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Sept. 15-17—Council Knights to Conduct the Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll” Fund Drive —Goal is \$7500

People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) have limitations in intellectual functions like communicating, taking care of themselves, and impaired social skills. Depending on the level of impairment, many with ID live in special facilities and group homes. Although they are state-supported, funding is limited. Annually, the Knights of Columbus conduct a fund drive to help support organizations that offer service to people with ID. Our Council has conducted this fund drive every year since its founding in 1975.

An In-Person Street Collection September 15-16—Volunteers are needed to be on the streets with their “Tootsie Rolls”. Parishioners 18 years or older are also welcome to volunteer. The more volunteers we have, the more money can be raised. If you would like to volunteer in the collection please call or text **GK Marc Alleruzzo** at 630-269-2754 to sign up.

Council Online GoFundMe Drive September-October

To contribute choose this [GoFundMe link](#) for the St. Irene Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive (gofundme.com). The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community. If you are unable to volunteer on the streets, please consider contributing in this way.

Half the money raised will be donated to the Cupertino Group Home in Warrenville (a [Clare Woods Academy](#) operated facility, Carol Stream). The remaining half will be split between [Western DuPage Special Recreation Association](#), [Special Camps for Special People](#) of Winfield, and [Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities](#). Except for the candy cost, 100% of the money raised is donated to the designated organizations.

We urge you to support the fund drive by volunteering or donating generously either online or getting a Tootsie Roll on the street.

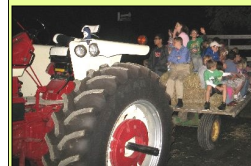


Sept. 23—KC/VFW Blood Drive

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

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

Sept. 30—Family Hayride & Cookout at Galusha Farm



You are invited to join other Council families for a cookout and hayride at **PGK Steve & Kathy**

Berning’s Galusha Farm, 27W271 Galusha Rd., across from Grace Church.

Yes, the Hayride is back! There is no need to RSVP to this event. Invite others to attend, even if they are not Knights’ families.

The Council will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs for grilling, and the beverages. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or desert to pass.



Sept. 9 & Sept. 17 Bread Tag and Key Collection Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the “Danielle Cares for Chairs” charity. Started by a 17-year-old high schooler, this non-profit collects and re-

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Sept. 17 & Sept. 24—K of C “Share Your Soles” 2023 Fall Shoe Drive

The Knights of Columbus are asking you to donate gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity on the week-

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Council Business Meeting Sept. 14 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held in the St. Irene's Activities Center. Plan to attend. Details of the Tootsie Roll Drive that starts on the next day will be presented. Sign-up to volunteer.



St. Irene Women of Faith

September is the beginning of the St Irene Women of Faith ministry's new year. There are many events coming up for all ages to come and enjoy. Please like us on [Facebook page](#) to see what we are planning.

Ladies Night Out Sept. 18—Join us at **Markito's Mexican Grill** (3S071 Route59, Warrenville) starting at 6:00 PM. Complimentary appetizers and soft drinks and cash bar are available.

Vocations raffle books are still available to purchase. All proceeds go to purchase winter coats for the girls in need in Warrenville. Please contact **Missy Kemp** or any board member for tickets.

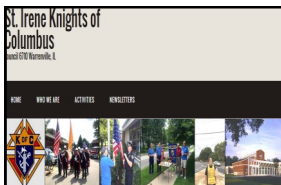
If interested in our ministry and want more information come to any event or our next board meeting on Sept. 11 in the St. Irene ACL at 5:00 PM. Hope to see many!

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



Fourth Degree News

Sept. 13—The first meeting of the fraternal year will be held at St. Peter & Paul Council Hall. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 8:00 PM.



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.



Sandy Decker Now A Great Grandmother

Logan Mueller born August 21st. 6 lbs., 9 ounces. Prayers are needed for **Connie, Michele and Logan**.

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.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2022-2023
Grand Knight	Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400)
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Warden	Joshua Bates (630-836-0223)
Inside Guard	Patrick O'Connor
Outside Guard	Dave Abhalter (630-857-0972)
Lecturer	Joe Kubal (630-470-3807)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
1st Yr. Trustee	Kevin Looby (630-329-1316)
Insurance Agent	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
District Deputy	Matthew Kling (630-485-8705)
	Kevin Callahan (630-235-6456)

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center

Program Director	Committee Directors
Membership Director	Pat McGowan (630-863-8708)
Community Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
Church Director	Bob Rauko (630-337-1568)
Family Director	James Bartz (630-229-8311)
Youth Director	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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 Marc Alleruzzo at 630-269-2754.

