



# knights of st. irene

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Council 6710  
Warrenville, IL

# Happy Summer!

## Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville

The Warrenville 2019 July 4th celebration should be a lot of fun. The activities and line-up of entertainment are as follows:

### Wednesday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM Concession Booths open
- 6:00 PM Let Freedom Ring Parade kicks off
- 7:30 PM—Jimmie Nick & Don't Tell Mamma Blues Band

### Thursday July 4

- Noon—Children's Parade on Warren Ave.
- 2:00 PM—SM6 Family Band (featured on WGN)
- 4:30 PM—Mystery Band-headlining the main stage
- 7:30 PM—High Infidelity - 80's rock band
- 9:15 PM—Fireworks

All concession, beverage and beer stands open at noon. During the day there are water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo & prizes, pickle ball, face painting, and karaoke.

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



The theme of the parade is "Let Freedom Ring" Show your pride and march along with Council Knights. The parade starts at 6:00 PM. The KC 4th Degree will lead, with other Brother Knights and their families invited to march. Assemble at the parade starting point in downtown Warrenville by 5:30 PM. **We start at position #36.**

## Council Food Stand at Cerny Park July 3-4



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.

**Best of all!** Come gather with your family around the Knights concession area for the fireworks display!

A **volunteer sign-up form** is available on the [Council web](#) site. Follow the link to "Council 6710 July 3-4 Food Concession." to see the schedule: The period of time help is needed is as follows:

### July 3:

- 11AM—Set-up begins at St. Irene's Parish storage garage.
- 3:00 - 11:45 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available.

### July 4: 11:00 AM - Set-up begins at Cerny Park

- Noon - 9:15 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booths close and clean up begins at Cerny Park

### July 5:

- 9:00 AM—Cleanup at St. Irene (subject to change).



## July 20—Cougars Baseball

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).

### Get this for Special Events:

- Christmas in July—Get out your hats and gloves, and prepare to celebrate the season of giving. The night features an appearance from Santa Claus, an Elf bobblehead giveaway for the first 1500 fans, and many more tidings of joy.
- Run the Bases—Join us for a post game run the bases after every home Cougars game. Presented by: Sonic Drive-In
- Fireworks—Enjoy a post game firework presentation with featured playlist: Christmas in honor of Christmas in July.

## Sept. 20-22—Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

**Mark Your Calendar!** This is our biggest fundraiser to help the mentally disabled. Plan to take some time to help in any way you can to make the drive a success, even if it is only one or two hours on a corner.

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### Council Business Meeting July 11, 7:30 PM St. Irene ACL

Officers elected/appointed for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year:

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



### Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

**Reminder: We are not having meetings during the months of July and August.**

The officers for the Ladies of Columbus serve two year terms so our officers remain as follows:

- President - **Cathy Kott**
- Vice President - **Terri Kussman**
- Secretary - **Bonnie DiIulio**
- Treasurer - **Anita Masters**
- Trustees - **Pat Kemp, Missy Kemp and Becky Hatfield**

The appointed officers are:

- Chaplain - **Mary Wombold**
- Chancellor - **Sandy Decker**
- Greeter - **Anna Saake**

**Cathy Kott  
LOC President**



### Fourth Degree News

The next meeting of the Blanchette Assembly will be the second Wednesday in September, Sept. 11. Enjoy the summer!

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### 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.



### Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

<p><b>Council Officers 2019-2020</b></p> <p>Chaplain Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)                  Grand Knight Michael Bates (630-836-0223)                  Dep. Grand Knight Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)                  Financial Sec. James Halama (630-433-6240)                  Treasurer John Ernst (630-606-2671)                  Chancellor James Bartz (630-229-8311)                  Recorder Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)                  Advocate Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)                  Warden Wayne Decker (630-393-1891)                  Inside Guard Patrick O'Connor                  Outside Guard Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)                  Lecturer William Lintner (630-841-6155)                  3rd Yr. Trustee Tom Perez (630-301-1481)                  2nd Yr. Trustee Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)                  1st Yr. Trustee Glen Kussman (630-393-6545)                  Insurance Agent <b>Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)</b></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></p> <p>Program Director Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)                  Membership Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868)                  Community Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)                  Church Director                  Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223)                  Youth Director                  Public Relations Director Richard Kostner (630-310-9642)                  Blood Drive Director Ray Scott (630-393-0868)                  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

