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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

Happy New Year 2022!



January & February—Contribute to FMSC Feed the Need Online Fund

“Feed My Sheep” – John 21:17

Traditionally, our Council has participated during the month of February in food-packing sessions with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Due to the ongoing pandemic, in-person packing of food for the hungry overseas is not possible. However, as the need is greater than ever, the Knights are co-sponsoring an online fundraising drive called Feed the Need with FMSC to forward the organization’s ongoing mission.

“FMSC believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.”

To donate to this very worthy cause, please go to <https://give.fmsc.org/Knights6710>. Complete the form with your preferred donation. If you prefer to write a check, simply mail to Feed My Starving Children, 401 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Nothing could be simpler to donate. Any amount of support is valued and very much appreciated. People are starving and you can make a difference.

If you need any additional information on FMSC or the Feed the Need initiative, please contact **Joseph Kubal** at 630-983-6159 by telephone or at jdrk4715@aol.com by email. Thank you for your consideration.



Feb. 13—Virtual KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

You are invited to participate in the 26th Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be on Feb. 13, 2022 during the Super Bowl game. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half retained by the local Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene’s Parish, high school scholarships, and community outreach programs.

The raffle and the ticket sales will be conducted virtually. Multi-media will be used to communicate event happenings including the church bulletin, email, St. Irene Knights of Columbus web site and Facebook page.

As in previous years, the raffle is based on purchasing squares in three separate football pools. For the Faith and Hope Pools the tickets are \$25 per square, and for the Charity pool the tickets are \$50 ticket per square. Download the ticket order form from this link: [SuperBowlRaffleTickets2022.pdf](#) and follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. You may also contact PGK **James Halama** at jrhama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

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Jan. 15—Council to Takedown Christmas Decorations at St. Irene’s

We need a team of volunteers to help take down the outdoor Christmas decorations around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Jan. 15 starting at 8:00 AM. I will get an early start and have the coffee hot by 8:00 AM.

The weather will determine how much can be done that day. I will bring poles and ladders. Please call **PGK Bob Rauko** for information (630-337-1568) or email to: rauko@comcast.net.

Council Establishes a High School Scholarship Fund

The St. Irene Council has annually awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a St. Irene 8th grader who moves on to attend a Catholic High School. The award is competitive with a single scholarship awarded each year.

In 2021, spearheaded by **Bob Ladeur**, an additional \$1025 was raised with contributions from individuals and friends. A \$1000 was used to fund a second high school scholarship, leaving \$25 for a future award. In December \$1180 in memory of **Alta Halama** was donated to the fund. Most recently, **Ed Leahy** donated \$500 to the fund. The current balance is \$1705.

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Council Business Meeting Jan. 13 at 7:00 PM

We plan to meet in person at the St. Irene Activities Center. You will be notified regarding a Zoom meeting if increased COVID restrictions are put in place.



Ladies of Columbus (LOC)

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of **Anthony Nilges**, father of Cathy Kott. He died peacefully in his sleep the night of December 23. Our prayers are with

Cathy.

On a happier note, **Missy** sold a winning \$200, ticket to **Dustin Waddell**, congratulations. Because of the increase of COVID, the LOC, is still not having regular monthly meetings. Hopefully, soon we will be able to assume a more normal way of life

Pat Kemp
President



Fourth Degree News

The St. Irene 4th Degree provided an honor guard at the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Irene's. Sir Knights who marched were: **Erich Pavel, Bob Rauko, James Halama, and**

Mike Bates.

Due to the current increase in COVID cases, our Wednesday January 12 Assembly meeting will be remote only. A Zoom meeting invite will follow as the date gets closer. We will not be meeting in person in January.

Pray for Our Loved Ones



Pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony J Nilges** (95, Father of Cathy Kott) a lifelong resident of Aurora, IL who passed to eternal life on Dec. 23.



Pray for the health & recovery of **Jean DeLuco, Beverly Scott, Marcello Alleruzzo, Karen Ernst, Pat Wehner, Tina Pittman, Jeffrey Wombold, Rich Planek, and Charlie Fahrenwald.**

Daily Masses:

- Tuesdays and Fridays at **7:00am**
- Wednesdays at **12:00pm**
- Thursdays at **7:00am** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to follow Mass until 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses:

- **8:00am**; this Mass will **not** be live streamed
- **10:00am**

All Masses will be live streamed except where noted. Links to the live stream and recordings are available on:

- **Facebook** at - <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>
- **YouTube** channel at - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydhTJD98ZZb_VcA

NOTICES:

- **No Saturday 8:00am Daily Mass until further notice.**
- **For reconciliations, approach priest after any Mass.**
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** for anyone age 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. We have a section for people who prefer to continue to social distance.
- Due to new directives from the Diocese of Joliet, we are **POSTPONING** Hospitality until further notice.

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

Council Officers 2021-2022	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-393-2400 x 13)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Doug Dillmann (630-415-5258)
Membership Director	
Community Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
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Vocations	Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)
Support our Troops	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age. To join or obtain further information, contact GK Michael Bates at 630-836-0223.