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Grand Knight's Corner

As summer is coming to an end, it brings us closer to something very important! Something that I have been talking about all year, **The Tootsie Roll Drive!!!** The 15th, 16th and the 17th of September. We have the candies and the place, we just need the people out on the streets. We need as many Brother Knights and others to join together to help sell. The more people makes more

sales! WE NEED YOU!

If you like you can call me ahead of time at 630-269-2754 or just show up to help. You can also call **PGK Jim Halama** at 630-433-6240. I am counting on a successful drive. The money will be distributed to homes of Special needs children and adults. Especially the Cupertino Home in Warrenville.

TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROLL!!!

**Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo**

ProLife St Michael's in Wheaton

This past summer was a very busy period with multiple local events as well as ones in Springfield and in downtown Chicago. Efforts were made to speak out against, both before and after the recently enacted SB 1909 bill by **Governor Pritzker**, which is intended to cripple Pregnancy Centers from actually giving women a right to choose something other than abortion. The other side claims to be pro-choice, but God forbid if that choice is not to have an abortion.

Fortunately, Pro-Life advocates are making serious headway to block this legislation. The law "is both stupid and very likely unconstitutional," federal **Judge Lain Johnston** wrote in an Aug. 4 order granting a preliminary injunction. "It is stupid because its own supporter admitted it was unneeded" and had no evidence supporting its claims of deception, he wrote. "It is likely unconstitutional because it is a blatant example of government taking the side of whose speech is sanctionable and whose speech is immunized." We will watch how this progresses.



Sept. 11—American Legion Family Spaghetti Night

NEW! American Legion Supper Club Dinners at the VFW Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. All you can eat. Adults \$15, kids 11-16 \$7, under 11 free.

September 27—American Legion Burger Night

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



Sept. 23—9th Annual Hustle Up the Hill Mt Hoy Blackwell Forest Preserve

The event is sponsored by St. Irene's Bridge Communities that provides support for the homeless. There are two heats: 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The cost is \$30/person in advance or \$35/person on race day. You may also participate virtually. Registration Form is located at hustleupthehill.com.

Our Council will be a \$100 sponsor for the event.



Sept. 15—St. Irene Annual Golf Outing

Bliss Creek Golf Club: 1:00 PM

Be part of a great tradition and St. Irene Parish. Still \$100 provides you a golf, cart, and steak dinner. Contact **Bob Ladeur** at rladeur@hotmail.com. For more information. Foursome required.

[Golf Outing Registration Form](#). Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.



Sept. 23—Maintenance at City Signs

This is the last scheduled maintenance for the season. 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. The last scheduled date is **Sept. 23**. Contact **PGK James Halama** at 630-433-6240 for more information.

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ends (only) of September 16-17 and 23-24 during the Knight's annual fall shoe drive. We will be accepting shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather or sport. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be located at the basement entryway of the church activity center nearest the church.

Share Your Soles® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to sharing gently worn/new shoes to those in greatest need. They provide shoes both worldwide, as well as right here in the United States. Be sure that the shoes you donate are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please, no holes or worn off bottoms. Monetary donations also are appreciated and are used by the charity primarily for shipping and handling expenses.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late **Robert Geary**, founder of the Knight's annual shoe drive. Please direct any questions to **Joseph D. Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Joe Kubal

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cycles bread tags to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need. Tags can be dropped off at the church entrance collection box on the two weekends of September 9-10 and 16-17 only.

Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling. Tags and keys can be put in the same collection receptacle.

Thank you for your support!

Joe Kubal



Program Award for August 2023

Dave Abhalter Awarded August Knight of the Month—St. Irene's Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to honor the many years of dedicated service of our **Brother Knight David Abhalter** as Knight of the Month for August 2023. In David's 15 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus he has been involved in many activities such as setting up and taking down our churches Christmas decorations among many other activities. In fact, David's assistance goes back to serving as a cook at our School's Fun Fair, and helping out at our annual Autumn Fest. David has served our council and church where ever and whenever he was asked including being an usher at mass.

It was with a heavy heart that David recently announced to our council that he had made a decision to leave our State and take up residency in Minnesota in order to spend more time with his children and grandchildren. Change, and big decisions are never easy to make, but we applauded David for his decision. David is a family man who always puts his family first. David always talks about his children, and the funny antics of his grandchildren which he adores, and he will definitely enrich their lives by being closer to them.