Our lives are full of change. Some, like my son's recent high school graduation, come as welcome events, while others come with such angst that they can make us wish we had a time machine. Even under the

best of circumstances, change can leave us with a bit of uncertainty as we approach the future. Such is the case as I become your new Grand Knight. When I think of the responsibilities and those who have served so well in this post, especially in this council, I'm humbled. I've got big shoes to fill. How am I going to do this? From another perspective though, it's not just about you or me- it's about us. As knights we stand together, not alone. Individually, we each play a small part in many different ways- hand out a Tootsie Roll, push a wheelchair, flip a burger at a fundraiser, or give a prayer intention for those in need.

Collectively, our efforts become the work of the Knights, sharing a common goal of charity in service to God. He takes care of the rest. This thought, too, is a humbling one but offers with it a call an opportunity to serve and a challenge I'm willing to accept. P.S. - If I ever get this long winded and philosophical at a meeting please throw a shoe at me-just don't make it too big!

Have a great 4th-of-July! Remember those men and women who have and are currently serving to help make our freedom possible. If you're in town stop by our concession stand at Cerny Park for a burger and sweet corn. If you have a little spare time we can always use volunteers. Knights will be marching in Warrenville's parade on July 3. Any member and their family are welcome to join us.

Tickets are still available for our Kane County Cougars Game Night July 20. Win or lose you can count on an evening of fun at the park. Details for these and other events are in this newsletter.

**Vivat Jesus!  
GK Mike Bates**



### July 28—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): **Aug. 17, and Sept. 14.** Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful.



### July 25—American Legion Burger Family Theme Night

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

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

### Pro-Life

#### Abortion is Finally Seen as a Medical Ethics Issue Excerpts from Donna Harrison, Chicago Tribune

“Abortion is in the news this year and for all of the right reasons. Abortion-rights proponents can no longer ignore or deflect discussion around the second patient involved in an abortion procedure. While that discussion does have many moral implications, the most important development is that the medical ethics issues involved are coming to the forefront.

Thanks to several state legislatures, 2019 has provided as stark a contrast on the issue of abortion as ever. The states of Illinois and New York have given us regressive laws that serve to illustrate the naked, brutal inhumanity of abortion in a way we haven't seen in our lifetimes, and other states have started to follow suit.

Recent abortion legalization in New York and Illinois extend virtually to the moment of birth through vague but malleable language. The states' lawmakers have effectively removed the veil from the lie of a “safe” abortion because after viability, abortion is much more likely to result in the death of the mother with each subsequent week of pregnancy. They've made it clear that for them it's not about the health of the mother or the child. The endgame is the removal and destruction of an otherwise viable and innocent human being.

If the issue were simply to separate the mother from the fetus, measures would be taken to ensure the survival of that baby until it can find a loving and adoptive home. Carrying to term remains the safest option for the short- and long-term health and well-being of both mother and child...”

“On the other hand, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri and other states have provided a clear counterpoint. In those states, the unborn child is protected from conception or when the child's heart starts beating around six weeks gestation.

As obstetricians and gynecologists we usually take the Hippocratic oath at the beginning of our careers, intending to save and improve the lives of patients. The classic version of this oath reads in part: ‘I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect. Similarly, I will not give to a woman an abortive remedy.’

For this reason, 86 percent of our fellow OB-GYN physicians elect not to perform abortions. We know we have a responsibility to care for both the pregnant woman and her unborn child. We know, scientifically and medically, there are two human patients involved, whether the child is wanted or not. The path before us, informed by our training, experience and ethical guidelines, is clear. Protect both.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or AAPLOG, is encouraged by the progress being made in some state legislatures working to protect the health and well-being of both mother and unborn child through new legislation. We are equally

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## Calling All Knights Council Needs Your Help!