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Grand Knight's Corner

Hello everyone, HAPPY NEW YEAR! You made it! What a year last year was. I'm not gonna say it was better than 2020. It really wasn't. Yeah, I guess you could argue that it was marginally better, but the reason for our hatred of 2020 still hasn't gone away. Honestly, I don't think it ever will. I heard, back when all of this started, that the goal wasn't for COVID to go away. It was to change ourselves to adapt to it. That takes some internal change as well.

God wanted us to realize something. I don't know what it was. I don't think anyone knows what it is. God works in mysterious ways, and some of us need more of a nudge than others. It's worth mentioning, I think, that I did have COVID. I contracted it while I was writing the one you all read last month. You know, the one where I was in a tent. I didn't have COVID very bad, but after the isolation of 10 days, I have a new appreciation for everything else. When you're isolated, the things we take for granted seem so much more valuable.

Think back to November and what I said back then. There are things that we take for granted that we aren't thankful for. That has never sounded truer to me than it does now. I wanted to go to a Marc Martel concert, but I couldn't because I had COVID. I wanted to go to my last week of classes before finals, but I couldn't because I had COVID. I wanted to be able to taste McDonald's, but I couldn't because I had COVID. All of the things that I just mentioned aside from the concert are things that I took for granted. All we can hope for this year is for it to be better than last year. That's all we can ever hope for. So this year, hope for things to get better.

COVID seems to be getting more contagious and less deadly, which was always the goal. I speak for everyone when I say that I'm ready for things to go back to normal. I don't know what normal is anymore, but I want to go back to how things were in 2019. So this new year, crack open the champagne, wine, or sparkling grape juice, if you're under 21 or simply don't like alcohol, and give a toast, to a year that will hopefully be better than the last. No matter how it gets, remember to always look up.

So here's to 2022 and a year that will hopefully be better than the last. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Adv. Josh Bates/aka, GK Mike Bates

ProLife FDA Removed Restriction of Abortion Inducing Drugs

Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life, is calling the Food and Drug Administration's rollback of restrictions on abortion pills being prescribed by a telehealth provider "reckless" and "insane."

The pro-life advocate made her comments during an interview with Fox News on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Hawkins spoke after the FDA removed the requirement that mifepristone, the abortion-inducing drug, could only be prescribed in clinics, medical offices, and hospitals.

The easing of restrictions now permits women to receive prescriptions for abortions pills through a telehealth provider and have the drug mailed to them, Fox News said. Hawkins accused the Biden administration of not caring about "pre-born lives."

"I would say that this is a reckless decision that the FDA has said that came down today," she said. "It's a very sad day for women across America, not only for pre-born children, but also for women. This is not a decision that was made for women or a woman's best interests at all.

"It is an insane decision that even a pro-abortion administration such as the Biden administration, we understand fully that they don't care about the value of pre-born lives. We understand their position. The U.S. solicitor general argued that in front of the Supreme Court just two weeks ago, but to put women's lives at risk just to further their cause and to think that they're doing some sort of end run around Roe v. Wade, it's a completely reckless and insane decision.

"This is a painful, dangerous type of abortion, which has a higher risk of complication than surgical abortion, which can lead to incomplete abortion, meaning you're going to have to go back at the risk of getting infected and possibly life-threatening infection." The Associated Press reported that the FDA first approved mifepristone in 2000 to terminate pregnancies up to 10 weeks. The outlet noted that nearly 40% of all abortions in the U.S. are now done through medication — rather than surgery.

The effect of the FDA rollback will vary depending on the state, the AP noted. More than a dozen states led by Republicans have passed measures limiting access to the pills and have outlawed delivery of them my mail.

Jack Gorski

Pro-Life Chair Council 6710

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Buy your tickets early. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 30 & Feb. 6 2022. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

The squares and numbers for each ticket are assigned randomly. Cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500 will be awarded throughout the football game on Super Bowl Sunday.

This is a major fundraiser for the Council. We need your help in selling tickets.



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(Scholarship Fund, Continued from page 1)

I propose that the Council contribute a minimum of \$1000 to the fund each year in February. This then will increase the fund balance to \$2705. There is then a sufficient amount to award two \$1000 scholarships in May, 2022, leaving a balance of \$705.

By establishing the high school scholarship fund, it provides for formal recognition of contributions by our Council, individuals, and other organizations. We may be able to carry forward a precedence established by **Bob Ladeur** in 2021 by awarding two \$1000 scholarships each year. Depending on the fund balance, the Council will also have flexibility in the future to modify the scholarship amount and number of scholarships awarded each year.

PGK James Halama



Dec. 4 Blood Drive Collected 44 pints of Blood

The drive was held at the VFW Hall, Knights who helped were **PGK Ken DiIulio** and **PGK Bob Rauko**.



