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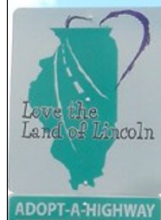


April 15-16 & 22-23—Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

Please donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the St. Irene church the weekends of **April 15-16 and April 22-23**. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need.

Email **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

Joe Kubal



Apr. 15—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time to clean up the trash in the stretch of Butterfield Rd. between Batavia Rd. to Hwy 59, and west to the City boundary. Plan to meet in the parking lot of the old MB Bank at 9:00 AM. Bring a sturdy pair of shoes and work gloves.

In case of inclement weather, the backup date is April 22.

For information and signup please contact **PGK Bob Rauko** 630-337-1568 or rauko@comcast.net.



Annual Memorial High School Scholarship—Applications Due May 12

We are pleased to announce that two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit two students **attending a Catholic High School or College**.

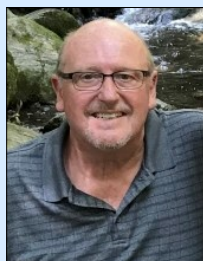
Eligible students must be affiliated with the St. Irene Parish community as a registered parishioner, member of a registered family, or grandchildren of a registered family. Students who had attended St. Irene Grade School are also eligible.

We congratulate those who choose to attend a Catholic high school or college. Students must be enrolled and plan to attend in the Fall, 2023. The \$1000 award is to be used to help defray tuition costs. The scholarship is competitive and is awarded based on the student's service to the Church, School, and Community. Priority will be given to students who will be attending high school in their first year.

The scholarship applications are available online: [High School](#), [College](#) (these are Microsoft Word documents - download; fill it in and save). Upon request by email, I will send the corresponding application to you. You may also go to the [St. Irene Knights of Columbus web site](#). Completed applications must be completed and sent by email by Friday, May 12, 2023 to jrhalama@comcast.net.

Winners will be notified on May 19. Winners and families will be invited to attend a Mass at St. Irene's at a later date convenient for the recipients to be formally recognized and issued their award. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 630-433-6240 or jrhalama@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization dedicated to Family, Church and Community. Our Council is proud to provide manpower and grants to assist St. Irene's students and faculty in any way we can. We recognize the importance of a Catholic education. This year the scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased **Brother Knights Glen Kussman and Deacon Bill Murphy**.



Brother Knights Glen Kussman and Deacon Bill Murphy.



**Special Olympics
Illinois**

Apr. 29—Special Olympics Spring Games at Marmion Academy, Aurora

You are invited to volunteer at the Region C Special Olympics Spring Games to be held at the Marmion Academy on Apr. 29 starting at 8:00 AM. Track and Field competition events will be held.

Visit the [Special Olympics Illinois](#) web site to register (required.)



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Council Business Meeting Apr. 13 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be at the St. Irene Activities Center. See you there!



St. Irene Women of Faith

St Irene Women of Faith will be having their next meeting on April 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the ACL. Please come and spend some time and be a part of the new ministry. All women are welcome.

Thank you
Bonnie DiIulio
Dana Wolze
Co-Presidents



Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting will take place **Apr. 12** at St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville, with Fraternity beginning at 7:00 PM.

Knights needed for Holy Thursday and for Easter Vigil Masses.

Traditional regalia will not be worn. Sir Knights come dressed in tuxedo and social baldric, no swords. Other Knights, dressed in dark suit and tie, may also participate. Contact **GK Marc Alleruzzo** at 630-269-2754 to say that you can participate.

Congratulate Our Five Newest Members



Four members were initiated on Sunday, Mar. 26. New members pictured above are **Ray Geinosky, Fr. Clive, Tom Nemo, and Dominic Lynch.** **Jeffrey Schmitz** was initiated on Monday Mar. 20.

The initiation was presented by a video on the new TV purchased by our Council in the St. Irene Activities Center. The initiation covers all three degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Family members and many Brother Knights also attended. Pizza and beverage was provided following the degree on Sunday.

Brother Knights—Please ask Knights, Families, Friends Neighbors to come to Mass. Fr. Clive will greatly appreciate it.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

Council Officers 2022-2023	
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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	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Membership Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
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.

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

This past week we brought in five new members to the Council. **Father Clive** was one of our new members. On Sunday March 26 we did a first, second and third degree in the ACL. Family members were invited. We did it a new way with a video on the TV. Everyone was impressed by it, including Father Clive. All together we had 17 people. We served pizza, salad and beverages.

On April 21-23, I will attending a convention with my wife, **Paul Burgermeister**, and his wife. I will be bringing back some ideas and good merit points. At the convention, I will be learning how to do all of the programs for the council.

