



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



KC Membership Drive Feb. 25-26

On the weekend of Feb. 25-26, our Council will be conducting a membership drive at St. Irene's. At each Mass, a pulpit announcement inviting Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus will be made. The announcement will describe who we are and what we do. Those who are interested along with their families will be invited to the Activities Center immediately after the Mass for a short presentation (< 30 min) by representatives of our Council and Insurance agent, explaining the benefits of membership. Download [Member Benefits publication](#) to read more about the benefits offered.

Prospects will be urged to join electronically. The QR code above with the KC insignia at its center can be used. Use your cell phone to scan the code and select the web address shown. The web page requests your name, contact information, parish name, and Council number: 6710. There is no membership charge for the first year.

Financial Secretary James Halama will receive a notice, and will contact the new e-member and arrange to formally induct him into our Council. A degree ceremony video will be presented, and at the end of the video, e-member(s) will become 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus. E-members are urged to have their family members present during the degree ceremony and video presentation.

The membership drive does not need to be restricted to those attending Mass on this designated weekend. Prior to this weekend, You (KC member, ladies, or anyone reading this article) can try to recruit prospects. Invite them to attend one of the presentations on Feb. 25 or Feb. 26 the St. Irene Activities Center. Actually, all that is needed is to invite the prospect to join electronically by scanning the QR code above.

Feb. 18-19 "Feed the Need" Food Packing Event

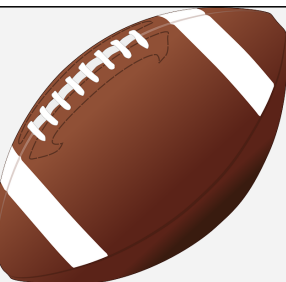


"Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. Volunteering occurs at our permanent sites and hundreds of MobilePack™ events nationwide."

This is a MobilePack Event, hence the location is different than the permanent location is Aurora. The event will take place at North Central College, Naperville on both Sat. Feb. 18 and Sun. Feb 19.

To register select this link: [2302-218SC Feed The Need! Illinois](#). Volunteer registration to the public is not open until Feb. 5.

Joe Kubal



Feb. 12—27th KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party

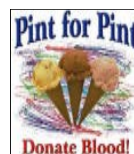
You are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on Feb. 12 at a party during the Super Bowl game at the St. Irene Activities Center. The party starts at 4:00 PM. There is no entry fee. Bring your own snack and beverage.

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 Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene's Parish, school scholarships, and community outreach programs.

Buy your raffle tickets (see Page 5) early to take advantage of one more early drawing on Feb. 5 for \$50. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Julie Fredrickson
wins Jan. 29
early drawing**

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Mar. 4—KC/VFW/ Lions Club Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at the Warrenville VFW. You may register in advance at the [Versiti of Illinois web page](#). Walk-ins are also accepted.

Contact Blood Drive Chairman **PGK Ken DiIulio** at 630-747-3673 if you plan to volunteer.


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Council Business Meeting Feb. 9 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will return to the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!



Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place **Feb. 8** at St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville, with Fraternity beginning at 7:00 PM.

St. Irene Mass Schedules

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 and until 8:00pm on the third Thursday of each month with reconciliation from 6:30-7:30pm

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/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA


NOTICES:

- We have a section for people who prefer to continue to social distance.

The link to the bulletin will be provided weekly via our Flocknotes and on the St. Irene website at <https://st-irene.org/documents/collection/bulletin>. Contributions can be mailed to:

St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

Or can be made on-line through our WeShare Online Giving program at <https://st-irene.churchgiving.com>




St. Irene Women of Faith

St Irene Women of Faith are having their next meeting on February 13 in the St. Irene ACL at 5:00 PM. All women all welcome to join in. Come catch the spirit!!

Thank you

Bonnie DiIulio
St Irene Women of Faith

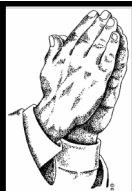


Eucharistic Adoration—Each Thursday at St. Irene Church

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thursday after the 7:00 AM Mass until Noon. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, Adoration will continue until 8:00 PM.

Scheduled adorers are needed. Please call the Parish office to sign-up (630-393-2400).

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



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of Sue Cirock, Marc Alleruzzo, Sam Vitale, Sandy Decker, Sharon Booth, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Shirley Cosgrove, Beverly Scott, Pat Wehner, Tina Pittman, Rich Planek, Gary Dyas, Sue Cirock, Gina LaRocco Goddard, and Rachel Jara-sius.

