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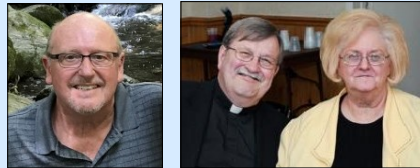


May 12—Annual Memorial High School Scholarship—Reminder! Applications Due

Last month we announced two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit students **attending a Catholic High School or College** who plan to attend in the Fall, 2023. 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.

The scholarship applications are available online: [High School](#), [College](#) (these are Microsoft Word documents - download; fill it in and save). Also, 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.

This year the scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased **Brother Knights Glen Kussman** and **Deacon Bill Murphy**.



May 21—PGK Dinner at Markito's



It's been six years since our last Past Grand Knight's dinner! It got delayed because of COVID and all. We will be honoring/roasting our last two Grand Knights **Tom Perez** and **Mike Bates**. We have a lot of ground to cover.

The dinner will be held at Markito's Mexican Bar & Grill, Warrenville on Sunday

May 21 at 3:00 PM. Markito's will pre-

All are invited, including Brother Knights, your wives & Friends.

pare a taco bar with steak, ground beef, and chicken, and all the trimmings. Water and soft drinks will be provided. A cash bar will be available for any alcoholic drinks.

The cost is \$35/person, that includes tax and tip and the cost of meals for our PGK's and their guest. Let's have a fun afternoon.

Please RSVP by May 18 to **PGK James Halama** by email at jrhalama@comcast.net or by text at 630-433-6240. Include how many are attending. Send a check for payment to James Halama, 27W100 Galusha Ave., Warrenville, IL 60555. Make the check out to "KC Council 6710. Use memo "PGK Dinner".

May 23—Required Council Activity! 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 be in attendance at the seminars to qualify us. The webinar is held online at 7:00 PM. To register, you must complete the [registration form](#) online.

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.

June 6—Knights Men's Night Out with Fr. Clive and Fr. Juan



The Knights are having a men's night out with **Frs. Clive and Juan** on Tuesday, June 6 starting at 6:00 PM. at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, Diehl Road, This is a self-pay event for supper and drinks. There also may be a complimentary tour of the brewery for those that are interested. Please reserve your space by contacting **Joe Kubal** at SMKubal0712@aol.com before June 1st. Hope to see you there!

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Council Business Meeting May 11 7:00 PM

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

The Slate of Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. Elections will be held at the June 8 meeting. If you wish to nominate someone else, or yourself for an office, please let **GK Marc Alleruzzo** know.

- Chaplain—**Fr. Clive Otieno**
- Grand Knight—**Marcello Alleruzzo**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Pat McGowan**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**John Ernst**
- Chancellor—**Paul Burgermeister**
- Recorder—**Bob Rauko**
- Advocate—**Joshua Bates**
- Warden—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**Dave Abhalter**
- Outside Guard—**Joe Kubal**
- Lector—**William Lintner**
- Trustees—**Mike Bates, Tom Perez, Ken DiIulio**

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 **Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Pat Wehner, and Gina LaRocco Goddard.**



Fourth Degree News

The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting is **May 10** at St. Irene's, with Fraternity beginning at 7:00 PM. **We annually host this meeting. Please consider attending this meeting. Help is need to serve food.**

Council 4th Degree provided escorts at St. Irene's Easter Masses.

- **Holy Thursday—Erich Pavel, Marc Alleruzzo, Mike Bates, James Halama, Bill Lintner, Ken DiIulio, and Kevin Looby.**
- **Easter Vigil—Erich Pavel, Marc Alleruzzo, James Halama, and Bob Rauko.**



St. Irene Women of Faith

St Irene Women of Faith meeting is May 8 in the ACL at 5:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Always looking for new faces to have around and fill some open positions as well. Many hands are needed for us to do all we do for St Irene and our community. This is the last meeting until September. Please watch Flock notes, church bulletin as well as the Knights newsletter for all upcoming events that have been planned.

It is raffle time again. If anyone is interested in purchasing books, please contact **Missy Kemp** at 630-460-3704, email us at StIreneWomenofFaith@st-irene.org, or check us out on Facebook and someone will get you books!!! Proceeds are used to purchase winter coats for the girls in need in Warrenville. Please help if you can. Thank you.

St Irene Women of Faith would like to announce our **2023 Woman of the Year Shanon Ryson**. Congratulations to Shannon.

**Many Blessings,
Bonnie DiIulio, Dana Wolze
Co-Presidents**

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

Council Officers 2022-2023	
Chaplain	Fr. Jim Antiporek (630-308-2404)
Grand Knight	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
Dep. Grand Knight	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Financial Sec.	James Halama (630-433-6240)
Treasurer	John Ernst (630-606-2671)
Chancellor	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Advocate	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
Warden	Patrick O'Connor
Inside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
Outside Guard	Joe Kubal (630-470-3807)
Lecturer	William Lintner (630-841-6155)
3rd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
2nd Yr. Trustee	Tom Perez (630-301-1481)
1st Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
Insurance Agent	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
District Deputy	Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)

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)
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)

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 month I went to the Illinois State Council convention Apr. 21-23. I was joined by **Paul and Peggy Burgermeister** and **my wife Debbie**. It was a very productive convention. Paul and Peggy learned a lot. They loved the Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield. They had an all around great time, they enjoyed themselves. On the afternoon section on Saturday the first thing they

brought up at one o'clock was the newsletter winner, it was an honor to hear that 6710 won the first place. YAY! By 2:00 PM, once again 6710 was called for the Illinois In Action bronze award. Yay! On Sunday at 10:00 AM we got a Three Star Award for meeting goal for all 5 state charities, including the Tootsie Roll Drive.! Yay! Go Brother Knights!!! I wouldn't be able to do it without all of you!!!