Between now and June 30 I will be identifying all of the new officers for the year of 2023-2024. If anybody is interested in becoming an office, please feel free to come and talk to me.

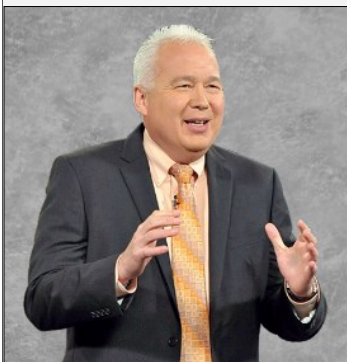
I know that the Fourth-of-July is three months away, but I will keep on saying please come be a part of the help. The money from those two days is donated to many different things.

Don't forget **TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROOL!!!** We need members to help us get our quota!

As Brother Knights we should be bringing old members back to the church. I would like to thank all of the members that are participating and getting involved on planning, organizing, and directing. Thank you all for keeping involved with the Council!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

May 23—Fraternal Benefits Presentation Who Wants to be a Millionaire



This is an informative webinar featuring **Tom Hegna**. These seminars qualifies our Council for the Founder's Insurance Award. Two such webinars are required each year. The first was presented by our **Insurance agent Matt Kling** on Feb 9. At least seven Council members must in attendance at the seminars to qualify us.

The webinar is Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM. To register, you must complete the [registration form](#) online. Remember we need 7 registered.

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

ProLife

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

The ASAP is a Supreme Council program. The brochure states:

"Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP), describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers and their babies by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization.

There are a variety of activities you can organize to qualify for ASAP funds – most fall within the categories of financial support and material assistance:

- Financial Support includes: direct donations, Baby Bottle Drives, proceeds from fundraisers, open houses, etc.
- Material Assistance includes: donations of baby items (equipment, food, formula, diapers, wipes), clothes (maternity, baby, infant and toddler) and other items often listed on a center's or maternity home's website."

The Waterleaf Women's Center, Aurora, is listed as a qualified organization. They provide medical information and provide counseling, community resource assistance, and adoption information and referral. They educate young adults on the impact of unhealthy lifestyle choices in an effort to prevent the need for our services.

I recommend that our Council offer \$500 support to Waterleaf. A lesser amount, I am sure would also be welcome.

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710

WALK TO MARY
United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

The 10th Anniversary Walk to Mary pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, May 6, near Green Bay, Wisconsin. The hike starts at several locations in the area to accommodate walkers of various abilities and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, America's only church-approved Marian apparition site,

On Friday, May 5, join a pre-walk celebration sponsored by Relevant Radio. On Sunday, May 7, the Shrine will host a May Crowning of Mary ceremony. Information and registration can be found at <https://walktomary.com>.



Apr. 26—American Legion Burger Night

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

St. Irene Charity Contributions for 2022-2023

The Illinois State Council has five charity programs that councils in the start are requested to contribute to each year. Our Council has or exceeded the assessed goals as follows:

Charity	Assessed Goal	Council Contribution
Newman	\$505	\$505
Intellectual Disability (ID Drive)	\$6970	\$9185
Respect Life	\$111	\$111
Vocations	\$252	\$624
General Disaster Assistance Fund	\$111	\$111

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>.



Program Award for March 2023

PGK Ken DiIulio named March Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize PGK **Ken DiIulio** as our Knight of the Month for March, 2023. Over the years, Ken has been involved in so many Council and Church activities that they would be too numerous to list here. When a volunteer is needed to help, or head a Council activity Ken is always willing to volunteer by raising his hand and saying, “yep, I can do it”. It is this helping attitude that makes it no wonder why Ken is a former recipient of the Victor Cardosi award.

Our council would like to thank Ken for his continued help and support with such activities as the blood drives, feed my starving children packing events, the fourth of July concession stand, and the Butterfield Road clean up.

Ken is a vital member to our organization and he holds true to the traditions, values, and founding principles of the Knights of Columbus and our council. Ken holds these traditions very close to his heart, and we as a council would like to thank Ken for keeping our Council on track as we progress into the future.

Membership Drive to Continue! We cannot let up. Please be ever vigilant.

Urge prospects to join electronically. A council Tri-fold of our activities can be found [here](#). The QR code shown here 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.



Supreme Council Program Building the Domestic Church [Check it Out](#)

The phrase “domestic church” has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his Letter to Families, Pope St. John Paul II explained, “The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a ‘domestic church,’ a ‘little church.’”

The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.