Intellectual Disability Drive Fund Distribution Announced

As was previously announced in the December Knight's News \$6311.98 minus \$219 for candy costs was raised for distribution in

the drive.

The distribution of these funds is as follows:

Cupertino Group Home, Warrenville	\$3658.88
Special Camps, Winfield	\$1000,00
Western DuPage Special Recreation	\$1000.00
Illinois State KC Council Charities, Inc.	\$653.10
Total Distribution	\$6311.98



Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Thank you to all who donated items for the Homeless Veterans. A special thanks to **Joe Kubal** for the items he donated.

PGK Kevin Looby
PGJ Ken DiIulio

The need continues! The **Army Capt. Kevin C. Landeck Freedom Commissary** is located in downtown Wheaton. Freedom Commissary is a program designed to meet the clothing, household, and basic needs of veterans and their families. The Freedom Commissary serves veterans of all eras and branches, and eligibility is based on need. Veterans are able to access the Commissary for items such as: household goods, hygiene products, cleaning products, paper goods, small scale furniture, and small kitchen appliances.

The [Freedom Commissary program](#) operates almost entirely through the generous contributions of our volunteers and donors. Please always check out our most recent list of items needed here: [Download the list and feel free to share.](#)

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is a not-for-profit transitional living facility that provides assistance to U.S. veterans of any era for the opportunity to return to useful and productive lives by providing them with the skills for independent living.

St. Irene's 32nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 5, 2022

6:00 - 10:30PM



Council 6710 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.



Council 6710 Web Site

Needed is the capability of providing financial transactions to our web site in order to offer online membership dues payments, purchase of tickets and merchandise for council events, and for fund-raising such as the ID Tootsie Roll Drive. Please contact **James Halama** at jrhalama@st-irenekofc.org.

Super Bowl Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 30 & Feb. 6. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to:

James Halama
27W100 Galusha Ave.
Warrenville, IL 60555



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$25 Raffle Ticket

2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
See below for details

Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 13, 2022

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 30 & Feb. 6

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

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Faith

Name: _____
Phone: _____
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Feb. 13, 2022

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St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

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Hope

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Raffle Feb.13, 2022



St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

\$50 Raffle Ticket

2-\$500, 2-\$250, 6-\$100, 7-\$50 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold
See below for details

Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 13, 2022

Early Bird Drawings Jan. 30 & Feb. 6

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Rd.,
Warrenville, IL

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

Charity

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 13, 2022

Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held virtually Jan. 30 & Feb. 6. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022.

Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday: Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.

Knights' Calendar

Jan. 1		Happy New Year
Jan. 12	7:30 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—virtual by Zoom, TBA by email
Jan 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Jan. 15	8:00 AM	Take down outside Christmas decorations at St. Irene's church grounds
Jan. 30	Noon	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle
Feb. 6	Noon	Early Bird drawing for Super Bowl Raffle
Feb. 10	7:30 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Feb. 13	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Party and Raffle—location TBA



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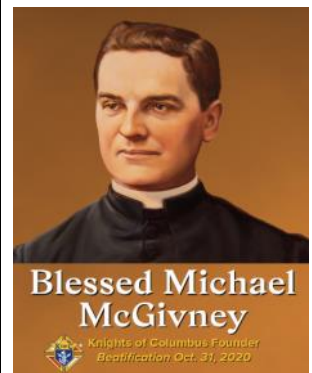
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January Birthdays

Katie Augustynowicz	Jan. 3	Mike O'Hare	Jan. 13
Cathy Kott	Jan. 3	Liz Pittman	Jan. 13
Marian Dunn	Jan. 4	Filomena Jarosz	Jan. 15
Teri Lindeman	Jan. 4	Mark Jarosz	Jan. 16
Shirley Cosgrove	Jan. 5	Paula Polkow	Jan. 17
Kevin Dunn	Jan. 6	Denise Hoshell	Jan. 19
Sam Vitale	Jan. 6	Susan Constable	Jan. 20
Terri Kussman	Jan. 7	Cathy Fladeland	Jan. 20
Cindy Naberhaus	Jan. 8	Tom La Rocco	Jan. 22
Truman Stevens	Jan. 8	Clare Barry	Jan. 23
Jeffrey Bollweg	Jan. 9	Andrew Dina	Jan. 24
Gary Dyas	Jan. 9	Connie Dyas	Jan. 26
Karen Leonard	Jan. 9	Dianne Urso	Jan. 26
Kenneth Ulanowski	Jan. 9	Kathleen Planek	Jan. 27
Yolanda Schwarts	Jan. 11	Nick Battaglia	Jan. 30
William Higgins	Jan. 12		



January Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Laura McGowan	Jan. 11	Tom & Jackie La Rocco	Jan. 18
Richard & Margaret Doucette	Jan. 12	Andy & Angelita (Lita) Yusi	Jan. 28
Charles & Caren Burchett	Jan. 16	Gary & Paula Polkow	Jan. 30

*** If your birthday or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, contact **PGK James Halama** (630-433-6240) or jrhalama@comcast.net to make the corrections.