



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL



## June 2—Council Hosts 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees 1:00 PM 1st Degree, 2nd & 3rd Degrees Follow

**First Degree Members**—If you have not yet taken your 2nd or 3rd degree, please consider doing so. **Third Degree members**—You are encouraged to ask a prospective member to take the 1st degree at this ceremony.

The degree ceremonies will be held in the St. Irene Activities Center and take about 2-3 hrs., with dinner to follow. First Degree candidates please arrive at Noon. There is a \$5 charge for those participating in the degrees. There will be a \$10 charge for degree candidates wishing to stay for dinner. For observers the cost of the dinner is \$15.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, dinner and clean-up. Contact **PGK Ray Scott** (630-294-5115).



## Brother Knight Joe Gattone Passes to Eternal Life May 16

With sadness in our hearts, Sir Knight Joe Gattone (95) died at his home on May 16 after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences go out to Joe's 4 Children and 11 Grandchildren. Joe's beloved wife Mary passed away in 2015. Joe, up until this last year, Joe served both as Church and Blood Director for St. Irene Council. He was the Victor Cardosi award winner recognizing his work as a Knight of Columbus. Joe was always very active at St. Irene's.

The funeral mass was held May 22 at St. Irene Church. Internment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers make monetary donations to St. Irene Knights of Columbus.

**Joe, you will be greatly missed. We will always remember your enthusiasm towards the Knights and for all you did as Church Director and Blood Drive Director.**



## June 8—Pulling Weeds at City Signs

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **July 20, Aug. 17, and Sept. 14.** Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of

gardening equipment you find useful.



Special Camps

## June 11—Special Camp Night

We will be hosting Bingo at Special Camps on Tuesday June 11 and need 5-6 volunteers. These can be kids from middle school to adults.

For more information contact **PGK Jack Gorski** (jggorski@comcast.net).



## June 29—KC and Ladies Auxiliary Family Picnic

Officers of our Council and Ladies Auxiliary for the next fraternal year will be installed immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on June 29 at St. Irene Church. A **Family Picnic** will follow with time and location TBA.



## June 22—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at St. Irene Activities Center.

**Joe Gattone, Blood Drive Director**

## Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville



### July 3—March in 4th-of-July Parade, Wednesday

The theme of the parade is "Let Freedom Ring". Show your pride and march along with Council Sir Knights. The parade starts at 6:00 PM. Parade position will be announced in the July KC Newsletter.

### July 3-4—Food Stand at Cerny Park

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. Look for a call for your help. A sign-up for times will be available on the [Council web](#) site starting June 14.



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### Council Business Meeting June 13, 7:30 PM

Officer Elections to be held. Our slate of officers is:

- Chaplain—**Fr. Jim Antiporek**
- Grand Knight—**Mike Bates**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Doug Dillmann**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—
- Warden—**Wayne Decker**
- Lecturer—**Bill Lintner**
- Outside Guard—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Trustees - **Glen Kussman, Ken DiIulio, Tom Perez**

As always, anyone may request to place their name or others in nomination at the meeting.



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

- The next board meeting will be on June 11 at 4:30 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center. We will be donating the \$1500 raised at our Bunco Night in April to DoodleBug Workshop at the meeting.
  - Come to the Ice Cream Social on June 30 from 2-4 PM at the St. Irene Activities Center.
  - We will be taking the summer off and will meet again in September. Starting in September our meetings will be on MONDAY evenings at 4:30 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center.
- Have a great summer!

**Cathy Kott**  
LOC President



### Council Family Mass June 9 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 on June 12 at Corpus Christi Parish, 1415 Lies Rd. Carol Stream. Rosary starts at 6:30 PM, dinner is at 7:00 PM, and meeting at 8:00 PM.

The installation of officers will be on Saturday, June 29, after the 5:00 Mass at SS Peter & Paul Parish, Naperville. Dinner will follow the Installation.



### June 30—Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary is hosting our ice cream social on June 30, 2:00-4:00PM in the lower level of the St. Irene Activities Center. So please mark your calendars and join us for some tasty treats, fun socializing, and support the St. Irene Food Panty at the same time. We hope to see you there!

