



knights of st. irene

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**Council 6710
Warrenville, IL**



September 13-15—Council Knights to Conduct an In-Person and a Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive

In-Person Drive—the Knights will again solicit donations on the street corners in Warrenville. Street collections will take place September 13-14. **Mark Your Calendar NOW!** 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. **GK Pat McGowan** will be delighted!

Virtual GoFundMe Drive September & October—The Council will again set-up a GoFundMe page in order to add to our goal. The success of the virtual drive in the previous four years has prompted us to do the same this year. The virtual drive is targeted to be conducted within the Warrenville Community during the months of September and October.

Our goal is \$9000—We are seeking your input if you have ideas as to how we can get the word out, especially about the GoFundMe virtual drive. Please contact, **Dominic Lynch, Tootsie Roll Chair** at 630-254-5552, or email to: dominiclynch4@gmail.com. Look for more specific information in the September newsletter. **Mark your calendars now!**



**Dominic Lynch
ID Drive Chairman**



Aug. 10—City Sign Maintenance

Please consider participating in this community program during the summer. The last date is **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.

SUPPORT a Seminarian Today

They Are Our Priests of Tomorrow

Aug. 10-11—St. Irene Women of Faith Selling Vocations Raffle tickets

The Vocations raffle tickets will be sold during hospitality following the Masses at St. Irene's this weekend. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or a book of 15 for \$15. The raffle ticket sales will continue at each hospitality weekend through November.

This is a fundraiser for both the Women of Faith and the Knights of Columbus. For every book of 15 tickets sold, the Women of Faith retains \$9 and the Knights receives \$6. The money raised by the Women of Faith will be used to purchase winter coats for the girls in the Warrenville schools.

The Knights will send all their money raised to the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Council who is the Vocations Raffle sponsor. The St. Irene Knights will purchase winter coats for the boys in the Warrenville schools.

Terese Wombold



Sept. 21—KC/VFW Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held Sept. 21 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 always welcome.

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



Sept. 21 at Blackwell Forest Preserve

Consider participating in this fundraiser for Bridge Communities. There is a 1K flat route walk as well

as the run up Mt. Hoy. The cost is \$30/person. To register and get further information go to hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com.

All proceeds from the event will go to house a family experiencing homelessness for 2 years as they transition to self-sufficiency in partnership the Bridge Communities Program.

The Council has also been asked to contribute by sponsoring a race route sign during the event. Last year we sponsored the sign for \$100. We will consider the sponsorship at our Aug. 8 business meeting.

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**Council Business Meeting
August 8 7:00 PM**
We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.



**Membership Drive Ever Present!
We cannot let up.**

Ask the man next to you at Mass. You will be surprised when he responds by saying no one has asked me before!

Urge prospects to join electronically. 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. A notice will be sent to the Grand Knight and financial Secretary.

A council Trifold of our activities can be found [here](#). There are no fees or dues required to join.



Fourth Degree News
No general meeting for August. Only a Captains meeting in August. Our Captain is **Ken DiIulio**.



Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.

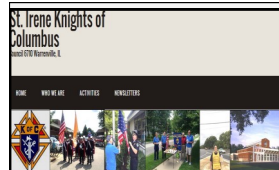
Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road, on Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer for 2 hours on a regular basis, please contact Bill France at france74usma@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Get Your Council Shirt Today!

Use order form below or get order form [online](#). A minimum order of two shirts is required.



Council 6710 Web Site

Check out our Council web-site at: <https://st-irenekofc.org>.



Pray for Our Loved Ones

Pray for the health & recovery of **Alan Jarasius, Rachel Jarasius, Bill Hughes, Sam Vitali, Rosemary Maher, Mary Ann True, Deacon Bob True, Beverly Scott, Ken DiIulio, George LaRocco, Kathy Planek, Rich Planek, and Tyler O'Malley**



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.

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

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

Committee Directors	
Program Director	Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574)
Membership Director	Jeffrey Schmitz (630-917-2002)
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Life Director	Jack Gorski (630-393-4742)
Vocations	
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 Patrick McGowan at 630-863-8708.

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Grand Knight's Corner

There's been a lot of news about major meetings lately. Political conventions, the Olympics, etc., have taken over the television, radio, social media and more. But one large meeting took place in Indianapolis this past July that we should all pay attention to: the National Eucharistic Congress.

