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Warrenville, IL



May 17—Annual Memorial High School Scholarship Applications Due

The St. Irene Council is pleased to announce that up to two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit students attending a Catholic High School or College.

Eligible students must be affiliated with the St. Irene Parish community as a registered parishioner.

We congratulate those who choose to attend a Catholic high school or college. Students must be enrolled and plan to attend in the Fall, 2024. The \$1000 award is to be used to help defray tuition costs. The scholarship is competitive and is awarded based on the student's service to the Church, School, and Community. Priority will be given to students who will be attending high school in their first year.

The scholarship applications are available online: [High School](#), [College](#) (these are Microsoft Word documents - download; fill it in and save). 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 17, 2024 to jrhalama@comcast.net.

Winners will be notified on May 24. Winners and families will be invited to attend a Mass at St. Irene's at a later date convenient for the recipients to be formally recognized and issued their award. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 630-433-6240 or jrhalama@comcast.net.

This year the scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased **Brother Knights Eric Fladeland** and **Rev. Thomas Dieter**.

**Applications Due
May 17**



Prayers & Help for Brother Knight Bill Hughes

While on vacations with friends in New Zealand, **Santa Bill**

suffered a hemorrhagic stroke Mar. 19, 2024. He is hospitalized there to this day.

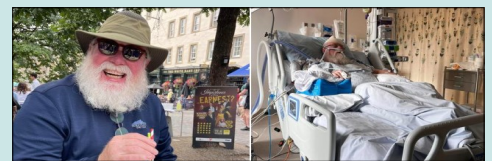
He is affectionately known as **Santa Bill** along with his wife **Mrs. Clause Mary** (deceased, Nov., 2021). They were a revered couple making appearances all over the Warrenville area including our Council Christmas parties. Bill continued being Santa after Mary's death. You could always see Bill with his large white beard at St. Irene Masses throughout the year.

His Family, including son and daughter **Matt and Erin**, are experiencing incredible financial burden. To bring Bill home on an air ambulance costs approximately \$70,000. Let's not forget About expenses incurred by them who have been with Bill since.

The Family has setup a GoFundme page:

[Santa Bill Hughes...#PrayforSanta.](#)

They have set a goal of \$100,000. They have received over 470 donations and collected nearly \$60,000 to date. Please kindly consider a donation for our Brother Knight.



May 21—Farewell Dinner with Fr. Clive

We had scheduled our annual men's night out with **Father Clive** on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM. at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. As you are aware, **Fr. Clive** is being reassigned as pastor to St. Mary Nativity in Joliet as of July 1, 2024. What a better way than to give him a warm sendoff. Although not necessary, make your reservation to **Joe Kubal** at SMKubal0712@aol.com.

After two years of trying, we finally got **Fr. Clive** to join the Knights of Columbus. He has served as our Chaplain since joining. He has been our ardent supporter throughout his tenure at St. Irene's.

May 22—Invest With Integrity KofC Webinar

This free webinar will be held Tuesday May 22 at 6:00 PM. Learn more about pursuing financial growth without compromising your faith. Presented by **Thom Duffy**, Vice President & Head of Advisory Services, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

As a Council we are required to participate in two benefits seminars each fraternal year. This webinar satisfies the second of the seminars. We need at least 11 attending this online seminar. Look for a future

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Council Business Meeting May 9 7:00 PM

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

The Slate of Officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. Elections will be held at the June 13 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—**Pat McGowan**
- Deputy Grand Knight—**Paul Burgermeister**
- Financial Secretary—**James Halama**
- Treasurer—**Mark Spiotta**
- Chancellor—**Tom Nemo**
- Recorder—
- Advocate—**Joshua Bates**
- Warden—**Patrick O'Connor**
- Inside Guard—**James McDermott**
- Outside Guard—**Joe Kubal**
- Lector—
- Trustees—**Marc Alleruzzo, Mike Bates, Ken DiIulio**



St. Irene Women of Faith

The Women of Faith have been busy. We have our next Slate of Officers picked. Getting things organized for them to give them all the support they need.

The Bunco event on April 27 was a huge success. We had the biggest crowd since COVID. Everyone seemed to have a good time with playing bunco, meeting many new people and having a delicious meal and desserts. Money raised for the Bridge Community will be announced after our next meeting in May. The next Bunco will be in October. Be sure to watch for more information.



Our 2024 Woman of the Year, **Sue Wolfe** was honored at the April 28, 10:00 AM Mass. Many of the past Women of the Year were there to support her in this honor. The Mary crowning was done surrounded by St Irene First Communicants.

During these past couple of months we have been making the Mother's Day gift for all the Mothers to give out at the May 11/12th Masses. It took many hands and hours. **Father Clive** will be blessing them at the 5:00 PM Mass on May 11.

Everyone is welcome to attend our May 13 meeting in the ACL at 5:00 PM. Future meeting days and times will be changing and the information will be sent out through the newsletter, flock notes and emails sent directly.

Thank you for all your support. More pictures to follow in June newsletter.

Many Blessings
Bonnie DiIulio
WOF President



Fourth Degree News

May 8—The next Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting is 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.**



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Bill Hughes, Sam Vitali, 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

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1st Yr. Trustee	Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673)
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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)
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Youth Director	
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Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
Vocations	Brad Hentz (630-836-0332)
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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

Well Gentlemen, I have two more months as your Grand Knight. We sat down and started putting together the roster for next year. It looks like we have most of the positions filled. At my next meeting I am going to read the new slate of officers and we are going to do the nominations. I'm going to be going to the convention the 17-19 of May. Hopefully I can bring back good news!

Remember everybody that the fourth-of-July is coming up. We will be planning for that. I will start sitting down and discussing the Tootsie Roll Drive. **Dominick Lynch** will be organizing that event.

