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## *From the Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

I was reminded earlier today, by Father Mike, that we did not get the news letter out this month. The month of January was a busy month and February looks to be a little less busy.

I would like to thank the brother Knights and others that attended to pray the Rosary in support of the march in Washington DC to stop abortion. With continued prayer and focus this will be overturned.

Important dates coming up,

February 17, Ash Wednesday.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Help is needed beginning with setup immediately after school.

Free Throw Contest Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM. Help is needed and if you could arrive at 3:30 PM.

Looking ahead to March:

March 6: Chicago Wolves game

March 21: Blood Drive March 21

March 14 – 16: Parish Mission

Dates yet to be determined are the next Blitz possibly with the Ministry Fair, Degree Team meeting.

To obtain the latest news, as always, attend meetings held the 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7:30 PM in the Solar room.

God Bless each and everyone,

*Tom Alexander*  
Grand Knight

## *Happy Birthday To Our Brother Knights*

### FEBRUARY

- 2 William Jarvis
- 5 James Wachel
- 7 Justin Linder  
Joseph Liszka  
Fredrick McCraw  
Barney Zagrocki
- 8 Sam Maravilla
- 9 Paul Capriglione  
William Zematis
- 10 Norman Bajda
- 12 James Marmalejo, Jr.
- 14 Arthur Giannini  
Clement Kobus  
Adam Kocal
- 15 James Schaum
- 16 Edward Strbjak, Jr.
- 18 James Pietraszak
- 20 Michael Martinelli
- 23 Joseph Cwiok
- 24 Robert Gregor

### March

- 3 Joseph Mistarz
- 4 Peter Wujek
- 6 Kevin O'Neill  
Al Pala
- 11 Konstanty Pieczykolan
- 12 Gregory Sudicky
- 17 Kevin Kish  
Brent Spence
- 20 Peter Dalessandro
- 21 Alex Vargas
- 23 Daniel Buksa  
Joseph Olejnik
- 26 Paul Dzurovsak
- 31 Richard Bona  
Kenneth Kors  
Michael Toney, II



# Knights of Columbus

Indiana State Council

*Vision to Action - Regain the Title - Circle of Honor*



February 2010

Dear Brother Knights:

On Wednesday, February 17th, we begin the season of Lent. **Ash Wednesday** is not a Holy Day of Obligation, though many choose to attend that day. It is, however, **a day of Fast and Abstinence.**

**Fast:** Allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age through to those who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.**

**Abstinence:** The practice of refraining from meat and meat products. **Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.**

What should I give up? This is a question that priests often get asked as we enter the season of Lent. Because Lent, after all, is supposed to be a season of denial, of sacrifice, of giving things up. However, is that really true?

I know that is the way so many of us learned about the season of Lent.

When I was growing up, that was most definitely hammered in our minds in grade school. We had to give up favorite things, do penance, and all of that.

The problem with that is it puts such a negative spin upon a beautiful and holy season.

No, I am not saying that giving things up for Lent is not good. Yes, I am saying that self-denial can help us all. However, I am also saying that the giving up, the self-denial should not be the be all and end all of the season.

Because if it is, we all know what happens. At the end of Lent, we go back to our old ways. We once again take in the things that we had given up (until next Lent). We once again indulge instead of deny.

Lent should be a season that changes us for the better. When Lent is over, we should maintain the new person that we have become instead of reverting to old ways.

So our sacrifice, our self-denial, has to be something deeper than just surface things. Instead of giving up candy, soft drinks, and the like, we are called to give up hypocrisy, self-serving attitudes, injustices, hatred, bigotry and the like. We need to give up the need to dominate and control others. We need to give up the desire and numerous attempts to make our God conform to our will rather than embrace His will.

That makes the season a time of penance. That makes the season a time of self denial. That makes the season a time of immense holiness.

Please remember that there are opportunities to express our contrition and our desire to conform ourselves to the Lord throughout these weeks. One of those ways is to follow wholeheartedly the laws of abstinence on the Fridays of Lent.

Another way is to make time to reflect upon the passion and death of the Lord. A passion and death, I might add, which was necessary for our salvation. A wonderful way to recall this is to pray the Stations of the Cross. Christ gave Himself up willingly because He loves us. Let us do our many Lenten works because of our love for Him.

Pray, be holy, set an example for your spouse, your family, your friends, you co-workers, your fellow Knights. Then we will be doing what the Lord asks of us in this holy season of Lent.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, pray for us. Mother Theodore Guerin, Patroness of the Indiana Knights of Columbus, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Michael J. Yadron  
Chaplain



*Knights of Columbus*  
*Indiana State Council*  
Special Olympics Indiana  
December 2009



Well, it's official. Winter is here. And just in time, the Special Olympics Indiana State Office has finalized the schedule for the 2010 Polar Plunge.

**Saturday, February 13**

Fort Wayne – University of St. Francis (outdoor pool)  
Terre Haute – Indiana State University (outdoor pool)  
Versailles – Versailles State Park

**Saturday, February 20**

Boonville – Scales Lake  
Borden – Deam Recreation Area  
Kokomo – Kokomo Reservoir  
Merrillville – Hidden Lake  
West Lafayette – Purdue University (outdoor pool)

**Saturday, February 27**

Indianapolis – Eagle Creek Reservoir

Freezin' For A Reason



2010  
**POLAR  
PLUNGE.**  
*to benefit*

Special Olympics Indiana

As a part of the 2010 Polar Plunge season, Special Olympics Indiana will give out two awards—one for the K of C District with the most Plunge participants and another for the District that raises the most money for Special Olympics Indiana through the Polar Plunge event. I'll be helping to track everyone's progress, so as you make your plans for Plunge teams, make sure to keep me in the loop.

The awards will be given to the District Deputies at the Knights of Columbus convention in April. Bragging rights will be available following the Indianapolis Plunge on February 27. To register for the Plunge, visit the Special Olympics Indiana Web site at [www.soindiana.org](http://www.soindiana.org) or you can contact me for a brochure.

If you're planning on taking the Plunge but don't know how to swim, I might be able to get you connected with a Special Olympics athlete that could teach you how. Although our County Program doesn't yet offer a Special Olympics aquatics program (a new YMCA opened in town recently, so I have hope), swimming is one of the more popular sports among Indiana athletes, with nearly 1,000 participants statewide. This leads me to share a story that a friend of mine told me about some aquatics athletes that she works with—a story that really embodies the Special Olympics spirit.