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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL



Feb. 2—The 24th Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

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. Tickets will be sold up to 1/2 hour before the start of the football game.

Early Bird winners:

- Kim Ladeur \$50
- Bill Hughes \$25



March 8—Mass at Mercy Home for Easter Broadcast on Sunday

We have been invited again to participate in a taping of a Mass that will be televised on the 4th Sunday of Easter and The Ascension. The Mass will be celebrated with **Father Carl Morello** (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, **Vince Morello**). These masses will be aired on May 3 and May 24, respectively.

We will meet for the taping on Sunday, March 8 at 11:30 AM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM. There will be a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no

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Feb. 8—6:00-10:00 PM St. Irene Activities Center

Your \$10 entry fee allows you to enjoy the chili from numerous contestants. Please consider being a contestant yourself (contact **Scott Reid** S.Reid@stireneschool.org). Hotdogs, drinks, and beer will be available for sale. Purchase a 50/50 cash raffle ticket after all Masses at St. Irene's until the day of the event and during as well.



Feb. 15—Annual FMSC Food-Packing

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 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. 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 "GGKXWV" at bottom 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, consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.



Lenten Friday Night "Soup Suppers"

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 Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, and Apr. 3. Our Council will be responsible for March 13.

Come for the delicious vegetarian soups and wonderful fellowship. We hope to see you there!



Starting Feb. 29—Knights of Columbus Eyeglass and DME 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 2020 St. Irene Eyeglass and DME

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Council Business Meeting Feb. 13, 7:30 PM

We have a director position open for **Youth Director**. Please contact **GK Mike Bates** (630-836-0223) if you are interested.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

The next board meeting of the LOC is on Feb. 10 at 4:30 PM in the St. Irene Activities Center. All are invited.

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.

We will be holding elections this year in May so please contact me if you would like to hold an office.

Cathy Kott
LOC President



Fourth Degree News

The next Blanchette Assembly meeting will be held at Holy Spirit Parish, 203 Hassert Blvd., Naperville on February 12. Rosary is at 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM dinner, and meeting at 8:00 PM sharp.

4th Degree Exemplification—The Next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is Sat., Feb. 22, at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel. Third Degree Knights consider joining the 4th Degree. To 4th Degree Knight's invite a Knight to advance. A candidate must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing to be eligible for the 4th Degree Exemplification.

Click to download the [Exemplification Packet and Registration Form](#). The deadline for Candidates Form 4's for names to be listed in the Souvenir Program Book is February 1. The deadline for Banquet Reservation is February 7.



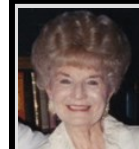
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Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday

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 Repose of the Soul of Mary Jane Kacerovsky

Mary (sister of **PGK Bob Rauko**) passed to eternal life on Saturday Jan. 18. She was 89 and is survived by her husband Charles Kacerovski, 2 children and 4 grand children. She was a longtime resident of Port Washington, WI.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery **Erich Pavel, Fr. Jim, Fred Smith, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Barbara Olson, Pat Kemp, Mary Hughes, Beverly Scott, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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

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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

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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

I stopped in to water plants at church the other day. You see, poinsettias don't do very well if you neglect them for seven days- regular watering and maintenance is needed to keep them alive. I moved quietly as I worked so as not to disturb a woman who was kneeling silently before the tabernacle in prayer. A thought then occurred to me- isn't tending a plant similar to our spiritual life? Abandon it and it withers; give it the proper care and it continues to grow and even flourish as God allow. I just wanted to pass along a little thought to reflect on.

While **Woodstock Willie** snoozes in his den until Groundhog Day the Knights haven't let winter slow them down. Christmas decorations were removed from parish grounds and packed away for the season January 18. A special thank you to our chair PGK **Bob Rauko** and all who helped. The council Youth Free Throw Challenge was also held that afternoon. Congratulations to winners **Amanda Gierak, Ben Schrage** and **Matthew Sullivan** who will return to St. Irene February 15 at 8:00 AM. for District competition. Also scheduled for this date is a FMSC food packing event at 9:00 AM. We will need extra help that day if you're available especially for the FMSC work day.

Though the upcoming Super Bowl will be unbearable for Chicago fans, it will be surprisingly un-Patriotic for a change when the Chiefs play the 49'ers (No more bad puns, I promise.) If you're reading this article before the game buy a raffle ticket and come join us for the party in the Activity Center.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Mike Bates

ProLife

President Trump became the first President to attend the March for Life

President Trump, who many pro-lifers call the "most pro-life president," made history by becoming the first sitting president to speak in-person at the annual march launched the year after the Supreme Court made abortion a national right in 1973 with its *Roe v. Wade* ruling. **Trump**, who has addressed the March for Life rally by video in the past, highlighted his pro-life accomplishments throughout his three years in office.