Held over four days in Indianapolis, the Eucharistic Congress was the culmination of several pilgrimages that progressed to Indianapolis from all over the country. Once there, pilgrims took part in events to deepen our faith and our limited understanding of the miracle of the Eucharist.

One of the takeaways from the Eucharistic Congress was the call to "Walk with One" – an "opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person." This means we're called to pray an "examen" (a structured prayer with scripture passages) that helps us discover how to be the channel that reaches out to someone to help them on their faith journey. For more information and resources, visit: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one>.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Patrick McGowan



ProLife End of Life Issues

The Catholic Church honors the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. While there is much publicized about abortion and the life of the baby, it seems that there is less communicated about end-of-life issues. One may be confused about what is considered dignity when suddenly faced with these issues. Oftentimes we turn to hospice to look for answers. Hospice care should neither artificially extend life nor hasten death.

Unfortunately, there are cases where family members believe their particular hospice care is trying to hasten death. According to Illinois Right to Life, "Some hospices and hospice organizations actively promote actions that hasten death including terminal sedation, withdrawal of nutrition and hydration, and delivery of pain relief that suppresses breathing hastening death. Certain hospices and hospice organizations have been found to facilitate assisted suicide."

Illinois Right to Life has developed 25 questions you can ask to determine what type of care philosophy a hospice follows. The checklist can be used to help determine whether a specific hospice is the right place for you or your loved one in an effort to preserve the dignity of life even until death. To read these questions go to [Illinois Right to Life 25 hospice questions](#).

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman



September Bread Tag and Key Collection Drives

These are planned but not yet scheduled. Get your bread tags and keys collected.

Joe Kubal



October K of C "Share Your Soles" 2024 Fall Shoe Drive

This annual event is planned for October. Get your shoes selected for donation

Joe Kubal

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.'"



Support VFW & American Legion

American Legion Burger Night August 28 from 5-8 PM.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Honoring Bill "Santa" Hughes
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2024



BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove
1 pm Shotgun Start (best ball scramble)



BE A PART OF A GREAT TRADITION!

This year's proceeds will benefit St. Irene's and Bill "Santa" Hughes

HAVE SOME FUN AND COME GOLF WITH US!
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CONTACT Bob LaDeur (rladeur@hotmail.com)

or at 630-918-5121 for more information



July 4th Food Concession Nets \$3871

Thanks to our Food Concession Chair **PGK Erich Pavel** and his committee of **Justin Wagner, Bill Lintner, PGK Jim Halama,**

and **GK Marc Alleruzzo** to a very successful event again this year.

Total revenue was \$6347, expenses \$2476, with net \$3871. This was one of the best years that we have had in a long time. Last year, we made just over \$2650.

Our expenses were substantially less than years past, we eliminated soda and did not buy a barrel of beer, (used cases of beer - much more economical). The cost for a case of corn was \$15. Last year we paid over \$35 for a case of corn. We went through 780 hamburgers (26 cases), 800 ears of corn (16 crates) and 320 hot dogs (4 boxes). We moved a lot of food. Thanks for the many volunteers who made this possible, without your help we would not have done it.

Thanks to all who helped (30 in all): **Debbie Alleruzzo, PGK Marc Alleruzzo, Joshua Bates, PGK Mike Bates, Chuck Burchette, Paul Burgermeister, Doug Dillman, John Ernst, Gerry Gosewehr, Patrick Gosewehr, PGK James Halama, Bob Heipp, Chuck Ingram, PGK Tom LaRocco, Dominic Lynch, Bill Lintner, GK Patrick McGowan, John Muhlenfeld, Tom Nemo, Patrick O'Connor, John O'Malley, PGK Eric Pavel, PGK Bob Rauko, Jeff Schmitz, Andrea Skodachek, Diane Spiotta, PGK Mark Spiotta, Deacon Joe Urso, Justin Wagner, and Ron Zoran.**

Knights and Families attend Kane County Cougar Games Saturday July 20

What a great evening for baseball! All but 3 of the 20 tickets bought were sold. The Cougars even won by a score of 8-1. Thanks to **PGK Mike Bates** for organizing the event.