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

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| <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 District Deputy</p> | <p>Council Officers 2022-2023 Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-308-2404) Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754) Pat McGowan (630-863-8708) James Halama (630-433-6240) John Ernst (630-606-2671) Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574) Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Joshua Bates (630-836-0223) Patrick O'Connor Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972) Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) William Lintner (630-841-6155) Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Tom Perez (630-301-1481) Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)</p> | <p>Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center</p> |
| <p>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).</p> | <p>Committee Directors Program Director Pat McGowan (630-863-8708) Membership Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Community Director Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) Church Director James Bartz (630-229-8311) Family Director Michael Bates (630-836-0223) Youth Director Public Relations Director Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) Blood Drive Director Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) Life Director Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) Vocations Brad Hentz (630-836-0332) Support our Troops Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)</p> | <p>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.</p> |



Grand Knight's Corner

By the time you all read this letter, my knee operation should be done. I will be home recovering. Our first event of the year is coming up. On February 12 will be Super Bowl Sunday! On January 28 and 29, **PKG Jim Halama** and I collected money at church by selling raffle tickets for Super Bowl Sunday. There is still time if someone can help Jim next weekend, Feb. 4-5, also on Feb.

11-12 after masses and at Hospitality to sell tickets. The more we sell the more we can donate. Also that weekend is Hospitality in the ACL. I hope that we can recruit at this time too.

Since I will be having surgery, I do not know at this moment if I will be up and going on Feb. 9. If not, **DGK Pat McGowan** will run our business meeting for me. I want to thank him for that.

Our first recruitment drive will be Feb. 25-26. There will be a pulpit announcement made prior to the Masses on this weekend. After each mass we will be inviting men and their families who would like to become knights to the ACL for refreshments a presentation. We have three weeks to recruit for the membership drive.

On the Jan. 13, I was at the Hospitality in the ACL. I talked to three men who all seemed interested. There was also a woman who has been trying to get her husband to join for 7 years. If we don't ask or talk to anyone we won't get anyone. Membership, membership, membership!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo



Newman Apostolate Charity Fund Drive

The fund helps Newman Centers at colleges and universities in Illinois provide a Catholic faith-based environment for college students. Your support means

that Newman Centers around the state can do spiritual and social programming to help students remain as one with their faith while they are away from thome parish.

For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach our goal of \$345,000, or just \$5.00 per active member.

Please consider a gift this year. Donate online, quickly and securely by scanning the QR Code above, visit www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman, or send a check. Simply indicate your level of giving from \$5 up to \$100. Consider becoming a \$100 Century donor and receive a commemorative pin. Use the postcard that you recently received to mail in your donation. Address to Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901 along with your check or money order. Please write Newman Fund, Council number (6710 for St. Irene's) and your Membership number on the memo section of your check.

ProLife

Knights Join 50th Annual March for Life

Knight Line, Jan. 24, 2023

In a post-Roe nation, is there still a need for pro-life activism? Perhaps now more than ever. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other Supreme Officers, thousands of Knights and their families, and tens of thousands of other Americans showed up in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 20, for the 50th annual March for Life, the first since the overturning of Roe v. Wade. At the joyful Life Fest celebration Friday morning, attended by more than 4,000 young people, and on the streets of the capital throughout the march, pro-lifers affirmed their commitment to supporting mothers and babies and protecting the inherent dignity of all human life.



March for Life President Jeanne Mancini walks with Supreme Knight Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori.

Knights of Columbus and pro-life advocates from across the U.S. joined together at the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. to support and defend the right to life. "We now have a chance to win the fight for life," the supreme knight said. "We can and we must make abortion a thing of the past. Let's move forward together toward a future of life."

Read more by clicking the link below:

[Knights Join 50th Annual March for Life](#)

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710

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Download the ticket order form from this link: [2023 Super Bowl Raffle Tickets](#) or print the form on Page 5. Follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. Hard copies of the ticket order form will be made available separately by Council members. You may also contact **PKG James Halama** at jrhalama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

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



Advocate's Corner

Hello everyone, and welcome to February! For once, I'm not going to ask any of you about your New Year's resolutions. First because I didn't really cover those last month, second is that I also know the answer by now. This month, we have Ash Wednesday, but also Valentine's Day. If I recall correctly, I've only ever covered one of those days and I've always neglected the other. This time, I intend to fix that mistake and that means I'll be talking about Valentine's Day. It's often overlooked, but Valentine's Day is actually for a saint. I don't really know his story, and I swear that I will look it up after I finish writing this article. No, what I want to talk about regarding Valentine's Day is what is often associated with it. It's associated with love. The reason why is beyond me.

One day can't do justice to something that complex. In fact, Valentine's day is one of the highest days for breakups. Which I understand. There's so many high expectations for Valentine's Day, and I guess those expectations usually aren't met. Sorry, I got sidetracked. What I want to ask this time is this; what is love? Seriously, what is it? I haven't been around long enough to experience much of it. Heck, I've been single since 2021 and that's one of two relationships I've been in. We also have to look at the fact that there is more than one love. There are other types. There's the romantic love that we often think of, but frankly, I think that it's generic. And generic is boring.

There's also brotherly love, and I'm sure any of you who have siblings know how complex that is. I'm an only child, so I can't delve into that. If my dad was writing it, he could give a better perspective on that.

The other type, and the one that I feel is the most interesting is called agape love. Unconditional love. People on earth will say that they love you no matter what. Sure, they can say that. And you, yes, you reading this, have probably said those words too. But deep down, we all know that there are definitely conditions. If whoever you're thinking off that you love "unconditionally" if they shot someone over a disagreement, I'm not convinced that the "unconditional love" is gonna kick in at that moment. There is only one place where we have true unconditional love, and that's from God. Remember, he loves everyone no matter what. In fact, when we screw up, I like to imagine that God is giving us a thumb's down.

