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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL



July 3-4 - Council Celebrates Independence Day in Warrenville; Hosts Food Stand at Cerny Park

Plan on joining your brother Knights & families at Cerny Park, Warrenville as we cook our famous burgers, hotdogs, and sweet corn. Grillers, cashiers, set-up crew and general helpers are needed.

Best of all! Come gather with your family around the Knights concession area for the July 4 fireworks display.

A **volunteer sign-up form** is available on the [Council web](#) site. Follow the link to "Volunteer at 2023 Council July 4th Food Concession." to see the schedule: Signup is not necessary but helpful. The period of time help is needed is as follows:

July 3:

- 11AM—Set-up begins at St. Irene's Parish storage garage.
- 3:00 - 11:45 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available.

July 4: 11:00 AM - Set-up begins at Cerny Park

- Noon - 9:15 PM—Concession booth operates. 2-3 hour time slots available. Fireworks at 9:15 PM
- 10:00 PM—Concession booths close and clean up begins at Cerny Park

July 5:

- 9:00 AM—Cleanup at St. Irene (subject to change).

The July 4th celebration should be a lot of fun. It's "**Toon-Tastic**". The activities and line-up of entertainment are as follows:

Monday July 3

- 5:00-11:00 PM Concession Booths open
- 7:00 PM—The New Odyssey Guy
- 9:00 PM—Centerfold Guy

Thursday July 4

- Noon—Children's Parade on Warren Ave.
- 2:00 PM—Katie Kostner

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July 15— Kane County Cougars Baseball

We have purchased 20 tickets for

the Sioux Falls Canaries vs. Kane County Cougars game on Saturday July 15 at 6:30 PM. The special event for the night is "Christmas in July".

Tickets are still available at a reduced group price of \$12.00 on a first-come-first served basis. Parking will be paid as you enter the facility.

For tickets call **Michael Bates** (630-836-0223).



July 23—St. Irene Women of Faith Ice Cream Social

Bring your kids, grandchildren, spouses and yourself! We will still celebrate summer with our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 23 (date correction) after the 10:00 AM Mass

celebrating Grandparents Day. **Father Clive** will bless all Grandparents so bring them to mass with you and come for ice cream after!



July 8—Memorial Scholarships to be Awarded at 5:00 PM Mass

Our winners **Ainsley Callaghan** and **Katie Kostner** will be recognized following the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass at St. Irene Church. As announced last month, Ainsley will be attending St. Francis High School and Katie will be attending Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI in the Fall. The scholarship are awarded in memory of **PGK Glenn Kussman** and **Deacon Bill Murphy**.

Families for both the winners and our memorial honorees will be in attendance. Please consider attending this Mass in support of our scholarship program.

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Council Business Meeting July 13 7:00 PM

Officer Installation will be held following the meeting. Plan to attend. Pizza will be served.

The Officers for the 2023-2024 are as follows:

- 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, Ken DiIulio, Kevin Looby**



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Please contact **Leslie LaBelle** at leslielabelle@comcast.net if you'd like to help.

**See you at Church,
Dana Wolze, Bonnie DiIulio**



Suzanne Cirock Passes to Eternal Life June 12

Suzanne (wife of Brother Knight David Cirock) passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 12 after battling dementia for 10 years. She was mother to daughter Jennifer Cirock. They were involved in the music ministry at St. Irene's. Dave could always be seen manning the audio controls in church.

Visitation is Saturday July 8, 2023, from 9 a.m. until time of Mass 10 AM at St. Irene Catholic Church 28W441 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville. Internment Afterwards. Services conclude at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



Fourth Degree News

There is no regularly scheduled meeting until September. Enjoy the summer.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, Pat Wehner, and Gina LaRocco Goddard, and Connie Dyas.**

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

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

Council Officers 2022-2023	
Chaplain	Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400)
Grand Knight	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
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Chancellor	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
Recorder	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
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)
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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 Marc Alleruzzo at 630-269-2754.

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

The 4th is around the corner. We will need to have people to set up and take down, and for selling and cooking the food. Let's pray for good weather. On July 13 new officers will be installed after the meeting. Hopefully we are going to have a good turnout. Pizza will be served after the meeting.

Tootsie Roll weekend is just around the corner. We need as much help as possible It will be held the weekend of the 15-17 of September. We need Brother Knights paired up and you can invite friends and family members to help out. Any help is welcome. Food will be served to all who help out.

June as been beautiful enjoy the great weather. Anybody on vacation have a great time. Stay safe and enjoy your families!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo



July 15—Maintenance at City Signs

The date has changed to July 15 in order to not conflict with the funeral for Suzanne Cirock. he Council takes on the task of maintaining perennial plantings surrounding the "Welcome to Warrenville" signs. 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): **Aug. 12, and Sept. 23.** Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Mayslake Council #4053

24th Annual Golf Outing

Scramble Format

Benefitting Special Camps for Special Citizens
Summer Camp for Mentally Challenged Children and Adults



July 21, 2023

Carriage Greens C. C.