Adoring fans cheered as they held up signs that read, "Most Pro-Life President Ever" and "I Vote Pro-Life First." "Together we are the voice for the voiceless," Trump told the crowd. **Trump** assured that "every child is a precious and sacred gift from God." "Together we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life," he said. "When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family."

Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, **Karen**, also addressed the march via video after meeting with **Pope Francis** in Rome. As the March for Life has always been a Catholic-majority movement, the Pence's thanked Catholics for their advocacy on the abortion issue. "To all the people of faith who are marching here today, we want to thank you for your witness and thank you for your compassion and thank you for standing for life," Karen Pence said. "Your prayers have sustained this important movement for nearly 50 years. We cannot be more proud to be on this journey with you."

PGK Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair

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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 from Saturday, February 29 until Sunday, May 31.

DME (Durable Medical Equipment) - New this year, we also will be collecting used durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath chairs and crutches as well as other miscellaneous items such as hearing aids. These items will be donated to appropriate healthcare and/or senior organizations. Please leave your donations in the church narthex or call **Joseph Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by e-mail at jdrk4715@aol.com to schedule a pick-up.

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more than twenty people for the television audience. **RSVP** by March 1 how many individuals are interested in participating so that I can let Mercy Home staff know how many to expect for the luncheon.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need of a chairlift, I also will need to know that in advance. The chairlift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency. This event will be "first come, first served."

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old) as well. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact **Joe Kubal** by telephone at 630-983-6159 or by email at SMKubal0712@aol.com.

Membership Recruitment
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Feb. 26—American Legion
Burger Family Theme Night

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

For Our Faithful Knights, our Valentines



Feb. 14 is a very important “holiday” – Valentine’s Day. If you are married or in an important relationship, you are strongly urged to celebrate and pamper your wife or dating partner. (By the way, nothing wrong with your wife pampering you on Valentine’s Day!)

There is no firm guideline for Valentine’s Day. Ignore the day, however, at your peril: It is a mine-field, fraught with traps and potential missteps – all of which you will hear about (Trust me!) if you mess up.

I offer some suggestions on staying on the right path as someone who informed Jim when we were dating that Valentine’s Day stands as a national holiday that absolutely, positively, no-doubt-about-it, must be observed as such. Forewarning is fair knowledge. That said, as fire-crackers, parades and cook-outs speak to the 4th-of-July, there are



traditional ways to celebrate Valentine’s Day: candy or flowers or dinner out at a nice restaurant.

But you can be more imaginative, plus save money. Flowers are nice, but frankly more meaningful on days other than Valentine’s Day or a birthday or an anniversary. How about: planning, shopping for, cooking and cleaning up after dinner once a week during Lent; doing the laundry; rubbing her feet; a nightly shoulder rub; long walks together; putting the cell phone down and actually talking with/listening to each other; eating healthier, or small meatless meals.

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

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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.



Major Change in Knights Degree Ceremonies

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, **First, Second, & Third degrees are completed as one Ceremony with Candidates and their Families present. The ceremony is to be completed within 30 minutes.**

The following are excerpts of the Catholic News Agency, Feb.1, 2020:

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus has announced a major revision to its longtime initiation ceremonies and for the first time will open them to the public, saying the changes are needed to become more appealing to prospective members and to respond to a “crisis” in church membership.

“Today, we need an exemplification of our principles that presents, in a clear and convincing way, how charity, unity and fraternity can come together to form a Catholic way of life for today’s man and his family,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in the January 2020 issue of Columbia magazine...

These ceremonials of the order were kept under a pledge of secrecy limited to the membership...

The new ceremony will now combine all three degrees and, in another major change, will be opened to the public. Anderson said the exemplification may be conducted in a council’s meeting chamber or in a church, “with families and friends seated in the pews.”

“They will see firsthand the organization that their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining — the principles and values they are committing to and why it matters,” Anderson said in remarks he originally delivered Nov. 23 to the Knights of Columbus midyear organizational meeting of state deputies in Orlando, Florida.

Anderson cited the difficulties of bringing young men, especially young fathers, into the order. Many said they found it difficult to attend multiple ceremonies.

