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Warrenville, IL



Virtual Council Business Meeting Aug. 13

We are scheduling a **Virtual Council Meeting** to occur at the regular time of 7:30 PM on Thursday Aug. 13. On the agenda:

- Contribution to St. Irene Parish for equipment
- Virtual ID Drive using GoFundMe.

An email will be sent to all KC members as a reminder on Aug. 10.

The virtual meeting will be by Zoom (See Page 2). A computer is NOT necessary. You may join by phone.

Knights of Columbus Remains Firm in its Namesake

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

“Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order’s namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

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Saturday Reconciliation at St. Irene’s

Starting Aug. 1, Fr. Clive will be doing “Drive-Thru” reconciliations on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 PM. He will be seated outside in front of church. Simply drive-up, follow directions from traffic monitors, stay in your car, and wear your mask. No direct contact.

Sunday Masses at 10:00 AM

Live streamed Sunday Masses will continue to be at 10:00 AM and a recording will be available afterwards on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

In person attendance requires prior registration. The link to register for Mass at St. Irene is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-irene-masses-registration107608622286>. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Irene Parish Office at 630-393-2400.



Council Knights to Conduct Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive

As a result of the global coronavirus pandemic, our Council has opted to conduct a virtual Tootsie Roll Drive this year in lieu of street corner solicitations. Since the founding of Council #6710 at St. Irene’s in 1975, we have never missed a year in helping to support a variety of organizations that assist the mentally disabled. Except for the cost

of the candy, 100% of the money raised aids these charities.

Typically, we collect donations annually on the third week of September. However, due to the pandemic, this year we are going to try something a little different. Our Council is pursuing the idea of establishing a GoFundMe page in an effort to realize our goals to continue support of the mentally disabled. In these tough financial times, the funds are needed now more than ever.

Through our drive, we support the Special Olympics which was the original recipient of the funds when first established in 1970 by the Knights of

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Council Business Meeting Aug. 13 at 7:30 PM

This is a virtual meeting. Join as follows:
 Topic: K of C Council Meeting
 Time: Aug 13, 2020 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://luc.zoom.us/j/95851330395>

Meeting ID: 958 5133 0395

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Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

Greetings from Ladies of Columbus. I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying their summer. Prayers are needed for our Chancellor, **Anita Masters** who had emergency surgery on July 28. She is doing well and should be home soon. We will not have a business meeting until September. Everyone be safe and pray for a vaccine.

Pat Kemp
 LA President

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We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

Vivat Jesus!
Carl A. Anderson
 Supreme Knight



Fourth Degree News

Our Next Bishop Blanchette meeting is 9-9-20. Watch for future details.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery **Anita Masters, Marc Alleruzzo, Erich Pavel, Sam Vitale, Pat Wehner, Beverly Scott, Rachel Jaraisus, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

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Check these web sites for more Information:

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

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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Activities Center - Lower Level
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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've been very busy this month at work, so this column is going to be very brief (yes, I can hear all of you cheering). Anyways, on with the monthly write up.

At the St. Irene graduation ceremony July 15, **Ben Phelps** was awarded this year's \$1000 K of C Scholarship in memory of **Joe Gattone**. Congratulations, Ben, and best wishes at Marmion Academy this fall. Due to Covid-19 restrictions (again, will it ever go away??), the family, friends, and brother knights were unable to attend. I did contact Joe's son, **Guy**, and long-time friend, **Mary Mickel**. Both were pleased to hear the news, and Guy commented that Joe would have been quite honored since education was very important to him.

We held a virtual officers meeting July 25 to consider making a contribution toward Fr. Clive's video streaming equipment for the parish, and also how to possibly conduct a virtual ID Tootsie Roll Drive for 2020. We will be discussing these topics at our business meeting August 13. While we won't be on street corners selling candy, funds are still needed to help support Cupertino Home and other charities. Please join us, your ideas and feedback will be welcome.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Mike Bates

Benjamin Phelps wins Annual High School Scholarship

Congratulations to **Benjamin Phelps** (son of **Marcia** and **Brother Knight Rocky-deceased Phelps**) for winning this year's St. Irene Council \$1000 scholarship to a graduating St. Irene Grade School eighth grader. Ben will be attending Marmion Academy in the Fall. This year's scholarship was awarded in honor of **Joe Gattone** at the St. Irene Eighth Grade Graduation ceremony on July 15.