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



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

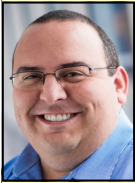
Pray for the health & recovery of **Sandy Decker, Pat Wehner, Dan Cyrus, Scott Hurley, Barbara Olson, Pat Kemp, Bill & Mary Hughes, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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

<p>Chaplain Grand Knight Dep. Grand Knight Financial Sec. Treasurer Chancellor Recorder Advocate Warden Inside Guard  Outside Guard Lecturer 3rd Yr. Trustee 2nd Yr. Trustee 1st Yr. Trustee Insurance Agent</p>	<p><b>Council Officers 2018-2019</b> Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13) 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) Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258) 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) Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</p>	<p><b>Business Meetings:</b> 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM <b>Meeting Location:</b> Activities Center - Lower Level 28W451 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL</p>	<p><b>Committee Directors</b> Program Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Membership Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868) Community Director Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Church Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Youth Director Scott Hurley (773-677-9057) Public Relations Director Richard Kostner (630-310-9642) Blood Drive Director Joe Gattone (630-876-1136) Life Director Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Vocations Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p>
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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

I am rounding the final turn and can see the finish line! After three years as serving as the Grand Knight of this wonderful council, it is hard to believe my term is so close to being over. It has been an honor to do my small part for the St. Irene's council. I hesitate to say I led the council, as I surely did nothing of the sort. No, I have merely presided over meetings and wrote some articles. The brother Knights who chair the many wonderful events and service committees of our council are the real leaders of the council. Browse through the pages of these newsletters and you will see countless men who faithfully offer their time and talents to this council. With men such as these, being Grand Knight has been nearly effortless. Though I can thank so many, I wanted to especially thank the immediate past Grand Knights, including **PGK Ken DiIulio**, **PGK Glen Kussman**, **PGK Kevin Looby** and **PGK Ray Scott** for all of the guidance and help they have provided me. I could always count on them. Thank you, as well, to the other council officers, including **Father Jim**, for your efforts and your support.

We are fortunate to have another such leader as our incoming Grand Knight. Our current **DGK, Michael Bates**, has served this council for many years in his role as Family Director. Some of the more enjoyable and memorable events our council has held the past several years have been orchestrated by Michael. Events such as the annual Hay Ride and Bonfire, the Christmas Parties and Kane County Cougars baseball games have all been so successful thanks to Michael's hard work. As DGK, Michael has done an excellent job reporting on the Programs of the month. His thoughtful write-ups for the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month are always appreciated by the honorees. Michael has also already gained a lot of experience running meetings, as he has always been happy to step in when I've not been able to make a meeting. Thank you Michael, and best of luck! I'm sure you will do a wonderful job.

I wanted to also take the opportunity to give my thanks to **PGK Jim Halama**. He has faithfully served in the crucially important role of Financial Secretary for many years, which he has done so with an amazing sense of detail and thoroughness. Whenever I needed help

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## July 20—Cougars Baseball Mark Your Calendar!

The Kane County Cougars are playing Dayton Dragons at 6:30 PM. Reserved seats are \$13.00 and \$5 parking in advance.

For tickets call **Michael Bates** (630-630-836-0223).



## June 26—American Legion Burger Family Theme Night

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

## Pro-Life

### My Pro-Life Trip to the State Capitol Adele Dunn, St John the Baptist, Winfield

Recently, I went on a pro-life bus trip sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet in early April. We were going to Springfield to meet our representatives to lobby for their veto of recently proposed extreme abortion bills. While I knew in my heart these bills were wrong, I didn't feel confident putting my objections into words, much less to a state official. Further details indicated that the diocese would provide handouts and brief us on the bills. I knew the Holy Spirit would have to take over here. To say I was uncomfortable with the situation is an understatement. One thing that bolstered my confidence, however, was having just seen the movie, *Unplanned*, the previous weekend. Being a visual person, the movie was just what I needed to back up my convictions.

As a young girl in the early 60's, I was about nine years old when I learned the definition of abortion. My father went "deaf and dumb" when I asked him for the meaning of the word abortion, the subject of a radio program playing in the background. From his reaction (or non-reaction), I knew this was a big deal, so later I found a dictionary and looked up the word. While the definition didn't give details, I understood enough of the meaning to know it was wrong. It wasn't until about a year ago after reading the book, *Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer*, and watching a YouTube video of witness testimony by Dr Anthony Levatino, a former abortion doctor, that I understood the details of an abortion. I don't think that I'm unique in not having questioned the details — my guess is that many pro-choice people are also ignorant of the facts.

So, I found myself "alone" on a bus full of people heading to Springfield. Because of my uncomfortableness, I busied myself by researching the details of the bills and the voting records of my legislators — still not sure any of these words would penetrate. As I sat there absorbed in self-doubt, I received a text message from my son-in-law thanking me for making the trip. I texted back that I was afraid I'd break into tears as I spoke to my senator. He replied, "Emotion is good. You can never have too much emotion." Apparently, he remembered my husband expressing that sentiment. I felt a little less fearful. The day began to brighten, and a deacon suggested the bus pray a pro-life rosary together. I took a turn, with a shaky voice, a led the group in the familiar words of the Third Glorious Mystery — the descent of Holy Spirit.