I would like to thank **Tom Nemo** for stepping up and participating in the Special Olympics at Marmion. He and **Bob Heipp** participated in the Special Olympics Track & Field events. They will be learning a lot to become more familiar with it for next year. **Bob Heipp** is an e-member and is interested in becoming a Brother Knight at St. Irene's.

Again 4th-of-July is coming up. Our **Co-Chairmen** are **Justin Wagner** and **PGK Erich Pavel**. **PGK James Halama**, **Bill Litner**, and my self **GK Marc Alleruzzo** will also make sure it runs smoothly.

Tootsie Roll! Tootsie Roll! Tootsie Roll! I talked to **Nick Battaglia**. He will be working with the city, and order the Tootsie Rolls. He just needs a place for the to be delivered.

Summer is coming up vacations are starting please enjoy yourselves! Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo



ProLife

"Illinois Right to Life is a non-profit organization that educates on the beauty and value of all human life regardless of a person's size, gender, race, age, or disability. We use a grassroots approach to build a culture of life in Illinois that welcomes and loves all human life from conception through natural death.."

The IRL is sponsoring the 54th Annual Leaders for Life Banquet on Friday, May 5, 6:00 PM at The Carlisle Banquets, Lombard, IL. Keynote speaker is Kayleigh McEnany (former press secretary for President Donald Trump). She is a staunch advocate for life and author of "or Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey through the White House and Beyond". Kayleigh is appearing as the featured speaker without compensation.

Banquet tickets are \$150.00 each. To order visit the [IRL web site](#) and select Buy Tickets at the bottom of the page.

Jack Gorski
Pro-Life Chair Council 6710



May 6—Maintenance at City Signs

The Council will again take on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs.

The number of signs is dwindling, but nevertheless those that remain need maintenance.

We will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Butterfield & Batavia Rds. at 9:00 AM.

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. Subsequent scheduled dates are as follows (all Saturdays at 9:00 AM): **June 3, July 8, Aug. 12, and Sept. 23**. Bring a spade, shoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful. Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 for more information.

May 27—WIB Volunteer Planting Day

The St. Irene Council participates in the Warrenville in Bloom (WIB) program that encourages city residents, community groups, and businesses in the planting of perennials and native plants throughout Warrenville. Bring a spade, hoe, shears or other piece of gardening equipment you find useful. Meet at the Gazebo across from the Warrenville City Hall at 8:30 AM on May 26. A plant sale offered by WIB will be offered at 10:00 AM.

WALK TO MARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

There is still time to consider!

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,

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>.

Joe Kubal



June 24—Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 7:00 AM—Noon at St. Irene ACL. Walk-ins are also accepted. Contact Blood Drive Chairman **PGK Ken DiIulio** at 630-747-3673 if you plan to volunteer.



May 24—American Legion Burger Night

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

Council Wins Awards at Illinois State Council Convention Held April 22-23

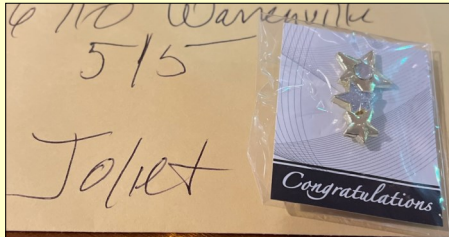
GK Marc Alleruzzo and Paul Burgermeister, along with their wives Debbie and Peggy, reported having a wonderful time, learned a lot, and brought home the awards. Awards are:



- Council News-letter—First Place

- Three Star Charity Award—Council meets all five charity goals

- Illinois in Action Council Award—Bronze Award



Program Award for May 2023

Newest Knights named March Knight of the Month—Council #6710 would like to recognize the following gentlemen for being the Knight of the Month for May 2023, and they are: **Father Clive Otieno, Raymond Geinosky, Thomas Nemo, Dominic Lynch, and Jeffrey Schmitz.** These five men were initiated into the Knights of Columbus this past March and they have hit the ground running helping out with such activities as the Lenten Soup Supper, Butterfield Road Clean Up, Special Olympics and the Food Pantry just to mention a few. Our Council is always looking for new members not just because the more hands make the task at hand that much easier; but rather the more members that we have involved makes the task more fun to complete, which in turn makes the comradery flow, which in turn fosters new long-lasting friendships to develop. The best part about the Knights is that they accept you for who you are and for as much time you have to offer. The Knights of Columbus was established by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 and the Knights have been dedicated to their churches and communities ever since.

