it, which she happily did. So here it is, with absolutely no edits from me whatsoever. Enjoy!

"Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for managing all the fun activities at St. Irene. You have shown great responsibility towards our parish. My daughters really miss their old school. Not a day goes by without my daughters thinking of everyone back in Warrenville. I am very happy that I can host the spelling bee. I am also looking forward to the annual Super Bowl Party. (For the record, the Rams are way better.)

Last month, my family and I traveled to Chicago for the March for Life. We got to go on a charter bus with other parishioners from our new church, Holy Cross. They prayed four Rosaries on the way there and the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the way back. Two of the parishioners brought a statue of Mary, the Mother of God, on the charter bus. They carried the statue throughout the march. I felt so happy that I could fight for unborn babies' lives with Our Lady.

I can't wait to see you again. My family and I will be praying for you.
God Bless!" **Claire**

Vivat Jesus!
GK Tom Perez

Pro-Life

1,000 Ultrasounds: The KofC's Greatest Humanitarian Effort.



Millions of babies have had a chance at life, thanks to 1,000 ultrasound machines donated by you and your brother Knights around the world.

Congratulations to our Knights in Manassas, Va., where the 1,000th machine was just dedicated! Read about the dedication here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0AI7uR5iEY&feature=youtu.be>).

At the dedication, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said that the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative is the greatest humanitarian effort the organization has ever undertaken.

"Today represents a very concrete way in which millions of lives are changed for the better by the Catholic community coming together and volunteering together," said Anderson. "What greater legacy can a person have than to save a child's life?"

As hundreds of thousands gather in Washington, D.C., to pay witness to the Culture of Life, check out the video below and share our pride in the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound program!

Publication from Supreme Council
PGK Jack Gorski



Continuing Drive—Caring Network Baby Bottle Collection

Contributions are being collected by St. Irene's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) to support the efforts of Caring Network, a crisis pregnancy support organization in DuPage County. You can donate by filling one or more of our **BABY BOTTLES** with your spare change or a check. **BABY BOTTLES** in church after all Masses. CCW will also have a Collection/Information Table at "Hospitality". If you have any questions, please contact **Barbara Olson** at 630-393-1279.



Come! He will enlighten us on miracles throughout Church history including Marian Apparitions, Eucharistic Miracles and other strange phenomena.

Michael O'Neill has been a guest on:
The Today Show, Fox & Friends, Live Science and the Dr. Oz Show.
He has a weekly radio program, The Miracle Hunter on Relevant Radio®.
All are welcome! Admission is free.

St. Irene's 30th Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday, February 9, 2019
6-10:30PM
St. Irene Activity Center
Sponsored by St. Irene School

Ushers Needed



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

Apr 27—Knights to Serve as Host

You are urged to attend any of the upcoming dates

Coffee with the Pastor

Fr. Jim will host a monthly "Coffee with the Pastor" in order to provide time for open communication. Each meeting will last one hour. There is no agenda – just time to visit with Fr. Jim to talk about life and our Catholic faith. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the following:

- ♦ Saturday, January 12th at 9AM in the ACL
- ♦ Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL
- ♦ Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL
- ♦ **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL**
- ♦ Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL

Clothing Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society

February 16 & 17
For the St. Vincent DePaul
Society in West Chicago



Start collecting now! Collection bags will be handed out after Masses on February 9th & 10th. Fill them (or any strong bag/box) and return to the truck in the church parking lot the following weekend (16th & 17th) before or after Masses.



Program Awards for December 2018

Joe Kubal Knight of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Joe Kubal** as Knight of the Month for December. Joe participates in many council and parish activities, especially those involving charitable causes. Joe will once again be directing our council Feed My Starving Children packing event this coming February. Joe also coordinates participation of our parishioners for Advent masses at Mercy Home in Chicago. Last fall Joe served as chairman of our annual "Share Your Soles" Shoe Drive and was instrumental in collecting, organizing and delivering 1100 pairs of shoes (five car loads) to the Share Your Soles warehouse in Chicago.

Mike & Denise Kenealy Family of the Month: Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Mike Kenealy and his Family** for the month of December. Mike and Denise have been active members of the St. Irene faith community. They frequently serve as lecturers at our masses. Both have lead marriage preparation classes and coordinate schedules for altar servers and lecturers. Mike was a popular Scoutmaster of Troop 514 for many years that encouraged Scouts to develop their full potential and character. He often said "Your attitude determines your altitude." His son **Paul** and several others achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during his tenure. Denise is the 7th Grade teacher at St. Irene School where she shares her love of learning with the students. She was also active in Troop 514 and devoted many hours to administrative duties. Their **daughter Erin** is a senior at St. Francis. All four of their children were altar servers and St. Irene graduates.

Community Programs: A KC/VFW Blood Drive was held Saturday, December 8th at the Warrenville VFW. 41 pints were collected, and the annual Intellectual Disabilities Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 15th at St. John Church in Winfield. A record 140 guests attended! \$250 was contributed by our council for gifts given by Santa to our special guests

Faith Program: – The council Family Mass was held on December 9 at the 10:00 AM Mass. An Honor Guard participated at the 10:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.



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."



