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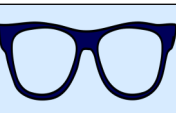
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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



Apr. 20—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. For information please contact **Ralph Dieter** at 630-885- 5578.



April 20-21 & 27-28 Eyeglass Drive

In part, Mark 8:25 reads, "Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." This neatly sums up for what the Knights of Columbus are striving in the 2024 St. Irene Eyeglass Drive.

Please bring your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection boxes in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be sent to the Lions Club International local chapter for reuse by those in need. Email Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com if you have questions.

Joe Kubal



Apr 27—St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO

The next Bunco event is Sat., Apr. 27 at the St. Irene's Activity Center Lower Level at 6:30 – 9:00 PM. There is no need to know how to play. Everyone will be able to join in the FUN! A 50/50 split the pot raffle will also be available. Funds earned will support St. Irene Bridge Community.

Admission paid prior to the event is \$20.00, and at the door is \$25.00 (if seats are available). The ticket price includes finger foods, dessert, soft drinks, water, coffee and our famous punch. You can bring your own alcoholic beverage. Contact **Michele Kemp** at missyree@yahoo.com to register or for more information.



**Special Olympics
Illinois**

Apr. 28—Special Olympics Spring Games at Marmion Academy, Aurora— Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics on Sunday, April 28, at Marion Academy. A group representing St. Irene Knights of Columbus would be appreciated by the Special Olympics and be a great gesture of support from our Council.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact **Tom Nemo** at 630-808-1900 (text or call), or by e-mail at tejn74@yahoo.com. If you decide to volunteer, Tom will let you know how you can sign up under our reservation space on the Special Olympics volunteer portal. The commitment is from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Your family and friends are welcome, too.

Thank you, and hope you will participate in this worthwhile event.

**Tom Nemo
Special Olympics Chair**

Recent Council Donations



\$2500 to support St. Irene partner programs. Funding from Super Bowl Raffle proceeds.



\$150 to support purchase of wheelchairs for those in need.



\$507 to support Chicago Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Funds collected at St. Masses

Mar. 16-17.



\$100 to Mar. 3 Feed The Need Mobil Packing Event at Benedictine University. Volunteers listed Page 5.

\$150 to WOF for Easter candy.



Checks distributed from Sept. Tootsie Roll Drive:

- \$5182 to Cupertino Home (pictured)
- \$1500 to Special

Camps

- \$1500 to Western DuPage Special Recreation Area.

Council meets 2024 Illinois State Council Charity Goals:

- \$7150 Tootsie Roll ID Dr.
- \$345 Newman Fund
- \$113 Respect Life Fund
- \$966 Vocations Fund
- \$113 General Assistance Fund

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Council Business Meeting Apr. 11 7:00 PM

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

New Member—Please welcome **John Muhlenfeld** who joined the Knights of Columbus and our Council on Mar. 24. Congratulations John, and we also welcome your wife Pamela to our Family.



St. Irene Women of Faith 2024-2025 slate of officers:

- Laurie Schmitz-President
- Clare Barry-Vice President
- Connie Dyas-Treasurer
- Leslie LaBelle- Secretary

If someone else would like to step forward, please email bonnied.18@yahoo.com. You are welcome.

Looking for a good few women. The following events are planned and need a chairperson. The board will support and guide, just sign up and get your volunteers to help out. If interested in chairing an event, please email bonnied.18@yahoo.com: Ice Cream Social, Baby Bottle Drive, Mother's Day project, Bunco-Oct and April, Easter Project, Egg Stuffing, Egg Hunt, Craft Fair, Ladies Night Out, St Joseph Table, Guadalupe Fest, Make a Difference Day, Spring Tea.



Sue Wolfe 2024 St. Irene WOF Woman of the Year

Sue grew up in a family where faith and family were really important. She attended St Mary's for college. On a student tour of Europe, she met the love of her life and future husband Phillip. They started attending St Irene's in 1995, and joined a Small Christian Community in 1999. In 2014, St Irene became partners to Bridge Communities. Ever since, Sue has been committed in that ministry as Treasurer and a mentor for two families. With the support of the parish and community, we are now welcoming Families #12 and #13 in April. Sue considers giving of time, talent, and resources as living the love of Christ. Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

Bonnie DiIulio
WOF President



Fourth Degree News

Apr. 10—The next meeting will be held at St Thomas the Apostle, Naperville. Fellowship and dinner is at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:45 PM.



