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Council 6710
Warrenville, IL

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Nov. 4—K of C Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Come join fellow parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:00-10:45 AM. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, register on the FMSC website at fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer. At the bottom of the page entitled "Looking for a Specific Group," type in "St. Irene Knights of Columbus" and complete the requested registration information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthy organization.



Dec. 7—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.

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



SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SANTUARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Dec. 16—Shrine of Our Guadalupe Pilgrimage

Mark your calendars! Plans are being finalized for a church-wide pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, Illinois to be hosted by our Knights Council. The date will be Saturday, December 16, 2023, and the event will run from 10 AM until approximately 2 PM. Plans include a full Mass led by **Fr. Clive**, a walk around the Shrine grounds including free time at the religious gift shop, a short presentation about the story behind the Shrine and lunch afterwards at a local Mexican restaurant (on your own).

There will be no cost to attend the service or the Shrine. However, monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the Shrine. Also, candle and flow-

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18th Annual - St. Irene Handmade Craft Fair 2023

Saturday, November 4th
9 am to 3 pm
St. Irene ACL

35628w411 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville

A variety of local crafters and artisans representing unique and creative, hand crafted items for sale.

Come find that perfect gift and support our cause!

This event sponsored by the St. Irene Women of Faith.
Profits from this event are used to support several local and international charities.

For more information about getting a booth at this event,
Visit our Facebook Page: St. Irene Women of Faith
or email lorainequilts@yahoo.com



Nov. 18—Decorate for Christmas

The Council will decorate the grounds around St. Irene Church on Saturday, Nov. 18. Decorating starts at 8:00 AM. On the front of the church, we will put up wreaths and garland with lights on them. Other areas of the grounds will get garland, wreaths, lights, manger, etc. There will be coffee, donuts, and juice. The next Saturday will be a backup date if the weather is bad.

Please come at any time and for any length of time that you are available. The more help we have, the faster we finish! I will bring ladders and poles to put up lights. Please bring anything that helps with the decorating.

If you are planning to volunteer, please call **PGK Bob Rauko** (630) 337-1568 or email to rauko@comcast.net.

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Council Business Meeting Nov. 9 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held in the St. Irene's Activities Center.



St. Irene Women of Faith

Women of Faith had their Bunco night on October 21 at the St. Irene Activities Center. Many came out and raised money for Talia



Zelle who is with Focus.org (an organization trying to bring college students back to church and strengthen their faith in God). A video was sent by Talia for all to hear about her work with young people and getting them involved with their catholic faith. The next Bunco night is April 27, 2024.

Women of Faith joined in with the Knights of Columbus and donated 3 boxes of coats for girls at Johnson School. Proceeds came from the sales of raffle tickets. Books are still available until Nov. 13.

The Craft fair is Nov. 4 at St Irene in the Activity Center. Come start your Christmas shopping!

Watch flock notes and Facebook for other events coming up. The next board meeting is Nov. 13. All women and ideas are welcome.

Many blessings
Bonnie DiIulio, President



Fourth Degree News

Nov. 8—The next meeting will be held at St. Joan of Arc, Lisle. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.



Membership Drive Ever Present! We cannot let up. Please be ever vigilant.

Urge prospects to join electronically. A council Trifold 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.

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, Gina LaRocco Goddard, and Connie Dyas.**

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

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| Chaplain | Council Officers 2022-2023 |
| Grand Knight | Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400) |
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Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Irene Activities Center

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| Program Director | Committee Directors |
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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 Marc Alleruzzo at 630-269-2754.

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Grand Knight's Corner

The end of the year is coming quickly! I can't believe that Thanksgiving is around the corner! I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving! I want to let you all know that I will not be here for the next meeting. I will be going to Malaysia with my brothers. I will be gone from Nov. 6 through Nov. 18. **DGK Pat McGowan**

will be leading the meeting.

I would like to thank everybody that attended the Fraternal Benefits Seminar on Tuesday Oct. 24. Thank you all who helped at adopt-a-highway. Lastly thank you to all who attended Special Camps Halloween Party at St. Johns, Winfield!

All of the Christmas lights are ready to be put up on Nov. 18. **PGK Bob Rauko, PGK Mike Bates** and myself checked every light. Unfortunately, I will not be here. I need your support and help. Anybody who is able to please come. I'm going to miss all of you guys for two weeks! I will see you all at the December meeting.

As I've said in the past letters, we are looking for anyone who is willing to step up to participate and maybe to lead our Council activities.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Marcello Alleruzzo



Nov. 13—American Legion Family Supper Club

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.

American Legion Burger Night

The Burger night has been suspended because of the holidays for the next two months. It will return Jan. 24.