American Legion Burger Family
Theme Night

Every Fourth Wed. of the Month at
the VFW Hall Warrenville

Youth Free Throw Contest Held Jan. 17



The annual KofC Youth Free Throw Contest was held Jan. 17 at the St. Irene Activities Center. Chairman **PGK Ken Diluio** reported that there were 10 contestants this year. Winners this year were: **Abby Reyes**

(10 yr), **Rene Polkow** (10), **Matthew Sullivan** (11 yr), **Kinsley Callaghan** (11), **Armanda Gierak** (12 yr), and **Jack Polkow** (12 yr).

Thanks to all who helped including: **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**, **PGK Wayne Decker**, **PGK Ken Diluio**, **Bill Lintner**, and **GK Tom Perez**.

March 1—International Wheelchair Day From Supreme Council



March 1 is International Wheelchair Day. Encourage your council to hold a "Wheelchair Sunday" at your parish to collect funds to provide people in need with a wheelchair. The gift of a wheelchair will answer the prayers of entire families.

For more information about "Wheelchair Sunday" visit American Wheelchair Mission's website at www.amwheelchair.org and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation at www.cdnwheelchair.ca.

For information on the Global Wheelchair Mission Program, click here: <http://kofc.org/en/programs/community/global-wheelchair-mission.html#>

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tom of page entitled "Looking for Specific Group." 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.

April 13—Knights of Columbus Easter Party for Special Needs Colleen McDonald

The Easter party at the DuPage County Fairgrounds was a huge success last year with 280 guests in attendance, both special needs guests and family members. I am hoping to repeat the event, if you and your council would find it worthy of repeating and able to assist. Our families were so very grateful. Only this year I'd like to open it up to more local families.

Special Camps



- **Date: Saturday, April 13** (a month later so I'm hoping the weather cooperates)
- **Time: 11 AM - 2:30 PM** (though I know we'll need you early in the day to set up all the food and get the grill ready).

Last year our 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, drum class, singing and dancing on stage, therapeutic mini horses, a petting zoo, and a juggler. This year... I have some great additional ideas!!! If you have anything you think our guests would love to see or have, (please let me know)!!!

NEEDED:

- **Winfield Council**—can you provide something to grill meat and keep food warm along with a cash donation. Last year you gave \$250, (not sure how much we'll need yet).
- **Warrenville Council**—can you provide the bottled water, a tractor to pull (and someone to drive it... or Dave can drive again). The fairgrounds should have a hayrack to borrow. A financial donation, and would you have any leads to setting up a "petting zoo"?
- **St Dan's Wheaton Council**—Matt, I'm hoping you can once again organize all the food, food volunteers and let the Knights or I know what you need. I do have your menu notes with #'s from last year.
- * **All**—Provide as many volunteers as you can to man the grills, the hayride, the Easter Egg hunt, provide wives to help with crafts, and invite your youth groups to help serve our guests.
- * **All**—If anyone has access to additional critters (bunnies, petting zoo style- farm animals like bunnies, goats, chickens, sheep, Lama, kangaroo), please let me know. I'd love to have a larger petting zoo.

Knights' Calendar

Feb. 2	11:00 AM	KC Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 3	4:00 PM	Annual Super Bowl Party & Raffle—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 5	7:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 7	7:30 PM	Note Date Change —KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene ACL
Feb. 9	11:30 AM	Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event—Aurora
	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cookoff—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 11-13		St. Irene Parish Mission
Feb. 13	8:00 PM	Blanchette Assembly at St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge (dinner 7:00 PM)
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly—St. Joseph Parish, Downers Grove (dinner 6:30)
Feb. 14		Valentines Day
Feb. 16	10:00 AM	Youth KC District Free Throw Contest—St. Irene Activities Center
	Noon	4th Degree Exemplification—Sheraton, Lisle
Feb. 16-17	All Masses	Clothing Drive for St. Vincent DePaul Society— collection at parking lot
Mar. 1		International Wheel Chair Day
Mar. 6		Lent Begins
Mar. 9	7:30 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—VFW Hall Warrenville
Feb. 14	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 20		First Day of Spring!
Mar. 29		Knights of Columbus Founders Day
Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Council hosts Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 13		Special Camps Easter Party—DuPage County Fair Grounds
Apr. 27	9:00 AM	Council hosts Coffee with the Pastor— St. Irene Activities Center

Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

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

February Birthdays

Julia Perez	Feb. 7	Mary Ann Lawinger	Feb. 17
Mark Spiotta	Feb. 7	Susan Battaglia	Feb. 18
John Huttenhoff	Feb. 8	Brian Zdenek	Feb. 19
Jane Egert	Feb. 9	Steve Berning	Feb. 21
Richard Planek	Feb. 9	Karen Rurka	Feb. 24
John Dichtl	Feb. 10	Richard Kostner	Feb. 25
Christopher Hitchcock	Feb. 14	Janet Sherman	Feb. 26
William Mitchell	Feb. 14	James Aderhold	Feb. 27
Kenneth DiIulio	Feb. 17	Butch Kuhn	Feb. 29

February Wedding Anniversaries

William & Susan Constable	Feb. 2	Daniel & Karen Leonard	Feb. 24
Robert & Kim Ladeur	Feb. 3		

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/

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