“They also tell us that secrecy is unnecessary, and sometimes, it is even an impediment to joining,” Anderson added. He cited a lack of manpower in local councils to perform degree ceremonies. Some candidates give up, and some never seek second and third degrees.

“Last year, little more than half of the men who took their First Degree also took their Third Degree,” he said, adding that the number of third degree teams is expected to decline.

He said the current system is “too often a stumbling block, not a gateway to membership” that often fails to promote “a truly Catholic fraternal membership according to the vision of Father McGivney.”

“Our ceremonials have always been an essential way we teach the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. But today, too many men never hear the lessons of unity and fraternity,” he said, adding that the failure to reach members “threatens the future of our order.”

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



Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene on Jan. 14 and Jan. 18.

Outdoor Christmas at St. Irene is packed away for another year. Rain and snow was predicted for Saturday the 18th. The weather on Tuesday the 14th was much better so an unscheduled partial take down by **PGK Glen Kussman, Bill Lintner, John Markendorf, and PGK Bob Rauko** was done. With just a bit of rain, the remainder of the work was finished on Saturday by **GK Mike Bates, Paul Burgermeister, PGK Erich Pavel, PGK Ray Scott, and Jeff Wombold**. A giant Thank You! goes to all of these great Knights for a job well done.

PGK Bob Rauko

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Anderson said the crisis facing the Church is fundamentally “a failure to evangelize.”

“Such a crisis cannot be adequately responded to without the action of Catholic husbands and fathers,” he said.

Anderson placed the order’s longtime rituals in the context of the 19th century, when the Knights of Columbus competed with many other fraternal societies. Men of the time “wanted secrecy and the sense of progression that came with multiple degrees,” he said.

These fraternal ceremonies presented a “journey through knighthood” to encourage greater participation in the order and to inspire men to seek leadership roles in local councils. Anderson said these ceremonies worked well for such purposes in the past, but do not work today. He professed a “special fondness” for the old ceremonies, but he noted that Fr. McGivney himself needed to make changes in the 1880s to help the order grow.

Citing Pope Benedict XVI’s description of McGivney as representing “the secret of the impressive growth” of the Catholic Church in America, Anderson said McGivney is still an inspiring example for millions and the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for his canonization.

“For Father McGivney, the path of charity, unity and fraternity was to be an enduring path of Christian discipleship,” said Anderson, who said this was entrusted to laymen under the guidance of clergy “to direct and carry out their own part in the mission of the Church.”

Anderson prayed that McGivney’s intercession “guide, sustain and enable us to fulfill our vocation as leaders of this great Order for the welfare of our brother Knights and the renewal of our Church.”



Youth Free Throw Contest Held Jan. 18

Turnout for this year’s free throw contest was light but we still had winners. They were **Amanda Gierek, Ben Schrage and Matthew Sullivan**.

They will return to St. Irene on February 15 at 8:00 AM for District Free Throw competition.

Brother Knights who helped were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, GK Mike Bates, PGK Wayne & Sandy Decker, PGK Ken DiIulio, Bill Lintner, and PGK Bob Rauko**.



Youth Spelling Bee Held Feb. 1

Turnout for the Bee was also low this year, but a successful Bee we had. Winners were:

- **Michael Detwiler**—8th grade
- **Anthony Battaglia**—5th grade
- **Carys Thompson**—4th grade
- **Kiara Detwiler**—3rd grade
- **Madelyn Bachman**—2nd grade

Those who served as judges were **GK Mike Bates, PGK Tom Perez, Bonnie DiIulio, and Beverly Scott**.



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Knights' Calendar

Feb.1	10:00AM	KC Youth Spelling Bee—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 2	4:30 PM	Super Bowl Raffle Party
Feb. 8	6:00 PM	St. Irene Chili Cookoff—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 10	4:30 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Board meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 12	6:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Holy Spirit, Naperville
	7:30 PM	Thomas Dooley Assembly meeting—St. John’s Council, Westmont
Feb. 13	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 14		Valentines Day
Feb. 15	9:00 AM	Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event—Aurora
Feb. 22	10:00 AM	4th Degree Exemplification at Lisle Hilton
Feb. 26		Ash Wednesday
	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Family Theme Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Mar. 8	11:30 AM	Taping of Easter Season Mass at Mercy Home. RSVP by Mar. 1
Mar. 12	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council Business Meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 18	6:00 PM	Knights host Soup Supper—St. Irene Activities Center
Mar. 20		Spring Begins!
Mar. 28	8:00 AM	Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville

Check these web sites out:

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

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



February Birthdays

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