Fourth Degree Knights Participate in Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil Celebrations: **James Halama, Marc Alleruzzo, Eric Pavel, Bob Rauko, Kevin Looby,, And Mike Bates.**



May 21—Dinner with Fr. Clive

The Knights are having our annual men's night out with Father Clive on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 starting at 6 PM. at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. Make reservation to Joe Kubal at SMKubal0712@aol.com.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Sam Vitali, Fr. Jim Antiporek, Rosemary Maher, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, and Gina LaRocco Goddard.**

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

Chaplain	Council Officers 2022-2023
Grand Knight	Fr. Clive Otieno (630-393-2400)
Dep. Grand Knight	Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754)
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2nd Yr. Trustee	Michael Bates (630-836-0223)
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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

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 Marc Alleruzzo at 630-269-2754.

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Grand Knight's Corner

By the time that you all receive this letter hopefully you all will have had a good Easter, spent with family and friends. Both the Holy Thursday and the Saturday Easter Vigil Masses will have been passed too! Thank you all who participated. The 4th degree members wore the new uniforms and some wore black suits Everyone

looked great!

I am going to be recruiting officers for the next term. I'm looking for anyone who is willing to step up to the plate. Consider volunteering or otherwise I will be asking. I would like to thank anyone who has showed up for events and writing up programs that we need. Thank you also for keeping the paperwork flowing.

The 4th-of-July is around the corner. I talked to **Bill Lintner**. He stated that the big truck that we use will be there both days. He will also be there for both of the days too.

As a reminder, don't forget about the Tootsie Roll Drive. I will get dates to you. **Dominic Lynch** is our new Chairman. Keep it in mind that we need as many people as possible, even if you only work a couple of hours. Whatever is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting me as a Grand Knight!

Vivat Jesus!

GK Marcello Alleruzzo



May 4—Maintenance of City Signs

The Council will again take 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): **June 8, July 13 Aug. 10, and Sept. 14**. 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 11—Mother of Cabrini Pilgrimage to Sites in Chicagoland by Deacon Joe Urso

After viewing the movie "Cabrini," **Deacon Joe Urso** had the idea of having a pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini sites in Chicagoland. As such, a tour has been developed through CatholicChurch Tours. The tour is scheduled for Sat., May 11 from 9:30 AM–2:30 PM. Transportation and meal costs will be on your own in addition to the cost for the pilgrimage itself: \$0-\$35 per person based upon an individual's ability to help pay. Carpooling will be made available to those in need. The itinerary for the day and registration can be found at [Mother Cabrini Tour in Chicago](#). Questions can be directed to **Joe Kubal** at jdrk4715@aol.com.

ProLife

Apr. 17 March for Life Illinois



With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, the power to protect the unborn was given back to states through our elected representatives. The Illinois state capital is now critical territory for protecting Life.

Join us to bring a voice for the voiceless. Together, we march to empower women to choose life, and to defend the dignity of the unborn.

Join us as we travel to the Illinois State Capital on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Together we march!

Event Details:

- 7 AM—Bus departs from the Blanchette Catholic Center
- 10 AM—Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, UI-Springfield
- 12 PM—Rally at the Capitol; meet at the Lincoln statue
- 1 PM—Illinois March for Life
- 3 PM—Bus departs (approximate time) from Springfield
- 6 PM—Bus arrives (approximate time) back at the Blanchette Catholic Center

Seating is limited for those 18+. Travelers should plan to arrive at the Blanchette Catholic Center (16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, 60403) by 6:30 AM, as the bus will depart on time. Meals will not be provided. Once registration is complete, refunds are not available to those who do not attend. Thank you for joining us!

Required: [Registration for Bus Transportation](#)



April 12—Knights on Bridges

We are looking for a few Knights to participate. We have a banner to use. We can choose any busy intersection or team up with

St. Isidore and Corpus Christi Councils on Friday Apr. 12. Call or text me at 630-673-4742.