There will be a big gap in our council. We will miss David's charismatic personality, his eternal smile, and his quick-witted sense of humor. Please know David that you will be missed by all the members of Council #6710 and all your friends at St. Irene. Please visit and update us often!



Oct. 21 - St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO

Saturday, October 21 at St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level) at 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Funds earned will support: FOCUS. There is no need to know how to play. Everyone will be able to

join in the FUN!

Admission paid prior to the event \$20.00, and at the door is \$25.00 (if seats are available). Ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water, coffee and our famous punch. You can bring your own alcoholic beverage.

A 50/50 split the pot raffle will also be available. Funds earned will support FOCUS.

The Women of Faith mission is to invite people into a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church, then accompany them along their journey, and finally equip them to share the Faith with others.

Knights Grill the Hot Dogs for Parish Picnic on Aug. 13

It was a beautiful day for a picnic! It was well attended by St. Irene Parishioners following the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday Aug. 13. Members of the parish staff, hospitality committee, St. Irene Women of Faith and the Knights pitched in to make the picnic a success.

The Knights who helped were **GK Marc Aleruzzo, PGK Mike Bates, Paul Burgermeister, PGK James Halama, Bob Heipp, Tom Nemo, Patrick O'Connor, PGK Erich Pavel,** and parishioner **Jeff Cofflande**.



Knights' Calendar

Sept. 10 & 17	All Masses	Bread Tag & Key Pass Collection on these weekends at St. Irene Church
Sept. 13	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting at Naperville Council Hall
Sept. 14	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Sept. 15	1:00 PM	Annual St. Irene Golf Outing—Bless Creek Country Club
Sept. 15-17		Annual Tootsie Roll Drive—Headquarters at St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 17 & 24	All Masses	Share Your Soles Shoe Drive Collection on these weekends at St. Irene
Sept. 18	6:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith Ladies Night Out—Markito's, Warrenville
Sept. 23	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 23	9:00 AM	Bridge Community Hustle up the Hill —Blackwell Forest Preserve
Sept. 30	5:00 PM	Council Family Picnic and Hayride hosted by PGK Steve Berning
Oct. 12	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL
Oct. 21	6:00 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO night—St. Irene Activities Center

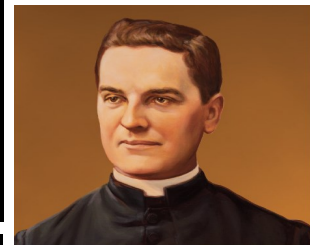
September Birthdays

Carole Kleinwachter	Sept. 2	Mary Catherine Kosmach	Sept. 19
Michael Hoffman	Sept. 4	Ioraine Nemo	Sept. 19
Pam Bates	Sept. 5	Gustavo Bosoli	Sept. 20
Paula Peterson	Sept. 5	Caren Burchett	Sept. 21
Chuck Dumbris	Sept. 6	Julie Hentz	Sept. 21
Irene Fograse	Sept. 8	John Sobieski	Sept. 21
Sue Kometz	Sept. 8	Debi Rossi	Sept. 22
John Paul Augustynowicz	Sept. 10	Laura McGowan	Sept. 23
Barbara Intihar	Sept. 10	Mario Schwarts	Sept. 23
Roxanne Morello	Sept. 10	Betty Knell	Sept. 24
Kenneth Intihar	Sept. 11	Patricia Jackowiak	Sept. 27
Dwight Sherman	Sept. 11	Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 27
Michael Fello	Sept. 12	Terry Fahrenwald	Sept. 28
Richard Nagode	Sept. 12	Andrew White	Sept. 29
James Capezio	Sept. 17	William Graney	Sept. 30
Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 18	David Peterson	Sept. 30
Justin Wagner	Sept. 18		

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Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

September Wedding Anniversaries

Truman & Yvonne Stevens	Sept. 1	Kenneth & Bonnie DiIulio	Sept. 16
Ralph & Dolores Dieter	Sept. 2	Mike & Ana Maria O'Hare	Sept. 21
John & Jennifer O'Malley	Sept. 6	Marcello & Debbie Alleruzzo	Sept. 22
Anthony & Suzanna Standifer	Sept. 6	Ray & Joan Geinosky	Sept. 22
Jack & Ellen Gorski	Sept. 8	Richard & Maggie Nagode	Sept. 22
James & Maryann Bartz	Sept. 14	Richard & Kathleen Kostner	Sept. 25
Paul & Colette Lindsey	Sept. 14	Stephen & Colleen Brummel	Sept. 26
Michael & Julie Duquette	Sept. 15	Robert & Maryann True	Sept. 30

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