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er devotions to Our Lady are encouraged. The Knights have graciously provided funding as hosts of this parish-based event.

Transportation is on your own, as the price for buses have become somewhat prohibitive. Carpooling is urged leaving from St. Irene church to and back from the Shrine.

A final agenda is forthcoming. For more information, please contact **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com.



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.

**Membership Recruitment
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ProLife



PROTECT PRO-LIFE FREE SPEECH

Sharing your pro-life beliefs is not harassment.

Neither is acknowledging that men are men and women are women.

But new guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is **threatening free speech** in the workplace.

Tell the EEOC to change its guidance to remove its references to abortion, contraception, sexual orientation, and gender identity!

The deadline to comment is tomorrow, Wednesday, November 1.

Send a quick, pre-written message today!

Take Action Now



Family Hayride & Cook-out at Galusha Farm Sept. 30

After a hiatus of 4 years, the Family Hayride and Cookout happened! Some 30 attendees experienced a great night, good food, a bonfire, and hayride. Hamburgers and hotdogs were prepared on the Council grill by grill master **PGK Marc Alleruzzo**. The hayrides were cut short due to equipment failure, a hay wagon flat tire.

Thanks goes to **PGK Steve and Cathy Berning** for being gracious hosts. Thanks to all who helped **PGK Mike Bates** to help setup for and cleanup after the event.

Council Support of Local Charity Events



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2023 Share Your Souls Report

The 2023 Knights of Columbus Share Your Soles Shoe Drive collected over 500 pairs of shoes from the community at-large that will be repurposed and sent to those in need. Shoes that were collected are being sent to benefit those in the Ukraine and in Peru.

Besides collection bins at St. Irene Church, there were bins at Warrenville VFW (thanks to **Vince Morello**) and the Warrenville Park District Recreation Center (thanks to the late **PGK Glen Kussman** for getting this started). The late **Bob Geary**, who first conceived and implemented earlier drives would have been very pleased with our results.

I sincerely wish to thank all of those who participated in this year's collection drive, and we hope to be back next year to continue helping those in need with this effort.

Joe Kubal
Project Chair



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Held Oct. 21

We did the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Saturday Oct 21, one week later than the scheduled event for Oct. 14. It was too clean out there, we only filled 5 bags.

Helpers were **Michael Duquette, Ralph Dieter, Tom Nemo, Bill Lintner, and PGK Bob Rauko.**

We talked a little about the Bears. Finally a home win!

Council Participated in the Special Camps Halloween Party at St. Johns Oct. 29

Although the weather was somewhat chilly, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. There were 170 special guests.

Our Council was ably represented by **PGK Mike Bates, Patrick O'Connor, Chuck Ingraham** and granddaughter **Daisy**, and **PGK Jack Gorski**. Patrick spent the early part of the party checking everybody in. He later joined Mike in serving food to the participants. Jack assisted Chuck and Daisy with the Hay Rides. Luckily the rain held off until the party ended!



Council and Women of Faith Distribute Coats Oct. 18

Women of Faith joined in with the Knights of Columbus and donated 3 boxes of coats for girls and 2 boxes for boys at Johnson School.

Proceeds came from the sales of vocations raffle tickets. Books are still available until Nov. 13. Women of Faith contributed \$799.00 and the Council contributed \$494.76 for the purchase of the coats.



Program Award for October 2023



Knights of the Month—

With the upcoming All Souls Day the Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to honor **ALL of our Fallen Brother Knights as Knights of the Month for October 2023.**

This honor and remembrance from extends to our brothers from the most recent to all way back to the inception of our Council in 1975. All of these Knights worked hard in many different ways to move our Council forward in good times and hard times, and they never lost sight or dedication to our mission. If it wasn't for these Knights, our Council would not be the vibrant award winning Council that it is today. All of these Knights said yes when they were asked to help in a variety of different ways and they stood strong as pillars in our community, as well as prime examples of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

Our Council is always ready to welcome new members. If you have a desire to join or know someone who does, or if you just want further information about our organization please check out our trifold at www.st-irenekofc.org.