8700 Carriage Green Dr, Darien, IL 60561
Open Bar 6:30—8:30 PM Buffet Dinner 7:00 PM
Shotgun Start 1:30 PM Sign in 12:30 PM

Information: Mike Hyland C: 630.697.8589
H: 708.588.1195, mhyland15@sbcglobal.net
Form and payment to Mike Hyland 6700 S Brainard Ave #208, Countryside, IL 60525
Make checks payable to K of C Mayslake Council #4053

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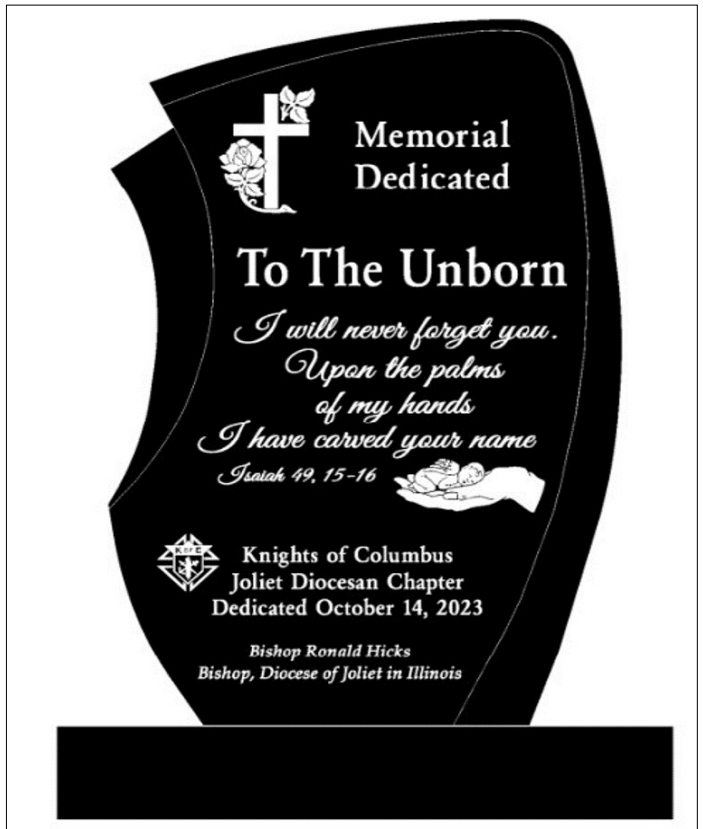
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Help us Support Special Camps. Thank You!

To register follow [Link to flyer.](#)

ProLife

Joliet Chapter Knights of Columbus Monument to the Unborn Fundraising Campaign



Help the Knights of Columbus in the Joliet Diocese promote Pro-life by helping to support a new monument to the unborn. The pictured monument will be dedicated by **Bishop Hicks** on Saturday, October 14 at Holy Family Cemetery in Downers Grove.

To ensure success, support is needed from Knights and Councils of the Joliet Diocese. Donations toward the purchase of the monument can be sent to: Joliet Chapter c/o **Jerry Bevignani**, 201 Pamela Drive Bolingbrook, IL 60440-2382.

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- 4:30 PM—Brass on Fire
- 7:30 PM—High Infidelity - 80's rock band
- 9:15 PM—Fireworks

All concession, beverage and beer stands open at noon. During the day there are water fights, horseshoe contest, bingo & prizes, pickle ball, face painting, and karaoke.



July 26—American Legion Burger Night

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



Advocate's Corner July 2023

Hello everyone, and welcome to July! It's summer! We made it! Some of you might be sad about that, but I like summer, so it's good for me.

This time, I'm still not talking about July 4th. We still have some ways to go before I'm ready to do that, so we have this instead. What we're looking at this month is another adventure I've had. You all remember that time I wrote about being in a tent. This time, I was in hotel room, but I was storm chasing. Exciting...you might think. The truth though, is that storm chasing can be very boring sometimes. In a way, storms are like prayers. They are answered on God's terms, not yours. Storms are similar. They happen when they will where they will. Some days, we had great storms. Others, we barely had a raindrop. In past years though, they'd had massive tornadoes. It is the destructive storms that put life into perspective though. Sometimes, life will just crumble around us as if a tornado came through and ripped everything apart.

I dealt with that firsthand a few months ago when I got fired from my job. But there's a part about those storms that sometimes gets overlooked, and that's rebuilding and pressing on. It is as such in life. Things fall apart, but we can't stop and dwell on those for too long. We have to rebuild and press on. In some cases, we build something better than we had before or ever could have imagined.