Just so everyone knows my house is on the market. I will probably be moving to Millstadt, Il. While I am still around, I will be trying to recruit new member knights. Thank you all for all you do!!!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Marcello Alleruzzo

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announcement regarding us gathering at the St. Irene Activities Center on this evening.

To register (at least 11 of us) go to this [link](#) and complete the form displayed. You will receive an email providing you the link to the webinar.



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

ASAP "Pass The Hat" Incentive

Life proponents are often criticized for opposing abortion while not supporting new mothers and their babies. This is where the Knights step into the breach. The **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)** program is our answer, and the Order has a goal of providing \$5M to resource centers and maternity homes this year. Let's "Pass the Hat" and provide the benefit to centers in Illinois.

Supreme is now featuring an ASAP "Pass the Hat" incentive.

Local councils may make donations and claim ASAP participation as a life program activity on their SP7 awards input form. However, they may not submit an ASAP grant application for their "pass the hat" contributions.

Supreme will match 25% of the funds raised up to a maximum of \$10,000 from Supreme for \$50,000 raised. Supreme's matching funds will be made payable to the PRCs and/or MHs selected by the state council. The check will be sent to the address provided by the state council on the State Convention ASAP Application.

Your council can now donate online or during the upcoming State Convention to help achieve this goal.

I recommend that the Council contribute \$250 to this very worthy cause. Last year we contributed \$250 to Waterleaf to complete our SP7 submission.

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman

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

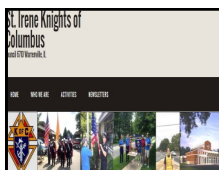
and registration can be found

at <https://walktomary.com/>.



Support VFW & American Legion

- **American Legion Burger Night** May 23 from 6-8 PM.



Council 6710 Web Site!

www.st-irenekofc.org

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Held April 20

Nine volunteers came out on a beautiful Saturday morning to collect trash along Butterfield Rd. from Batavia Rd. west to the City boundary past Route 59. It was reported that the amount of trash was not too bad. About 12 bags of garbage were collected. Those who participated were: **Ralph Dieter, Ron Dieter, Mike Duquette, John Ernst, Brad Hentz, Bill Lintner, Dominic Lynch, Tom Nemo, and PGK Bob Rauko,**



Council Members Participate at Special Olympics Spring Games April 28

Bob Heipp, Tom Nemo, and James McDermott volunteered at the Marmion Academy Special Olympics Awards Station on Sunday morning for the full time.

It was fine event. We enjoyed it.



Tom Nemo



Program Award for April 2024

Bill Hughes April Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus #6710 honors **Bill Hughes** as our Knight of the Month for May 2024. Bill has been a vital member of our Council for over 30 years. Besides his strong dedication and ongoing commitment to our parish Bill served our community as a highly respected high school athletic trainer and teacher for many years until he retired with his wife Mary. They were affectionately known as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause to make Christmas just a little brighter for children. For years they visited our Council Christmas parties and innumerable other groups and families in the Warrenville area. Now several years after Mary's passing, Bill finally ventured out on a vacation with friends to New Zealand. While doing so, he suffered a major medical event and has been hospitalized for the past month in New Zealand, and he is still there. To bring him home will be expensive. The family has started a [Santa Bill Hughes GoFundme page](#) to raise money for the trip. Please consider making a donation.

Rich and Kathy Planek Family the Month of March—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to honor **Rich and Kathy Planek** as our Family of the Month for May 2024. Rich and Kathy have been long time active members of our St. Irene Parish community and they have raised great children, three of which have graduated from St. Irene School. Their now adult children model their parents' examples of how to lead a faith filled life. Their example of faith has been handed down to their grandchildren as well. Rich and Kathy are actively involved with their grandchildren and continue to nurture them in the faith often by helping them construct their religious education. Rich has been an active Knight for over 22 years, and besides helping out at our parish Kathy has been serving our community in the medical field for her whole adult life. When you look at Rich and Kathy you see a strong pillar of marriage and one, that younger couples look up to for guidance and strength. Their strong commitment to each other is obvious, and it is displayed in the way that they play off of each other when you engage them in conversation. Rich and Kathy are always ready to help in any way that they can.



Membership Drive Always! We cannot let up.

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.



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

May 4	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville City signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield Rd.
	9:00 AM	Walk to Mary Pilgrimage—National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
May 8	7:00 PM	Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting— at St. Irene's. Plan to attend
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 17		High School Scholarship application due—send to jrhalama@comcast.net
May 21	6:00 PM	Farewell Dinner with Fr. Clive—Rock Bottom brewery, Warrenville
May 22	6:00 PM	Invest with Integrity KofC webinar—see page 3 to register
May 27		Memorial Day
June 13	7:00 PM	St. Irene Council business meeting—St. Irene ACL– Officer Elections
June 20		Summer Begins
June 29	5:00 PM	Officer installation for 2024-2025—St. Irene Church



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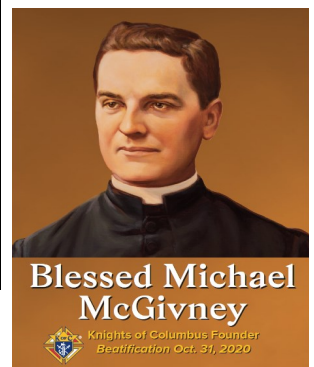
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May Birthdays

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	Colin Wilkie	May 28
Marcello Alleruzzo	May 15	Matthew Kilroy	May 29
Kelley Higgins	May 16	Maggie Nagode	May 29
Allison Looby	May 16	Donna Janiec	May 31
Stephen Brummel	May 17		



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

*** 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.