More like a "I'm not angry, just disappointed" type of thing. God is even more complex than love though and this article is getting kinda long, so I'm just going to leave you with this. This Valentine's Day, if you have a spare moment, think about the story of the saint, but also think about love, the types, and, if you're single and depressed like me, remember that God loves you more than you could imagine. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

JP, signing off!

Vivat Jesus!
Adv. JP Bates



Program Award for January 2022

PGK Bob Rauko named January Knight of the Month—Bob can best be described as a man of great detail and dedication to our organization. Bob serves in many capacities, one of which is, as our long-time recorder. Bob is known for taking detailed notes of our meetings which he then transcribes into our meeting minutes which are absolutely pristine and accurate.

For years Bob has volunteered to take the lead roll of the annual Christmas lights and garland decoration set up at our church. Even though the weather is usually quite cold Bob entices volunteers to help with this endeavor by assuring that a large amount of hot coffee with be on hand accompanied by his fresh from the bakery apple fritters. Then this process is reversed in a few short weeks when the decorations are taken down, also with the assurance of plenty of hot coffee and apple fritters that Bob has come to be known for.

Bob has been a dedicated knight for many years and is always willing to do anything that is asked of him. With his kind hearted nature he is always ready to devote his time like he does as an usher at the eight o'clock mass and many other council projects. Bob's disposition can only be described as a true gentleman. He is a great representation of the image that we wish to display as a Knight of Columbus at St. Irene's and a true inspiration to all of us. Congratulations Bob and thank you!



Feb. 22—American Legion Burger Night

Join us at the VFW Hall, Warrenville at the VFW Hall, Warrenville for burgers, French fries and cole-slaw starting at 5:00 PM.

Outdoor Christmas Decorations Taken Down at St. Irene on January 14





The outdoor Christmas Decorations at St. Irene were removed and packed away for next Christmas. Braving a cold day but no wind or snow were GK Marc Alleruzzo, Dave Abhalter, PGK Mike Bates, Paul Burgermeister, Dave Cappa, PGK Ken Dilulio, Bill Lintner, Patrick O'Connor, Joe Kubal and PGK Bob Rauko. A giant Thank You! to all of these great Knights for a job well done.


Super Bowl 2023 Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 2023. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to below:

James Halama
 27W100 Galusha Ave.
 Warrenville, IL 60555

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Early-Bird Drawings: Drawings will be held Jan. 29 & Feb. 5. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023.

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

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| Feb. 5 | 11:00 AM | Super Bowl Raffle early drawing—St. Irene Church |
| Feb. 8 | 7:00 PM | Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville |
| Feb. 9 | 7:00 PM | St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Feb. 12 | 4:00 PM | Super Bowl Raffle and Party—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Feb. 13 | 5:00 PM | St. Irene Women of Faith general meeting—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Feb. 14 | | Valentines Day! |
| Feb. 18-19 | SelectTime | “Feed the Need” food packing event, North Central College, Naperville |
| Feb. 22 | | Ash Wednesday. Lent Begins! |
| Feb. 22 | 5:00 PM | American Legion Burger Night—Warrenville VFW Hall |
| Feb. 25-26 | All Masses | Council Membership Drive—St. Irene Church |
| Mar. 9 | 7:00 PM | St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Mar. 4 | 7:00 AM | KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive—Warrenville VFW Hall |
| Mar. 20 | | Spring Begins! |

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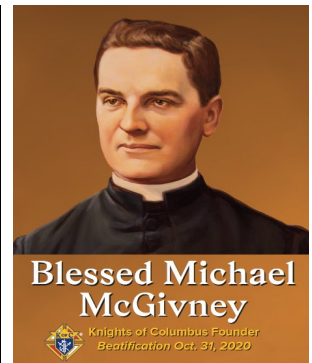
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February Birthdays

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| Timothy McGowan | Feb. 2 | Kenneth DiIulio | Feb. 17 |
| Julia Perez | Feb. 7 | Steve Berning | Feb. 21 |
| Mark Spiotta | Feb. 7 | Mary Ann Lawinger | Feb. 17 |
| John Huttenhoff | Feb. 8 | Susan Battaglia | Feb. 18 |
| Jane Egert | Feb. 9 | Karen Rurka | Feb. 24 |
| Richard Planek | Feb. 9 | Richard Kostner | Feb. 25 |
| John Dichtl | Feb. 10 | Mary Wombold | Feb. 25 |
| Christopher Hitchcock | Feb. 14 | James Aderhold | Feb. 27 |
| William Mitchell | Feb. 14 | Janet Sherman | Feb. 26 |



February Wedding Anniversaries

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| William & Susan Constable | Feb. 2 | Daniel & Karen Leonard | Feb. 24 |
| Robert & Kim Ladeur | Feb. 3 | Andrew & Jeannie Dina | Feb. 25 |

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