



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—Goal is \$9000

People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) have limitations in intellectual functions like communicating, taking care of themselves, and impaired social skills. Many with ID live in special facilities and group homes with limited funding. The Knights of Columbus has conducted an annual fund drive since its founding in 1975 to help support organizations that offer services to people with ID.

An In-Person Street Collection September 13-14—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.

Headquarters for the drive is at St. Irene’s Activities Center. On Friday, Sept. 13, it will be open from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM. On Sat. from 7:00 AM until Noon. You may arrive at anytime to signup and receive instructions for collection. If you would like to volunteer in the collection please call or text **Dominic Lynch** at 630-254-5552.

Council Online GoFundMe Drive September-October

To contribute choose this [GoFundMe link](https://www.gofundme.com) 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](#). All 100% of the funds we receive from this GoFundMe drive support these organizations.

Dominic Lynch
ID Drive Chairman

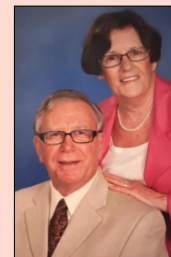
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We Remember!

Sir Knight Fred Smith Passes to Eternal Life Aug. 16

Fred was a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus with more than 25 years of consecutive service.



Fred was preceded in death by his wife **Barbara Smith** in 2015. His adopted son **Ronald Delipre** resides in Villa Park, IL. Fred joined the Knights at St. Irene's in 1998 and became a 4th degree Knight in 1999. He was an active member of our Council severing as Financial Secretary for two years starting in 2005 and newsletter editor for two years starting in 2007.

Pat Kemp Passes to Eternal Life Aug. 20

Pat was the beloved wife of **Brother Knight Phil Kemp** (deceased 2018). Pat is most remembered for the tapestries she made that are displayed above the altar and sanctuary.



Pamela Bollweg Passes to Eternal Life Aug. 7

Pamela was the beloved wife of **Brother Knight Jeff Bollweg**. Jeff serves as usher at every St. Irene's 8:00 AM Sunday Mass.



Sept. 28—Family Hayride & Cookout at Galusha Farm

You are invited to join other Council families and friends for a cookout and hayride at **PGK Steve & Cathy Berning's Galusha Farm**, 27W271 Galusha Rd., across from Grace Church starting at 6:00 PM.

This is the only Family picnic outing of the year! 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.

More Inside!

- Weeding welcome signs....Sept. 7
- St. Irene Golf Outing.....Sept. 13
- KC.VFW Blood Drive.....Sept. 21
- Bread Tag DriveSept. 21
- Hustle-up-the-Hill.....Sept. 21



Council Business Meeting September 12 7:00 PM

We meet at the St. Irene Activities Center.

Officer Installation at 6:30 PM– Council officers for this fraternal year are urged to arrive at 6:30 PM in order to participate in an officer installation ceremony.

Final preparations for the “Tootsie Roll” drive will be discussed.



Sept. 21 at Blackwell Forest Preserve

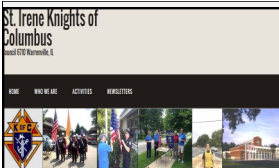
Consider participating in this fund raiser for Bridge Communities. There is a 1K flat route walk as well as the run up Mt. Hoy. The cost is \$30/person. To register and get further information go to hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com.

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.



Fourth Degree Assembly 3044 News

Sept. 11—First general meeting of the fraternal year for the Assembly. The meeting will be held at the Naperville Council Hall, Naperville. The Rosary begins at 6:30 PM. Fraternity begins at 7:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:45 PM.



Council 6710 Web Site

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

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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STEAK DINNER AFTERWARDS**

CONTACT Bob LaDeur (rladeur@hotmail.com)

or at 630-918-5121 for more information



Pray for Our Loved Ones

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

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

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| Chaplain | Council Officers 2024-2025 |
| Grand Knight | Fr. Clive Otieno (815-726-4031) |
| Dep. Grand Knight | Patrick McGowan (630-863-8708) |
| Financial Sec. | Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574) |
| Treasurer | James Halama (630-433-6240) |
| Chancellor | Mark Spiotta (847-980-2461) |
| Recorder | Tom Nemo (630-808-1900) |
| Advocate | Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) |
| Warden | Joshua Bates (630-836-0223) |
| Inside Guard | Patrick O’Connor |
| Outside Guard | James McDermott |
| Lecturer | Joe Kubal (630-470-3807) |
| 3rd Yr. Trustee | Jeffrey Schmitz (630-917-2002) |
| 2nd Yr. Trustee | Michael Bates (630-836-0223) |
| 1st Yr. Trustee | Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) |
| Insurance Agent | Marc Alleruzzo (630-269-2754) |
| District Deputy | Matthew Kling (630-485-8705) |
| | Bruce Klecker (630-995-0764) |