Brother Knights! Our Council 6710 is in need of participation from our inactive members. Our Council is facing a crisis! Many of active members have either died or have become very ill. We need members to step up to the plate!

Father McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus to help strengthen the religious faith and to provide the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the bread winner. Our mission today has not changed and has been extended to help the mentally challenged as well as any others who need help.

Last week I found a reading from the book of St. John Ch 21:15-17 that tells us how Jesus asked St. Peter "Simon Son of John, dost thou love me more than those do?" St. Peter answered "yes, you know I do". Then Jesus' response was "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." I thought about that and wondered what was Jesus getting at? Then it came to me that Jesus wanted Peter and the other Apostles to take care of the needs of others. We too are asked by Jesus "do we love Him?" What is our response? If like St Peter we say yes, then we too must help others. Brother Knights our Council needs you to help.

Thank you.

**Vivat Jesus,  
Brother Bill Lintner**

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alarmed by other states that are further sanctioning the destruction of otherwise viable infants simply on the basis that they are not wanted..."

"AAPLOG believes that abortion is not a safe or medically necessary option for virtually all of the women who undergo the traumatic procedure each year. If the goal as stated by abortion-rights proponents is nothing more than the well-being of the woman, there is a support infrastructure of thousands of pro-life pregnancy centers and adoption agencies that offer better and lower-risk options for her own health, as well as multiple forms of support for when the baby is unwanted by one or both of her parents.

And through it all, the mother is not forgotten. We know from comprehensive research that abortions take an emotional, mental and physical toll on mothers who experience them, and we believe that knowing she gave her child a chance at life can better help her cope with all of the related challenges she may face in her own life."

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



## Program Awards for May, 2019

**Joe Gattone Knight of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Joe Gattone** who recently passed away May 16 at the age of 95. A Victor Cardosi Award recipient and devoted Knight for over 65 years, Joe was a very active in our council and parish well into his 90's. He faithfully served as both our Church and Blood Drive Director for many years planning behind the scenes and actively participating in events. He was also at one time director of our First Degree Team. Joe enjoyed music and contributed his voice to the St. Irene Choir. Well-loved by family, friends and brother Knights, Joe will be missed greatly, but also remembered for what he gave; his enthusiasm, generous spirit and kindness.

**Tom & Elaine Perez Family of the Month:** Council 6710 honors **Sir Knight Tom Perez**, his wife **Elaine**, and their four daughters **Claire, Emily, Anna and Mary** as our Family of the Month. Tom has done an outstanding job in his role as Grand Knight of our council for the past three years. His ongoing dedication is shown in the way he conducts meetings, writes monthly newsletter articles and performs the many duties of his position. Tom and Elaine have been involved in many activities in our parish community. Both served at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Children's Liturgy and instructed families preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. Their three oldest daughters attended St. Irene School and were members of American Heritage Girls, a group their mother started at St. Irene. Tom and his family moved several months ago to another parish community in the Rockford Diocese and have become active members. The family is expecting the arrival of a fifth child in October.

**Community Program:** Our council was busy performing outdoor community activities during May. The semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway cleanup was held Saturday May 4. On May 11 a large planter constructed of landscape timbers was built around the Warrenville Commons sign on Batavia Rd. The following Saturday May 18 Knights weeded flower beds surrounding Warrenville city welcome signs. Finally, on May 25, our council joined Mayor Brummel and other community volunteers to help beautify the city on Warrenville in Bloom Planting Day.

**Council Program:** - Our council hosted the Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting May 8. Thanks to **Bonnie DiIulio** for preparing a fantastic Lasagna dinner.

**Faith Program:** Honor Guards served at the First Communion Mass May 4 and at the May Crowning May 5, and the St. Irene Grade School Graduation May 30.