Our Council would like to extend a sincere welcome and thank you to these men for joining the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you just want more information on all the activities that we are involved in the easiest way is to look us up on line or talk to a member. Covid is over, it is time to become actively involved in where your heart is...in your Church.

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>.

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.



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.

Twelve Volunteers came out for Adopt-a-Highway April 15

The spring cleanup of Butterfield Rd from Batavia west to the city boundary yielded 15 bags of garbage! Thank to all who took their time to help out: **PGK Bob Rauko, Ralph Dieter, John Ernst, PGK Ken DiIulio, Paul Burgermeister, Dave Abhalter, PGK Mike Bates, Tom Nemo, Dominic Lynch, Iona Sirotek, Mike Duquette.** and transporter **PGK James Halama.**



Council Volunteers Helped at Special Olympics Spring Games April 30

Thanks to **new Brother Knight Tom Nemo** and to **Bob Heipp**, an e-member designate, for assisting with the track and field events during the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Marmion Academy, Aurora on Sunday April 30. It was a bit cold, wet, and windy, but worthwhile.



Tom at Awards Tent



Bob on left lining up athletes

Council Donates \$250 to Waterleaf Women's Center

In response to the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, the Council is donating \$250 to Waterleaf Women's Center, Aurora. The Center provides medical information and provide counseling, community resource assistance, and adoption information and referral.



"A Sincere Thank you" from the Eyeglass Collection Held in April

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2023 Eyeglass Drive. One hundred and thirteen pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church community to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause!

**Eyeglass Drive Chair
Joe Kubal**

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.

"We can all do small things, with great love, and together we do something wonderful."
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

St. Irene's Need Your Help! Knights are encouraged to participate!

Our Catholic faith is an active faith - each one of us is called to be part of a great tapestry of ministries, service, and faith formation that comprise St. Irene Faith Community.

Scan the QR code for a list of areas of opportunity to serve or lead within our church. Each one of us plays a vital and important role in our faith community. Please read the descriptions carefully and prayerfully consider which areas you are called to join. Each member (ages 10+) of the household should complete their own survey.

If the opportunities currently provided do not match your interest/skill set/level of commitment, there is a section at the end of this volunteer sign-up to share what opportunities you would like to see our parish offer.

If you have any questions about what these roles entail, please contact Pamela Keating at 630-393-2400 ext. 120 or pamela@st-irene.org.



Knights' Calendar

May 6	Walk to Mary—Champion, Wisconsin
9:00 AM	Weeding of City of Warrenville signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield Rds.
May 10	7:00 PM Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Irene’s ACL—help needed for food
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 21	3:00 PM Past Grand Knight’s Dinner at Markito’s Bar & Grill—RSVP by May 18
May 23	8:00 PM Fraternal Benefits webinar—See page 1— Required Council Activity
May 27	8:30 AM Warrenville in Bloom Volunteer Day—meet at Gazebo, Warrenville
May 29	Memorial Day
June 6	6:00 PM Dinner with Fr. Clive & Fr. Juan at Rock Bottom Brewery—RSVP Joe Kubal
June 8	7:00 PM St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center– election held
June 24	7:00 AM KC/VFW Blood Drive at St. Irene Activities Center
TBA	Council Officer installation & Family picnic
July 3-4	Council 4th-of-July food concession at Cerny Park



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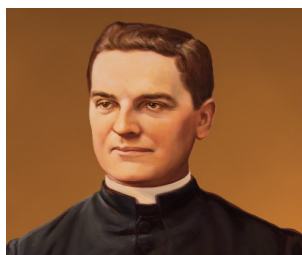
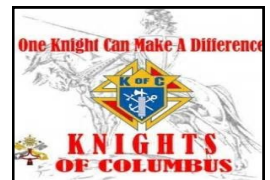
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May Birthdays

Colleen Brummel	May 2	Peggy Burgermeister	May 17
Charles Ingram	May 2	Steven Pyszka	May 19
Mary Geary	May 3	Julie Duquette	May 20
Robert True	May 4	Karen Ernst	May 20
Amber Mitchell	May 6	Daniel Leonard	May 21
Yvonne Stevens	May 7	Margaret Doucette	May 23
Barbara Olson	May 12	Jennifer Kempiak	May 26
Alan Jarasius	May 14	Lois Hitchcock	May 27
Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Colin Wilkie	May 28
Kelley Higgins	May 16	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
Allison Looby	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
Stephen Brummel	May 17	Donna Janiec	May 31



Blessed Michael McGivney
Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

May Wedding Anniversaries

Martin & Sue Kometz	May 1	Thomas & Dianne Taylor	May 17
Barbara & Bruce Olson	May 3	Joseph & Barbara Schrage	May 20
Michael & Teresa Hoffman	May 6	Andrew & Donna Seiberlich	May 21
John & Nancy Markendorf	May 8	Kenneth & Barbara Intihar	May 24
Anthony & Joan Parrino	May 11	Alan & Loreta Jarasius	May 24
Jeffrey & Mary Wombold	May 11	Joseph & Susan Kubal	May 26
John & Katie Augustynowicz	May 12	Christopher & Terry Neigel	May 28
David & Sue Cirock	May 17		

*** 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.