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 |
| Membership Director | Paul Burgermeister (630-877-1574) |
| Community Director | Jeffrey Schmitz (630-917-2002) |
| Church Director | Bob Rauko (630-337-1568) |
| Family Director | Joe Urso (630-853-2070) |
| Youth Director | Michael Bates (630-836-0223) |
| Public Relations Director | Tom Nemo (630-808-1900) |
| Blood Drive Director | Joe Kubal (630-983-6159) |
| Life Director | Ken DiIulio (630-747-3673) |
| Vocations | Jack Gorski (630-393-4742) |
| 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 Tootsie Rolls – A Family Affair

When my kids were little, the Knights of Columbus were “the Tootsie Roll guys” for my kids. They donned the yellow vests and helped me collect donations at grocery stores, so small that the aprons skimmed the sidewalk. They were stellar at raising donations – who can say no to a 3 year old asking you to help children and get candy?



Now that my kids are in their 20's with jobs and responsibilities, it's not as easy to persuade them to collect donations with me. But every year, they're quick to make a donation when they see Brother Knights in their vests.

While they were in school, service projects were baked into the curriculum, called “service learning.” Volunteering and service are critical life skills, and as fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, we are called to model those behaviors for the next generations.

This year, I challenge you to invite a younger family member to help collect during our Tootsie Roll drive or one of our many service projects during the year.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Patrick McGowan



Sept. 7—City Sign Maintenance

This is our final outing this year. 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.



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. 25—American Legion Burger Night

Support our American Legion. Burgers are served from Sept. 25 from 5-8 PM at the Warrenville VFW Hall, Warrenville.

ProLife ProLife Pledge

Commit to upholding our principles for the future of America. In the face of the left's united battle against the pro-life movement, we must naturally work together to engage all culture war issues. These problems in today's society are growing increasingly evident. Do you agree?

- The rise of secularism and atheism has promoted the idea that individuals are free to live their lives without regard to God or morality.
- The legalization of abortion and same-sex “marriage” has undermined the institution of marriage and the traditional family structure.
- The increasing acceptance of pornography and other forms of sexual immorality is leading to a breakdown in sexual morality and a weakening of family ties.
- The spread of socialism and communism promotes immorality and the idea that the government should take care of people's needs, rather than the family.

Even in the face of these problems, we believe that together we can build a society grounded in Christian principles and free from the chains of the sexual revolution.

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

That's why we are inviting you to join us by [signing the Pro-Life Pledge today](#).

Please consider taking a stand with us in this effort to save America from moral destruction, by adding your name now.



Blessings today,
Robert E. Ritchie, Director,
America Needs Fatima

PGK Jack Gorski
ProLife Chairman



Sept. 21-22 & 28-29— 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 recycles bread tags to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices.

Tags can be dropped off at the church entrance collection box on the two weekends of September 21-22 and 28-29 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. If you need further information, contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Joe Kubal
Drive Chairman



Sat. Oct. 5—Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

It's time for the Fall clean-up of trash along 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.



October 12-13 & 19-20—K of C "Share Your Soles" 2024 Fall Shoe Drive

The Knights of Columbus are asking you again to donate gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity on the weekends (only) of October 12-13 and 19-20 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 entry-way 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



Oct. 5 - St. Irene Women of Faith BUNCO Night

Let's play Bunco on Sat., October 5 at St. Irene's Activity Center at 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Funds earned will support the Warrenville Food Pantry with much needed holiday dinners for approximately 130 dinners.

There is no need to know how to play. Men, women, and children (12 and up) will be able to join in the FUN! Admission paid prior to the event is \$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. Half to the sinner and half to the Warrenville food pantry.

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.



Program Awards for August 2024

PGK Tom LaRocco Knight of the Month—

Council #6710 would like to recognize **PGK Tom LaRocco** as the Knight of the Month for August, 2024. Tom has been an active member of our Council since 1984. Tom has served as our Grand Knight. He has been chairman for the annual turkey shoot and card party events. and has also entered his famous chili in the parish annual chili cook-off. Currently Tom donates his time and talents at our food tent during the Fourth of July celebration in Cerny Park, and he serves as an usher at our 8:00 AM Mass. Tom is also a very active member at the Warrenville VFW where he serves alongside his longtime friend **Vince Morello** where they host the VFW's Burger and Cruise night which has been a success for the past six years. Tom is well known for his sense of humor, his infectious laugh, and his constant smile, and he is a trusted neighbor and friend to all that know him in the community. Our Council would like to extend to Tom a sincere thank you for all the help he provided to our council, our community and our Country over the many years.