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman

WALK TO MARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

May 4—Walk to Mary Pilgrimage

The 11th Anniversary Walk to Mary pilgrimage will take place on Sat., May 4 this year, 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. At the walk on Saturday, Confession will be offered as well as numerous Masses at participating churches along the route. On Sunday, May 5, the Shrine will host a May Crowning of Mary ceremony. Information and registration can be found at <https://walktomary.com/>.



Program Award for The Year 2023-2024

Super Bowl Party & Raffle Program of the Year—Council #6710 is proud to announce that our ‘Super Bowl Party and Raffle’ has been chosen as our Program of the Year for 2024, and it will be submitted at the State level at the upcoming State Convention in May. This program continues to be a major fundraiser since its inception in 1996, by **PGK James Halama** who still chairs this yearly program. This program unites our fellow parishioners with our knights for an afternoon of sporting entertainment, and allows for the opportunity for our parishioners to get to know what the Knights of Columbus are all about. This is a solid and trusted program which our parishioners look forward to participating in every year. In fact, all the raffle tickets are sold out year after year. The proceeds from this program have been used for improvements to the school, the church, the grounds and several pieces of equipment as well as other activities throughout the year. In addition, these proceeds also fund scholarships to students attending a Catholic School.

GK Marc Alleruzzo Knight of the Year—Marc has been a member since 1988 and since that time he has been involved in every program position possible, and it is most likely that he has chaired these positions more than twice. Marc has served as Grand Knight in the past and is currently in his second term as Grand Knight. With Marc’s high energy and love for our Council he has brought in several new members, “just by talking to them,” as he would say. He is animate about bringing in new members, and new life, and creative ideas into our council. It is this kind of ‘never quit’ spirit and dedication to our Council to put us back on map and back on track.

PGK Ken & Bonnie DiIulio Family of the Year—Ken joined in 2008, and since that time he and Bonnie have been heavy contributors to our Council and Parish. Ken flew up the ranks from 1st Degree Knight to Fourth Degree, Fourth Degree Captain to Inside Guard, Chancellor, and ultimately Grand Knight, and not to mention winning the 2019 Victor Cardosi Award. His wife Bonnie did like wise with our Women of Faith Ministry where she currently holds the position of President, and is a caring and vibrant teacher for our religious education classes for over 15 years. Bonnie is also a Eucharistic Minister, a position she holds dearly. Ken donates his time to Special Olympics, Feed My Starving Children food packing events, participated in Honor Flights, and the blood drives. Ken and Bonnie are a strong married couple of faith who work together and lean on each other. A great example of this is when Bonnie makes her killer Lasagna for our 4th Degree Meetings.



Program Award for March 2024

PGK Marc James Halama March Knight of the Month—Jim has been an extremely active member of our Council for over 32 years. During this time, he has been involved in every facet and activity that our council offers several times over. His most notable positions begin with serving as our Financial Secretary, a position he has held for several years. Jim would be considered by most as a master gardener, and he serves as a member on the “Warrenville in Bloom” committee. With the assistance of other Knights, Jim weeds, plants, mulches, and has constructed planters around the “Welcome to Warrenville” signs throughout our city. He is often hosting our officer installation picnic on the beautifully manicured grounds of his home. However, Jim is most notably recognized for his years of chairmanship with regards to our annual Super Bowl Party and Raffle. The proceeds from this program have been used for improvements to the school, the church, the grounds and several pieces of equipment as well as other activities throughout the year. In addition, these proceeds have been used to fund scholarships to students attending a Catholic High School in memory of a fallen Knight or a Knight’s family member.

PGK Kevin & Allison Family the Month of March—Kevin is currently serving as a 2nd year trustee of our Council. He ensures that our business meetings are running smoothly and accurately, and that all business expenditures are properly accounted for. In the past Kevin has served two terms as our Grand Knight, and before leading our council he initiated the Support Our Troops Program in 2007 which he has chaired since its inception. This program keeps our local active military personnel in touch with our Warrenville community. Kevin and Allison have been actively involved in a variety of other military related activities over the years such as the Wreaths Across America campaign at the Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois as well as fund raisers involving Hines VA hospital, as well as fund raisers for our men and woman currently serving. Kevin and Allison also enjoy donating their time at our Warrenville VFW, and Allison is involved in our Women of Faith Ministry and she is also a Eucharistic Minister.