A big aspect of getting something better is prayer. It keeps us going when nothing else does. The prayer doesn't always get answered though. God knows what's best for us, and if what we are asking for is harmful or it isn't the right time, the answer is no. There's a song by Garth Brooks called Unanswered Prayers. If you don't know it, I highly recommend listening to it. It explains what I just said in a far better fashion.

Anyways, I'm still catching up on all the lost sleep I got during the trip, so I'll leave this month off here. Pray for me and know I'm praying for you, God bless.

Vivat Jesus!
Adv. JP Bates



Program Award for June 2023

Patrick O'Connor named June Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 is proud to announce that **Patrick O'Connor** has been named as the Knight of the Month for June 2023. Patrick serves as an usher at the 8:00 AM Mass and is always willing to bring up the gifts if the need arises. Patrick is also known to brave the heat during the long Fourth-of-July weekend where he can be seen helping with the set up and clean up at Cerny Park in any way that he is asked. Patrick brings a strong amount of excitement and enthusiasm to events like the Forth-of-July with his calm demeanor, but strong work ethic. This is why Patrick serves as our Council's Warden which is a prestigious position where by it is his responsibility to ensure that all members in attendance at Council Meetings are in good standing, and have valid membership cards. Patrick is always ready to stand up and voice his opinion on discussed matters during our meetings. The way in which Patrick presents his discussions clearly shows that he speaks from his heart, where he vehemently holds his dedication to the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations Patrick and thank you for all that you do for our Council.

Membership Drive Ever Present!

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.



Sept. 15-17—Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



Mark Your Calendar! This is our biggest fundraiser to individuals with intellectual disability. Plan to take some time to help in any way you can to make the drive a success, even if it is only one or two hours on a corner.

Help is needed to organize the fund drive as well! Anyone interested helping to setup our online GoFundMe page, call **GK Marc Alleruzzo** at 630-269-2754 to say you can help.

Council and LA Directory Available

A new directory for Council and Ladies Auxiliary members is now available on the Council web site: st-irenekofc.org. Select Directory Tab. Password is "mcgivney5".



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.

20 Knights Attend Dinner with Fr. Clive June 6

The Knight out with Fr. Clive at Rock Bottom Restaurant was certainly a great time and all look forward for such an event to be repeated. Fr. Juan was unable to attend. We extend our thanks and the best to Fr. Juan as he embarks on his new assignment at St. Mary's in Mokena.

Kudos to Joe Kubal for organizing the Knight out.



20 Pints Blood Collected at KC/VFW Blood Drive held June 24 at St. Irene's ACL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDING PRINCIPLES AND CORE VALUES

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Today, these principles serve as the foundation of our Core Values:

Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.

Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.

Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.

Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.

This Code of Ethics and Conduct demonstrates how our Core Values guide us in situations that we may encounter.



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.'"

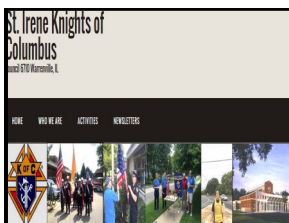
The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

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!

www.st-irenekofc.org



Council Has A 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

July 3-4	All Day	Council Food Concession at Cerny Park, Warrenville
July 8	5:00 PM	Presentation of Memorial Scholarship after 5:00 PM Mass at St. Irene Church
July 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—officer installation to be held
July 15	6:30 PM	Kane County Cougars baseball outing—purchase ticket in advance, see page 1
July 21	12:30 PM	Golf Outing benefitting Special Camps by Mayslake Council, see page 3
July 23	Hospitality	St. Irene Women of Faith Ice Cream Social—St Irene ACL
July 26	5:00 PM	Burger Night by the American Legion—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Aug. 10	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
TBA		Council Family Picnic
Sept. 16-18		Annual Tootsie Roll Drive—plan to participate



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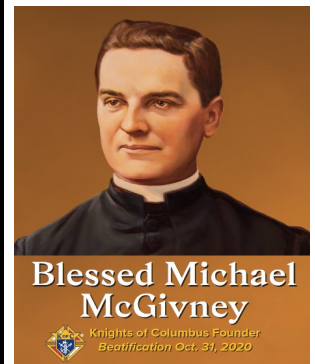
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July Birthdays

Mark Rurka	July 1	Paul Lindsey	July 19
Robert Decker	July 5	Sandra Decker	July 20
John Augustynowicz	July 6	Michael Hitchcock	July 24
Bob Lichtenberg	July 6	John Ernst	July 25
Jeffrey Schmitz	July 7	David Fahrenwald	July 25
Sandy Larue	July 9	Pat Wehner	July 25
Teresa Hoffman	July 11	David Janiec	July 27
Susan Kubal	July 12	Dolly Pointner	July 27
Ralph Dieter	July 13	Ellen Gorski	July 31
Carmi Cyrus	July 17		



July Wedding Anniversaries

Sam & Carolyn Vitale	July 7	Joseph & Dianne Urso	July 23
Steve & Cathy Berning	July 13		

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