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## February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this note, we are commemorating the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 that has resulted in the deaths of over 50 million human beings in our country. I remember being in college when that ruling came from the Supreme Court and being assured abortions would be very limited, primarily to save the life of the mother. Yet I was concerned that once this door was opened, it would be greatly expanded...and so it has. We now see abortion being used as another form of birth control with no regard for the human life that is being killed.

It is very encouraging to see the millions of people across the country showing open opposition to abortion, and most are under 30 years old. Yet in spite of all that energetic support, the pro-life movement and the Catholic Church is facing new attacks from some of our politicians. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that all organizations that provide health insurance to their employees must include coverage for free contraception services, with no exemption for religious organizations, except that they will have one more year to comply. A new door has opened and now our Catholic institutions will be forced to pay for contraception. Can you guess what will come next?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website posted this article following the HHS announcement:

**"The Catholic bishops of the United States called "literally unconscionable" a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. Today's announcement means that this**

*mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers.*

**"In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences," said Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.**

*The cardinal-designate continued, "To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their health-care is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty."*

*The HHS rule requires that sterilization and contraception – including controversial abortifacients – be included among "preventive services" coverage in almost every healthcare plan available to Americans. "The government should not force Americans to act as if pregnancy is a disease to be prevented at all costs," added Cardinal-designate Dolan.*

*At issue, the U.S. bishops and other religious leaders insist, is the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally protected freedom that ensures respect for the conscience of Catholics and all other Americans.*

**"This is nothing less than a direct attack on religion and First Amendment rights," said Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, chairperson of the board at Franciscan Alliance, Inc., a system of 13 Catholic hospitals. "I have hundreds of employees who will be upset and confused by this edict. I cannot understand it at all."**

*Daughter of Charity Sister Carol Keehan, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, voiced disappointment with the decision. Catholic hospitals serve one out of six people who seek hospital care annually.*

**"This was a missed opportunity to be clear on appropriate conscience protection," Sister Keehan said.**

**Cardinal-designate Dolan urged that the HHS mandate be overturned."**

Pope Benedict XVI addressed the bishops from the United States who were completing their "Ad Limina" visit in Rome. The Holy Father specifically cited the "grave threats" to the freedom of the Church in America, and urged the Catholic community to respond, especially with "an engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity."

Brothers, our Church leaders have spoken. We must protect our freedom of religion; pray, be vigilant, support pro-life and vote our conscience!

Vivat Jesus! Mark.

### Knights of Columbus

Family Bowling Night

Westpark Bowling Alley

February 19th, 2012

Meet 5:45pm/Bowl 6-8pm

\$30 @ Lane/\$15 @ Couple

Singles Available

Shoe Rental, Pizza & Soda available



Reservations Required:  
Contact Scott Hippisley  
618-281-5947  
or [fishhips@htc.net](mailto:fishhips@htc.net)

Event Flyer on [www.kofc6165.org](http://www.kofc6165.org)

# Knights of Columbus Council #6165 Milestones

## Years of Service

Donald J Happy	57
James P Lawlor Jr	57
Darrell P May	46
Ronald P Bequette	38
Norman J Schaefer	38
William D Harbaugh	37
Augusto Ferreira	35
Mgysgt George R Kutterer	35
James A Metter	35
Roger L Siburt	29
James C Lansing	27
John K Dammrich	25
Philip J Bohn	24
Stephen G Dressler	24
David P Haislar	24
Terry A Reichert	24
Mark J Schmersahl	24
Thomas E Ryterski	20
Joseph A Butler	13
John R Fox	12
Charles A Turner	9
Richard C Stockard	6
Jay B Unnerstall	6
Robert C Alvarez	5
Ronald J Graff	5
Michael A Hollman	5
James J Huch	5
Randy L Rachell	5
Adam C Weiler	5
Brian C Schutzenhofer	4
Robert A Karsznia	3
Michael J Becherer	2
Chris L Curtis	2
Devin V Dalpoas	2
Shawn S Spruill	2
Brian A Thole	2

## Birthdays

Tom D Adams
Robert L Byerley
Michael H Duffy
Thomas A Farr
John G Fields
Monte D Foster
Michael G Gibson
Ronald J Graff
David P Haislar
J Michael Heller
Ryan R Hicks
Allyn J Konrad
Dennis A Krupp
Norman D Kutterer
James P Lawlor Jr
Darrell P May
James A Metter
Charles J Pogorelac
William M Raisch
Stephen J Raney
Keith C Renner
Terry L Riebeling
Thomas E Ryterski
Mike E Rzepczynski
Brian S Sminchak
Arlie E Traughber
Michael J Weiler
Robert K Williamson

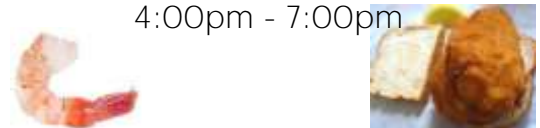
## Wedding Anniversary

David P Haislar	31
Donald J Neff	27
David D Boser	18
Raymond O Farley	16

As Mardi Gras comes to an end come join us in the ICS Gym for our delicious pancakes and sausage dinner. The Knights will serve their famous dinner from 6:30 - 7:30pm followed by the burning of the Palms. Father Carl has found us a special batch of palms of help us start the Lenten Season. Bring your appetite and your family. Volunteers Needed.



Ash Wednesday Fish Fry  
ICS Cafeteria / Parish Center  
4:00pm - 7:00pm



Same Fish & Shrimp Specials Available  
Stop on in before Mass and Enjoy the best fish in town and all of the goodies that goes with it.  
Dine-In, Carry Out & Bulk Orders Welcome

This is a Great Money Maker and Volunteers are needed for many roles. Be a Volunteer.

## Be a Volunteer

What does it take to be a Volunteer? It takes many forms and as little as an hour from your **busy schedule to help do God's work.** Many opportunities arise through the year. Be a part of the Greatest Group of Guys, Knights.

### \*\*\*\* Be a Volunteer \*\*\*\*

It's that Time of Year when we need Volunteers for our Fish Fry Events - Contact [Steve Dressler](#) to get your name on the list.

- 02/21 - Cut up/Prepare the Fish
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
- 02/23 - Fish Fry Cleanup/Clean
- 03/01 - Cut up/Prepare the Fish
- 03/02 - Friday Fish Fry
- 03/03 - Fish Fry Clean up
- 03/15 - Cut up/Prepare the
- 03/16 - Friday Fish Fry
- 03/17 - Fish Fry Cleanup

## Calendar of Events

- Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration
- 02/02 - Ground Hog Day - Will he See his Shadow?
- 02/09 - General Membership Meeting - ICS Cafeteria - 7:30pm
- 02/12 - Chicken Dinner - ICS Cafeteria - 11:30am-2:00pm
- 02/14 - **Valentine's Day** - Treat Your Valentine
- 02/19 - Knights of Columbus Family Night @ Westpark Bowl - 6:00pm
- 02/20 - **President's Day Holiday** (Parish Office & School Closed)
- 02/21 - Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration - ICS Gym  
- Fish Preparation and Clean up Volunteers Needed
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry - ICS Parish Center 4-7pm
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Mass - 7:00pm
- 02/23-02/26 - **Women's ACTS Retreat** - Dittmer, MO
- 03/01 - Fish Preparation and Clean up Volunteers Needed
- 03/02 - Friday Fish Fry - ICS Parish Center 4-7pm
- 03/08 - General Membership Meeting - ICS Cafeteria - 7:30pm