Support VFW & American Legion

- American Legion Supper Club Dinner Monday Apr. 8 from 5-8 PM
- American Legion Burger Night Apr. 24 from 6-8 PM.



Mar. 2—27 Pints Blood Collected at KC/VFW Blood Drive

The drive was held at St. Irene Activities Center. Those who helped were PGK Ken DiIulio, PGK Bob Rauko, and James McDermott.



Mar. 22—Knights Host Lenten St. Irene Soup Supper

Our chefs offered 7 soups for all to enjoy. Several volunteers were present to help serve soups.



Mar. 3—Feed The Need Mobil Packing Event at Benedictine University

Volunteers at the event were Sue Gosewehr, Tom and Loraine Nemo, Joe Kubal, and Ken & Bonnie DiIulio.



Mar. 23—Special Camps Easter Party

About 85 guests were hosted at the Easter Party held at the DuPage County Fair Grounds. About 50 volunteers participated. Knights were seen helping in every corner of the party. Activities included check in followed by crafts, woodworking, Easter games, a dynamic talent show, a yummy lunch with the Knights, and outdoor activities including a small petting zoo with goats and a chicken, and a hayrides.

Our Council provided the water and pop and some desserts. Also a special thanks to **Chuck Ingram** and his daughter for providing the tractor & hayride and a small petting zoo with goats and chickens. Those who participated were **PGK Marc Alleruzzo, PGK Mike Bates, PGK Jack Gorski, Joe Kubal, John Muhlenfeld, Patrick O'Connor, and James McDermott.**



March 2024 Bread Tag & Key Drive



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the Spring 2024 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, 2024. God bless!

Joe Kubal



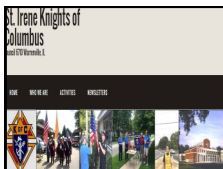
Wayne Decker Memorial Regional Free Throw Competition

The "Wayne Decker Memorial Regional Free Throw Competition" was held on March 5, at Benedictine University. Ninety boys and girls from ten local Knights of Columbus Districts participated. Three boys from our Council competed, and two of them, Caden and Jack, won second place in their age groups. It was a well organized and well run event. **Tom Nemo and GK Marc Alleruzzo** attended.

At the award ceremony Marc spoke about Wayne's contributions to the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Program and presented Wayne's wife, **Sandra Decker**, with a commemorative plaque from our Council honoring Wayne and those contributions.

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www.st-irenekofc.org



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Knights' Calendar

Apr. 10	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville
Apr. 11	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 12	8:00 AM	Knights on Bridges; participate with St. Isidore & Corpus Christi Councils
Apr. 17	7:00 AM	Illinois March for Life—Springfield, IL
Apr. 20	9:00 AM	Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of Butterfield Rd. Meet at Batavia & Butterfield
Apr. 21 & 28	All Masses	Eye-glass Drive at St. Irene Church
Apr. 24	6:00 PM	American Legion Burger Night—VFW Hall, Warrenville
Apr. 27	6:30 PM	St. Irene Women of Faith Bunco Night—St. Irene Activities Center
Apr. 28	9:00 AM	Special Olympics Spring Games at Marmion Academy, Aurora
May 4	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield
	9:00 AM	Walk to Mary Pilgrimage—National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
May 9	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
May 11	9:30 AM	Mother of Cabrini Pilgrimage to Sites in Chicagoland
May 21	6:00 PM	Dinner with Fr. Clive—Rock Bottom brewery, Warrenville



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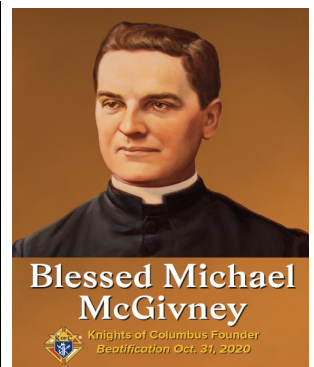
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April Birthdays

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



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.