Ben is a very visible and active young man. He is an altar server, performed in the school play, member of newspaper club, and participated in Feed my Starving Children food packing events, Cub Scouts, KofC cook-outs, mow neighbors grass, yardwork for grandma, hockey, and 4H. His essay on "Why you feel a Catholic High School education will benefit you" is as follows:

"My faith has changed in many ways throughout my years of attending St. Irene, and at each turn my life has been affected in some way and my perspective has evolved. The choice of attending a catholic education for high school was, frankly, a no brainer because I know that I want to continue to strengthen my faith. I also think that this catholic journey will help not just my faith life, but my skills to be part of a community. I did have a role as a eighth grader but when I enter high school, the roles will change and I will have to be a part of the family or

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ProLife

Natural (and Supernatural) Family Planning

Article published by Christopher Carstens, director of the Office for Sacred Worship Diocese of LaCrosse, Wis. in the July edition of the Columbia Knights of Columbus publication and on its [website](#).



"My wife, Marguerite, and I practice natural family planning. We also have eight children. Some would conclude from these facts that that NFP "doesn't work." On the contrary, we would respond: NFP works better than we could have ever imagined. It has brought extraordinary blessings to our marriage.

In my high school home economics class, in addition to teaching us how to balance a checkbook, iron a shirt and cook a simple meal, offered lessons on artificial birth control. The basic premise was that pregnancy alters one's life and that becoming pregnant was a snap — unless, of course, intrusive precautions were taken. As it turns out, the class premise was only half right: Pregnancy and birth are life-changing; but becoming pregnant — and staying pregnant — is often no easy feat.

When Marguerite and I were first married, I thought it prudent to take a little time, start jobs, make some money and get used to our common life. But God thought otherwise, and snap! — we found ourselves pregnant within the first year. And what a joy it was! Married life was already a blessing, and the expectation of our first baby lifted our happiness even higher. However, our high spirits crashed when we lost this first baby to miscarriage. This loss was followed by the stillborn birth at 30 weeks of a daughter, Louise. We tried to conceive again, but to no avail. It turned out that pregnancy was no easy matter.

And that's where NFP comes into our story. NFP helped to diagnose infertility issues and address them safely, naturally and morally. Dr. Louise Smyth, a physician trained in NaPro Technology (natural procreative technology), through the Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Neb., came to our aid. After teaching us to read fertility signs and chart cycles, the problem emerged more clearly. My wife had a progesterone deficiency, and Dr. Smyth prescribed supplementary progesterone injections to help carry the next pregnancy to full term.

There was a second physician who also came to our aid: St. Gianna Beretta Molla. Canonized by Pope John

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Maintenance at City Signs Adopt-A-Sign Continues!

All the signs were visited again in June. Thank you to who ventured on their own to weed! The tall grass has become a problem! The next dates are August 8, and Sept. 12. You do not necessarily need to follow the schedule precisely.

Special Camps



"This is the best week of my whole life"

Dear Knights,

Special Camps.. What A Year! Thank you for your continued support. With Covid-19, this has been quite a year. A 26th year of Special Camps memories never to be forgotten... and hopefully not be to be repeated.

We were the first of many camps in Illinois to cancel camp, due to safety concerns for our amazing campers with intellectual, physical and medical concerns. There was just no way of assuring everyone's safety. This extremely challenging and tearful decision was made mid-March.

About the same time, we became acutely aware of our campers and their families growing challenges. Group homes suddenly closing with parents told to either take their child home until Covid-19 ends, or leave them there with no family visits until the virus ended. School, therapy, workshops, jobs, recreation, everything they depended upon suddenly shut down. A few contracted Covid-19 ... all recovered. We knew we could not cancel Special Camps without somehow replacing it. The increased isolation becoming unbearable, and so very isolating.