When the buses arrived, four of us decided to visit our senator together. As we got closer to her office, I told the group I had no idea what I was going to say, but I was depending on the Holy Spirit to provide the words. Others seemed to feel the same.

The group of four quickly turned into about 20 as others meandered by. We waited several minutes before being invited in, briefly. To my delight, the shaky voice I had earlier was now calm and clear as I expressed my concerns. Others were also empowered to speak what was on

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their minds. I think we all left that room feeling glad that we had spoken what was on our hearts and had been heard. The senator, although pro-choice, agreed to look more closely at the bills and referred to something in the literature we had just handed her, which piqued her interest.

The visit to our representative's office was even briefer. She was unavailable because the House was in session. However, her aide assured us she was pro-life and would not be supporting the bills. At the end of the day I was glad I had gotten out of my comfort zone. What initially seemed daunting turned out to be a valuable lesson in trust.

Abortion has been legal in the United States since 1973, but, sadly, there's still too much silence about it. Perhaps some have taken the stance of my father and chosen to remain silent for fear of scandalizing the young. Or maybe they're silent for fear of wounding the post-abortive. Ultimately, speaking up is an opportunity to speak of the healing power of God's love and mercy and the ministries offered by the Church. Perhaps, it's just a matter of relying more on the Spirit for those times when words are difficult.

**Provided by PGK Jack Gorski  
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710**



## Program Awards for April, 2019

**Dave Abhalter Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **Dave Abhalter** as our Knight of the Month. Dave is currently our Outside Guard and participates in many council events including Adopt-A-Highway, Feed My Starving Children, Christmas Decorating, and ID Tootsie Roll Drive. He ushers weekly at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass, and assists at monthly parish hospitality. Dave played an active role in our Rejuvenation Committee and continues to have a positive influence on our council.

**Wayne & Sandy Decker Family of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **PGK Wayne Decker** and his wife **Sandy** as our Family of the Month. In over 40 years as a devoted Knight, Wayne has served many roles in our council as well as at the Assembly, Chapter, and State levels. He is currently our council Warden and a Commander of the 4th Degree. He was a Scout Leader of Troop 514 for many years. Sandy is active in the CCW and LA, and previously served as a LA officer and State LA President. Wayne and Sandy are tireless volunteers and have worked together at many Knights events including ID fundraisers, holiday parties, KC Free-throw Contests, Spelling Bees, and our council 4th of July food stand.

**Community Program:** Council 6710 assisted in a Special Camps Easter Party held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Saturday April 13.

**Faith Program:** 4th Degree Honor Guards served at the Confirmation Mass April 7, Holy Thursday April 18, and Easter Vigil April 20



## 8th Grader Ellyn Ryson Wins KC Annual \$1000 Scholarship May 30

In honor of **Phil Kemp** our Council awarded the 2019 \$1000 High School scholarship to St. Irene 8th Grade Schooler **Ellyn Ryson**

who will be attending St. Francis High School in the Fall. Congratulations Ellyn!

In 4th Degree Honor Guard were: **Bill Lintner, Ken DiIulio, Mike Bates, Wayne Decker** and Commander **Ray Scott**. Presenting the award is **GK Tom Perez**.

### **Ellyn in her winning essay: Why I feel a Catholic High School education will benefit me**

"The reason I chose to go to a Catholic High School is because I want to be in a smaller school where I can still focus on my faith while working on my grades and playing sports. I think it's important to strengthen my relationship with God as I get older because there are many bad influences in high school and especially in college. God will help me get through these challenges if I continue to trust in Him. I also think that building on my faith in high school will help me share my love for God more openly with others. This not only benefits me, but also everyone I meet.

In my time at St. Irene School, we learned a lot about serving others. In February this year, I was given a teddy bear for Valentine's Day from my mom. I loved it, but I

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with a form that needed to be submitted or to help with an administrative issue, he was always available and was happy to help. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the time and effort he puts into pulling together this beautiful Newsletter on a monthly basis. We can never thank him enough for his tireless efforts for our council. Thank you for all you do (and I apologize for the many last minute Grand Knight reports).

Finally, as one of my final acts as your Grand Knight, I want to make a personally plea, especially to those who haven't had an opportunity to attend a meeting or serve at an event in some time. Our council does so many wonderful things, but we need your help to ensure success. We don't need a large time commitment, but we do need some level of support from each one of you. I know many like me have children with endless activities and may even be part of other committees and boards. But please, prayerfully consider coming to a meeting or reaching out to a Knight you know and seeing how you can help with an upcoming program or event. We can't do it without you. What a loss it would be to our parish community if our council did not continue to flourish.