Let us all take time out this All Souls Day to remember these men we call Knights of Columbus, and just say thanks for their strong support, dedication, and tireless efforts to our church, St. Irene's.

| Name | Deceased |
|---------------------|----------|
| Daniel Cyrus | 2023 |
| Martin Cardelli | 2021 |
| Thomas Dieter | 2021 |
| Glen Kussman | 2021 |
| Wayne Decker | 2021 |
| Eric Fladeland | 2021 |
| James Mowbray | 2021 |
| Raymond Scott | 2021 |
| William Murphy | 2020 |
| Charles Stanislaw | 2020 |
| Joseph Gattone | 2019 |
| Philip Kemp | 2018 |
| John Murray | 2017 |
| Robert Geary | 2017 |
| Charles Tadavich | 2017 |
| Joseph Wehner | 2016 |
| Rocky Phelps | 2016 |
| George Kleinwachte | 2015 |
| A. Keith Lambert | 2015 |
| Edward Dobkowski | 2015 |
| Ron Battaglia | 2014 |
| Jerry Cruse | 2014 |
| Dennis Fograse | 2013 |
| Walter Frederick | 2013 |
| George Knell | 2011 |
| Joseph Voegtler | 2011 |
| Mark Schefke | 2011 |
| Frank McQuaid | 2010 |
| Lanson Robinson | 2010 |
| Fred Sierakowski | 2008 |
| Bernard Wilger | 2008 |
| Michael Di Giovanni | 2008 |
| Stanley Grych | 2005 |
| Thomas Cosgrove | 2005 |
| Roy Frieders | 2005 |
| Erich Pavel | 2004 |
| Frank Bernard | 2003 |
| Henry Wurst | 2002 |
| Edward Callahan | 2001 |
| Myles Burke | 2001 |
| Dean Tierney | 2001 |
| Harold Bollweg | 2000 |
| John Hudetz | 2000 |
| Ed Miller | 2000 |
| Ralph Rice | 1999 |
| Ed Stange | 1999 |
| Charles Van Duren | 1998 |
| Peter Thongamphai | 1998 |
| Hilmer Benson | 1996 |
| Antonio Ramirez | 1994 |
| John Cieslak | 1994 |
| John Martin | 1993 |
| John Vitullo | 1993 |
| Louis Mendicino | 1992 |
| Tom Vuono | 1989 |
| John Schmidt | 1989 |
| Philip Adler | 1989 |
| James Egert | 1987 |
| Harlan Beatty | 1986 |
| Edward Ingram | 1983 |
| Aloysius Stier | 1978 |

Knights' Calendar

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| Nov. 1 | | All Saint's Day—Holy Day of Obligation |
| Nov. 2 | 7:00 PM | All Soul's Day—Memorial Mass the for deceased—St. Irene Church |
| Nov. 4 | 9:00 AM | K of C Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event, Aurora (see page 1 to register) |
| | 9:00 AM | Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair—St. Irene Activities Center |
| Nov. 5 | | Daylight Savings Time ends—move clocks back by one hour |
| Nov. 8 | 7:00 PM | Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Joan of Arc, Lisle |
| Nov. 9 | 7:00 PM | St. Irene Council business meeting at St. Irene ACL |
| Nov. 13 | 5:00 PM | American Legion Family Supper Club—VFW Hall, Warrenville |
| Nov. 18 | 8:00 AM | Decorate St. Irene Grounds for Christmas |
| Nov. 24 | | Thanksgiving Day |
| Dec. 7 | 7:00 AM | KC/VFW/Lions Club Blood Drive—VFW Hall, Warrenville |
| Dec. 10 | All AM | St. Irene Pancake Breakfast—Activities Center; Knights to serve the meal |
| Dec. 14 | 7:00 PM | St. Irene Council business meeting—Cupertino Home |
| Dec. 16 | 10:00 AM | Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Guadalupe—Des Plaines, IL |
| Dec. 25 | | Merry Christmas |



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November Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Scott Pointner | Nov. 1 | Burton Minor | Nov. 19 |
| Leora Mowbray | Nov. 5 | Christopher Neigel | Nov. 20 |
| Jennifer Yuen | Nov. 5 | Cathi Zoran | Nov. 20 |
| Christopher Hanson | Nov. 8 | Ray Geinosky | Nov. 21 |
| John Markendorf | Nov. 9 | Sandi Gorski | Nov. 22 |
| Beverly Murphy | Nov. 9 | Patrick Lawinger | Nov. 23 |
| Helen McQuaid | Nov. 13 | David Cirock | Nov. 24 |
| Charles Burchett | Nov. 14 | Carole Tadavich | Nov. 26 |
| Angelita (Lita) Yusi | Nov. 14 | Patrick O'Connor | Nov. 27 |
| Thomas Perez | Nov. 15 | Carolyn Vitale | Nov. 30 |
| Gary Polkow | Nov. 15 | | |





Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

November Wedding Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| Joseph & Patti Eganhouse | Nov. 10 | Nick & Elizabeth Battaglia | Nov. 26 |
| James & Deborah Smithy | Nov. 17 | Stuart & Bobbi Aschauer | Nov. 29 |
| George & Mary Kosmach | Nov. 25 | | |

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