### Council Helps out on June 17

#### Special Camps 25th year

I had the privilege of riding with **PGK Wayne and Sandy Decker** and **Josh Yates** to Special Camps for Special Citizens on Monday, June 17. We hosted Bingo for 104 adult campers and their counselors. As this year marks Special Camps 25th year of operations, I'd like to share a bit of historical perspective of how our council has contributed to the camp's success.

When this camp started, it was located at the Hoover Boy Scout Camp in Yorkville. During the time it was there, Council 6710 either cooked food on the grill for dinner one night of the two weeks that Special Camps was open, or we provided catered food from a restaurant in Warrenville. During these days we hosted Bingo. Members of our council in our district provided Knight Security as the grounds at Hoover were expansive.

When the Boy Scouts sold Hoover to the Kendall County Forest Preserve, Special Camps moved to a new location at White Pines Dude Ranch in Oregon, IL. Since 2001, White Pines has welcomed Special Camps.

When we visited on June 17, we all had the most wonderful time. Josh, the newbie had his eyes opened to what camp is all about. He may even be a camp counselor next year!

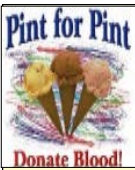
The first group of campers experienced a conventional round or two of Bingo with a little cheating. The second group of campers experienced a unique and revolutionary version of the game Bingo. It featured blatant and total cheating that this reporter will be using from now on! Thanks to **Kevin Callahan** for introducing this fantastically radical way to host a Bingo party!

**PGK Jack Gorski**

### Officer Installation Held at St. Irene Church June 29



### Family Picnic Followed at Halama Home



### 40 Pints Blood Collected at Blood Drive June 22

The Blood Drive held at St. Irene on Saturday brought in 40 pints of needed blood. **PGK Ken DiJulio, PGK Bob Rauko, Bill Lintner** and **PGK Ray Scott** were in attendance along with the Lions Club, and the VFW.

The next Blood Drive will be held again at St. Irene on September 28. The blood drive will be held in honor of **Joe Gattone**. I spoke to Camile from Heartland and they are going to mention it in their ads. I told her that I would take over for Joe Gattone for the Blood drives.

**PGK Ray Scott**  
**New Blood Drive Director**



### KC Eyeglass Drive A Sincere Thank You!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2019 Eyeglass Drive. Over 105 pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause! "

**Joe Kubal**

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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.

## Knights' Calendar

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
July 28	9:00 AM	Weeding at the City Welcome signs—meet at Batavia Rd & Butterfield
Aug. 8	7:30 PM	KC Council Business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 20-22		Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

### Order Council 6710 T-Shirt

St. Irene Council T-Shirts are available. The t-shirt has the your name and the St. Irene Knights logo embroidered on it. The t-shirts are made by Action Screen Print. The price is \$33 depending on the size. To place an order contact Ray Scott. Send an email to [bjs511ras@aol.com](mailto:bjs511ras@aol.com) and let him know your size and number of shirts.



### Council 6710 Web Site!

[www.st-irenekofc.org](http://www.st-irenekofc.org)



Check out [www.fathersforgood](http://www.fathersforgood)

## July Birthdays

Mark Rurka	July 1	Carmi Cyrus	July 17
Robert Decker	July 5	Paul Lindsey	July 19
John Augustynowicz	July 6	Sandra Decker	July 20
Patrick Banigan	July 6	Gary Rufo	July 20
Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	Michael Hitchcock	July 24
Sandy Larue	July 9	John Ernst	July 25
Teresa Hoffman	July 11	David Fahrenwald	July 25
Michael Kenealy	July 12	Pat Wehner	July 25
Susan Kubal	July 12	David Janiec	July 27
Ralph Dieter	July 13	Dolly Pointner	July 27
Nancy Mores	July 13	Ellen Gorski	July 31
Elinor Parson	July 15		

### 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/)

## July Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		

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