**Vivat Jesus!  
GK Tom Perez**

### **Knight Out in the Community in May!**

#### **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Held May 4**



Pictured are **John Markendorf, PGK Bob Rauko, Ralph Dieter, John Ernst, PGK Jim Halama, DGK Mike Bates, and Dave Abhalter.**

The weather was perfect. Many bags of garbage were collected along Butterfield Rd from Batavia Rd West to the City limits past Hwy 59.

**Ralph Dieter, Chairman**

#### **Knights Built a Raised Planter Bed at Warrenville Commons Sign May 11; Plant it May 25**



#### **Knights Weed City Signs May 18**

The following did the city signs on May 18: **John Markendorf, PGK Glen Kussman, DGK Mike Bates, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

#### **Knight's 4th Degree Process and Honor Sue Gosewehr as Woman of Year May 5**



### **PGK Ken Dilulio Presented with Victor Cardosi Award May 19**



The Joliet Chapter award dinner was held at the Bloomindale Country Club on May 19. A count of who attended was not provided, but we understand there were two tables full of supporters at the dinner.



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have a little buddy in 2nd grade who I thought would love it even more. I decided to gift it to her instead of keeping it (after asking my mom first!) When I gave it to my buddy, she was overjoyed; her smile lit up the room! This act of giving really made me feel wonderful inside. Through this experience and others at St. Irene School, I am inspired to do more acts of kindness everywhere I go.

This school year, the teachers of St. Irene chose me to be a Faith Formation leader. I was honored to represent St. Irene School. I learned a lot about Christian music and how it affects my life and others. It was truly enlightening to know that God shows himself everywhere: in people, in nature, and especially in music. After that trip, I found a special connection with God while listening to Christian music. I was called to teach other classes about the light of Christ through music, too. I was happy to see that other people found this experience as interesting as I did.

I will miss St. Irene School a lot, but I am really looking forward to worshipping, studying and playing music with my new faith community. Thank you for your consideration.”

#### **Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday**



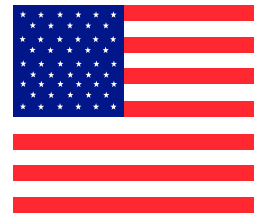
Join us every Thursday from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM at St. Irene Church. For more information, or if you would like to schedule a time, call **Cathy Kott** at 630-393-9543. Contact **Bill Lintner** (630-841-6155) to let him know you will participate as a K of C representative.

## Knights' Calendar

June 2	1:00 PM	Major Degree of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree—St. Irene's Activities Center
June 8	9:00 AM	Weeding of City Signs—meet at corner of Batavia and Butterfield Rds.
June 9	10:00 AM	KC Family Mass—St. Irene Church
June 11	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center Special Camp—Bingo Night, Council to host evening
June 12	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Corpus Christi Parish
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly—St. Dominic Parish, Bolingbrook
June 13	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting; Officer elections—St. Irene Activities Center
June 16		<b>Father's Day</b>
June 21		<b>Summer Begins</b>
June 22	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
June 26	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
June 29	5:00 PM	KC Officer Installation—St. Irene Church; picnic to follow (TBA)
June 30	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Ice Cream Social—St. Irene Activities Center
July 3	6:00 PM	Warrenville July 4th Parade—4th Degree Knights to march
July 3-4	All day	Warrenville July 4th at Cerny Park—Council hosts food concession
July 11	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
July 20	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars game—buy your tickets now

## June Birthdays

Stuart Aschauer	June 3	Katie Polkow	June 17
Carol Walsh	June 4	Nancy Markendorf	June 18
Anthony Parrino	June 5	James Bartz	June 19
Richard Behrens	June 6	William Lintner	June 20
Jaclyn Bosoli	June 7	Douglas True	June 20
Sue Cirock	June 7	Annette Hanson	June 22
David Abhalter	June 8	Gloria Wilger	June 23
Trini Cantu	June 11	William Constable	June 24
Beverly Scott	June 11	Michelle Horan	June 24
Daniel Cyrus	June 13	Loreta Jarasius	June 24
Judy Wilkie	June 14	Pamela Schefke	June 24
John Gorski	June 16	Dolores Dieter	June 25
Andrew Seiberlich	June 16	Karen Graney	June 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/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/)

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Filomena Jarosz	June 1	Thomas & Elaine Perez	June 19
Matthew & Mary Jo Kulzick	June 2	Mark & Karen Rurka	June 24
Patrick & MaryAnn Lawinger	June 2	Kyle & Rebecca Gettelman	June 25
Eric & Cathy Fladeland	June 6	John & Jacqueline Huttenhoff	June 25
Justin & Christina Wagner	June 13	Charles & Debbie Ingram	June 25
James & Leora Mowbray	June 16	Connie & Gary Dyas	June 27
Wayne & Sandra Decker	June 17		

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