Vince & Roxanne Morello Family the Month—

Council #6710 recognizes **Vince and Roxanne Morello** as our Family of the Month for August, 2024. Vince has been a trusted member of our Council since 1987. Over the years, Vince has generously offered his time and talents, even with only short notice. Vince and Roxanne raised their children through St. Irene school where they were very active and supportive with regards to several school activities. Through the years, Roxanne supported Vince with their family-owned business and now she shows the same support for Vince where he donates a lot of his time as the Commander of our Warrenville American Legion. In this secular 'me first world', it is refreshing to see a couple that puts the needs of the other first. Our Council would like to thank both of you for all that you have done for our council, our community and our Country over the years, and for the example that you set for all of us to model after.



Oct. 5—Warrenville American Legion Hosts Ruck-The-Ville

The "Ruck" is a military style walk/run while carrying a weighted rucksack. It is filled with non-perishable food or items to donate. The items will benefit the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Edward Hines VA.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 AM at the VFW Hall, Warrenville. Download the [Ruck-the-Ville flyer](#) to register and see a list of suggested items to donate.



**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!

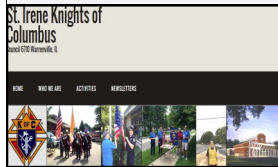
Urge prospects to join electronically. The QR code shown here with the KC insignia at its center can be used. Use your cell phone to scan the code and select the web address shown. The web page requests your name, contact information, parish name, and Council number: 6710. A notice will be sent to the Grand Knight and financial Secretary.

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



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>.



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.



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!

Supreme Council Web Site

To date, our members and friends have donated \$9,613,120.

As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications. 100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in



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**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.’”

Brother Knights—Please ask Knights, Families, Friends Neighbors to come to Mass. Fr. Clive will greatly appreciate it.

Knights' Calendar

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| Sept. 7 | 9:00 AM | Maintenance of City signs—meet at Batavia & Butterfield Rds. |
| Sept. 11 | 7:00 PM | Bishop Blanchette Assembly meeting—Naperville Council Hall, Ogden |
| 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. 13-14 | All day | Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive—Headquarters St. Irene ACL |
| Sept. 15 | All Masses | Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive-St. Irene Church |
| 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 |
| Sept. 21 & 22 | All Masses | Bread Tag & Key Drive—St. Irene Church |
| Sept. 25 | 5:00 PM | American Legion Burger Night at the Warrenville VFW Hall |
| Sept. 28 | 6:00 PM | Family Hayride & Cookout—Galusha Farm, Warrenville |
| Sept. 28 & 29 | All Masses | Bread Tag & Key Drive—St. Irene Church |
| Oct. 5 | 9:00 AM | Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup—meet at Batavia & Butterfield Rds. |
| Oct. 5 | 8:30 AM | Warrenville American Legion “Ruck the Ville” - VFW Hall, Warrenville |
| Oct 5 | 6:30 PM | St. Irene Women of Faith Bunce night—St Irene Activities Center |
| Oct. 10 | 7:00 PM | Council business meeting—St. Irene Activities Center |

September Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Carole Kleinwachter | Sept. 2 | Lorraine Nemo | Sept. 19 |
| Michael Hoffman | Sept. 4 | Gustavo Bosoli | Sept. 20 |
| Pam Bates | Sept. 5 | Caren Burchett | Sept. 21 |
| Paula Peterson | Sept. 5 | Julie Hentz | Sept. 21 |
| Charles Dumbris | Sept. 6 | John Sobieski | Sept. 21 |
| Irene Fograse | Sept. 8 | Debi Rossi | Sept. 22 |
| Sue Kometz | Sept. 8 | Laura McGowan | Sept. 23 |
| JohnPaul Augustynowicz | Sept. 10 | Mario Schwarts | Sept. 23 |
| Barbara Intihar | Sept. 10 | Betty Knell | Sept. 24 |
| Roxanne Morello | Sept. 10 | Pamela Muhlenfeld | Sept. 25 |
| Kenneth Intihar | Sept. 11 | Jennifer O'Malley | Sept. 27 |
| Dwight Sherman | Sept. 11 | Patricia Jackowiak | Sept. 27 |
| Michael Fello | Sept. 12 | Terry Fahrenwald | Sept. 28 |
| Richard Nagode | Sept. 12 | Susan Leahy | Sept. 29 |
| James Capezio | Sept. 17 | Andrew White | Sept. 29 |
| Bonnie DiIulio DiIulio | Sept. 18 | William Graney | Sept. 30 |
| Justin Wagner | Sept. 18 | David Peterson | Sept. 30 |
| Mary Catherine Kosmach | Sept. 19 | | |



Blessed Michael McGivney

Knights of Columbus Founder
Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

September Wedding Anniversaries

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| Truman & Yvonne Stevens | Sept. 1 | 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 |
| Kenneth & Bonnie DiIulio | Sept. 16 | | |

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