Program Awards for July 2024

John Dichtl Knight of the Month—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize **John Dichtl** as our Knight of the Month for July, 2024. John is best known as the warm welcoming usher at our 10:00 AM Mass. It has been said that John has a heart like a moose and he is always ready to help anyone with a large fun-loving smile on his face. John is a fixture at the 10:00 AM Mass where he is usually seated next to his son. When communion time comes around, John makes a point, to shake hands, or he delivers a hug, to each parishioner as they exit the pew to receive communion. Yes, John wears his heart on his sleeve and he is not afraid to show the love that he has for his son and our parishioners. The way John interacts with our parishioners is very uplifting, and it is an elite example of how we should all be towards each other especially in these trying times in our broken world. In his free time John is an avid fisherman. He loves to talk fishing and he is always ready to tell you what he caught last week. However, he never seems to mention the fishing hole where he caught them all at. Thank you, John, for all that you do for our parish.

St. Irene Bridge Transitional Housing Community "Family #2" Family the Month of July

—The Knights of Columbus Council #6710 would like to recognize the St. Irene Bridge Transitional Housing Community "Family #2" as our Family of the Month for July, 2024. This family is led by a single mother in her thirties who is raising two teenage sons. Since enrolling in the Bridge Community and working with her mentors, this mother has made tremendous strides towards becoming self-sufficient. She has paid off all of her outstanding debt, and she has a long-range plan to become a registered nurse at Rush Hospital, where she is currently employed as a Patient Care Technician, after she successfully completed a Certified Program Course. This mother is said to be a hard-working person who is dedicated to the Bridge Community Program and she is very appreciative of our parish. Please continue to support the Bridge Community with your prayers and financial assistance so that through the hard work of the Bridge Community Mentors they can continue to have successes like this family. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #6710 we would like to say Congratulations! To family #2, and we wish you all the best!

**Membership Recruitment
24x7 by You**

Knights' Calendar

Aug. 8	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Aug. 10	9:00 AM	Maintenance of Warrenville welcome signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield
Aug. 10-11	All Masses	St. Irene Women of Faith selling Vocations raffle tickets at St. Irene AC
Sept. 12	7:00 PM	Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 13	1:00 PM	St. Irene annual golf outing—Bliss Creek Golf Club, Sugar Grove
Sept. 13-15	All day	Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive—Headquarters St. Irene ACL
Sept. 21	7:00 AM	KC/VFW Blood Drive—St. Irene Activities Center
Sept. 21	9:00 AM	Hustle Up the Hill Bridge Communities—Blackwell Forest Preserve



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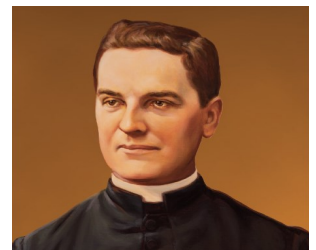
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August Birthdays

Edward Leahy	Aug. 2	Debbie Alleruzzo	Aug. 14
Pam Bollweg	Aug. 3	Larry Chaon	Aug. 15
Vincent Morello	Aug. 3	Jeannie Dina	Aug. 15
Rosemary Maher	Aug. 4	Judy Minor	Aug. 15
Jeffrey Wombold	Aug. 4	Martin Kometz	Aug. 16
Brendan McGowan	Aug. 5	Bobbi Aschauer	Aug. 19
James Halama	Aug. 7	Joseph Urso	Aug. 25
Colette Lindsey	Aug. 7	Dianne Taylor	Aug. 25
Thomas Bucki	Aug. 9	Joshua Bates	Aug. 29
Kim Ladeur	Aug. 9	Julia Chaon	Aug. 30
Terry Neigel	Aug. 11	William Hughes	Aug. 31
Michael Bates	Aug. 13		



Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

August Wedding Anniversaries

Winston & Carol Rasmussen	Aug. 1	Kevin & Marian Dunn	Aug. 16
Daniel & Carol Walsh	Aug. 4	James & Rita Aderhold	Aug. 21
William & Karen Graney	Aug. 5	Mario & Yolanda Schwarts	Aug. 22
Scott & Dolly Pointner	Aug. 6	William & Kelley Higgins	Aug. 23
David & Donna Janiec	Aug. 7	Noelle & Paul Shallcross	Aug. 23
Andrew & Patricia White	Aug. 8	Richard & Kathleen Planek	Aug. 25
David & Karen Cappa	Aug. 13	Ronald & Cathi Zoran	Aug. 25
Chris & Annette Hanson	Aug. 14	David & Terry Fahrenwald	Aug. 30

*** 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.