Hundreds of Bread Tags & Keys Collected in March Drive

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the Spring 2023 Bread Tag/Key Collection Drive. As a result of your efforts, several hundred tags were collected to help obtain wheelchairs and mobility assistance equipment for those in need.

In addition, an assortment of old keys were donated to assist SCARCE in their recycling and education efforts. Please continue to save bread tags and keys for another drive tentatively to be scheduled in September, 2023. God bless!

Joe Kubal
Collection Drive Chair



Mar. 17—Council Hosts Soup Supper

It was our Council's turn to sponsor the St. Irene Lenten Friday Soup Suppers. Five soups were brought by our council soup masters. Also

thanks to all who helped served and set up for the supper.

Council Purchases 65" Smart TV for St. Irene Activities Center

With proceeds from the Super Bowl Raffle the Council purchased an LG 65" SmartTV to replace the existing TV which was outdated and not working properly. The was purchased from Best Buy for \$800.



Mar. 4—34 Pints Blood Collected

The latest KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive was held on Saturday Mar. 4 at the VFW Hall Warrenville at which 34 points of blood were collected. Those who helped

were **PGK Ken DiIulio, Bill Lintner, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

Mark your calendar! The next Blood Drive will be held at St. Irene on June 24.

Mar. 12—Council Members Participate in Special Camps Easter Party

Over 120 kids with special needs attended the annual Easter Party at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, sponsored by Special camps. KC Council Warrenville, West Chicago, and Winfield co-sponsored the event.

St. Irene Council provided the water and pop for the event. Thanks to **Chuck Ingram and his Family** for operating the hay rides. The family brought their hay wagon, tractor, and farm animals. Also participating were **PGK Mike Bates, Joshua Bates,** and several others.

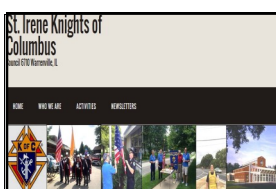
Colleen McDonald, Special Camps president, said that "My family and I just wanted to say that we really appreciated the event yesterday. We were incredibly pleased that the volunteers and KoC members were so friendly and created a welcoming atmosphere. Thank you for the wonderful Event today. Additional photos and a video made by Fox 32 News can be found at this [google drive link](#).



Council donates \$50 for candy to be distributed by the St. Irene Women of Faith at Easter at St. Irene Church

Crisis Prayer Chain

If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@outlook.com or 630-853-2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.



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 fundraising such as the ID Tootsie Roll Drive. Please contact **James Halama** at jrhalama@st-irenekofc.org.

Knights' Calendar

Apr. 7	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Mass—Knights to process and post at Alter of Repose
Apr. 8	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass—Knights to process (see Page 2)
Apr. 9		Happy Easter
Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Thomas Apostle, Naperville
Apr. 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 15	9:00 AM	Adopt-a-Highway cleanup—Butterflied Rd, Warrenville
Apr. 15-16		Eyeglass drive at St. Irene Church
Apr. 17	5:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith meeting at St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 21-23		Illinois State Council Convention—Springfield, IL
Apr. 22-23		Eyeglass drive at St. Irene Church
Apr. 26	5:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Apr. 29	8:00 AM	Special Olympics Spring Games—Marmion Academy, Aurora
May 6		Walk to Mary—Champion, Wisconsin
May 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 12		Memorial High Scholarship application due (see page 1)
May 23	8:00 PM	Fraternal Benefits webinar—See page 3



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April Birthdays

Patrick McGowan	Apr. 4	Scott Hurley	Apr. 13
Bill Constable	Apr. 5	Thomas Taylor	Apr. 13
Douglas Dillmann	Apr. 5	Ellen Voegtle	Apr. 14
Anthony Standifer	Apr. 8	Gloria Fello	Apr. 16
Winston Rasmussen	Apr. 9	Bruce Olson	Apr. 16
Joan Geinosky	Apr. 10	Ronald Zoran	Apr. 16
Lois Booth	Apr. 11	Raymond Hoshell	Apr. 18
Annette Kubalanza	Apr. 11	Debbie Ingram	Apr. 22
Christine Ceja-Rager	Apr. 13	Bradley Hentz	Apr. 30



Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

April Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Laurie Schmitz	Apr. 10	Bradley & Julie Hentz	Apr. 22
Vincent & Roxanne Morello	Apr. 16	Burton & Judy Minor	Apr. 27
William & Allison Looby	Apr. 20	Michelle & Michael Horan	Apr. 28
Michael & Sandy Larue	Apr. 21	Jerry & Carole Kleinwachter	Apr. 29

*** 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.