Special Camps Zoom (online) and weekly Facebook challenges were created in March to end the isolation. Our initial Zoom dance parties held in early April led way to craft parties, game nights and more dance parties. We are now hosting Special Camps Zoom every evening of camp. We have had campfire sing alongs, Disney Trivia night, Top Secret Camper Meetings where we play a prank on the Volunteers, Talent Shows, Ice Bucket Challenges (brrr..), and more dance parties. Though I dearly miss living side by side with our campers and my morning hugs, Zoom camp is wildly fun and successful with as many as 86 guests Zooming with us at once.

A financial blessing for Special Camps. With the loss of 2 KC Golf benefits this year and a grant, your funding will be used to replenish and enrich our financial scholarships funds.

Knights Who Made Special Camps 26th Year Possible

- Illinois State Knights provided endorsement and funding for camp insurance.
- 22 councils contributed financially to Special Camps.
- Warrenville, West Chicago and Winfield councils for co-chairing the Christmas event.
- The Knights, their wives, children and grandchildren who participated in this year's Zoom parties.

We cherish our Zoom time at Special camps, can't wait to hosting camp at White Pines Ranch again, and are honored to create this space for people who deserve it more than anything. Thank you Knights for all of your love, encouragement, and support. Our families have also asked that we extend their appreciation for supporting Special Camps.

Colleen

Colleen McDonald
President of Special Camps, #26 years

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Paul II in 2004, Molla was an Italian pediatrician who, while pregnant with a baby girl, was diagnosed with a fibroid tumor on her uterus. Rather than risk her unborn child's life, Molla declined radical treatment. She died April 28, 1962, just one week after giving birth. We asked her intercession daily, and we are grateful today to both Dr. Gianna and Dr. Louise for our "Gianna babies."

Contrary to the popular mindset, the "P" in NFP is for "planning" not "prevention" — though NFP can also help a couple avoid pregnancy should they need to in grave situations. In our marriage, NFP has been an essential means to grow and sustain the love between my wife and me and for our children. I don't think I would be a father, or at least not the father I am, without it.

But there's a familiar saying that is also relevant here: "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans!" This is also my NFP experience. After marriage, I planned to wait some time before pregnancy and planned for all things to go smoothly. This didn't happen. Thankfully, a better Father than I had his own plan. It included not only NFP, but joy and sorrow, anxiety and relief, disappointment and gratitude — as well as doctors and saints. It's a plan my wife and I could never have imagined, let alone executed on our own."

Jack Gorksi
ProLife Director

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community that the school offers. I also think that I would largely benefit from the disciplined and personal learning environment. An environment such as this that I seem to only find in the Catholic School system allows me to grow as a person, develop a better sense of community, and feel a more secured right to learn and ask questions.

Learning about my faith is something that's very important to me. I feel as though I cannot deepen my beliefs or strengthen my relationship with the Lord if I do not first know my faith and my Lord. The monks that will oversee my education have devoted their lives to the church. Due to this, I feel confident in their ability to always lead me in the right direction and help me to understand what God's plan is for me. Knowing they will be there to guide me already allows me to feel comfort in the direction I'm going.

I know the catholic high school that I will be attending this coming fall is the best fit for me because the very first time I went there I felt like I belonged. I could feel the strong sense of community and service that was surrounding me and knew that that was the correct path for me. This community is like no other. Their dedication to serve is inspiring to me and I look forward to serving the church by serving my community.

The high standards and advanced curriculum offered by most, if not all, Catholic schools is something I felt I couldn't give up. At a large school with many students to few faculty I could get lost in the sea of students and my progress could be unimportant to those around me. At a school that is lead by the Catholic church, I know no such thing could happen. The Catholic church teaches that all life is sacred, that all humans have dignity, because of this I'm confident that I will be shaped into a kind, smart, and responsible person under the watchful eye of the church.

I think that the mentorship this school offers will help me be the man that I need to be. I think that my faith and my community as one will help me learn what I want to do in my life. This school will help me to find who I am called to be--whoever that may be. I know that this guidance will allow me to grow into a man my family will be proud of."



Program Awards for June 2020

Fr. Jim Antiporek Knight of the Month: Please join me in congratulating our Knight of The Month, **Fr. Jim Antiporek.** Fr. Jim served as pastor of St. Irene's, as Chaplain of our Council for 21 years, and chaplain of Bishop Blanchette 4th Degree Assembly. We wish him well in his well deserved retirement.

Fr. Jim Antiporek and his Sister Pat Jackowiack: Please join in congratulating their contributions to St. Irene Parish for many years.

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Columbus in Tinley Park, Illinois. Since that time, the drive has grown substantially. The drive is now conducted across 44 states. Our Council also helps to financially assist Cupertino Home (a Clarewoods Academy group home on Warren Ave., Warrenville), Special Camps for Special Citizens, Western DuPage Special Recreation District, and Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

In the near future, more information will become available to you so that you can help us in the 2020 Annual Tootsie Roll campaign. The virtual drive is target to be conducted during the month of September. No candy will be handed out this year, but you can still do your part to help us collect donations for this worthy cause. Our goal is

\$8,500. We are also seeking your input with the 2020 drive. Please contact, Nick Battaglia, Tootsie Roll Chair at 773-820-1752 if you have ideas as to how we can get the word out about the GoFundMe effort. The drive certainly will look different this year!

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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

Aug. 13 7:30 PM Virtual KC Council Business meeting by Zoom, see page 2.

Sept. 18-19 Tootsie Roll street solicitation cancelled ! Virtual collection in the works
For month of September—keep posted!

Calendar of Events for August or September is too uncertain. Will provide more in the next Newsletter



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August Birthdays

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| Edward Leahy | Aug. 2 | Debbie Alleruzzo | Aug. 14 |
| Pam Bollweg | Aug. 3 | Larry Chaon | Aug. 15 |
| Vincent Morello | Aug. 3 | Judy Minor | Aug. 15 |
| Rosemary Maher | Aug. 4 | Martin Kometz | Aug. 16 |
| Jeffrey Wombold | Aug. 4 | Bobbi Aschauer | Aug. 19 |
| James Halama | Aug. 7 | Charles Stanislaw | Aug. 25 |
| Colette Lindsey | Aug. 7 | Dianne Taylor | Aug. 25 |
| Thomas Bucki | Aug. 9 | Joseph Urso | Aug. 25 |
| Kim Ladeur | Aug. 9 | Thomas Dieter | Aug. 26 |
| Colette Giacovelli | Aug. 10 | Joshua Bates | Aug. 29 |
| Terry Neigel | Aug. 11 | Julia Chaon | Aug. 30 |
| Michael Bates | Aug. 13 | William Hughes | Aug. 31 |
| Anita Masters | Aug. 13 | | |



August Wedding Anniversaries

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| Winston & Carol Rasmussen | Aug. 1 | James & Rita Aderhold | Aug. 21 |
| Daniel & Carol Walsh | Aug. 4 | Susan & Steve Cizek | Aug. 22 |
| William & Karen Graney | Aug. 5 | Mario & Yolanda Schwarts | Aug. 22 |
| Scott & Dolly Pointner | Aug. 6 | William & Kelley Higgins | Aug. 23 |
| David & Donna Janiec | Aug. 7 | Noelle & Paul Shallcross | Aug. 23 |
| Andrew & Patricia White | Aug. 8 | Richard & Kathleen Planek | Aug. 25 |
| David&Karen Menconi Cappa | Aug. 13 | Ronald & Cathi Zoran | Aug. 25 |
| Christopher& Annette Hanson | Aug. 14 | Glen & Terri Kussman | Aug. 28 |
| John & Julie Gorski | Aug. 15 | Michael & Lois Hitchcock | Aug. 29 |
| Kevin & Marian Dunn | Aug. 16 | David & Terry Fahrenwald | Aug. 30 |
| William & Mary Hughes | Aug. 19 | | |

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